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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings, fellow Legionnaires!

As we welcome the New Year, I want to extend my sincere wishes for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling 2026. I hope your holiday season was peaceful and that you are energized for the opportunities ahead. Each of you plays a vital role in making American Legion Post 276 a cornerstone of our community. Your involvement is both appreciated and essential to our continued success.

Our General Membership Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to stay informed, contribute ideas, and help shape the direction of our Post. Whether you are a long-standing member or a newly joined member, your presence and voice are essential.

The American Legion thrives because of your dedication, volunteerism, and support. Your contributions—large and small—have made a significant impact, and we remain grateful for your commitment to veterans, their families, and our community. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about upcoming opportunities to get involved, please reach out to me or speak with any of our officers.

As we enter the New Year, we have several exciting events planned. Join us for the Blue Grass Jam on February 28th supporting The Fisher House, Wednesday Bingo twice each month, and karaoke every Saturday night. Additional events will be added throughout the year, so be sure to stay connected through our Facebook page and Post website.

The strength of this Post comes from its members. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so online or by dropping your payment off in the Lounge. If you know someone eligible to join, bring them in, sign them up, and introduce them to the benefits of being part of the American Legion. I also extend a warm welcome to our new and transferred members.

Wishing each of you the very best in the year ahead.

God Bless You all,

Marcelo Teixeira Commander, Post 276

First Vice Commander

Hello Everyone

Our membership goal for 2026 is 584 members.

So far, we have renewed 408 members out of 584. Which is 70% of our goal. If you haven't paid your dues for 2026, the fee is \$45.00. I am still working on sending out cards for those of you who have paid.

Everyone at Post 276 is a recruiter. If you know anyone looking to transfer from their current post, is a veteran and is not a member of American Legion or had Grandparents or parents that serviced in the military. Encourage them to come out to our post for a visit.

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

To all the new and transfers members, welcome to American Legion Post 276 Howard L. Turner!

If you are a new or transfer member, I encourage you to attend a Legionnaire meeting. They are held the second Thursday, of each month. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm in the hall.

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

Happy New Year, to you all!

Yours in Legion Service, Phillip G Johnson

SAL Squadron

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We have 4 months to go before nominations of officers for 2026/2027 year.

Saturday February 28th is the Blue Grass Jam for Fisher House. We will need volunteers for the kitchen that day. The jam is from 12 noon to 8 pm. We need volunteers for Friday night dinners on the third Friday of the month.

The SAL membership dues are in order for 2026 at \$25.

Yours for a better American Legion

Jeff Miller

Commander

Chaplain's Corner

Wow – is it me or did the 2025 holiday season swoosh by? I am still trying to come down off my high after witnessing Navy football once again triumphing in its annual meeting against Army. What a great game that was \sim hail to the victors \sim yeah, Navy!!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, I am happy to be back in the saddle again as Chaplain for American Legion Post 276. It is an honor and a privilege to serve a worthy, veteran-supporting organization. It is truly amazing to hear the wonderful things we do here for the post and the community. All one has to do is attend the monthly meetings (2nd Thur of the month at 1900 hours) to hear heartfelt stories and read letters of thanks and appreciation from individuals and groups that the post supports. Whether it's a holiday party, a gala reception, or simply hosting a boy/girl scout's function, it is always a pleasure to hear Mac or Dave Sears read the letters of thanks and gratitude the guests send in.

I want to shout out a personal bravo zulu to the legion auxiliary group that puts together the Easter, Halloween, and Christmas parties for the kids. They do an incredible job of providing entertainment, food, and guest stars (magicians, Easter Bunny & Santa Claus). These events for the kids are just a drop in the bucket for what the Auxiliary does. A couple of examples are: The auxiliary made a \$1,000.00 donation to the Nichols Bethel United Methodist Church in Odenton to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for 10 families in our community. In mid-December, they visited the Loch Raven VA to deliver filled Christmas stockings, Christmas ties, and mini Christmas trees, and to speak with veterans there. More recently, the Auxiliary made a monetary donation and provided warm clothing to the Blue Ribbon Project in Crownsville, MD. They sponsored five families for Christmas, provided gifts and groceries, and two of the families were active military. Lastly, the auxiliary made a \$1,000.00 donation to the Fort Meade food bank for our active military. Hats off to this fine group of ladies who continue the American Legion's ongoing commitment to serving and strengthening our community.

Please make it your commitment in 2026 to attend a meeting and find out for yourself how hard the volunteers and officers of Post 276 work behind the scenes to pull off Friday Night Dinners, Honor Flights, and Veterans' Day Programs, to name a few!

As we welcome in the New Year, I ask that you all not only keep members of our Legion Family in your prayers but also keep all our service members in your thoughts.

A Reminder:

If you are ill, or hospitalized, or a member has died, please call the Post at 410-969-8028 and relay the information! The bar staff will notify the Commander and/or Chaplain.

God Bless America and Post 276 Chaplain Mike Krieger







Happy New Year!

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy New Year and hoping you had a wonderful holiday season. As we begin 2025, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on all we accomplished together this past year.

Thanks to your generosity and hard work, we supported several food banks throughout Anne Arundel County, donated over 40 backpacks to Ridgeway Elementary School, filled Christmas stockings for 84 veterans at Loch Raven VA, and provided cash and clothing donations to the Blue Ribbon Project. We also supported five families at Christmas—three from our community and two active-duty families from Fort Meade—and welcomed several Honor Flights from California and Washington State. In addition, we proudly sponsored two young ladies to attend Girls State and hosted a St. Patrick's Day Dance, Designer Purse Bingo, and three children's parties.

We look forward to another year of doing great community work together in 2025!

Auxiliary Friday Night Dinners

6pm until SOLD OUT.

January 9th – Crabcake, two sides and Dessert \$18

February 13th –Steak and Shrimp, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli and Dessert \$25

Future Dates to Remember 2026

February 22nd Hosting District 4 Meeting
March 28th Kids Easter Party
April 18th – Honor Flight
April 19th – 3rd Annual Purse Bingo
April 20th – Honor Flight
May 9th -Oracle Dance/Lu'au
May 9th – Honor Flight (Odenton Fire Hall)
August 31st - Honor Flight
September 14th - Honor Flight
September 19th - Honor Flight
October 10th – Honor Flight
October 12th - Honor Flight
October 24th Kids Halloween Party
December 19th Kids Christmas Party



Wacky Bar Bingo



Come out on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month to play Bingo in the Lounge. Bingo starts at 7:00 pm and finishes around 9:00 pm (no later than 9:30 pm).

January 7th and January 21st February 4th and February 18th

2026 Membership

Each year, we work hard to achieve our goal of 100% membership. By paying your 2026 membership dues, you'll be supporting our efforts and ensuring we continue to thrive together.

Membership dues are just \$35 for Seniors and \$7 for Juniors. Each membership counts, and we truly appreciate your continued support.

Let's make this the year we reach 100%!

To make your payment, you can choose from three convenient options:

- 1. Pay online at ALAforVeterans.org
- 2. 2. Drop off your dues at Legion. Give them to the bartender on duty, and they will place it in the Auxiliary box.
- 3. Mail your checks to:

Donna Bory 107 Kenilworth Park Drive, Apt 2B Towson, MD 21204

Please make all checks payable to American Legion Auxiliary #276.

Your support is appreciated as we work towards our membership goal. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Michele Riley at 410-591-2871 or <u>alaunit276@yahoo.com</u>.





FRI Wild Gray Hairz 6
FRI Impulse 13

FRI Kickback 20

FRI Good Talk Russ 27

Karaoke on 2nd & 4th Wednesday (6:30-9:30 pm)

Karaoke on Saturday Nights (7-10 pm)

w/ Lite Fare 7-8 pm

8068 Quartefield Road, Severn, MD 21144













Rules for Queen of Hearts for Howard L Turner Post 276



Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20

Drawing held every Sunday at 7:00pm

One ticket is selected each week, and all other tickets not selected are discarded and a new week begins.

The jackpot amount is paid when the Queen of Hearts is drawn and a new game will begin.

If the 3 of Diamonds is drawn before Queen of Hearts that board is retired and a new board starts at the current jackpot level.

Any other card drawn is paid for at the following amount:

| Week 1 thru 10 | Week 11 thru 25 | Week 26 and beyond | |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--|
| 2-10 \$50.00 | 2-10 \$100.00 | 2-10 \$150.00 | |
| J,Q,K,A \$100.00 | J,Q,K,A \$150.00 | J,Q,K,A \$200.00 | |
| Joker \$200.00 | Joker \$250.00 | Joker \$300.00 | |

Each week the Queen of Hearts is not drawn; 50% of that week's sales will be added to the jackpot.

The game ends regardless of Jackpot size whenever the Queen of Hearts is drawn.

You do not need to be present to win the Jackpot. For all other prizes you must be present to win.

Must be 21 years of age to play.

Scouts



Pack 147/Troop 712 Wed Meeting 7:00 pm Howard E. Turner Post 276

8068 Quarterfield Rd, Severn, MD 21144

Contact: Scouter.MrDave@gmail.com

2025-2026 Commander's Project "The American Legion Family"

ONE TEAM

ONE DREAM





We thank you for your kind donation!

Donations can be mailed directly to

American Legion
Department of MD
101 N Gay street E
Baltimore, MD 21202
Attn: 25-26 CDR project

Donations are tax deductible



WHY IT MATTERS

Veterans Affairs
Rehabilitation
(Serving Veterans)



Children & Youth
Protecting and guiding
our future
(Serving their Families)



Americanism
Promoting Patriotism
and civic pride
(Serving our
Community)

Thank you for Standing with us in strengthening the American Legion Family We Are Better Together!

3rd Annual Bull, Oyster & Clam Roast

Fundraiser



When: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Where: Glen Burnie Post 40

500 5th Avenue SE

Glen Burnie, Maryland21061

Time: 2:00pm-6:00pm

Cost: \$60.00 per person

The Agenda!!!

Karoake by Ed Horney Post 276

Pit Beef, Ham, Chicken, Mac Cheese, Bake Beans, String Beans, Red Potatoes, Mac Salad, Garden Salad, Oysters, Clams, Bread, Beer, H2O, Punch, Desserts etc...

Door Prize, Grand Raffle Drawing

1st: \$500.00 2nd: Basket of Cheers 3rd: Basket of Cheers

Tickets are very Limited, So Contact a Post Member or Committee

Members:

Tim: 443-630-2688 Robert Welenc: 410-487-1730













January 2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | Lounge Opens at 4pm | 2 No Dinner | Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare |
| Queen of Hearts— Drawing 7 pm | 5 | 6 | Wacky Bar Bingo 7pm (Flyer pg. 8) | 8 Executive Board Meeting 6-7pm. Gen Membership Meeting 7-8pm | 9 Dinner 6-8 pm Crabcake Band - Uncommitted | Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare |
| Queen of Hearts— Drawing 7 pm | 12 | 13 | Karaoke In the Lounge 6:30 –9:30 pm | 15 | 16 Dinner 6-8 pm Call For Menu Band - Nitefall | Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare |
| 18 Queen of Hearts— Drawing 7 pm | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day | 20 | Wacky Bar Bingo 7pm (Flyer pg. 8) | 22 | Dinner 6-8 pm Call For Menu Band - The Shatners | Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare |
| Breakfast 9-11:00am Queen of Hearts— Drawing 7 pm | 26 | 27 | Karaoke In the Lounge 6:30 –9:30 pm | 29 | 30 Dinner 6-8 pm Call For Menu Band - Intonenation | Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare |

February 2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| Queen of Hearts— Drawing 7 pm | 2 | 3 | Wacky Bar Bingo 7pm (Flyer pg. 8) | 5 | Dinner 6-8 pm Cheesesteaks Band - Wild Gray Hairz | Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare |
| 8 Queen of Hearts— Drawing 7 pm | 9 | 10 | Karaoke In the Lounge 6:30 –9:30 pm | Executive Board Meeting 6-7pm. Gen Membership Meeting 7-8pm | Dinner 6-8 pm Steak & Shrimp Band - Impulse | Karaoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare |
| Queen of Hearts— Drawing 7 pm | 16 PRESIDENTS DAP | 17 | Wacky Bar Bingo 7pm (Flyer pg. 8) | 19 | Dinner 6-8 pm Call For Menu Band - Kickback | Xaraoke 7-10pm In the Lounge with Lite Fare |
| Breakfast 9-11:00am Queen of Hearts— Drawing 7 pm | 23 | 24 | Karaoke In the Lounge 6:30 –9:30 pm | 26 | Dinner 6-8 pm Call For Menu Band - Good Talk Russ | Blue Grass Jam— Supporting Fisher House Noon—8 PM |

Hall Rentals

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. This is one of your membership benefits so be sure to take advantage of it.

Call 443-688-8428, and ask for **Joan** for more information.

