



American Legion Post 177 Fairfax, Virginia

# LEGION NEWS

For God and Country

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JUNE - JULY 2010

**NEW MEMBERS**

**MAY 2010**

Joseph R. Marotta

Guy Little

Michael J. Rea

2010 MEMBERS - 1000

2009 MEMBERS - 1020

PAID-for-LIFE

MEMBERS - 84

**HONORARY**

**LIFE MEMBERS**

- Harold L Cenedella
- Lehman H. Young Sr.
- William J. Anderson
- Louis C. Frank
- Charles A. Lane
- Jerome A. Gabriel
- John W. Price
- Edward N. Heitchew
- Anthony F. Osborne
- Mark R. Duke
- George L. Lamborn

## POST ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE

The annual election of officers, normally held during the May General Membership meeting, was postponed at that meeting due to the lack of a quorum. The quorum for holding an election at the Post's current membership level is 70 members in good standing. There were 50 members at the May meeting.

At the June regular Executive Committee meeting, the Committee decided to hold the election of Post Officers on July 14, 2010 during the regularly scheduled July General Membership meeting. The Committee felt that it would be better to hold the election during a regular meeting rather than a special meeting because more members would be likely have that meeting on their schedule and therefore be able to attend. The July meeting was chosen over the June meeting in order to ensure that all members will be aware of the new date for the election.

The slate of candidates is on page 3. Plan now to attend the July meeting. Your Post needs your support!

## POST 177 HONOR GUARD AND RIDERS LED LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE

More pictures and story on page 3



## Post 177 Will Lead the City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade

The Fairfax City Independence Day parade is scheduled for 10 AM, Saturday, July 3rd and American Legion Post 177 will be represented by the Post Honor Guard, Miss Poppy, The Legion Riders, Boy Scouts and float. This years parade theme is "Fairfax Salutes America" and Dan Marks, our Post float chairman along with the float committee are busy getting the Post float ready. If you want to see an old fashion small town parade, don't miss the Fairfax City parade. After the parade, stop by the Post home and join our Independence Day activities. It is noted that Post 177 started the Fairfax City Independence day parade and fire works over fifty years ago. A small group of veterans lead by Lehman Young and others organized and led the parade and provided and shot fire works from the Post property.

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Junior Past Commander

William B. Patton II ( Bill )

Executive Comm. Members-At-Large:

James C. Brown, Charles E. Camper and Richard Casciato

Legionnaire of the Year

ALVIN W. DOEHRING

Corporation Board:

Charles E. Camper, Secy, Stanley L. King Jr., Treas, Robert L. Parli Jr., John W. Price, Kenneth J. Strafer, Dean R. Strong, Robert B. Sussan, and Pres. Jonathan C. Thatcher

Building & Grounds Chairman

John W. Price

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Auxiliary Unit 177

Sandra K. Price, President

First, let me thank all of Post 177's Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders and Auxiliary members for the wonderful job done over the Rolling Thunder and Memorial Day weekend. We hosted a number of groups from many states and showed them our great hospitality.

I have been very concerned about the lack of attendance at the May General Membership Meeting (GMM) which did not permit us to hold an election as has been the procedure at Post 177 for many years.

In an effort to ensure that a proper election is held, I am personally appealing to all members in good standing to attend the July membership meeting and cast a vote for the candidate of your choice.

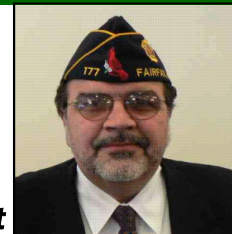
In the event that a quorum of 7 % of the membership, as required by our by-laws, is not present at the July meeting the following was read at the June GMM:

Article VII, Section 4, of Post 177's By-Laws provide that a quorum for the election of officers at the Annual Meeting shall not be less than 7%. As you may know our Annual Meeting of 2010, which was held on 7 May, did not achieve the requisite 7% quorum - in fact, the attendance was more than 20 members short of that number. Our June meeting did not achieve the 7% quorum either. As a result of this, the Executive Committee has decided to hold the 2010 elections at the July meeting on 14 July. I continue to urge all Members to attend that meeting so as to ensure we achieve the required 7% quorum. I understand that it is possible that we may again fall short of that number. Therefore, in order to insure against such a possible deficiency, and ensure that the elections are valid, I am hereby proposing an Amendment to the By-Laws as set out below. The amendment will only be proposed for a vote at the July meeting if we do not achieve the 7% quorum.

Consequently, on 11 June 2010, I gave notice and proposed that at the regular membership meeting to be held on 14 July 2010, if a quorum of 7% is not present as required a vote will be taken to amend Section 4 of Article VII of the By-Laws by adding the following sentence to that section:

*On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind. As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind.*

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS



Robert B. Sussan  
Post Commander

***"In light of the fact that at the May and June, 2010, meetings of Post 177, the Post was unable to gather the 7% quorum required for election under Article VII, Section 4 of the Post's By-Laws, the 2010 Post 177 Election of Officers will be held at the July regular membership meeting, and the quorum requirement of that meeting will be 2% of the members in good standing as is required for all regular membership meetings by Article VII, Section 6 of these By-Laws. All officers elected at such a meeting, whether their election is contested or not, shall be valid and legal officers of the Post for all purposes, in the same manner as if they had been elected at an Annual Meeting with a 7% quorum. This amendment shall apply only to the 2010 post elections."***

Once again, the above will not be required should a 7% quorum be present at the July GMM. As mentioned above, in order to pass and be enacted, the foregoing amendment must receive the affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of the members attending the July meeting, and that meeting must achieve a 2% quorum. This amendment is only being proffered to be passed at the July meeting and will only be in effect for the elections of 2010.

This printing constitutes the ten (10) day notice requirement for an amendment to the By-Laws as set forth in Article IX, Section 2 of our constitution.

**PLEASE COME TO THE JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE.**

April 10 was opening day for Fairfax Little League and it was a perfect day for a parade and baseball. The Honor Guard led the way with the American Legion Riders right behind. The Riders were a big hit with the Little Leaguers, espe-



cially since after the parade some of the players got to check out and even sit on, the big bikes before they had to take the field and "Play Ball!". Thanks to all the Riders who came out and made these kid's day.



**LEGION YEAR 2010-2011  
SLATE OF CANDIDATES**

(\* denotes incumbent)

<b>Commander</b>	<b>Robert L. Parli, Jr.</b>	<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	<b>John W. Price *</b>
<b>Adjutant</b>	<b>Michael F. Kimlick *</b>	<b>Service Officer</b>	<b>John Kushner*</b>
<b>1st Vice Commander</b>	<b>Gerald L. Whipple *</b>	<b>Member at Large</b>	<b>William F. Hendricks</b>
<b>2nd Vice Commander</b>	<b>Jeffrey R. White</b>	<b>Legionnaire of the Year (in alphabetical order)</b>	<b>Leo L. Enterline Michael F. Kimlick John Kushner</b>
<b>3rd Vice Commander</b>	<b>John A. Glufing * Joel W. Gentry</b>	<b>Corporate Board Director</b>	<b>Jonathan C. Thacher *</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Joseph J. Boyle</b>	<b>Corporate Board Director</b>	<b>Stanley L. King, Jr. *</b>
<b>Finance Officer</b>	<b>Alvin W. Doehring *</b>	<b>Corporate Board Director</b>	<b>Blaise X. Schmidt</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Thomas E. Hovis *</b>		
<b>Judge Advocate</b>	<b>Thomas R. Devaney* Richard D. Sullivan</b>		



As this year ends, I want to thank everyone, legionnaires, SAL, ALRiders, and most of all the members of the Auxiliary for another great year. I look forward to working with everyone again this year and hope we will be able to complete more projects for the veterans, children & youth and our commu-

nity.

Our Miss Poppy, Zoe Shook received the Proclamation from the Mayor of Fairfax City declaring May as poppy month.

Thanks for all the participation during our yard sale. It was very well attended, we had good weather and everyone had a lot of fun.

It was a great feeling being able to donate \$500.00 to the Ride 2 Recovery. Thanks to Mary Nell for selling the 50/50 tickets. Thanks to everyone that participated to make this project a success.

We are still collecting food for the needy families in our community. We will be sponsoring a soldier in Afghanistan, most of us know her and we need to bring in items to send.

June 4th will be Installation for the Auxiliary at 7:00pm followed by dinner. Please join us.

June 6th the 17th District Conference will be held at 1:00 pm at Post 177.

June 12th at 2:00pm there will be a "Scentsy" Party hosted by BEBE Drummond. Come in and enjoy the "scents" that will fill your home with joy.

June 13th the auxiliary will be serving breakfast, please come in and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

June 20th the buses leave for Girls State at 10:00am. Be here no later than 9:30am.

July 4th we will have our float in the parade and look forward to seeing everyone.

July 8th thru 11th is the Department Convention in Richmond.

As we participate in Memorial Day and Fourth of July let us remember to thank our veterans for our freedoms and for this great country we live in.



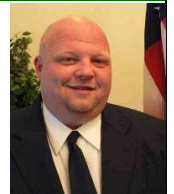
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SANDRA K. PRICE  
UNIT PRESIDENT

## Sons of the American Legion



*"Independence Forever."*

*-John Adams, toast for the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1826*



As we begin to plan our summer vacations and enjoy the weather, let us take a moment to remember the families who are apart this year and praying for the safe return of their loved ones as they stand strong in the continued fight for freedom. The meaning behind the 4th of July Independence Day holiday came about as the result of the valiant efforts and strong commitment of our American forefathers not so very long ago. Our American forefathers successfully worked through strife, fears, and the bullies of their time to prevail in establishing this great country. Across our great land, families will gather to fly the flag, to watch the fireworks, and count our blessings as Americans. This is the time to be grateful for the bounty and opportunity of our land, for our liberty, and for the men and women in uniform who keep our country safe.

I want to take this time to welcome the new SAL Executive board for the upcoming year. I have been given the honor of continuing to lead this Squadron for another year, along with the assisting leadership of John Jenkins (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander), Jason Jenkins (Finance Officer), Bucky Weaver (Adjutant), and Todd Chmielewski (Sergeant-at-Arms). These members have agreed to take on the challenge of directing this great squadron towards ongoing greatness. I am confident in what this board will be able to accomplish this year and thank everyone for giving of your time.

The SAL will be hosting the July Breakfast at our Post home on Sunday, July 11, 2010. We also look forward to this opportunity of fellowship and hope that you mark your calendars to attend.

For God and Country  
Ken Self, SAL Commander Squadron 177

## 1st VICE COMMANDER'S CORNER



Membership stands as of this writing 1000 strong, which is 97.94% of our goal set by national. I want to thank everyone that renewed their membership this year. I also want to ask for your help in recruiting new members. If just a few of us could just bring in just one member we would pass the quota set by national each year. Only 21 needed to reach our 100% goal.

Please let any eligible veteran that you know that we are veterans just like them and are nearly 3 million strong, who care about America, veterans and their families and our nation's youth. The Legion is a powerful voice in Washington dedicated to preserving the rights we've all earned -- and were promised -- by service to our nation in uniform.

Let them know that the American Legion is America's largest veterans organization. We're fighting for higher active duty pay, future retired COLAs, and better military housing, assistance for veterans in finding jobs, and a superior health care system proposed by the Legion called the GI Bill of Health which you -- and your family -- can continue to use after separation or retirement.

**Join us now!!** Membership brings an impressive array of benefits. The American Legion is always there for you and your family -- in Washington and nearly 15,000 local posts throughout America and abroad. Just like you, we're **"Still Serving America"**.

**Remember: It's not the cost of the membership. It is the price you paid to earn it.**

### Membership Eligibility Dates

April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918	(World War I)
December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946	(World War II)
June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955	(Korean War)
February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975	(Vietnam War)
August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984	(Lebanon/Grenada)
December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990	(Operation Just Cause - Panama)
August 2, 1990 to today	(Gulf War / War On Terrorism)

\* Because eligibility dates remain open, all members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to join the American Legion at this time, until the date of the end of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States.

To join, DD Form 214 or equivalent form must be submitted with the application along with a check for \$35.00, payable to Fairfax Post 177. Membership applications are available at the Post Home, on the National website ([www.Legion.org](http://www.Legion.org)) or on our website — [www.FairfaxPost177.org](http://www.FairfaxPost177.org) .

You may call me with any questions on membership. Cell: 703-855-8625 or you may call Post 177 at 703-273-2250.

There is only one class of membership in The American Legion. Honorary or social memberships are not authorized.

Jerry Whipple, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander



Post 177 Legion Riders preparing for Little League Opening Day Parade

**Post Everlasting**

Since the last newsletter the following members have transferred to Post Everlasting. Gone from this life but not forgotten.

RICHARD T. "REDS" WILLIAMS

LOIS C. CONLEY

ROBERT CAREW

EDGAR L. "PETE" BURTON

KIM "BEAR" RICKETS (SAL)

ROBERT C. BRINKMAN

Farewell our fellow Legionnaires

May they rest in peace



**NEWS FROM HONOR FLIGHTS**

Post 177 Finance Officer Allen W. Doehring is an official Park Service volunteer guide at the WWII memorial in Washington, D.C. Member Doehring is usually at the memorial on Wednesdays and Saturdays to welcome WWII veterans who are flown to Washington so they can see the memorial for the first time. Starting the training to be a volunteer is Post 177 3rd Vice Commander John Glufing.

**USS Juneau and The Sullivan Brothers**

One of the veterans visiting the memorial told the story about how his brother missed certain death when by chance he severely injured his arm while serving on a Naval warship in the Pacific. He was transferred off of the USS Juneau so he could receive extended medical care for his injury. Two weeks later the USS Juneau was sunk with heavy loss of life. Among those who died when the ship was sunk were five brothers. They became known in WWII naval history as the "Sullivan Brothers". The news of the brothers saddened the nation. This tragic loss to one family prompted the Navy to change the rules so that never again would brothers be assigned on the same ship. The veteran still thinks about the good luck that his brother had when he had to leave the ship. The veteran told members Doehring and Glufing that he still thinks about the Sullivan Brothers. It occurred to the AI that he could get a picture of the brothers for the veteran. He walked over to the Park Service field office near the Washington monument and had a picture printed off the computer of the brothers for the veteran. In a short while, the picture was to given the veteran who was very proud to have the picture presented to him at the memorial.

Tom Hovis, Post 177 Historian

**SERVICE OFFICER**



3 June 2010

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

**FOSTER CARE FOR VETERANS:** Currently, the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) has a Medical Foster Care program that veterans pay between \$1,500 up to \$4,000 for their caregivers. Veterans are placed by the VA in private homes that have been pre-screened, qualified and agree to serve veterans who need 24 hour nursing care. Further, they agree to the VA who will carry out rigid checks on a regular basis to ensure proper care is carried out under the agreement. At present, there are over 600 veterans in over 25 cities that are in private homes and have their own rooms. Most foster home veterans agree it is a million times better than a nursing facility. For information about the program call 202-461-6786, email [Thomas.2des@va.gov](mailto:Thomas.2des@va.gov).

3 June 2010

DEPT. OF VIRGINIA VETERANS SERVICE

The Virginia Dept. of Veterans Services (OVS) operates two Veteran long-term care facilities. The Veterans Care Center in Roanoke, VA is a 240-bed facility offering skilled nursing, domiciliary and Alzheimer's/Dementia care. The Barfoot Veterans Care Center is a 160-bed center that provides skilled nursing and Alzheimer's/Dementia care. In addition, the DVS agency operates two Veteran Cemeteries, The Cemetery in Ametia, VA, and The Albert Horton Cemetery in Suffolk, VA.

For additional information go to [general.info@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:general.info@dvs.virginia.gov).

## June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6/4, 7:00 PM: Aux. Officer Installation		1 Boy Scouts Meeting 7:30PM	2 7:00 PM Ex. Comm. Meeting	3	4 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8:30 \$12.00 <i>Best Deal in Town</i>	5
6 17th Dist. Conf. 12:30 Exec 1:00 General	7 Civil Air Patrol Meeting 7:00PM	8 Boy Scouts Meeting 7:30PM	9 7:00 PM: General Membership meeting	10	11 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8:30 \$12.00 <i>Best Deal in Town</i>	12
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## July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7/3: Independence Day Parade float final prep starts at 8:00 am 7/14, 7:00 pm: Post Officers Election				1	2 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8:30 \$12.00 <i>Best Deal in Town</i>	3 Independence Day parade: 10:00 am
4 <b>Independence Day</b>	5 Civil Air Patrol Meeting 7:00PM	6 Boy Scouts Meeting 7:30PM	7 7:00 PM Ex. Comm. Meeting	8	9 Friday Night Dinner 5:30-8:30 \$12.00 <i>Best Deal in Town</i>	10
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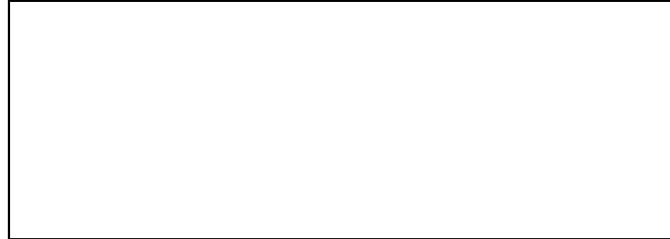
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