

Francis Scott Key Post No. 11

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COMMANDER'S ROLL CALL BY KIM DAVIS

It is March and spring is right around the corner. Don't forget to spring your clocks forward on March 10th. I am looking forward to the longer days!

The Oratorical contest was held at our Post Home on January 27th. Our Post winner, Dhruv Veda, a sophomore from Centennial High School, also won the District competition on February 17th at Woodsboro Post 282. The Department competition is scheduled for March 17th at Towson Post 22. Since 1938, the contest has developed knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students, and I am honored to be a part of an organization that supports programs for our youth!

Wow, what a great Football season! Thank you to all who contributed to the yummy food, desserts and snacks on Sundays! And Wow, Super Bowl Sunday was an awesome event at the Post. What a great game with wonderful friends.

First Friday entertainment in March will be the band Honky Tonk Casanovas, so be ready for some country music! Have your dancing boots ready! As a friendly reminder, our first Friday entertainment is a member benefit and not open to the public. It is for members and their guests only.

Cash Blast was February 24th, and I want to thank everyone who helped that day! I would also like to give a shout-out to George Smith for his motivated ticket selling at bingo, events and in our lounge. Our volunteers make our Post home successful!

Applications for the Clifford M. Yinger Scholarship are available. This is open to all students who graduate from high school this year. Completed applications are due back to the admin office by April 15th.

Thank you and welcome to our new Legion Historian, Jacob Karlsson (Jake)! Members, your key card provides you access to our museum upstairs. Please check it out!

Inflation is challenging as price increases are felt everywhere. National dues for the 2025 membership year will increase starting on July 1, 2024 by \$5.00. Unfortunately, this increase will affect our Post. Legionnaires (Veterans) dues will increase to \$40.00 starting on July 1, 2024. However, I wanted to make you aware that Legionnaires who paid their 2024 dues prior to December 4, 2023, are now able to take advantage of the 3-year membership option. This option allows you to renew for 2025, 2026, and 2027 at the current dues rate of \$35.00. If you have not paid your 2024 membership, then the three-year option would pay for 2024, 2025, and 2026. To take advantage of this option, go to www.legion.org/renew. You will need your membership number, so contact the office if you don't know your membership number.

The Vietnam War Era dinner is planned for the evening of March 28th. Invitations have been mailed.

Spring is a time of new beginnings! Let's make this a March to remember.

Be The One!

Correction - SAL CHILI COOK OFF

In the February newsletter, I listed that it would be held on March 10th. Due to conflicting schedules, the SAL is not be able to hold the event. Sorry for the misinformation. Looking forward to next year.



**AMERICAN LEGION
FRANCIS SCOTT KEY POST 11
Elected Officers—2023-2024**

Kimberly Davis

Commander @***OFFICERS**

Charles Davis	1st Vice Commander @*
James Burdette	2nd Vice Commander @*
Tom Stinson	3rd Vice Commander @*
Joe Rizzo, PC	Adjutant @*
Wayne Kaikko, PC	Finance Officer @*
Steve Garrahy	Sgt. At Arms *
Don Blakey	Chaplain *
Jacob Karlsson	Historian *
	Service Officer
William Lach, PC	Judge Advocate *

Executive Committee

PC Keith Clevenger, Sherry Mockabee, Tom R. Pryor,
Oscar Shankle, George Smith III, PC David Winpigler

Operations Committee

PC Wayne Kaikko (Chairman) PC Willie Jenkins, PC Bill
Lach, Tom R. Pryor, George Smith III, Mark Spurrier,
PC David Swiderski, Patricia Swiderski, Wayne Fox
(SAL), Maggie Stinson (AUX), Oscar Shankle (Riders).

*Indicates member of the Executive Committee.

@ Indicates member of the Operations Committee.

Copies of the Post Constitution and By-Laws are
available to Legion Members from the Post Adjutant.

Maggie Stinson	Auxiliary President
Jeffrey Seiler.....	S.A.L. Commander
Tim Smith	ALR Director

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[Francis Scott Key Post 11 American Legion](https://www.facebook.com/FrancisScottKeyPost11AmericanLegion)

**FSK Post 11 Business Hours**

Monday - Thursday 11:00 am - 10:00 pm*

Friday 11:00 am - 11:00 pm*

1st Friday 11:00 am - Midnight*

Saturday 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm*

Sunday 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm*

*If no customers in lounge, bar manager may close early.

Lunch served Monday - Friday 11 am – 2 pm

Monday night pizza 5 pm - 7 pm (except on SAL
Steak Night)

Lite Fare: Tuesday – Friday 2 pm – 4 pm

Dinner served:

Tuesday - Thursday & Saturday 4 pm – 8 pm

Friday 4 pm - 9 pm

**ACE OF SPADES**

ESTIMATED VALUE \$1388.00
AS OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024



Rules are available in the lounge. Tickets are \$1.00 and
the drawing takes place every Tuesday Night at 7:00
pm. (Except the 3rd Tuesday of each month when it is
drawn at 6:50 pm). You do not need to be present to
win. Make sure that you have your **current** member-
ship card before playing. **GOOD LUCK!**

FSK Post 11 is proud of our heritage and are honored
to have the following individuals as members:

Past Department Commanders

D. John Markey, 1923 - 1924

Charles S. Houck Jr, PC 1935-1936

David Winpigler, PC, 2003-2004

Past Department Auxiliary Presidents

1st Dept. President, Frances H. Birely, 1922-1923

Susie I. Ramsburg, 1928-1929

Cornelia Rodock, 1940-1941

Bonnie Lamson, PP, 2006-2007

Patti Lach, PP, 2010-2011

Past Department Detachment. S.A.L. Commander

Jeffrey Seiler, PC, 2015-2016

**MEMBERSHIP
BY: CHARLES DAVIS
1ST VICE COMMANDER**

American Legion Post #11 welcomes the following new members:

Brent Atchison, Joseph E. Beidle, Franco Belonia, Joseph M. Czarnecki, Michael S. Graham Jr, Andel D. Hamilton, Angela Harris, Daniel A. Maldonado-Sepulveda, John C. Munson, Wayne R. Naylor, Charles R. Perry III, Jon P. Pople, Orton D. Porter, Juanita S. Rivera, Charles Stewart, Christopher B. Summers, Ronald J. Prue, Christopher L. Donaldson, Stephen J. Kreta, Bruce Seamans, Michael E. Sutton.

DUES STRUCTURE:

**NEW MEMBERS—1ST YEAR \$25.00
ACTIVE DUTY 1ST YEAR..... FREE
RENEWALS 2ND YEAR & BEYOND.....\$35.00**

You may pay your dues online (preferred method) - (<http://www.legion.org/renew>), by mail, or by stopping by the Membership Office. Please make check payable to "FSK Post 11".

Thanks to all who have brought members on board or have renewed already.

Goal: 1503

Renewed for 2024 - 1402 (93.28%) as of February 23, 2024. Includes the Paid-Up-For-Life.

Please contact the Membership Office if you change your address.

Top Recruiters for 2024 Membership

17 New members: Patricia Swiderski

11 New members: Wayne Kaikko

5 New members: Gregory Wolfley, Franco Belonia

4 New members: Joe Rizzo, George Smith III

2 New members: James Burdette, Charles Davis, Kim Davis, Willie Jenkins, Matt Staden

1 New member: James V.G. Brown, Rob Colter, Marvin Diggs, Dane Dixon, Philip Dockendorf, Angela Harris, Clyde Law, Shannon Marko, Becky May, Lorenzo Nichols, Patrick Pierson, Lamar Reese, Derek Sauer, Matt Staden, Maggie Stinson

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The following Comrades of FSK Post 11 were transferred to Post Everlasting:



Patrick May
September 27, 2022

Samuel E. Miller
February 1, 2024

Lester J. Miller
February 11, 2024

May their souls, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

Faithfully,
Don Blakey,
Chaplain

Free 2025 Dues

Recruit five new Legion members (Veterans) before June 1, 2024 and your 2025 dues will be paid by the Post. You can also win a free membership by attending the monthly post meeting held at 7:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Top Recruiters for February 2024

5 members: Franco Belonia

**NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE
SERVICE OFFICE**

Post 11's VSO office has a new direct contact number: 301-662-8042. You may still call the Post number but the extension has changed to 102. The new email is FSKPost11.SO@outlook.com.

Need help filing a VA Claim?

The Post Service Office works with Veterans, spouses and family members of a Veteran to file a claim with the VA. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 301-662-8042 or 301-662-9345 extension 102 or by email to FSKPost11.SO@outlook.com.



AUXILIARY NEWS BY MAGGIE STINSON, PRESIDENT

MARCH???? Weren't we all just celebrating at all our Christmas parties???

Spring is around the corner.....hopefully. I'm sure we are all anxious for some warmer weather, blooming flowers, and lots of activities here at our Post home.

Our Unit 11 Auxiliary was privileged to host the February DEC meeting here at our Post. We had 60 people from around the State in attendance. Ray provided one of his amazing lasagna lunches for us – BTW, everyone RAVED about how good it was. The department has indicated that our Post is one of 3 locations they are considering for Fall Conference. The Fall Conference last year was held at the Grand in Ocean City. I will update everyone as this process moves along. A special shout out to all the members of Unit 11 who volunteered for this meeting or who brought in a dessert item. Our success is because of our wonderful members – thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

We are taking steps to reach out to our entire membership to keep in touch and find out how we can get more members involved at meetings and with our on-going projects.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of Unit 11 who have agreed to take on leadership roles as chairperson for the following committees: Constitution/By-Laws - Patti Lach & Bonnie Lamson; Girls State – Patti Lach; Juniors – Patti Lach; Membership – Trish Swiderski; National Security & Service – Norma Smith; Poppy Program – Linda Higgins; Press Book – Jen Donahue.

NOTE: We have been asked by the Department to submit recommendations for the **“Unit Member of the Year Award”**. This award should go to a Unit member who exemplifies the values and ideals of the Auxiliary and whose accomplishments significantly impact the program work of the Unit. Requirements: Unit member cannot hold an office higher than Unit President (so a member who has held a District or Department office is not eligible; each Unit must submit a 1,000 word or less narrative on why their candidate qualifies for this award. This narrative must be submitted to Alta Glotfelty, Leadership Chairman, no later than May 1, 2024. The Department will review all entries from our State and submit one entry to National by June 1, 2024.

I want to thank each member of Unit 11 who continues to work towards the efforts of our Unit and our Post family. Everyone has something to offer, find out how you can help.

We are currently working to get all our dues paid for the current year. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please take care of this as soon as possible. Dues are \$35.00 and \$7.00 for Junior members (17 & younger). You can renew FOUR ways.

1. Stop at the Legion and pay your dues at the office or drop them at the bar.
2. Mail your dues (check payable to FSK Unit 11) to the Post home at 1450 Taney Avenue, Frederick, MD 21702.
3. Renew online at Legion-aux.org.
4. Calling National Auxiliary Organization Monday thru Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm EST at 317-569-4570 to pay over the phone. You must have your membership ID available if you pay online or over the phone.



Be the One to make a difference!

Remember to like our page on Facebook -
[Franciscott Key Unit 11 American Legion Auxiliary.](https://www.facebook.com/FranciscottKeyUnit11AmericanLegionAuxiliary)





Legion Riders By Tim Smith, Director

March, coming in like a lion and out like a lamb...means riding season is quickly approaching.

The Riders will have our State meeting at the Brunswick Post later this month and there will be some ride ideas and fundraising discussed. Our Riders are looking forward to planning our annual spring outing, which grows every year. This will be our third year, and we hope to see great participation from all Posts around the State. We are planning a 500-ticket drawdown as a fundraiser for us. We will have details on that soon. Hope everyone enjoyed the Super Bowl at our Post. There was a great crowd and wonderful food.

Did you know that the Harley HOG name actually came from Harley's 1900's racing team, the "Wrecking Crew"? The team allegedly had a small pig as a mascot, which one of the riders would place on the tank of their bike whenever it came time to do a victory lap. Legend has it that this is why the motorcycles themselves became known as "hogs" over time.

Be safe out there, I will see you at our Post and remember to Be The One.

If you would like to become a member, or supporting member, please attend our meetings. You can also contact our Membership Chairman (Jami Clevenger) at jamiclevenger@outlook.com or go to our website. Membership is free, but you must be a Legionnaire, Auxiliary, or SAL member with dues paid up to date. You do not need to own a motorcycle to become a supporting member. We meet on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm sharp in the meeting room. You must renew your membership annually to stay an active member and continue to receive emails. For all members, please contact our Membership Chairman with any changes to your contact status to continue receiving up to date information.

Please visit our website WWW.ALRFKPOST11.ORG for all scheduled rides, events, applications, etc., and more information on the American Legion Riders. Please also check out our Face Book page, [The American Legion Riders of FSK Post 11](#), and give us a like. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tsmith@shulmanrogers.com or 301-704-4947.

Operations Corner.... By Wayne Kaikko, Chairman

The Operations Committee is responsible for the facilities, including kitchen, bar, and banquet facilities.

We maintain inside and out. We manage service contracts and maintenance.

- The Draft Beer compressor went bad and we had to get this repaired and recharged.
- The floors in the banquet hall, hallway and offices will take on a new look in March as they will be stripped, waxed and buffed to a new shine.
- We have installed a buzzer at the front entry door. When you use your key card, or the bartender buzzes you in, you will hear a tone while the door is unlocked.

IF YOU ARE A POST FAMILY MEMBER, USE YOUR KEY CARD FOR ENTRY. You will be asked to show your membership card when ringing the buzzer for entry.

We have a new custodian/janitorial person (Ryan) and Oscar Shankle monitors this position and his duties.

We also added a new bartender (Lindsey).



S.A.L. NEWS BY JEFFREY SEILER, COMMANDER

Here we are in the month of March already knocking on Spring's door. Easter is early this year, and we wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Thank you to the American Legion Family and volunteers for making this year's biggest fundraiser, the Cash Blast a remarkable success.

Dues, what can I say? If you have not paid your dues, they are now OVERDUE. We have approximately 83 members that have not paid their dues yet. Wayne Fox is doing a tremendous job collecting dues and getting our members their cards. The Sons of The American Legion membership calendar year is from July 1 to June 30. The dues are \$35.00 per member and \$15.00 for junior members. If you have NOT PAID your dues this is a reminder that your dues are now PAST DUE. Please stop by the post and PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES. Thank you.

We need help at the American Legion, please contact Patricia in the office and she will be more than glad to let you know when and where we could use help. We really need help with Bingo on Wednesdays and the first Sunday of the month.

We had a great time in Ocean City for our Detachment of Maryland Mid-Winter Training and Detachment Executive Meeting. Fun was had by all at the Special Olympics fundraiser. The American Legion Team plunged on Friday February 2nd at Sandy Point State Park. Team Maryland raised over \$30,000.00 for the Special Olympics that weekend with another \$37,000.00 for programs of the American Legion. Special Thanks to Commander Kim and Director Tim for attending the Son's of The American Legion weekend. Remember what happens in OCMD stays in OCMD. LOL

Dates to remember in March.

March 1 st	Peace Corps Day also Jeff's Birthday
March 3 rd	National Anthem Day
March 4 th	National Hug a G. I. Day
March 10 th	First Day of Ramadan - Daylight Saving Time Starts
March 11 th	National Napping Day
March 12 th	Julia's Birthday and National Girl Scout Day. Go buy some Girl Scout Cookies
March 13 th	National K9 Veterans Day
March 17 th	Saint Patrick's Day
March 20 th	Spring Equinox - Start of Spring
March 24 th	Palm Sunday
March 25 th	Maryland Day, National Medal of Honor Day
March 28 th	Holy Thursday, Maundy Thursday
March 29 th	Good Friday
March 30 th	Holy Saturday
March 31 st	Easter Sunday

Representing More Than Me.

Be The One!

Our next meeting will be Monday April 1st, 2024. This is not April Fools.



Auxiliary members Julia Seiler and Katasha Dorsey pose with the Polar Bear Plunge mascot during the annual fundraiser for Maryland Special Olympics.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY POST 11 HOME RULES

The following Post Home Rules were amended and adopted by the General Membership at the Post Meeting on February 13, 2024. Francis Scott Key Post 11, The American Legion is committed to providing our members and employees with a non-hostile Post Home environment. Be aware that conversations and remarks made on our premises are easily overheard and even if made in jest may be misunderstood. Please honor our commitment when you are patronizing our facility.

The following shall be admitted to the Post Home:

- a) All members of The American Legion
- b) All members of the American Legion Auxiliary
- c) All members of The Sons of The American Legion
- d) Guests, if accompanied by members of The American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of The American Legion. Members are responsible for their guests and may not leave before guests.

ALL NON-POST 11 MEMBERS MUST SIGN THE GUEST BOOK LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE.

1. Direct threats, threatening remarks or gestures, whether overt, implied, or veiled, will not be tolerated on the premises of Francis Scott Key Post 11, The American Legion.
2. Persons are expected to dress appropriately. Attire such as muscle shirts and swimwear are not acceptable in the social quarters (lounge and game room).
3. Legionnaires and guests are kindly requested to help keep Post Home clean and tidy.
4. The senior employee on duty shall have the full authority to enforce home rules and may eject any person for misconduct or violation of the home rules. Any Executive Committee member may do the same.
5. If suspended, only members have a right to execute the appeal process if they so choose but will remain suspended until the appeal is resolved.
6. No member or guest shall reprimand an officer or an employee of The American Legion. Any suggestion or criticism of the lounge or Legion operation shall be in writing, dated and signed, and submitted to the House Committee or Executive Committee, where it will be given due consideration.
7. The employees or attendants on duty may refuse service to anyone.
8. Any member or guest of member, removing, damaging or destroying any property of The American Legion shall pay for such damage.
9. No intoxicated members or guests will be served on the premises.
10. No alcoholic drinks of any kind may be taken from or brought onto the premises at any time.
11. No alcoholic drinks are to be served to minors under any circumstances.
12. No one under the age of 21 may sit at the bar.
13. Dogs or other pets will not be allowed on the premises except service dogs.
14. Loud, boisterous or profane language will not be tolerated in the Post Home.
15. Tip jar players must be 18 years of age.
16. Do not remove tip jar "playbacks" from the Post Home. Playbacks that leave the premises will not be cashed. Playbacks will not be honored after the jar is closed.
17. Winning tip jar holders must be claimed within 30 days or the money will be forfeited to the Post.
18. Members must be 18 or older to be eligible to sign the daily/weekly jackpot books.
19. Jackpot books must be signed legibly or printed by the member the same as appears on your membership card.
20. No one is allowed to sign the jackpot books for any other member.
21. In the event the ATM is not available, checks will be accepted in the lounge from Post 11 members only. Prior to writing a check, members must ask the bartender if funds are available. Checks may be cashed up to \$200.00 per check at the bartender's discretion.
22. No one under the age of 18 is allowed in the game room unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
23. Minor children visiting the lounge area must be seated at a table. Parents/Guardians must be seated with the children at all times. No minors are allowed to play the video Lottery games.
24. Anyone under the age of 17 must not be in the lounge after 9:00 p.m.

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25. Remote controls for the bar televisions will be operated solely by the bartenders. Customers may only request channel selection on one television, unless other customers in the area agree with the changes. Channels may not be changed if others are watching current programs.
26. Jukebox may not be played when a major event is being televised (i.e., Army/Navy game, Super Bowl, Final Four, etc.) or while band is performing. The bartender will control the volume after checking with customers.
27. Music played on the Jukebox or other sources, that is not in line with the core values of the American Legion or has profanity in it will be muted and no money will be refunded.
28. Members must exit the building within 30 minutes of last call.
29. Slot machine play will be cash out within 15 minutes of last call.
30. Illegal drugs, smoking of cannabis or other related materials (i.e. edibles and hemp) is prohibited on American Legion property. This includes outdoor spaces and indoor spaces open to the public on Legion property. Cannabis and its byproducts remain illegal at the federal level, and by our National organization (American Legion). We retain the right and authority by Maryland State Law to have anyone who uses or distributes these products escorted off our property by Legal Authorities or take legal action against them.

Frederick County Community Blood Drive. The American Red Cross holds a monthly Blood Drive at the Frederick Donor Center located at 141 Thomas Johnson Drive, Frederick. The date varies each month, call 1-800-733-2767 for an appointment and date for their upcoming drive.



SUNDAY - MARCH 3, 2024

Doors open at 11:30 am - Lunch served at noon.

Games start at 2:00 pm -

Twenty (20) games - \$500 payout per game. Two \$1,000 Jackpot games. One progressive Jackpot worth \$3400.

\$60 Advance Ticket/\$70 At The Door

Reserve seating available for advance ticket sales. Advance tickets available in the lounge - 1450 Taney Ave.



Every Wednesday

Doors open at 4:30 pm. Bingo sales start at 5:00 pm. Games start at 7:00 pm.

GAMES: Early Bird, Winner Take All, Quickie, 50/50, Specials, Regular Bingo, Senior Jackpot, Grand Slam (Jackpot \$2,000). 30 games in total.

Players receive a Loyalty card and earn a free 3 pack of regular games with a filled card.

Ball Games prior to Early Bird games. Tip Jars available. Snack bar (candy, chips, soda) open 4:30 - 7:00 pm and at halftime. Kitchen open 5:00 - 7:00 pm only.

Payout is determined by the number of players.

Minimum payout \$60.00

The Clifford Yinger Scholarship

The American Legion, Francis Scott Key Post #11, and the estate of Past Commander Clifford M. Yinger has established a scholarship program. Current High School graduating students who are a descendant (adopted and step children included) of a member of Francis Scott Key Post #11, Auxiliary Unit #11 or Sons of American Legion Squadron #11 are eligible to apply. Junior members of Francis Scott Key Unit #11 or Squadron #11 that are graduating high school are also eligible to apply.

Applications are available in the lounge or in the Admin Office. The scholarship will be in the amount of \$2,000 per year for two years. The second year's award is contingent upon the Post receiving a letter of acceptance/continuation from your scholastic institution along with a transcript of your grades. Overall GPA must be 2.5 or higher. Applications are due back in the Admin Office by April 15.



**100 Year Anniversary
History of Francis Scott Key Post 11**



**Hard cover \$55
288 pages**



**Soft cover \$35
288 pages**



**Copies
for sale at
the office**

Scholarships

Sons of American Legion and Auxiliary Scholarships

The Auxiliary and SAL have a scholarship program for high school seniors. These are two different applications in addition to the Yinger Scholarship that is sponsored by the Post. You may apply for all three scholarships, but you must provide a separate transcript for each scholarship you apply for. Applications will be available by February 1 at the bar or in the office. Please turn them in at the front office by April 15, 2024.

FSK Post 11 Library

The Library is available for the enjoyment of Post 11 American Legion Family Members, and it is an Honor System Library. Books may be taken out, or read in the Library.

Post 11 Library Hours

**Monday – Friday
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

**Saturday & Sunday
2:00 pm - 5:00 PM**

We request that you check in with the Bartender before and after you go to the Library Area.

Check Out/Return Procedure

Sign Out Procedure:

- ◆ Books may be borrowed as long as needed.
 - ◆ Sign Out Books in Library Binder.

Return Procedure:

- ◆ Sign In Books in Library Binder when returned.
- ◆ Placed returned book in Return Box.

Help Wanted

FSK Post 11 Museum & Library Committee

Our Post Museum & Library was established as part of the celebration of the first 100 Years of Post 11. We've had nothing but compliments from members of other posts across Maryland & other states, veteran organizations, elected officials, guests, etc. However, it takes effort to maintain it, ensure that it doesn't become stagnant and offer tours. Currently, there are only a couple of members involved in this endeavor. If you are interested in the history & traditions of the Post, military history, and preserving & honoring the history associated with our Veterans, we need your help. This committee is open to all FSK Legion family.

For questions or additional information, please contact Museum/Library Chair Past Commander Matt Staden via email: mdsmdds8802@gmail.com or phone 301-219-2435, or Museum/Library Senior Advisor Past Commander Rick Stup via email: rlstup@aol.com or phone 301-606-0811.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

TO THE FOLLOWING POST #11 LEGIONNAIRES
CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH*



Charles M Abell Sr	Deandra Adams	Darren L Ambush	William A Ambush	Juana M Anderson
Constance Balukoff	Jennifer S Bassett	John W Bennett	Roger A Bennett	Carol A Birzer
Brian K Blough	Donald Bonner	S. Robert Bowlus	James V. G. Brown	Robert V Brown
Sandra L Brunken	Francis Buckley Jr	Ronald D Canada	Anthony Chapouris Sr	Salvador A Chavez
Janon M Chilcoat	Terence Clark	Kenneth H Classon	Shelly Cleckley Jr	Paul Coelho
Salvatore Cremona	Roscoe Cullopp	Vincent Dameron Jr	Kimberly M Davis	Scott R Day
Barry Deshazo	Marvin J Diggs	Dane T Dixon	Kareem Drummond	William C Elliott
William J Engel	John R Eustaquio	L. Alan Feinberg	Daniel T Ferko	Rogelio Figer
James N Ford	Talmadge Fossett Jr	Harold D Franklin	Gary J Franko	James L Friday II
Daniel K Fultz Jr	Edward K Gardner	Ronald J Gearhart	Andel D Hamilton	William C Harper Jr
Cecil C Hathaway	Donald E Howard	Meredith C Hudson	Steven L Hurst Sr	David A Hutchins
Frank E Hyson III	Dale F Ireland	Alan N Jackson	Robert W Jacobs	Andre J Jefferson
Samuel D Johnson	Wayne Kaikko	Paul L Keeney	Karen L Keller	William G Keyser
Janis K LeBlanc	Edwin Lewis	Nasstashia S Lindsey	Charles D Loughry	Jacqueline A Mann
Ned Marsh	Benjamin Marshall	Richard Martinicky	James T Matlock III	Michael J McGowan
Frank L McKnight	David T Michael	Jerry Miles	George W Miller	David S Minton
Gary L Moore	Jeff Morris	John C Munson	Paul R O'Hara Jr	Robert J Patrick
H. Daniel Pfeiffer Jr	Richard R Poirier	Joseph Porter	Barbara Poucher	John T Quynn
Richard A Rippeon	Kermit Y Rivera	Robert T Rosensteel	Michael A Scire	Joseph E Shewbridge
Robert E Smariga	Otis E Smith Jr	Anthony Smothers Sr	Mark A Spurrier	Teddy C Staples
Warren E Stevens	Peter F Straaten	Michael J Taylor	Ernest R Thomas Sr	Charles Thompson Jr
Jeanette Torres	Wayne R Trigg	James Uecker	Michael J Vantucci	John E Volz
Larry L Wachter	Hugh M Warner	John Warren	Mark H Warren	Edward Wawrzynek
Lee E Weber	Patrick S Welker	R. Eric Whitsell	Joseph F Whittle Jr	David E Winpigler
David Wirtz	Dale A Young	Eric D Young	Travis W Young	

*If you are a Legion Member (Not SAL or Auxiliary) and your name is not listed and your birthday is this month, please contact the front office (301-662-9345) to update our records.



MILITARY LIFE

FSK Post 11 is looking for stories and memories of your service time for our Military Life section of the newsletter. Stories are also welcome from the children or spouse of a veteran. Send your articles by e-mail to: PSwidorski.fsk11@gmail.com or by letter to FSK Post 11, 1450 Taney Ave, Frederick MD 21702. Please include your Name, Branch of Service (if applicable) and a phone number (in case we have any questions).



CHILDREN'S ANNUAL EASTER PARTY



Saturday, March 23

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

FSK POST #11 BANQUET HALL

FOOD, FUN, GAMES, TREATS AND SURPRISES



Please sign Children up NLT March 15 on the signup sheet located in the lounge or by calling 301-662-9345 during normal business hours.

Here comes Peter Cotton Tail hopping down the bunny trail....



CLUB

26 Club Dinner

Sunday, March 24

1 - 4 pm

Sign up forms will be available March 5.

**Post Closed Sunday, March 31
in observance of Easter**



CASH BLAST 2024

Winners to be posted in the Lounge and in the April newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered during the event.

What is the 26-Club?

The 26-Club is a Post fundraiser started over 50 years ago. Currently, it is the responsibility of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) with a maximum of 300 members. The cost is \$40.00 for every drawing cycle which is 26 weeks. During the 26-week cycles, a weekly drawing is held awarding the following: 1 - \$25.00, 1 - \$15.00, 1 - \$10.00 and 10 - \$5.00 winners which is paid at the conclusion of the cycle. The weekly drawing results are in the lounge by the back door. At the end of the cycle a dinner is held, which is included in your fee, and more money is awarded. During the lunch, a raffle is done for the "301" number that you will have during the next cycle. Based on the proceeds from the fees and the money raised at the dinner from tip jars and various raffles, a minimum donation of \$1500.00 is presented to the Legion. This donation has been as high as \$3000.00. You pay for the next cycle at the dinner if you are interested in participating.

You do not need to be a member of the American Legion to be in the 26 Club. You may also purchase more than one number.

If you are interested in participating in the next cycle of the 26 Club, please provide your name, phone number and payment of \$40 (cash or check payable to 26 Club) to the Admin Office or to Wayne Fox.

American Legion Oratorical Contest



District 8 Oratorical Chairman Wayne Kaikko, Oratorical winner Dhruv Veda, and Post 11 Commander Kim Davis. Dhruv won the Post competition on January 27 and the District competition on February 17. He advances to the State competition on March 17 at Post 22 in Towson MD. We wish him good luck!

1st FRIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

F.S.K. LOUNGE 7:00 - 11:00 pm

MARCH 1 - HONKY TONK CASANOVAS

APRIL 5 - RJ ENTERTAINMENT (DJ AND KARAOKE)



Time to spring forward

Turn your clocks forward

one hour to Daylight Savings time at 2 a.m.

Sunday

March 10



Gun Raffle & Dinner

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Must be 21 years or older to attend.

Doors open at 4 pm, Meal at 5:30 pm.

\$40.00 per ticket (includes 1 guest)

Tickets available at the bar or the admin office.

Domestic Beer & Iced Tea included.

Cash bar available

One ticket raffled off day of event guaranteed to be in the top 3 winners.

Losers Drawing – Ruger American Ranch Gen II 223/5.56 (must be present to win).

*Prizes available at time of printing.

Must be claimed within 60 days. Equal substitution may be made.

Ticket Drawn	Rifle*
1	Charles Daly 410 gauge
25	Sig Sauer Whiskey 3 4-12x40mm
50	Savage 93R17 FV 17HMR
75	Taurus G3C 9mm
100	Winchester SXP Max 7 12 gauge
125	Rossi RS22 Semi Auto 22 Mag
150	HiPoint 4595TS FLG Grand Union 45ACP
175	Mossberg Patriot 270
200	Savage Axis XP Muddy Girl Camo 243
225	Ruger TALO 10/22 Tactical 22LR
250	CZ 620 Field Pump 20 gauge
275	Savage Axis II XP SS 350 Legend
298	Weatherby Vanguard Compact 6.5CR
299	Sig Sauer P310 M17 9mm
300	Bergara B14 300 Win Mag

All regulated firearms to be picked up at Skeeters (21214 Jefferson Blvd, Smithsburg, MD 21783) after background check. IAW All Firearm Regulations.

Francis Scott Key Post 11 - Updated menu effective November 1st

Appetizers

Chicken Tenders (4)	\$6.50	Wing Dings Breaded (8)	\$10.00	Basket Fries	\$3.50
Hot Wings Breaded (10)	\$13.00	Mozzarella Sticks (6)	\$5.50	Basket Curly Fries	\$3.50
Thai Wings Breaded (10)	\$13.00	Haddock Bites (10)	\$8.00	Basket Sweet Potato Fries	\$3.50
Naked Wings (7)	\$10.00	Barbeque Wings (7)	\$10.00	Garlic Parmesan Wings (7)	\$10.00
Cinnamon Strips	\$3.00	Cheese Balls (10)	\$3.50	Basket Steak Fries	\$3.50
				Extra sauce	\$0.50

Soup of the Day

Cup	\$3.50
Bowl	\$4.50

Salads

Side Salad	\$3.25	Grilled Chicken Salad	\$9.00	Tuna Salad Platter	\$9.00
Chef Salad	\$8.00	Chicken Salad Platter	\$9.00	Extra dressing	\$0.50

Sides Items - \$1.75

French Fries (FF), Curly Fries, Steak Fries, Sweet Potato Fries, Cole Slaw,
Onion Rings, Baked Potato, Mashed Potatoes, Apple Sauce

Sandwiches

All sandwiches are served with chips and pickles except where noted. Topping choices: Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo, Onion. Add cheese for an additional \$0.50 (American, Swiss, or Provolone)

COLD

Tuna Salad	\$6.50	Chicken Salad	\$6.50	Turkey	\$6.50	Ham & Cheese	\$6.50
Ham Wrap	\$7.75	Turkey Wrap	\$7.75	Ham Club	\$8.00	Turkey Club	\$8.00
BLT	\$8.50	Ham & Turkey Club	\$8.75				

HOT

Hamburger & FF	\$7.50	Cheeseburger & FF	\$8.00	Bacon Cheeseburger & FF	\$9.00
Cheese Steak & FF	\$9.00	Pizza Parm Chicken & FF	\$9.00	Mushroom Swiss Burger & FF	\$9.00
Shrimp Po Boy & FF	\$9.00	Tuna Melt (Rye Bread)	\$7.50	Cheeseburger w/fried egg & FF	\$9.00
Patty Melt & FF	\$8.50	Hot Turkey (1 side)	\$9.00	Grilled Chicken w/FF & Cole Slaw	\$9.00
Rueben & FF	\$9.00	Turkey Rueben & FF	\$9.00	Legion Extra Crispy Chicken & FF	\$10.00
Hot Dog	\$3.25	Grilled Cheese & Bacon	\$6.00	Shrimp Basket w/FF & Cole Slaw	\$9.25
Grilled Cheese	\$3.50	Grilled Cheese & Ham	\$5.00	Haddock w/FF & Coleslaw	\$9.00

Dinner

Tuesday - Thursday & Saturday 4:00 - 8:00 pm, Friday 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

All dinners served with 2 side items and a small salad.

Chicken*

4 pc All White or Mixed Fried Chicken \$12.00
2 pc White or Dark Chicken \$10.00

Seafood

Haddock (fried or broiled) \$14.00



* Chicken dinners must be ordered 30 minutes prior to the kitchen closing.

Desserts

Sundaes (Vanilla ice cream, Chocolate sauce, Whipped topping, Nuts & Cherry) Small - \$2.25 / Large - \$3.25
Shooters (Chocolate Brownie Mousse, Peanut Butter Cheesecake Mousse or Strawberry Shortcake) - \$3.50



Lunch: Monday - Friday 11 am - 2 pm
Lite Fare: Tuesday - Friday 2 - 4 pm
Dinner: Tuesday - Thursday & Saturday 4 - 8 pm
 Friday 4 - 9 pm

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
					1 <u>Honky Tonk Casanovas</u> <u>7pm - 11 pm</u>	2
3 Bingo 11:30 am	4 Pizza 5 -7 pm <u>SAL Mtg 6:30pm</u> <u>Operations Mtg 7:30pm</u>	5 L) BLT Sub w/ Curly Fries \$8 <u>Ace of Spades 7pm</u> <u>Exec. Mtg 7:30pm</u>	6 L) Slippery Pot Pie w/Potatoes \$9 <u>Bingo 7pm</u>	7 L) 2 pc. Fried Ckn., M. Potatoes, Gravy, Veg. & Roll \$9 <u>Riders MTG 7pm</u>	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Time begins	11 Pizza 5-7 pm	12 L) Beef Tortas w/ Spanish Rice \$9 <u>Ace of Spades 7pm</u> <u>Post Mtg 7:30pm</u>	13 L) Spaghetti w/ Meat sauce, Garlic bread \$9 <u>Bingo 7 pm</u>	14 L) 2 pc. Fried Ckn., M. Potatoes, Gravy, Veg. & Roll \$9	15 St. Patrick Lunch Corned Beef, Potatoes & Cabbage \$10	16
17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Pizza 5-7 pm	19 L) Taco Salad w/ Spanish Rice \$9 <u>Ace of Spades 6:50pm</u> <u>Aux Mtg 7pm</u>	20 L) Fish & Chips \$10 <u>Bingo 7 pm</u>	21 L) 2 pc. Fried Ckn., M. Potatoes, Gravy, Veg. & Roll \$9	22	23 Childrens Easter Party 1-3 pm 
24 26 Club 1-4 pm	25 Pizza 5-7 pm	26 L) Chicken Filet w/ Curly Fries \$8 <u>Ace of Spades 7pm</u>	27 L) Chili Dog w/ Steak Fries \$8 <u>Bingo 7 pm</u>	28 L) 2 pc. Fried Ckn., M. Potatoes, Gravy, Veg. & Roll \$9	29	30
31 Easter Post Closed						

Dates to Remember:

- Mar 3 - Bingo 11:30 am
- Mar 4 - SAL meeting 6:30 pm
- Mar 4 - Operations meeting 7:30 pm
- Mar 5 - Executive meeting 7:30 pm
- Mar 7 - Riders meeting 7 pm
- Mar 10- Daylight Savings (Spring Forward)
- Mar 12 - Post meeting 7:30 pm
- Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 19 - Auxiliary meeting 7 pm
- Mar 23 - Childrens Easter Party 1 - 3pm
- Mar 24 - 26 Club 1 - 4pm
- Mar 31 - Easter - Post Closed



Legion (Veterans) members can now pay for multi year membership and avoid the dues increase.

The annual dues for the 2025 membership year will increase to \$40.00, due to the rate increase at National.

Members who renewed their membership for 2024 prior to December 4, 2023, are able to take advantage of the multi-year membership option. This option allows you to renew for 2025, 2026, and 2027 at the current dues rate of \$35.00. **If you have not paid your 2024 membership**, then the three-year option would pay for 2024, 2025, and 2026. To take advantage of this option, go to www.legion.org/renew.