



LEGION NEWS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

3939 Oak Street
Fairfax, VA

March - April 2016

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New Members

Anthony Skinner

Patricia
Sparenberg

Robert Riviello

William Vickers

James Greene

Troy Hascher

Marcus Heishman

Elizabeth
Johnson

Honorary Life Members

William Anderson

Alvin Doehring

Edward Heitchew

George Lamborn

Anthony Osborne

John Price

Robert Sussan

Wow, how time flies! Hard to believe it is March – almost Spring. Time to put the snow blower away and tune up the lawnmower.

Our Post 177 Oratorical Contest winner, Timothy Park, a junior at Trinity Christian School and a member of the Civil Air Patrol squadron that our Post supports, went on to win at the 17th District and the Northern Region contests. He is now headed to the Department contest on 11 March at Virginia Beach during the Department Spring Conference. We wish him good luck and hope he goes on to the National contest in April.

Also in March we will select boys to go to Boys State. We invite boys in their junior year from the 5 high schools in our vicinity (Paul VI, Fairfax, Robinson, Woodson, Trinity Christian) to apply to go to Boys State in June. We will be interviewing the applicants on Thursday, 17 March at 7 pm. We still need some more volunteers to do the interviews. The sign-up sheet is on the wall in the social quarters. If you have never done it before, don't worry. Past Commander and Boys State chair Mike Kimlick will train you and pair you up with an old hand and you will meet some of the best and brightest students in our area. Volunteer interviewers need to arrive at the post by 6:30.

Second Sunday breakfast is being served by the Auxiliary on 13 March and by the S.A.L. on 10 April. The price has been raised from \$7 per adult to \$10 per adult, \$5 for children 6 – 12 years old and free for children under 6. It is still a good price for an all you can eat buffet and is also a fund raiser for the group that serves and supports the programs and activities that are important to us all.

Shortly after I transferred to Post 177 from Post 141 John Price recruited me into the Honor Guard. Since then with the Guard I have marched in parades, opened conferences for business and government groups, and most importantly rendered funeral honors for veterans who have passed. They have not always been members of our post or even of some other post, but they served and are deserving of the honor. The bond that binds veterans together is often invisible to our families until we die and the family sees people they never knew paying their loved one respect. I want to thank all the members of the Honor Guard for their dedication and willingness to serve, often on short notice. I also want to thank the members of the American Legion Riders who from time to time participate in funerals by manning a flag line at the entrance to the chapel where the funeral is being held. You all do a great service for the families of those we honor.

Jeff White
Commander

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Calton Salch

Legionnaire of the Year

Anthony Osborne

Corporate Board

Rand Gaber, Michael Kimlick, Anthony
Osborne, Walter Potock, Jonathan
Thatcher, Gary Welschenbach

Building & Grounds Chairman

Rand Gaber

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Colin Waldrop
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Auxiliary Unit 177

Elly Burton

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1st Vice Commander

Currently the Post is at 976 of a goal 1,015 which is 92.4% of the goal. We have several members that have not renewed their yearly dues. If you know of anyone that has not renewed, please have them see the Bartender or an Executive member as soon as possible. We have so many things going and I would hate for anyone to miss out.

If you are on Facebook, be sure to like the post FB page and also the 17th District FB page.

Colin Waldroup

1st Vice

For God and Country

Auxiliary

I commend Post 177 Honor Guard for the important role they played in an exemplary manner as they performed their duties in the memorial service for U.S. Army Veteran Floyd Dey.

The Auxiliary will serve breakfast on Sunday, March 13 from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. Also, the Auxiliary will serve Italian dinner on Saturday, March 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

We are looking forward to April when two Honor Flights, Alaska and Tennessee, will be coming to the Legion. It's always a fun evening when the WWII Veterans are at the Post.

We thank the Legionnaires and the SOL for their donation to the Auxiliary for Girl's State. We very much appreciate your generosity.

For God and Country

Elly Burton

Post Constitution Change

A motion will be made to change the Post Constitution, Article XI starting at line 22 in order to clear up a point of ambiguity.

"A quorum for the purpose of an officially called or scheduled meeting of the Corporate Board of Post 177 shall be four (4) officially elected members of the Corporate Board as specified within this paragraph. No ex-officio, nor any other type of member shall be counted in determining this quorum"



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Legion Riders

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Post Everlasting

Charles E.
Camper

Floyd Dey

Katherine
Reynolds

Jeff Wolfhope



WELL ITS ALMOST RIDING WEATHER!!!

Its hard to believe that I am talking about riding when, three weeks ago we had three feet of snow. With the talk about riding comes the anticipation of our signature event, Run to Thunder 2016. Each year it gets better and better. Basically the events will stay the same as in previous years. With collaboration from other groups in the post, this year events will be a great hit. We will begin setting up the parking lot on Thursday and Friday May 26-27th for Vendor set up. We usually see other riders begin to show up around that time and it will be great to socialize with them again. On Friday evening we will escort Riders to the Gold Star Mothers vigil at the Vietnam War Memorial (the Wall).

Then on Saturday morning we will totally block off the parking lot around the post as our vendors will be set. We will escort riders on Saturday to Arlington for wreath laying. There will be a bus if anyone would like to join us as this is not just a rider event. It is a very nice ceremony performed in conjunction with the Honor Guard from Arlington and the Joint Forces Color Guard. You should plan to attend. We will head back to the post afterwards for the Sons cookout beginning at 3 pm.

On Sunday we will muster at 4 am to prepare for departure to the Pentagon after a brief ceremony at 7 am. As always we would Love to hear your input, suggestions and concerns. See a Rider for any information you may need about the weekend.

Everyone is invited to the meetings and are welcome to volunteer to help out during the weekend as we could definitely use your help. As always, during all events, be sure to tip your waitress' and bartenders...

VA Home Purchase Financing Seminar

When: Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 10:00 to 12:00

Where: American Legion, 3939 Oak St, Fairfax, VA 22030
Post Grill meeting room, downstairs

Presenters: Debbie Young, Realtor and Doug Enger, Mortgage Broker

This will include a discussion of the most up to date information on VA home financing benefits. It will include information on options for disabled service members, Veterans, and their spouses. Refreshments will be served so an RSVP would be appreciated but is not required.

RSVP to: ry5058@gmail.com 703-475-8317

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Post officer elections are coming up soon. Below is Article IV, Part 1 of the Post 177 bylaws which defines the duties of the elected officers.

By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 1 Duties of Post Commander

It shall be the duty of the Post Commander to preside at all meetings of the Post and of the Executive Committee and to have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Post, and such officer shall be the chief executive of the Post. He shall appoint all standing and special committees, except as provided herein. He shall, ex-officio, be a member of all committees of the Post. He shall make an annual report covering the business of the Post which will cover the ending fiscal year, and expectations for the new fiscal year, that shall be read at the annual installation meeting of this Post. He shall make, or cause to be made by the Adjutant, the report of recommendations of the Executive Committee at the next regular meeting of this Post. He shall be Editor-in-Chief of the Post Newsletter and Web Site.

By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 2 Duties of the Vice-Commanders

The Vice-Commanders, in the order of their rank, shall assume and discharge the duties of Commander in the absence or disability of, or when called upon by, the Post Commander. They shall act upon all matters referred to them by the Post and shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to their offices.

By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 3 Duties of the First Vice-Commander

In addition to the duties outlined in Section 2 above, he shall be responsible for Post membership. This includes, but is not limited to, the administration of and reporting on the Post Membership Account and ensuring eligibility for membership is verified. He shall be responsible for the inspiration of patriotism and good citizenship by arrangements for proper observances of patriotic occasions, encouragement of patriotic and civic phases of instructions in schools, and activities for community and civic betterment.

By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 4 Duties of the Second Vice-Commander

In addition to the duties outlined in Section 2 above, he shall be responsible for general editing, publishing, and distribution of the Post Newsletter. He shall also be the custodian, maintenance administrator, and general editor of the Post's Web Site. Also, he shall be responsible for the general areas of publicity and public relations, which includes all releases to newspapers, radio, and television outlets publicizing Post activities.

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By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 5 Duties of the Third Vice-Commander

In addition to the duties outlined in Section 2 above, he shall be responsible for the general area of oversight of the Club Manager and Club Operations. This shall include acting as liaison between the Club Manager and the Executive Committee; the administration of and reporting on the Club Account; and publication of "House Rules" for the Club after receiving approval thereof from the Executive Committee. The Club Manager shall hire and fire employees with the approval of the Executive Committee; however the Commander may delegate, or rescind, that approval responsibility to the Third Vice Commander, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 6 Duties of the Post Adjutant

The Adjutant shall have charge of and keep a full and correct record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep such records as the departmental and national organizations may require, render reports of membership annually or when called upon at a meeting, under direction of the Commander handle all correspondence of the Post, and perform those duties applicable to Post 177 as enumerated in the Post Adjutant's Handbook.

By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 7 Duties of the Post Finance Officer

The Finance Officer shall be responsible for all Post finances and shall act as chief financial agent of the Post. He shall manage the Post bank accounts and shall report monthly to the Post on the financial condition of the Post. Corporate accounts will be managed by the Corporate Board of Directors, and will be reported and audited as defined elsewhere in this document. The Finance Officer shall chair the finance committee. That committee shall produce Post and Club budgets for each fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) and the budgets and financial health shall be monitored, controlled and reported. The financial committee shall direct Comptroller functions of the 'Club' (movement of funds among accounts when necessary), and draft initiatives to the Executive Committee, and subsequently to the Membership, the Commander and then to the Corporate Board.

By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 8 Duties of the Post Historian

The Post Historian shall be charged with individual records and incidents of the Post and Post members and shall perform such other duties as may properly pertain to the office as may be determined by the Post or the Executive Committee.

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By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 9 Duties of the Post Chaplain

The Chaplain shall be charged with the spiritual welfare of the Post comrades and will offer divine but non-sectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, and public functions, etc., and adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are recommended by the national or departmental headquarters from time to time.

By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 10 Duties of the Post Judge Advocate

The Judge Advocate shall be the legal advisor of the Post Commander, the Post, and the Executive Committee and shall interpret this Post's Constitution and By-Laws, and rules on such other matters as may be required of him by the Post Commander, the Post, or the Executive Committee.

By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 11 Duties of Post Service Officer

The Service Officer shall render service to comrades of World War I and II, the Korean War, the Vietnam Era, or other periods of eligibility for the American Legion, and to those who performed service at anytime in the military forces, including the Merchant Marine in World War II, or to those who performed service at any other time in the armed forces of the United States Government. He will provide basic veterans' benefit information and be aware of the VA laws and regulations as outlined in the American Legion Post Service Officer Guide. He will assist in matters of hospitalization, in the prosecution of just claims against the United States or State Governments for disability and death compensations or pensions, in matters pertaining to insurance under legislation of the Congress of the United States, etc. He shall also assist and direct the Post in service to community by cooperating with other welfare organizations.

By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 12 Duties of Post Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve order at all meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Post Commander. He shall be responsible for arranging and conducting all public and/or private ceremonial functions, dedications, funerals, Color ceremonies, etc., in which this Post may participate. An Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist him in the performance of his duties.

By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 13 Duties of the three (3) at-large Executive Committeemen

They shall be responsible for overseeing the audit function of Post financial records. To accomplish this function, they shall organize as a committee and elect a Chairman from their ranks. They shall insure that professional assistance is obtained in the performance of their duties. The Executive Committee shall approve such professional assistance. Audits shall be performed at least once each officer year of all Post financial records and accounts, including the Corporation. When possible, audits shall be conducted before the end of the officer year.

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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

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Auxiliary Italian
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- Lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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