



Fort Cumberland

Post 13

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Fort Cumberland Post No. 13

The American Legion

Cumberland, Maryland

For 2023 to 2024

By Michael Hayes

Introduction



The American Legion is built on a promise from men and women who swore with their lives to defend and protect the United States through military service. The promise begins at enlistment, grows through training and discipline in the U.S. Armed Forces and continues after discharge, as veterans in service to community, state and nation.

Post 13 currently located at 206 E Harrison Street in Cumberland, Maryland has been part of the local community for 103 years. The first proclamation for Post 13 was on June 16th, 1919, where Garland Powell was elected as the first Commander. In the beginning members would regularly meet at different locations including the armory until the first regular meeting location was established at 67 Prospect Square in Cumberland in 1929. In March 1926 Post 13 was first chartered as Legion Home Memorial Post, Inc. By 1933 Post 13 had a set up a social quarter on the third floor of 117 Baltimore Street in Cumberland where they would hold regular meetings, dances and hang out. By 1937 Post 13 formally acknowledged its first home purchased the first part of where it currently stands today. On October 23rd, 1940, Post 13 purchased the former Lincoln Hotel which was torn down to expand the post. On June 10th, 1973, Post 13 was rechartered as Legion Home of Cumberland, Inc.

Cumberland is a U.S. city in and the county seat of Allegany County, Maryland. Located on the Potomac River, Cumberland is a regional business and commercial center for Western Maryland and the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia.

Historically Cumberland was known as the "Queen City", as it was once the second largest in the state. Because of its strategic location on what became known as the Cumberland Road through the Appalachians, after the American Revolution it served as a historical outfitting and staging point for westward emigrant trail migrations throughout the first half of the 1800s. In this role, it supported the settlement of the Ohio Country and the lands in that latitude of the Louisiana Purchase. It also became an industrial center, served by major roads, railroads, and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, which connected Cumberland to Washington, D.C. and is now a national historical park. Today, Interstate 68 bisects the town.

Cumberland was named by English colonists after the son of King George II, Prince William, the Duke of Cumberland. It is built on the site of the mid-18th century Fort Cumberland, the starting point for British General Edward Braddock's ill-fated attack on the French stronghold of Fort Duquesne (present-day Pittsburgh) during the French and Indian War, the North American front of the Seven Years' War between the French and the British. This area had been settled for thousands of years by indigenous peoples. The fort was developed along the Great Indian Warpath which tribes used to travel the backcountry.

Cumberland also served as an outpost of Colonel George Washington during the French and Indian War, and his first military headquarters was built here. Washington returned as President of the United States in 1794 to Cumberland to review troops assembled to thwart the Whiskey Rebellion.

During the 19th century, Cumberland was a key road, railroad and canal junction. Cumberland was the terminus, and namesake, of the Cumberland Road (begun in 1811) that extended westward to the Ohio River at Wheeling, West Virginia. This was the first portion of what would be constructed as the National Road, which eventually reached Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. In the 1850s, many black fugitives reached their final stop on the underground railroad beneath the floor of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church. A maze of tunnels beneath and an abolitionist pastor above provided refuge before the final five-mile trip to freedom in Pennsylvania.

The surrounding hillsides were mined for coal and iron ore and harvested for timber that helped supply the Industrial Revolution. The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal had its western terminus here, it was built to improve the movement of goods between the Midwest and Washington, D.C., the eastern terminus. Construction of railroads superseded use of the canal, as trains were faster and could carry more freight. The city developed as a major manufacturing center, with industries in glass, breweries, fabrics, tires, and tinplate.

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Preamble to the Constitution

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Officers



Commander

Jeff Hotchkiss

Jeff Hotchkiss, was born 1966 in Cumberland MD. Raised in Mt. Savage MD and Rawlings, MD. After graduating from Fort Hill Hill School, enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1984. Deployed three times, Operation Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Noble Eagle III and Operation Enduring Freedom. Retired in with 26 years of service. Currently lives in Frostburg, MD with his wife Kimberly Hotchkiss. Has three children and 5 grandchildren.



**Vice Commander
Margaret Steele**



**Finance Officer
Roy Stafford**



**Adjutant
Peter Kelly**



**House Manager
Bobby Kelley**



Judge Advocate

Jeff Robbinette



Chaplain

David Hall



Sgt-at-Arms

Chase Green



Historian

Michael Hayes

Executive Committee Members



Mike Miller



Sean O'Donnell



Brian Rice



James Zarger



Assistant Finance Officer

Bob Aman

Auxiliary Unit 13 Officers



Back: Susan Golden, xxx, Brown, Edna Neff, xxx, xxx, xxx

Front: Bev Hite, President Tara Stafford



June

Gold Star Legacy Riders

June 9



Gold Star Legacy Riders enjoying a delicious dinner after a long ride



James Anderson and Brian Neff preparing food for the Legacy Riders



Jeff Davis presents a donation to the Gold Star Fund



Ron Holcomb addresses the riders

Flag Retirement Ceremony

June 14



Jeff Robbinette directs the Flag Retirement Ceremony



Pete Kelly and James Anderson stand by for the retirement of the flag



Post 13 Honor Guard



Benediction by Bernie Lechman

Fathers Day Breakfast

June 18



Susan Golden serves drinks



Bev Hite and Edna Neff serve breakfast



Brian Neff, xxx amd Jeff Hotchkiss cook breakfast



Membership enjoying a delicious Fathers Day breakfast



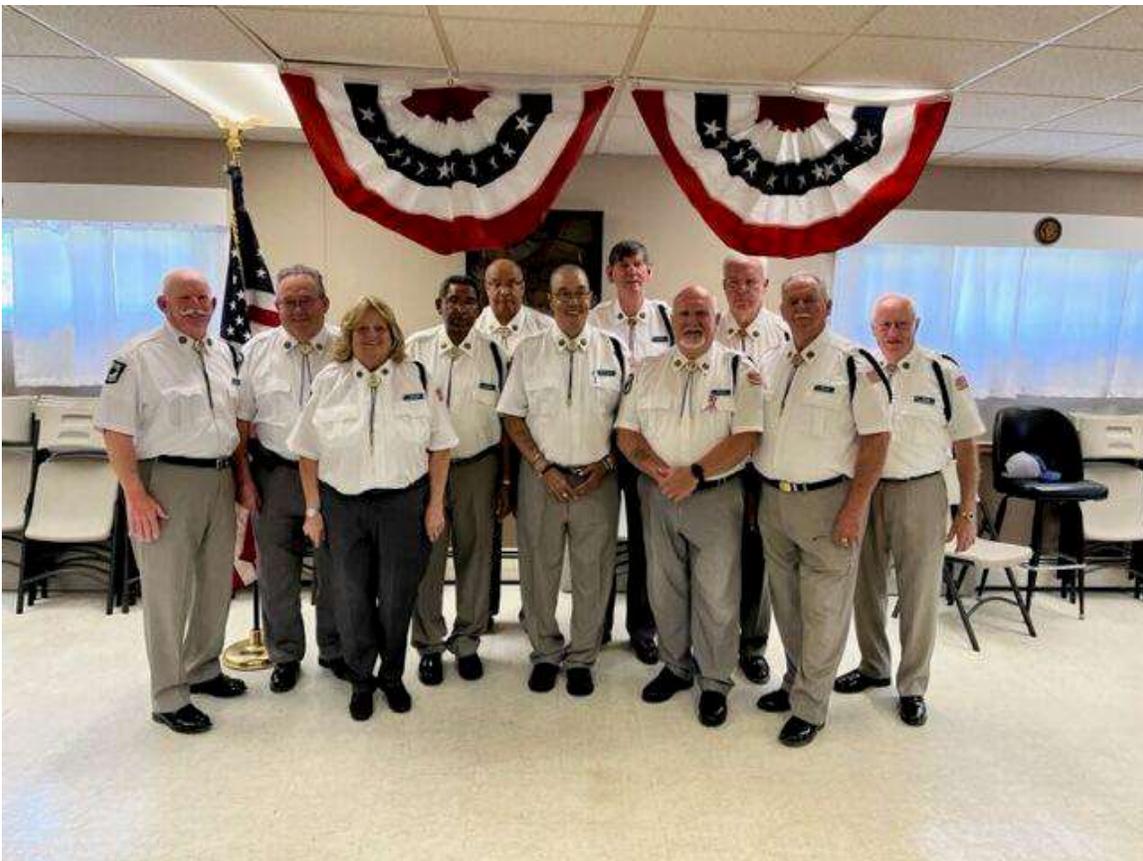
Pete Kelly cooking eggs

Honoring the Honor Guard

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Honoring the Honor Guard

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- Jun 23, 2023



Fort Ashby Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6667 Auxiliary honors the American Legion Honor Guard of Fort Cumberland Post 13 with a dinner. Front row includes Margaret Steele, Jimmy Beckwith, Frank Piroluzzi and Jim King. Back row, Pete Kelly, William Squires, Cliff Rhodes, Brian Rhodes, Chuck Fisher, Peter Handley and Ron Welsh. The volunteer veterans provide military honors at the funerals of veterans from the area and beyond. They performed 190 honors last year. Members unable to attend were Bernie Lechman, Warren Rice, David Hall and Robert Smith. For information about the American Legion Honor Guard, contact Welsh at 301-697-1193.

July

Independence Day Deck Party

July 4



Membership ready to celebrate Independence Day



Jeff Hotchkiss and Brian Neff cook for the deck party

Department Convention

July 10 -14



Jeff Hotchkiss casting votes for Post 13 Delegation



Jeff Hotchkiss accepting an award on behalf of the post Presented by



Post 13 Delegates for convention: Pete Kelly, Margaret Steele, Michael Hayes, Jeff Hotchkiss, James Anderson, Alex Anderson



District 7 Officers: Connie, xxx, Margaret Steele, xxx, Kermit, xxx, Pete Kelly

Installation of officers 2023 – 2024 July 18



Officers for 2023 – 2024 being sworn in



Connie directs the installation of new officers.

Jeff Hotchkiss recognized as Post Commander for 2023 - 2024



Officers for 2023 – 2024

Back: Michael Hayes, Jeff Robinnette, Roy Stafford, James Zarger, Brian Rice, Mike Miller, Chase Green

Front: Sean O'Donnell, Margaret Steele, Jeff Hotchkiss, Pete Kelly, David Hall

Post 13 takes American Legion State Title



Post 13 takes American Legion state title

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- Jul 25, 2023

Landon McAlpine (10) and Steven Spencer celebrate after Spencer crossed the plate to score for Fort Cumberland Post 13 in their American Legion state title matchup against Wicomico on Tuesday in Frederick. Post 13 lost the first game 4-2 but rallied to take the title 7-6. For coverage of the tournament, turn to Sports, 1B.

'76 Fort Cumberland team rode pro battery



'76 Fort Cumberland team rode pro battery, balance to Md. championship

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- Jul 29, 2023



For 47 years, the 1976 Fort Cumberland Post 13 team was the city's last to win a Maryland American Legion state championship until Post 13 took states this year. Pictured, front row, Greg Welker, Tim Campbell, Larry Edwards, Mike Corbin, Don Crowe, Rocky Sidaway and Lloyd Day. Back row: Basil Armstrong, Kevin Carcella, Chuck Koelker, Paul Ackerman, Bucky Cecil, Bob Keyser, Mike Dicken, Bob Harbaugh, Charley Callis and Gene Grapes.

Submitted Photo

Fort Cumberland Post 13 brought just 11 players to the 1976 Maryland American Legion state championship tournament in Hagerstown.

Though the team was small, it was fierce.

Comprised of a roster of future professionals, college baseball players, Hall of Fame members, longtime coaches and respected officials, Post 13 defeated Francis Scott Key Post 11, 9-4, in 11 innings to break a 14-year state title drought.

The local squad opened the tournament with a 5-3 victory over Funkstown before beating Talbot County, 11-3 — a team that featured future Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Harold Baines, one year before he was the No. 1 overall selection by the Chicago White Sox in the 1977 draft.

There was no Baines on the Fort Cumberland roster, but its battery was comprised of future professionals in southpaw Larry Edwards (Bishop Walsh) and catcher Paul Ackerman (Fort Hill).

Donnie Crowe (Bishop Walsh), a crafty arm with excellent control, was the team's other starting pitcher.

Post 13 boasted an excellent infield of first baseman Mike Dicken (Fort Hill), second baseman Greg Welker (Fort Ashby/Frankfort), third baseman Mike Corbin (Allegheny) and shortstop Bucky Cecil (Allegheny).

Cecil was inducted into the Davis & Elkins Hall of Fame in 2009 and Dicken into the Fort Hill HOF in 2016.

The starting outfielders were Lloyd Day (Fort Hill), Rocky Sidaway (Ridgeley) and Tim Campbell (Paw Paw).

Kevin Carcella (Bishop Walsh) and Bobby Keyser (Allegheny) were also on the team but were unable to participate in the state tournament.

The head coach was Bob Harbaugh, a former college player who would go on to become the head coach at Fort Hill, and the team was assisted by Basil Armstrong.

Armstrong, also the pitching coach, was an assistant at Bishop Walsh and was inducted into the Pen-Mar Hall of Fame in 2018.

It was a different time playing baseball in Cumberland back in 1976.

High school rec leagues in the city were flourishing, and most of the Post 13 roster split time between as many as three teams. Weekdays were spent playing rec or Legion games, and the weekends were spent competing against college standouts and adults in the Pen-Mar league.

Legion games were also nine innings.

The Mountain District was made up of Fort Cumberland and Westernport, which fielded players from Beall, Bruce, Valley, Mount Savage and Keyser. There were no Garrett County or Potomac Valley teams.

In all, most Fort Cumberland players took part in more than 40 games across all leagues.

The 1976 Fort Cumberland team, which played at Donahue Field, was a beneficiary of the old pitching rules when there were no pitch counts. Its Bishop Walsh rotation of Edwards and Crowe was a fierce one.

Edwards, at 6-foot-3, was an exceptional pitcher in his day, overpowering hitters with his fastball and 12-6 curveball. He was drafted in the 14th round, 334 overall by the Boston Red Sox, playing six professional seasons.

Edwards' dominance was on display during the state tournament, as he pitched all 11 innings in the championship game and struck out 19 against Funkstown to earn tournament Most Valuable Player.

In one non-district game, Edwards struck out the game's first 18 batters — not one of them made contact, not even a foul ball.

Like Edwards, Ackerman too finished his illustrious career as one of the greatest players in Cumberland area baseball history.

Ackerman, known for his exceptional defense behind the plate, was an All-State player at Allegany College and set the Davis & Elkins school record for fielding percentage (.995). He later caught professionally for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

His defense proved key in the state championship game when in the 10th inning, Ackerman stopped a throw to the plate from Welker to prevent what would've been the winning run from scoring.

Ackerman's durability may have been his best attribute, as he caught every inning of every game, often catching two Pen-Mar League doubleheaders on Saturdays and Sundays.

Fort Cumberland didn't hit many home runs, but it was deep one through nine. Dicken, its No. 9 hitter, batted .400 during the state tournament.

The players were all quality athletes across multiple sports.

Keyser and Corbin played football at Allegany, Sidaway played football and basketball, Welker and Campbell were quality basketball players, Dicken ran track and Ackerman was a good lineman before choosing to concentrate on baseball.

In addition to the athleticism at its disposal, the Fort Cumberland players also knew the game well, characterized by the fact that several went on to lengthy coaching careers.

Paul Ackerman later guided Fort Cumberland Post 13 to three Mountain District championships in three years and two state runner-up finishes.

He then coached at West Virginia University for five years. The Mountaineers won five Atlantic 10 titles in as many seasons. Over 100 of the players he's coached have become pro players or coaches.

Dicken coached baseball at Westminster Academy in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and two of his former players, outfielder Michael A Taylor (Nationals, Royals, Twins) and pitcher Luke Jackson (Braves, Giants) are currently playing Major League Baseball.

Campbell went on to become a longtime high school basketball official in the Cumberland area.

Several children of Post 13 players also went on to become accomplished athletes in the area.

Welker has two daughters that starred at Frankfort High School in Bria and Kendra Welker. Bria was the Gatorade West Virginia Girls Track and Field Athlete of the Year before running at West Virginia University. Kendra Welker played soccer at WVU Potomac State.

Nikki Sidaway was a three-time All-Area softball selection at Frankfort before playing at USC Aiken.

John Ackerman was the 2017 Potomac Valley Conference Player of the Year in baseball and a three-time All-Area selection at Frankfort. He went on to play at Allegany College, where he was All-State, and at West Virginia Tech.

August

Fort Cumberland wins 1st regional game in 89 years; runs all over Berkeley, 8-1

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- Aug 4, 2023

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — “That team wasn’t us,” was the prevailing message after Fort Cumberland’s opening-round defeat Wednesday.

Post 13 was back to its old self Thursday, and that was bad news for Berkeley Post 14.

Fort Cumberland stole six bases during a six-run fourth inning, and Parker Ferraro worked through five shutout innings to power Post 13 to an 8-1 drubbing of the West Virginia state champions at Dale Miller Field.

The elimination-game victory was Fort Cumberland’s first regional win since 1934.

“At the batting cage today, I refused to let them be serious, just to loosen them up,” Fort Cumberland head coach Brian McAlpine said. “That’s the way they played. ... I was really pleased with the defense. After yesterday’s meltdown, they came back and played strong out there.”

Fort Cumberland (13-10) lives to play another day and will take on the loser of Brooklawn, New Jersey (21-4), and Wilmington, Delaware (17-3), on Friday at 4 p.m.

A day after falling to three-time reigning Ohio state champion Yeager-Benson Post 199, 12-6, Fort Cumberland faced another tough test with Lane Delauter — the brother of Chase Delauter, the No. 16 overall pick in the 2022 MLB Draft — on the mound.

Both teams felt each other out through two-and-a-half scoreless innings, but Cumberland manufactured its first run in the third without so much as a base hit.

With runners on first and third with one out, Landon McAlpine swiped second base, and a low throw from the Berkeley catcher allowed Leuma Pua’auli to scamper home from third for a 1-0 lead.

The sequence was a sign of things to come.

An inning later, Fort Cumberland ran roughshod around the bases, executing two double steals to frustrate Delauter and Chase Herndon, who relieved the big right-hander midway through the frame.

Fort Cumberland finished 10 for 10 on stolen base attempts, led by McAlpine, Tyson Shumaker and Caedon Wallace with two apiece.

“We saw a little bit of a weakness there,” coach McAlpine said of the running game. “All the runners were saying it was easy to see when he was going home. Even when they were putting the lefties in there, we were getting pretty decent jumps.”

With a flood of runners in scoring position, the dam eventually broke, as Pua’auli hit a two-RBI single up the middle, Shumaker legged out an RBI infield single and Alex Kennell drove a run in with a sacrifice fly.

The six-run frame gave Fort Cumberland a 7-0 lead — it had just three base hits at the time.

Ferraro, meanwhile, didn’t have his best stuff on the mound, but he battled through five innings to earn the victory. The right-hander allowed no runs on three hits with a strikeout and four walks.

Carson Bradley threw out all three would-be Berkeley base stealers.

“He’s so consistent, blocks everything. His arm is phenomenal,” coach McAlpine said of his catcher. “You better get a good jump to get into bags with him throwing. ... It’s not only Carson. Our pitchers take no time going to the plate.”

Pua’auli came on in relief of Ferraro and allowed one run over his two innings of work — a solo home run to right field by Chase Herndon for Berkeley’s lone tally.

Cumberland tacked on an insurance run in the sixth after Kennell reached with a double in the right-center gap; he eventually touched home on a wild pitch.

While Cumberland didn’t rip the cover off the ball, it displayed impressive plate discipline, drawing nine walks — six off Delauter, who didn’t allow a hit in his three innings of work but surrendered three runs.

Two stars from Fort Cumberland’s last state championship team in 1976, Paul Ackerman and Larry Edwards, made the trip to Morgantown and talked to the team before the game.

The team wanted to finally win its first regional contest in 89 years for them and for the legion, but there is still more baseball to be played.

Whether it’s the New Jersey or Delaware state champions — both sporting multiple Division 1 commits — it’ll be a tough challenge. Fort Cumberland will have Landon McAlpine, Aeden Custer, Steven Spencer and Shumaker available to pitch.

Post 13 is just hoping the best version of itself shows up to Dale Miller Field Friday afternoon.

“Once you get to this point there are no easy games,” coach McAlpine said. “We’ll approach (Friday) the same way we did (Thursday).”

Fort Cumberland Eliminated from Mid-Atlantic Regional



Fort Cumberland eliminated from Mid-Atlantic Regional in 5-3 loss to Wilmington

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- Aug 5, 2023

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Fort Cumberland has found magic late in games every time it needed to this postseason.

That magic finally ran out against the Delaware state champions Friday.

Post 13 dug itself a five-run hole, largely due to three errors and two walks in the opening three frames. Fort Cumberland roared back with three scores in the fifth, bringing the go-ahead run to the plate, but it couldn’t find the last hit it needed.

And for the first time during the playoffs, Fort Cumberland didn’t come out on top in a must-win game, falling to Wilmington, 5-3, to finish 1-2 at the Mid-Atlantic Regional.

“We got ourselves behind the eight-ball early, the same as the first game. Just uncharacteristic falters on defense,” Fort Cumberland head coach Brian McAlpine said. “We still had our chances. ... We just couldn’t push it across.

“Tough way to end the season. You know your season is going to come to an end, but I was hoping it wouldn’t. This group was pretty special to me.”

A day after making quick work of West Virginia champion Berkeley, Post 13 went toe-to-toe with a Wilmington team that sported five college baseball players and five more committed to play ball at the next level.

The first three innings were three frames to forget, and Fort Cumberland nearly erased the memory for good in the fifth.

Down 5-0, Post 13 put back-to-back hitters on base to start the inning, and Leuma Pua'auli roped a double over the left fielder's head for an RBI.

Coach McAlpine sent the runner from first, but he was gunned down by the relay throw by shortstop Garrett Quinn to catcher Brett Walmsley, who is committed to the University of Delaware.

"That was dumb," coach McAlpine said of the decision to send the runner.

Landon McAlpine followed with a sacrifice fly, and Post 13 racked off three straight base hits with two outs. The latter, a single by Bryce Madden to right field, plated another to cut Fort Cumberland's deficit to 5-3.

After Fort Cumberland right-hander Aeden Custer (five innings pitched, 11 hits, five runs, three earned with two walks and a strikeout) stranded two Wilmington runners in the fifth, Post 13 brought the go-ahead run to the plate.

Consecutive hits by Caedon Wallace and Pua'auli with two outs put two runners on, and an error moved both into scoring position for a red-hot Landon McAlpine.

Wilmington brought in Wilmington University commit John Klepacki, a big left-hander, out of the bullpen, and McAlpine lofted a soft fly ball to left field that looked like trouble.

However, Dylan Pirrung was playing shallow and made the grab.

Post 13 brought the tying run to the plate in the seventh, but Carson Bradley's line drive was snagged by Tyler Pirrung at third base for the final out.

Pua'auli and Madden led the way for Cumberland with two base hits apiece. Pua'auli, Alex Kennell and Caleb Langham scored Post 13's three runs.

Coach McAlpine was hoping the Fort Cumberland that dominated Berkeley on Thursday would show up again Friday, but the one that came out flat in a 12-6 opening-day loss to Yeager-Benson made an appearance instead.

Wilmington roped five straight hits in the first inning. Tyler Pirrung and Walmsley had RBIs, but an outfield error allowed another run to score in a three-run first inning.

The hit parade was momentarily interrupted when Wilmington first baseman Kyle Reader fouled a ball off the light pole above the Delaware dugout, shattering glass down onto a pair of Wilmington fans who were unharmed.

A double play turn by Pua’auli and Madden up the middle limited the damage, but Wilmington pushed two more runs home in the third frame thanks to a little league home run on a Walmsley double.

Walmsley’s two-bagger was sure to score Quinn from first, and a throwing error by the catcher let Walmsley follow him home on the same play.

In what ended up being a two-run game, those two unearned runs were the difference.

“You can’t give them extra at-bats when you get this far in a tournament, and that’s what we did,” coach McAlpine said.

Custer put up two straight scoreless innings and Landon McAlpine pitched a scoreless sixth to give Cumberland a chance late, and it couldn’t get over the hump.

Wilmington started right-hander Todd Gilardi on the mound. A junkballer with good control, he put up four scoreless innings before Cumberland broke through in the fifth.

Post 13 had runners on base in three of the first four innings; however, it couldn’t string together multiple knocks.

“We weren’t very patient,” coach McAlpine said. “A lot of guys went up there and swung at the first pitch. ... It’s unfortunate we waited too late.”

The lone hitless inning early was the third. Landon McAlpine appeared to hit a one-out double to left field, but the first-base umpire ruled he missed first base for what proved to be a 7-6-4-3 putout.

Tyler Mosher, Quinn, Walmsley and Tyler Satterfield had two base hits apiece for Wilmington.

Gilardi picked up the win, allowing three runs on nine hits in 5 2/3 innings of work. He struck out two.

Klepacki recorded a save, tossing 1 1/3 innings of no-hit ball.

Despite coming up short of a region title, it was a season to remember for Post 13. Fort Cumberland captured its first state championship since 1976 and won its first regional game in 89 years.

After getting its feet wet this year, Fort Cumberland is poised to threaten for another state crown, as Post 13 loses just one player next year — Kennell, the state tournament Most Valuable Player.

“I told them I look forward to coming back next year and making another run at the state tournament,” coach McAlpine said, “because this was a lot of fun.”

Legion Picnic August 12



David Hall and Pete Kelly ready to let people into the picnic



Post 13 Honor Guard at the picnic opening ceremony



David Hall, Post Chaplain blesses the meal



Pete Kelly, Ron Holchom

September

SAL Picnic **September 16**



Brian Neff, Squadron 13 Commander, opens the picnic



Margaret Steele, Post 13 Vice Commander blesses the meal



Delicious food is served



Game for those that attend

November

Veterans Day

November 11

Post 13



Post 13 Honor Guard



National Anthem sung by Audery Rader, Allegany High School



Tara Stafford, Jeff Davis, Jackie Liller, Brian Neff lay wreaths to honor veterans



Michael McKay, Senator, Maryland Congress (left) and Jeff Hotchkiss, Post 13 Commander (right)



Post Chaplain David Hall blesses the meal for Veterans Day



Charles Hardy and his family. Charles Hardy was presented the Knight of the Legion Honor Medal by Counsel General of France on December 4th, 2023 for his service to the French during World War 2

Rocky Gap



Post 13 Honor Guard



Keynote speaker Gary Renfrow, Ret. U.S. Air Force, Special Operations Commander

December

SAL Children's Christmas Party December 16



Santa has arrived for all the good girls and boys



Brian Neff Introduces Santa and Mrs. Clause



Santa gives presents to good girls



Santa gives presents to good boys



Families enjoying the Party

Staff Christmas Party December 24



Post 13 staff and officers enjoying a good time



Delicious food to eat

March

Membership Meeting

March 12



During the March Membership meeting Chase Green was removed from office for inefficiency. Tim Lapp was voted in Sgt-at Arms for the remainder of the year

Hooley Crawl

March 16



The Vandells playing for the Hoolie Crawl



Jeff Robbinette checking IDs



Dancing the day away



Having a good time

May

Disabled Veterans Fishing Outing

May 4



Byron Seekamp cooks' burgers



Pete Kelly keeps track of fish statistics



Veteran catches a golden trout



Volunteers of the fishing outing

Western Region Meeting at Post 13 May 5



Western Region Commander directs meeting



XXX Gives Report



Auxiliary Serves Lunch after the meeting



Post 13 hosts Western Region Meeting

Essay Winners

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Essay Winners

Friday, May 3, 2024

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- Mar 12, 2024



Fort Cumberland American Legion Post 13 Auxiliary announces the winners of the Americanism Essay Contest. Kamryn Rice, a Fort Hill High School student, received first place for the 11-12 grade category and also read her essay during a recent meeting. Not pictured is second-place winner Ciara Ross, also from Fort Hill. Miles Peters, from Washington Middle School, won first place for the 5-6 grade category. The winners will move forward to the next level of competition. Pictured, front from left, Tara Stafford, auxiliary president; Rice; Peters; and Krista Barry, essay coordinator. Back, Susan Golden, secretary; Edna Neff, executive committee; and Bev Hite, treasurer.

Mother's Day Breakfast May 14



Randy and Susan Golden Volunteer for Mothers Day



Members enjoying Mothers Day Breakfast



Brian Neff and Bobby Kelley cook breakfast



David Hall serves drinks



Xxxx and Pete Kelly volunteer to serve breakfast

Post elections

May 17

Results of the Elections for 2024 – 202d

Commander

Jeff Hotchkiss

Judge Advocate

Jeff Robbinette

Vice Commander

Margaret Steele

Historian

Charles Jones

Adjutant

Peter Handley

Chaplain

David Hall

Finance Officer

Roy Stafford

Executive Committee Members

Mike Miller

William Mulligan

Sgt-at-Arms

Tim Lapp

Sean O'Donnell

James Zarger

Memorial Day

Post 13



Ceremony Directed by Jeff Hotchkiss, Post 13 Commander



Post 13 Honor Guard



Anthem sang by Grace Hartssock Allegany High School



Guest Speaker Kenneth O. Preston



Wreaths laid by SAL Brian Neff, Legion Bob Aman, Auxiliary Tara Stafford, Gulf War Committee President Jeff Davis, VFW Post 1411



Benediction by Post Chaplain David Hall

Rocky Gap



Frostburg Arion Band led by Dr. Ron Horner



Benediction by Bernie Lechman



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