



LEGION NEWS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

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Fairfax, VA

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New Members

Samuel Bakalian
Alan Barnett
Anastasia Cope
Stanley Derr
Gary Finneyfrock
Michael Graf
Marie Haywood
Larry Hoffman
Pamella Myers
George Oden
Jon Ostrowski
Jeffrey Rosado
Kenneth Rudnicki
John Waddick
Marshall Williams



Honorary Life Members

William Anderson
Alvin Doehring
Edward Heitchew
George Lamborn
Anthony Osborne
John Price
Robert Susan

Post 177 gathered donated toys at the post social quarters for Fairfax Police Department. The toys were delivered to the Main Street Child Development Center by Mr. and Mrs Claus along with Fairfax police officers.

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Commander's Corner

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a Happy Hanukah and a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to 2016. May the new year bring good health and prosperity to us all.

We have some events coming up at the post. First up is Chili-Mac by the SAL on 3 January for the last regular season NFL game. The Redskins are on the road against the Cowboys and even if the playoff picture is set, the rivalry should produce a game worth watching. And even if it is not, I've been assured that the Chili-Mac is worth it.

On 10 January the SAL will be at it again with their version of second Sunday breakfast. Enjoy a buffet breakfast that can't be beat for a nice low price upstairs in the ballroom.

After breakfast on the 10th we will convert the ballroom into the auditorium configuration for the Post 177 Oratorical Contest. The Oratorical Contest is one of The American Legion's signature youth and education programs. High School students will give a speech about some aspect of the United States Constitution vying for a cash prize and the chance to advance to the District 17 contest. Anyone can come to watch and listen to the student's speeches. They are really very inspirational. Two weeks later, on the 24th, the 17th District will hold its contest at Post 177 where the winners from the various post contests will compete. The ultimate goal (besides learning about the Constitution and thereby becoming a better US citizen) is to go to the National Contest in April and try for the \$18,000 scholarship that goes to the first place winner there.

On 7 February we have a more solemn activity. The Four Chaplains Service will be at Post 177 this year. This is a service of remembrance and celebration of the courage and commitment to service displayed by 4 US Army chaplains as their transport ship sank after being torpedoed by a German submarine in the Atlantic Ocean. If you don't already know their story, google "Four Chaplains" and check it out. I hope you will then be inspired to come to the service at the post.

On the 2nd Sunday in February, which happens to also be Valentine's Day, the Legionnaires will perform a labor of love and serve breakfast. Once again, good food, good friends, good price.

I look forward to seeing you at the Post.

For God and Country,
Jeff White, CMDR

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First Vice Commander

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Post Everlasting

George Carver
John O'Reilly
Stephen Silvius
Charles Taylor
Douglas
Wooldridge



MEMBERSHIP.....MEMBERSHIP.....MEMBERSHIP

We are less than a month away until National raises our dues from the post. Please renew your membership before the 15th of January to save the post \$5.00 per member.

2016 Goal = 1,015
Current Membership = 838
Percentage of goal complete = 82%

The early bird dinner was a big hit and I would like to thank everyone who attended and worked to make it so successful.

Happy New Years!
Colin

Membership Eligibility Dates

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



**You've Earned
The Right
To Belong...**
Join Us!

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Service Officer

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and holiday season.

As we enter a new year and reflect on the past and the future, it is important to renew our efforts to serve others. "Service" is something that we hear a lot of, particularly over the year-end, holiday season. After all, the American Legion is a "veterans' service organization".

The National Center for Charitable Statistics (NCSS) indicates that there are currently over 1.5 million nonprofit organizations in the United States. There are approximately 400,000 military charity associations. Fortunately for us Legionnaires and Legion Family members, picking the right charity is easy. It's the American Legion. Aside from your dues, all of the money donated to an American Legion charity goes to that charity. All of the time spent working to serve others through the American Legion is tax deductible.

Your dues support the administrative costs of the Legion. At American Legion, Post 177 we are busy providing service to our fellow veterans, the community, children and others. We have a great social-quarters that provides a cheap, quality experience for dining or pleasure and to enjoy the comradery of fellow veterans and friends, and its open every day.

We support special programs such as Friday night dinners, the children's' Christmas party, oratorical contest, Boys and Girls State, the Little League baseball park, Challenger baseball, Veterans Treatment Docket, community events and specific donations to veterans in need, among many others.

As a member of the American Legion you provide that service. However, it's critically important that you get involved. Without your personal service, nothing gets done. We need your service to help us serve others. During this upcoming year, please consider donating some of your time to help us serve our fellow members.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Brad Watkins,
Service Officer



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Legion Riders

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Well, with the weather staying warm, we have been able to ride a lot longer than usual. We have enjoyed small rides here and there making Brad's ice cream runs almost bi-weekly. We did ride to Quantico National Cemetery on December 5th to lay wreaths with the Sgt Mac foundation and gave them a donation from the riders.

A couple of riders saw first hand what it's like to see a car crash and one spun in between them. As mentioned in last qtrs news letter, Watch out for motorcycles. Thank God none of the riders were involved in the accident.

As we head into the new year, we are in the process of planning Run to the Thunder 2016. Any of the riders would love to hear suggestions on how we can make it better for the Post.

On a riders note, Reminder, Every one should have sent Elsie a new copy of your insurance card and drivers license by now.

I hope that everyone has a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Colin Waldroup
ALR Director



The American Legion Family



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Auxiliary

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Greetings

Another year is coming to an end and the American Legion Auxiliary wants to say a BIG THANK YOU to the legion family for all the assistance we received in 2015.

At the National Convention in July the Fairfax Unit was awarded two (2) national plaques; one for our outstanding program for Children & Youth and the other for the VA & R program. This goes to show that hard work does pay off. Thanks to all the members for their hard work. We are looking for another outstanding year in 2016. Please remember to help us support our programs.

On the 20th of December we had a very exciting Christmas Party for the children of the post, fun was had by all.

January starts a new year. On the 23rd the auxiliary will be serving Saturday night dinner. We are trying something different and the main meat will be baked in a foil pouch. We will have different vegetables and, of course, the usual desserts. Come out and see us for the beginning of a new year.

We will be planning an International Dinner in February so keep an eye out for the flyers.

Hoping every one has a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Sandra K. Price
Unit Secretary



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JANUARY

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- Dinner every Friday Night 5:30 - 8:30
- Club Hours: Sat - Th 8:00 am - 11:00 pm
Fri 8:00 am - midnight

3	SAL Chili Mac Redskins vs. Cowboys	4	5	6	7 pm - Exec Committee Meeting	7	8	9
10	SAL Breakfast Oratorical Contest	11	12	13	7 pm General Member Meeting	14	15	16
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24	District Oratorical Contest at Post 177	25	26	27		28	29	30
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FEBRUARY

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	1	2	3	7 pm - Exec Committee Meeting	4	5	6
7 Four Chaplains Service	8	9	10	 7 pm - General Membership Meeting	11	12	13
14 Auxiliary Breakfast	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29						