

American Legion Post 1985

2024 Year in Review

In 2024, our Post experienced a remarkable year marked by significant fundraising efforts, Legion events, and substantial renovations. Sally Janich collaborated closely with Legion members and secured bids from various companies. Her exceptional essay earned her the Premier Member Credit Union 2024 Season of Giving Celebration Award. The funds raised were instrumental in enhancing our facilities, including the installation of a new roof, resurfacing of the parking lot, and upgrades to the restrooms.

Throughout the year, the Legion organized a wide variety of events, including trivia nights, a cornhole tournament, Friday night dinners, dart tournaments, and our inaugural Mahjong Tournament. With the funds raised, we were able to pay for much-needed improvements to our building. In addition, we actively raised funds and donations for Table of Hope; Frederick High School baseball and softball teams; the Legion baseball team; and first responders battling wildfires in Colorado. We also provided immediate assistance to veterans in need by covering expenses such as rent, utilities, medications, car repairs, fuel, food, Christmas presents, and school-related costs.

The SAL hosted many events, including their annual Fourth of July celebration, Oktoberfest, and Friday night dinners. With the money they raised, they were able to donate several full Thanksgiving dinners to local families, support the Child Welfare Foundation, and contribute to Legion building projects.

The Riders held their annual Poker Run, Run for the Wall, ABATE/Rider Rodeo, and Thank You for Your Service Run. They also hosted weekly Bike and Car Nights, along with their monthly Friday night dinners.

The Auxiliary was particularly busy this year. They had the honor of hosting the Auxiliary National President and organized numerous events, including a Kentucky Derby Hat Contest scholarship fundraiser, Easter Day Egg Hunt Fourth of July Breakfast, car show scholarship fundraiser, St. Patrick's Day dinner, Military Ball, Halloween party, and the annual Chili Cook-Off.

This year, we were honored to welcome the American Legion Auxiliary Juniors, led by Junior Hayden Will and Chairman Toni Will. Their contributions have been invaluable to the success of Post 1985. The Juniors actively participated in events such as the Fourth of July celebration, Oktoberfest, Military Ball, car show fundraiser, Friday night dinners, and making poppy flowers for the Town of Frederick Memorial Day Celebration. Additionally, they created care packages for active-duty military personnel, assisted Post 32 with signage, helped the SAL with shopping and deliveries for their annual Thanksgiving dinner donations, and assisted with hosting the Auxiliary National President. They also raised funds for Paws for Purple Hearts and lap blankets for local veterans and organized a flag etiquette training session.

The Post also organized several community events, including a CPR class and a Patriot/Veterans Day Luncheon. Our Color Guard proudly participated in numerous events such as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans commemorations, Empty Bowls, the Firestone Charter Academy Salute to Veterans Concert, and the Town of Frederick Memorial Day Celebration.

We would not have been able to continue serving our community without the generosity and dedication of our members.

Finally, we honored our fellow comrades who passed away in 2024 with the draping of the charter: Rodney Ross, David Cotter, Mary Long, Tommy Montoya, Lou Frederick, and Will Roe.