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#### **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

| Members of Post 276

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end and soon the leaves will start to turn color. I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed plenty of time with family and friends. I'm excited about the amazing turnouts we continue to get during our Friday Dinners. The bands are great, but I also hope you enjoy the food prepared by our volunteers. So, if you haven't stopped by yet, what are you waiting for???? You will not be disappointed!

Join us in the lounge, on 9/4, for our Annual Labor Day Celebration. We will have food, open Jukebox, and Happy Hour Prices. There are plenty of other things happening around our Post. Please take time to review the flyers and calendar in this newsletter to stay informed. You can also visit our website or Facebook page for more information. This is a great way to stay informed on what is happening around the Post.

I hope everyone continues to come out and support your Post! We have some great things going on. Starting in September, the Post will start providing food from 4-7 pm in the Lounge (on different days). Please see the Flyer on page 9 for the September Schedule We are working on the October Schedule and will post it to our Website and Facebook page.

This month, I'm sharing an article posted on the Legion.org website from our Newly elected National Commander Seehafer. This year, the American Legion's top priority continues to be - Be the One. For those who have not heard, this is the Legion's Suicide Prevention initiative. I fully support and stand behind this initiative. I included a copy of the article in this newsletter. Please take some time to read it. As the leaves start to turn and we get closer to the holiday season, please keep an eye out for those veterans who are alone, suffering from depression, or other mental illnesses. Let us love each other, respect each other, and most importantly support each other.

For more information visit - Legion.org/betheone or Veterans Crisis Line I look forward to seeing everyone around the post and I thank you for your continued support.

God Bless You all, Marcelo Teixeira Commander, Post 276 Volume 20 Issue 5

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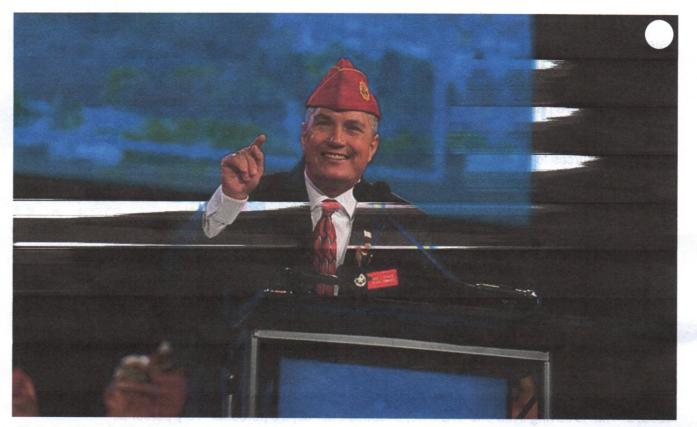


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# Newly elected National Commander Seehafer: Continue to Be the One

Newly elected American Legion National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer touted a "transformational year" for the American Legion Family, a continued legislative advocacy program and a focus on fundraising for the Legion's Veterans & Children Foundation during his Aug. 31 acceptance speech.

But he also said the organization's top priority will be a continuation of the Legion's focus for over a year – the **<u>Be the One</u>** suicide-prevention initiative.

"The numbers (of daily veteran suicides) are all over the place, but I believe the numbers tend to be, let's say, undercounted," said Seehafer, a U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve veteran and member of American Legion Post 157 in Horicon, Wis. "VA has released figures a couple of years ago of about 17 per day, but that doesn't include active-duty deaths. Last year, a joint study between America's Warrior Partnership, Duke University and the University of Alabama contended that it could be more than double that – double. Their researchers said many drug overdoses were classified as accidents or 'unknown intent' as to the cause.

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"Those studies are constant with what a veteran told a member of our staff. After losing his own son to veteran suicide, the Army veteran said that if he were to take his own life, he would try to make it look accidental so his family could still receive life insurance benefits."

The administrative pastor at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Horicon, Seehafer said Be the One was created for people considering suicide, "veterans with suicidal ideations ... as we continue to invest our time and resources to destigmatize the act of getting help. It's ok to ask for help. It's ok not to be ok.

"That's why with all this talk about numbers on this very subject, the only number I want us to push is 'one,' as in Be the One to save one, yes, one veteran, or even their spouse, from taking his or her own life."

Seehafer noted that Chip Ganassi Racing's Alex Palou, who has driven the No. 10 American Legion Honda featuring Be the One most of the season, is on the verge of an NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship with just two races to go. "Alex Palou is kicking some serious tail in the series," he said. "How awesome it is to actually partner with Chip Ganassi and his INDYCAR racing team, as together we raise that public awareness about the ongoing crisis of veteran suicide – and actually doing something about it. That is saving lives one at a time, because after all, it's personal. Very personal."

Seehafer, who served as American Legion national chaplain from 2010-2011, asked Legionnaires to follow him on his "Operation Eye of the Tiger" membership mission. "It's about family, it's about having, once again, that fire in the belly and knowing the relevance of who we are and what we can give to our communities, to our states, to our nation," he said. "And hey ... let's have a little fun, too. And yet, family, this isn't just about numbers, never with me. It's about people: our fellow veterans and their families, and yes, even you.

"That's why, with you, we'll make this year a transformational one for the American Legion Family. With special focus on servant leadership, having competence and character and commitment, I truly believe we are at the forefront of rediscovering value proposition of membership and legislative together, and the greater good that we, the Legion, brings to America by building more informed and civically engaged citizens."

Seehafer also said he's not going to let the Legion's grassroots efforts involving Congress "wither on the vine.

"As I addressed last year's membership workshop, we responded with 8,000 messages to Congress in over just a weekend, and adding 15,000 within a week or so, and going over the 30,000 threshold in support of the PACT Act. So, yes, it can be done. But let's make it ten-fold: more grassroots campaigns,

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Zoom meetings, webinars and training, for this can really be the difference between life and death."

Seehafer said his fundraising priority would be the <u>Veterans & Children Foundation</u>, which funds both Temporary Financial Assistance and training for Legion-accredited service officers.

"This foundation supports families who are in crisis, as well as disabled veterans and service officers who, I might add, provide free representation. No cost," he said. "And, family, this is who we really are, for it's our mission – yes, our mission – to care and serve as we, veterans, strengthen America in the process. And we are certainly not alone.

"Our living God brought us together for this very purpose, and where there is a purpose, there's relevance—for the Legion is something more than a veterans' organization to promote reunions and social gatherings. It's something more than an organized effort to solely get something out of the government for service rendered. Rather, The American Legion is dedicated to the high purposes of putting something into the government, into our nation, because of a zealous desire to continue to serve after the uniform has been laid away."

Seehafer closed his remarks with a question to those in attendance and those watching via live streaming. "Are you ready?" he asked. "So then, let's roll those sleeves up, and 'eye of the tiger' it shall be. Let's make our voice even more powerful – and those who are watching and listening who are not yet members, join us, and join us today – for membership does matter. It really does. But, especially, join us for that God-given purpose and relevance to save and change lives – yes, strengthening America – a brother and sister at a time. So Be the One. Let's Be the One. And family, don't stop. Let's never stop."

#### **First Vice Commander**

As your new 1st Vice, I look forward to the opportunity to continue delivering quality service, as Ed Kenealy provide.

I have started sending out membership cards for 2024 and stamped "Early Bird" on them. If you received your card and it doesn't have the "Early Bird" stamp on it, just let me know. As, I receive renewal dues and online payments, I will get your cards out to you.

We have setup the Early Bird Celebration and the flyer is attached to the newsletter. Thank you, Michelle Ford for putting the flyer together for me.

To all the members with 10,20,30, and some with over 40 years of membership, God Bless you. That is a testament that Post 276, is a good place to come too and fellowship with friends and make some new ones.

Our goal this year is to gain 592 members, we are currently at 52.7% for membership, which is 280 members.

If you know of anyone eligible to become a member, bring them into the Post and show them around , applications are in the file box near the food service window. Questions or concerns, please contact me at (240) 281-2304

Yours in Legion Service, Phillip G Johnson



### **Auxiliary Unit 276**



It's that time of year again when we all try to get in all of the family time before school starts and summer ends...the Auxiliary purchased 14 backpacks and school supplies for families in need. Thank you to all the members that donated and the Maryland Retired Teachers Association to our Back to School Supply Drive. The Auxiliary and the Riders were able to donate 24 backpacks full of supplies to Glen Burnie Park Elementary School.

**Fisher House Fundraiser** Save the date!! The next Fisher House fundraiser will be on **September 30<sup>th</sup>**. We will need volunteers to work in the kitchen for 2 hour shifts. There will be a sign-up sheet at our September meeting.

**District Meeting** Our District #4 will be hosting a meeting/luncheon on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Dewey Lowman American Legion Post 109 @ 1pm. We can meet at our legion and carpool or we can meet at Post 109.

**Dinner for September 8<sup>th</sup>** Crab Cake, Fries, Cole Slaw & Dessert \$15.00 76pm until SOLD OUT. The band Jill Black & the Panic Attack will be performing in the Lounge 7pm-11pm.

**Honor Flight** - If you would like to help with Honor Flight, we have two in the month of September: **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**, please be at the Legion at **5:00pm**. We need people to help set up, serve, and break down.

We will have three Honor Flights in October, **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> & Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, please be at the Legion at 5:00pm. We need people to help set up, serve and break down. **Any help is greatly appreciated!!** 

Monthly Game Night The next two Auxiliary Game Nights will be on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Potluck dinner at 5:30pm and games begin at 6:00pm. You may bring your own game (board game, cards, Mexican Train, etc.), join others, or just come and be social! We decided to keep it to ladies only, but you may bring a friend. Please sign in any guests in the Post guest book in the corner by the pool table. Please bring a dish to share. It should be another fun night!

**Impersonator Show – The "BIG" Legends Show** - Back by popular demand, The "BIG" Legends Show will be on **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm – 11:00pm.** Enjoy some of your favorite tunes sung by Jennalyn "Lady Legends," Conway & Loretta, The Bopper "King of the Oldies," Garth Brooks, and Roy Orbison. Tickets are \$30.00 and includes beer, wine, soda, and chips. You may bring your own munchies. For tickets, call Nancy at 410-570-6304. Don't delay if you are interested in a table, because tickets sell out quick! Flyer is attached.

**Dinner for October 13<sup>th</sup>** will be Crab Cake, Baked Potatoes, Salad and Dessert \$15.00. The band Nitefall will be performing in the Lounge 7pm-11pm.

**Children's Halloween Party October 28<sup>th</sup>** 11am – 1pm Games, Pumpkin Decorating, Costume Contest, Goodie Bag & Lunch. Admission is a non-perishable food item for our local food bank. Bring your Ghosts & Goblins for a Spooktacular Time!!! We will need volunteers to decorate & help during the event.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Yours in Service for God & Country

Lynn Sears, ALA President/Historian

"Membership is what fuels our Auxiliary, so please come join us at our Unit Monthly Meetings on the  $2^{nd}$ Thursday of every month at 7pm."



## Auxiliary Unit 276



American Legion Auxiliary Membership Update!

Michele Riley is our new Vice President and Membership Chairperson. This is a change from the last monthly email that I sent out. Lynn Sears stepped up to be our President. The address for membership renewals has also changed. Please see below for details on where to send your dues. Please make sure that if you have automatic payments from your bank, that you change the amount and the address as well.

Michele is collecting dues for 2024! Make sure to pay your dues by November to receive the Early Bird stamp and be eligible to attend our celebration. Due to an increase in Auxiliary dues at National Headquarters, our dues for 2024 have increased as well. Senior dues will be \$35.00 and Junior dues will be \$7.00.

If you need to pay your dues you have several options;

- 1. Pay your dues to Michele Riley at the monthly meeting.
- 2. Drop off your dues to the Lounge in a marked envelope with "Auxiliary Membership" written on the front.
- 3. Pay online you will need to create an online account if you have not yet done so. https://www.legion-aux.org/renew
- 4. Call National Headquarters at (**317**) **569-4570** and have your membership number ready. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00am 4:30pm.
- 5. Mail your money directly to Michele Riley For (our 1st Vice). This is the quickest way to get your card. Michele Riley, 1431 Georgia Avenue, Severn, MD 21144

Please make your checks payable to **American Legion Auxiliary**. \$35.00 for Seniors (18+ years of age). \$7.00 for Juniors (under the age of 18).

"Our goal as Auxiliary members is to work to keep patriotism a part of the education of every child, a patriotism which teaches love of America through knowledge of the people who made it great, and an understanding of the principles, which have guided its course." With your support we will continue to have a successful program. Your participation is what makes this happen and I thank each one of you.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Yours in Service for God & Country , Michele Riley 1st Vice President ALA Unit 276

#### 6th Annual American Legion Post 276 Golf Invitation Summer Golf 2023

The Crofton Country Club in Crofton, MD was the site of this year's 6th American Legion Post 276 Golf Invitation held on Mon, 28 Aug. A near full house of members and guests of Post 276 (68 players in all) experienced a cloudy day with off and on, light rain showers while playing on the links.

17 teams competed this year and the competition was tight at the top as 9 teams finished within 3 strokes of the leader board. Finishing at 11 under par and declared winners by an approved PGA tie-breaking method was Jason Frischkorn, Donald Krieger, Ken Krieger & Bill Krieger while returning champs Andy Zitnay, Dave Hand, Dennis Stough & Mike Niemela finished also at 11 under par and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Congrats gentlemen! There was a 3-way tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 10 under par. Utilizing the previous mentioned tie breaking method resulted in fellow legionnaire Floyd (Mac) Machiela & team taking the coveted 3<sup>rd</sup> place award. Well done to all the competitors! Like last year, all teams finished at par or under!

During opening comments, a moment of silence was observed as we remembered a couple of our former players, including fellow legionnaire Rick Emmart who passed away last month, and Bobby Simmons, who passed away last December. Following the golf round, lunch and post-game prizes/awards were presented. It was mentioned that area merchants were again, very generous this year donating prizes of over \$2500.

Mike Krieger led the effort in pulling off this annual golf event with wife Peggy assisting and putting together excellent gift bags and organizing/arranging the prizes. Mike's nieces, Mallary & Maggie Krieger spent their last day of summer vacation before going back to school, assisting in the registration check-in during the morning, took pictures during the event and set up the post-lunch awards table. Thank you, ladies!

During the past couple of months, Mike went to local businesses to solicit donations and sponsorships that offset some of the costs and added additional prizes. Though we haven't received a final invoice yet from the club, I anticipate us clearing about \$1300 that will be donated to *First Tee*, an organization that impacts the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf – URL link below.

#### https://thefirsttee.org/about/

#### **Top Teams**

1st Place -11 under > Jason Frischkorn / Donald Krieger / Ken Krieger / Bill Krieger 2nd Place - 11 under > Andy Zitnay / Dave Hand / Dennis Strough / Mike Niemela 3rd Place – 10 under > Floyd Machiela / Jim Atchison / Greig Huggard / Lee Seilicki 4th Place – 10 under > John Noon / Phil Coleman / Mike Burris / Phil Burris

#### **Closest to pin**

Floyd Machiela / Marv Mostellar / Jason Junge / John Noon

**Longest Drive** Robert DeFebbo

#### Lounge Food Menu - Served 4-7 pm.

# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Taco Tuesday 2/\$6.00	6	7 Sloppy Joe & Chips \$6.00	8	9
10	11 Hot Beef & French Fries \$8.00	12	13 Fish & Chips	14	15	16
17	18	19 Taco Tuesday 2/\$6.00	20	21 Spaghetti and Garlic Bread \$8.50	22	23
24	25 Meatball Sub and Chips \$7.50	26	27 6 Wings and Rings \$8.00	28	29	30

SEPTEM Entertainn	nent!
OPEN JUKEBOX	276 FRIDAY SEPT
JILL BLACK & The panic attack	FRIDAY SEPT 8
NEVER TOO LATE SHARON DUKES &	FRIDAY SEPT 15 FRIDAY
THE ALL STAR BAND TRAIN WRECK	SEPT 22 FRIDAY SEPT 29
7:00 - 11:00pm in the	Lounge

Karaoke on Saturdays. Lite Fare 7-8pm. Call the Post or check Facebook.

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# AMERICAN

@ AMERICAN LEGION POST 276

> 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month

7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Lounge

> \$0.25 a Card \$0.50 Specials \$1.00 Jackpot

FUN FOR ALL!



# 1:00 -5:00PM ABUR DAY EBRATION L Chicken, Hot Dogs & Baked Beans



Chicken, Hot Dogs & Baked Beans Open Jukebox & Happy Hour Prices Bring a Dish to Share!



Join us in The Lounge and cheer on your Ravens and Commanders as they kick off the 2023-2024 NFL season.

Happy Hours prices and food available during the game.





50/50 Raffle



\$1.00 Fries



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# Howard L.Turner Post 276 BULL ROAST & STEAMED SHRIMP

### Saturday, Oct 21st, 2023 | 1:00pm to 6:00pm

Food Served from 1pm to 4pm

Music from 2pm to 6pm

Draft Beer and Sodas Included



### Menu

Cash Bar



Per Person

Beef, Ham & Steamed Shrimp Shrimp Soup Various Salads & Deserts

For Tickets Contact Jeff Miller 410-365-2948 Marcelo 203-209-4014

8068 Quarterfiled Road, Severn, MD 21144

410-969-8028





Open Bar 5:00 - 7:00pm Music By: Chasing Time

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Significant Others Only (\$10)



Membership Cards MUST say 2024!!

# September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Dinner 6-8 pm Cheesesteaks Karaoke	2 Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare
3	4 Labor Day Celebration 1-5pm (Flyer pg 14)	5	6 Wacky Bar Bingo 7pm (Flyer pg. 12)	7 Executive Board Meeting 7-8pm	8 Dinner 6-8 pm Crab Cakes Band - Jill Black & The Panic Attack	9 Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare
10 NFL Kick-Off In the Lounge 12:30 –4pm (Flyer pg 15)	11 Honor Flight In the Hall Arrive around 5:30pm	12	13	14 General Membership Meeting 7-8pm	15 Dinner 6-8 pm Band - Never to Late	16 Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm Honor Flight Arrive around 7:00pm
17	18	19	20 Wacky Bar Bingo 7pm (Flyer pg. 12)	21	22 Dinner 6-8 pm Band - Sharon Dukes & The All Star Band	23 Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare
24 Breakfast 9-11:00am	25	26	27 Game Night 5:30pm (see Flyer pg. 13)	28	29 Dinner 6-8 pm Band - Train Wreck	30 Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare

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# October 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Honor Flight In the Hall Arrive around 5:30pm	3	4 Wacky Bar Bingo 7pm (Flyer pg. 12)	5 Executive Board Meeting 7-8pm	6 Dinner 6-8 pm Cheesesteaks Band - 8 Ball Deluxe	7 Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare
8	9	10	11	12 General Membership Meeting 7-8pm	13 Dinner 6-8 pm Crab Cakes Band - Nitefall	14 Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm Honor Flight Arrive around 7:00pm
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22 Breakfast 9-11:00am	23	24	25 Game Night 5:30pm (Flyer pg. 13)	26	27 Dinner 6-8 pm Band - Greater Image	28 Children Halloween Party 11am—1pm (Flyer pg 19) Rockstar Karaoke 7-10pm
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Do you have an event coming up? Remember that the Post 276 Hall is available for you. Big or small, we can help. We offer special pricing for Post members and full catering can be arranged. This is one of your membership benefits so be sure to take advantage of it. Call 410-969-8028, and ask for the 2nd Vice Commander for more information.