



American Legion Post 177 Fairfax, Virginia

LEGION NEWS

For God and Country

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May-June 2015

New Members

Mar-April 2015

- John C Burkhalter
- Catie R Cunningham III
- Paul G Carlock
- Phillip M Duckwitz
- Shawn T Fiebiger
- David B Field
- John W Friel
- James R Freeze
- Fioravante Gaetano
- Douglas G Gilbert Jr.
- Stephen Hadley
- Caleb Johnson
- James E Johnson
- Joseph F Kohler
- Peter Kilkins
- Michael Lancaster
- Terry Lee
- Thomas L Mobley
- Michael J Mochel
- Daniel D Pierce
- Patrick J Rozmajzl
- Michael S Smith

2015 MEMBERS = 943

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

- William J. Anderson
- Alvin W. Doehring
- Edward N. Heitchew
- George L. Lamborn
- Anthony F. Osborne
- John W. Price
- Robert B. Sussan

POST 177 HOLDS OFFICER ELECTIONS ON MAY 13

The annual election of officers for the Post for the 2015-2016 term will take place on 13 May 2015. The polls open at the post at 0730 in the Social Quarters. You can come in anytime during the day to vote. You can also vote on the motion concerning selling of the Buckman Road property. You will find the text of the motion on page 5 of this newsletter. Please come and support your Post by casting your ballots.

Our Sons of the American Legion squadron will be selecting their 2015-16 officers on 13 May at their regular meeting time. Also, the Auxiliary will vote in their new officers at their regular meeting.

Post Supports Challenger Baseball

Our Post is again sponsoring the Fairfax Little Challenger Baseball League for special needs children. This will be the seventh year we have supported the league. Because of the change in age waiver from Little League Williamsport, our Challenger League will be able to include players over 21 years old.

The league for this spring season will consist of a Junior Challenger Division for players age 5-18 and a Senior Challenger Division for players age 15 and up. There are four teams with 61 players participating. Games are played every Sunday at 1:00 and 2:00 on Chilcott Field.

The teams will also travel to Virginia Beach for the Challenger Little League Baseball World Jamboree on Mother's Day weekend. Three teams with 36 players will make the trip. The Challenger Jamboree will consist of 84 teams from 6 states. This trip is the highlight of our spring season, and it would not be possible without the support from our Post and its members.

Come on out and support our players.....

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The big news for this newsletter is the elections of Officers for 2015-2016. There is a requirement to provide the membership with the names of those seeking to become an officer of the Post for next year.

Our Constitution and By-Laws, Article VII, Section 4 (as amended 13 October 2010) requires a quorum of not less than 6% of the members in good standing to vote at the May membership meeting to elect officers for the next year. **A quorum for this years' election requires about 70 members to cast their vote on the day of the election (May 13) between the hours of 0730 and 1900 hours.** Please know that casting your vote anytime during the day will help meet the 6% quorum requirement and you will be considered present at the meeting if you vote during the day and are unable to attend the meeting. This year most of the officer positions are not contested, however, **a 6% quorum is required to vote to make the election official.**

To ensure that the election is conducted according to the requirements of our Constitution and By-Laws, Post member Gary Welschenbach is leading the effort and will manage all aspects of the election process. You will find the slate of those seeking office and the position they desire on Page 4 of the newsletter.

We will also be voting on selling the Buckman Road property. A special quorum of 7% will be needed to approve the sale. With the change to our Constitution at our last General Membership Meeting, you can cast your vote during the day to make the quorum.

Our interviews for Boys State were completed last month. The Post selected 21 delegates to attend. This will be a great opportunity for these young men to spend a week learning and participating in

the function of local and state government. Virginia Boys State will be taking place at Radford University June 21-27. Post 177 will also be the departure location for all of the District 17 delegates on that Sunday morning.

The Post will again be supporting Honor Flight Veterans by hosting them for Friday night dinners, dinner buffets provided by the Auxiliary or providing them box lunches. The Tennessee Honor Flight veterans will be with us on the weekend of April 17. The Alaskan Honor Flight will be at the Post for a Thursday night dinner on April 23th, and the Lake County Illinois Honor flight will also be back this year for a Saturday night dinner on April 25. If you have not had the opportunity to meet and socialize with these heroes, take the time at the end of the month and join us to welcome them to our Post and thank them for their service.

This will also be my last newsletter article as Commander. It has been my honor and privilege to have served as your Commander. Thank you for all you do for our veterans, our community and our Post members.



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Michael F. Kimlick
COMMANDER

Membership report: As of 15 April we have achieved 96.7% of our department goal of 979 new and renewed members. We missed the 1 April bench march of 100% by 32 renewals. There are still 90 of you out there who have not renewed for 2015. Go online to www.Legion.org/renew to renew easily. You can also mail or drop your renewal off at the post.

We have a lot of events coming up at the post. Honor Flights have started up again now that the weather is warmer. There are several groups that come visit us when they come to see the monuments and we are honored to host them and have the opportunity to hang out with some of our WWII and Korea Vets from around the country. Keep an eye on the website, twitter, and of course the post social quarters board to learn when you can come meet some of these folks.

Memorial Day is Monday 25th. Our Color Guard will participate in the annual joint VFW Post 8469 and American Legion Post 177 observance at Fairfax Veterans Amphitheatre at 1000. Everyone is invited to attend.

According to Title 4 of the United States

Code, if you fly the American Flag at your home or business on Memorial Day, it should be lowered to half staff in the morning. At 1200 noon, it should be raised back to full height. You can learn more about flag etiquette at www.Legion.org/flag/code.

Independence Day is coming up and we have started planning and designing our float for the parade. If you would like to help with the float send me an email at jwhite@fairfaxpost177.org.

The theme for this year's parade is "*Saluting Our First Responders*" The City of Fairfax Independence Day Celebration Committee chose the theme because this year, the *World Police and Fire Games*, held every 2 years, are being hosted by The City of Fairfax and George Mason University. It will be going on from 26 June through 5 July. It is kind of an Olympics for Police, Firefighters, and EMTs. Go to <http://fairfax2015.com/> for more info.

Hope to see you at the Post.

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
Jeff White,
1ST VICE COMMANDER**

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	(Operation Desert Shield/Storm)

Membership applications are available at the Post Home, on the National website www.Legion.org or on our website – www.FairfaxPost177.org



Visit our website at <http://fairfaxpost177.org>





Greetings,
Spring is here, the proof is in the beautiful flowers that are popping up in everybody yard. They are a welcome sight. Another year is winding down for the legion family and we start all over again, with new officers.

Saturday, April 25th, 2015: The Auxiliary will serve the Honor Flight veterans from Illinois. Come out and welcome some of The Greatest Generation. Dinner at 5:30pm.

Wednesday, May 6th, 2015: Executive Committee Meeting at 7:00pm.

Sunday, May 10th, 2015: Legionnaires serve breakfast at 9:30am till 11:00am. This is Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 Miss Poppy goes to Fairfax City Hall to visit Mayor Silverthorne and the City Council.

Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 Regular Membership Meeting at 7:00pm. Dinner at 6:00pm. This is election night so come out to vote.

Friday May 22nd, 2015 is the beginning of Rolling Thunder/Memorial Day Event. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm till 7:00pm up-stairs for all the guests visiting from across the United States.



Saturday May 23rd, 2015 at 2:00pm: BBQ Luncheon will be served; with US ARMY Jazz Brass Quintet from Fort Lee, VA.

Sunday, May 23rd, 2015: The Auxiliary will be in front of **Patriot's Harley Davidson** on Fairfax Boulevard at 5:30am to serve coffee, donuts, other breakfast items, distribute the memorial poppy, hand out poppy corsages and pocket flag packets. Come by and watch the hundreds of bikes go by; it is a very impressive event.

The Auxiliary has not planned any events so far for June. We will discuss in May meeting.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Sandra K. Price
UNIT PRESIDENT

Auxiliary Unit 177 2015-2016 Slate of Officers

President- **Elly Burton**

Vice President- **Wilma Phillips**

Treasurer- **Andrea Rasmussen**

Chaplain- **Joanne Schaffstall**

Sgt. at Arms- **Angie Anderson**

Secretary- appointed position

Executive Committee- **Lillian Sparks & Mary Nell Dey**

Post 177 Legion 2015-2016 Slate of Officers

COMMANDER	Jeffrey R. White	SERGEANT at ARMS	John W. Price
ADJUTANT	John Del Campo	SERVICE OFFICER	Bradford J. Watkins
FIRST VICE CMDR.	No candidate	MEMBER at LARGE	David M. Shook Richard D. Sullivan
SECOND VICE CMDR.	Shawn Fiebiger	CORP. BOARD DIRECTOR	Anthony F. Osborne Michael F. Kimlick
THIRD VICE CMDR.	Lucas E. Munson	LEGIONNAIRE of the YEAR	Anthony F. Osborne
CHAPLAIN	Joseph J. Boyle		
FINANCE OFFICER	No candidate		
HISTORIAN	Earl W. Seay		
JUDGE ADVOCATE	Anthony F. Osborne		

Post Everlasting

Since the last newsletter no members have transferred to Post Everlasting.

The Corporate Board continues its task of monitoring and managing Post 177 properties, investment accounts, trust funds, rental agreements, maintenance of the building & grounds, as well as other tasks per the constitution and by-laws. As you are all aware by this writing, the Corporate Board has received an offer to purchase the Post's Buckman Road property worthy of review and with actual prospect of sale. The Corporate Board is presently doing its "due diligence" review of this document. Equally so the Corporate Board proposed a motion at the April General Membership meeting (8 April 2015) to place a referendum on the Ballot of the Post 177 General Elections to be voted on by the members authorizing the sale of the Buckman Road property. Please come out and vote for all those running for the Post 177 Executive Board and Corporate Board offices, and especially VOTE YES on the referendum to sell the Buckman Road property, thus allowing the Corporate Board to proceed with the sale of Buckman Road at the conclusion of the "due diligence" task.



SICK CALL

Richard "Sully" Sullivan:
Serious motorcycle accident - recovering at home.

Please send SICK CALL notices to
syi@fairfaxpost177.org

Motion to sell the Buckman Road Property

The following motion was made, seconded and read during the Post 177 General Membership Meeting at the Post Home on 8 April 2015. The vote on this motion will take place on 13 May 2015. The polls for this vote and for the election officers will open at 0730 the morning of 13 May 2015.

“In accordance with the Constitution, Article XI, Section 5, it is moved that American Legion Post 177 enter in to a contract to sell the Buckman Road property for no less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) as long as the closing is completed no later than October 1, 2016”.

Spring has sprung! Well, almost. It's still a little chilly here in northern Virginia, but we're being teased by warmer weather and buds on the trees and blooming daffodils. The ALR is out polishing our chrome, airing up our tires and getting ready to ride. When you're out and about be sure to watch out for motorcycles!

This is an especially exciting time for our Post and Chapter. ALR Run to the Thunder 2015 is coming up fast and is scheduled for May 22-24. This is quickly becoming a "national" event. We gather with friends from all over the country who come into town to visit, see the sites, enjoy reuniting with comrades and ride in the Rolling Thunder demonstration. We at Post 177 and our Chapter work hard in the weeks leading up to the event to make it as enjoyable as possible. Pay close attention to our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/AlrRunToTheThunder> and our

website at: http://www.alrrollingthunder.com/Home_Page.html. Everything you need to know about this year's event will be posted there. If you've missed it in the past, don't miss it this year.

It has been my great pleasure to be the Director of Chapter 177 over the last several years. We have a very talented group of individuals that collectively make our Chapter what it is. We work hard, have fun riding and are honored to perform services for our fellow veterans, community, youth and the Post. Thanks for all the things you all do to make this the best Chapter anywhere.



Brad Watkins
Director



ALR RUN TO THE THUNDER 2015

American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax, 22030

FRIDAY – May 22 through Sunday – May 24

- Friday Night Dinner / Ride to Vietnam War Memorial
- Saturday – All Day Vendors/Afternoon BBQ/Jazz Band
- Saturday – Ride to Arlington National Cemetery
- Sunday – Breakfast/Ceremony/Ride to Rolling Thunder
- Sunday Afternoon – Thunder Bash – Post 1976, Annandale

For complete weekend information and registration, go to:

www.ALRRollingThunder.com



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Our handle is @post177.

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May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 May: Law Day. 3 May, 1300: Girls State Orientation meeting. 10 May, 0930-1100: Mothers Day, Legionnaires serve 2nd Sunday Breakfast 12 May, 1900: Miss Poppy visits Fairfax City Hall. 22-25 May; Memorial Day weekend, ALR Run to the Thunder events.					1 5:30 - 8:00 Friday Night Dinner - \$12 LAW DAY	2 7:30: Queen of Hearts
3 Girls State orientation	4	5	6 7:00 - Exec. Committee Meeting	7	8 5:30 - 8:00 Friday Night Dinner - \$12	9 7:30: Queen of Hearts
10 Buffet Breakfast by Legionnaires 	11	12 Miss Poppy visits City Hall	13 7:00 - General Membership Meeting 	14	15 5:30 - 8:00 Friday Night Dinner - \$12	16 7:30: Queen of Hearts
17	18	19	20	21	22 5:30 - 8:00 Friday Night Dinner - \$12	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29 5:30 - 8:00 Friday Night Dinner - \$12	30 7:30: Queen of Hearts

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3 7:00 - Exec. Committee Meeting 	4	5 5:30 - 8:00 Friday Night Dinner - \$12	6 7:30: Queen of Hearts
7	8	9	10 7:00 - General Membership Meeting 	11	12 5:30 - 8:00 Friday Night Dinner - \$12	13 7:30: Queen of Hearts
14 Breakfast by Auxiliary  USA Birthday	15	16	17	18	19 5:30 - 8:00 Friday Night Dinner - \$12	20 7:30: Queen of Hearts
21	22	23	24	25	26 5:30 - 8:00 Friday Night Dinner - \$12	27 7:30: Queen of Hearts
28	29	30	25 May, 1000: Memorial Day observance w/VFW 8469 at Fairfax Vet- erans Amphitheatre. 14 June: US Army 240th birthday 14 June, 0930-1100: Auxiliary serves 2nd Sunday Breakfast			



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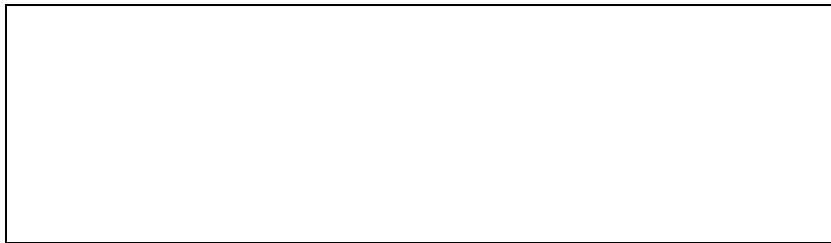
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