



LEGION NEWS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

3939 Oak Street
Fairfax, VA

703-273-2250
www.fairfaxpost177.org

JUL - AUG 2015

New Members May - Jun 2015

Timothy G Belcher
Martin F Bordell
George B Falck
William M Felmler
Erica L Herzog
Nhan Nuynh
William Lee
Debra J Schenaker
Michael J Schenaker
Keith D Simmons
Calvin C Zehring
Richardo H Jimenez
Leo Kennedy
Daniel Subia
Michael A Carter
Ronald B Charter
Carl Hurley, 141
Kathleen M Hurley
Charles F Ilgenfritz
Hector B Lozada, 141
James F Russell, 141
Charles M Sleeper, 141

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

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

In honor of the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, Fairfax Post 177 was asked to be the custodian of a resolution honoring WWII Veterans. The resolution was was



POST SGT-AT-ARMS & 17TH DISTRICT
COMMANDER JOHN PRICE, HISTORIAN
EARL SEAY, LEGIONNAIRE BILL
ANDERSON, SUPERVISOR JOHN COOK,
CHAIRMAN OF SUPERVISORS SHARON
BULOVA, COMMANDER JEFF WHITE,
JUDGE ADVOCATE TONY OSBORNE,
LEGIONNAIRES JIM BROWN AND
GERRY LEMNAH.

passed by the Fairfax Board of Supervisors. The Post 177 Color Guard opened the meeting and the resolution was read, discussed, and passed. The newly elected Post 177 Commander, Jeff White, made a short acceptance speech, the WWII Vets introduced themselves and had their pictures taken.

"Chairman Bulova, Supervisors,

On behalf of these Veterans of World War II, I thank you for the remembrance and honor expressed in the proclamation that you just made.

I commend the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for your attention to this and particularly Supervisor Cook for bringing it up and shepherding it through the halls of government.

On behalf of the over 1000 members of American Legion Fairfax Post 177 I thank you for the privilege of being the custodian of this document and assure you that it will be displayed in a place of honor where members and visitors may see it.

We owe these Veterans who literally saved the world, a debt that cannot be repaid. So we must vow to never forget them and to teach the succeeding generations of our nation what they did. We must honor their service with our own and ensure that their sacrifices were not and never will be in vain."

Jeff White acceptance remarks



Commander's Corner.....Page 2
Post Officers.....Page 3
Membership Report.....Page 3
Auxiliary Report.....Page 4

Post Everlasting.....Page 5
Corporate Board Report.....Page 5
ALR and Run to Thunder.....Page 6
Calendar.....Page 7



COMMANDER'S CORNER

LEGION NEWS

PAGE 2

Veterans still serving America.

That is my favorite phrase for describing The American Legion and Post 177. I joined the Legion in response to a letter I received from the Dept. of Virginia in 2004. The war in Iraq was a year old then, and 3 years in Afghanistan and I was concerned about our men and women coming home and getting the care they needed. I had been getting invitations to join the American Legion for 30 years. They seemed to focus on the things that the Legion could do for me like help with health and education benefits. But this time for some reason it occurred to me that the Legion needed me. The men and women currently defending us needed me to step back up and support them.

So I joined the Legion via mail and was put in Post 141, the paper post. In 2009 I got another letter. This time from 1st Vice Whipple inviting me to join Post 177. So I did. I felt welcomed in the social quarters and welcomed at the post meetings and pretty much immediately felt like I was a member of the post family. And because I am now a member of the family I felt, and feel, a responsibility to care for it.

You have elected me Post Commander. I accept this responsibility with honor, humility, and a bit of trepidation. Ours is an all-volunteer organization. I cannot do everything. The Executive Committee cannot do everything. We need you to be active in running our programs. It is an old saying but true. "Many hands make light work." Please come to the General Membership meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and be an active part of the best American Legion Post in Virginia.

We have some special occasions coming up. Independence Day is on a Saturday this year and as always we have our Color Guard, our Float, our Cub and Boy Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, our Riders, and Miss Poppy marching and riding in the City of Fairfax Parade. The parade theme this year is "Saluting Our First Responders". The City chose this theme because of the World Police and Fire Games being held in Fairfax from 26 June to 5 July. Thanks mostly to the efforts of Dan Marks we have a really good float design with banners that tie our identity as a Veterans organization together with the parade theme.

Our annual Family Day Picnic is on Sunday 16 August. This is a Post 177 members and their guests only event. We will have food, fun, games, music and lots of friendship. A new addition to the games we've had in the past will be corn hole. For those of you who have never played corn hole, it is kind of like horse shoes played with bean bags. Trust me, you will have fun.

I want to end this, my first Commander's Corner, by thanking Mike Kimlick for his leadership of Post 177 for the past 2 and a half years. He took over as Commander after the unexpected death of Bob Parli. He had a very short learning curve and he met the challenge. It was my pleasure to serve the post as 2nd Vice and 1st Vice under Mike and I am grateful for that experience and grateful that he is now on the corporate board and the executive committee as Junior Past Commander. Mike, I have you on speed dial.

For God and Country,

Jeff White



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.FAIRFAXPOST177.ORG

POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER

Jeffrey White
703-591-0298
JWhite@FairfaxPost177.org

1ST VICE COMMANDER

Vacant

2ND VICE COMMANDER

Shawn Fiebiger
202-770-7455
sfiebiger@FairfaxPost177.org

3RD VICE COMMANDER

Lucas Munson
703-582-5375
lukemnsn@gmail.com

ADJUTANT

John Del Campo
703-538-4272
cheznous1@cox.net

FINANCE OFFICER

Vacant

CHAPLAIN

Joseph Boyle
703-646-5576
jdylyboyle@aol.com

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

John Price
703-307-3332
JPriceAdvertising@yahoo.com

SERVICE OFFICER

Bradford Watkins
571-233-0985
bradwatkins@consolidatedsafety.com

JUDGE ADVOCATE

Anthony Osborne
osborneai@netzero.com

HISTORIAN

Earl Seay
dolphins113@netzero.net

EXEC COMM. MEMBERS AT LARGE

John Gluffing, David Shook, Richard
Sullivan

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

Anthony Osborne

CORPORATE BOARD

Charles Camper, John Gluffing, Michael
Kimlick, Anthony Osborne, Walter Potock,
Jonathan Thacher, Gary Welschenbach

BUILDING & GROUNDS CHAIRMAN

John Gluffing
info@fairfaxpost177.org

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

info@fairfaxpost177.org

POST 177 LEGION RIDERS

Colin Waldroup
colinwaldroup@yahoo.com

AUXILIARY UNIT 177

Elly Burton

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

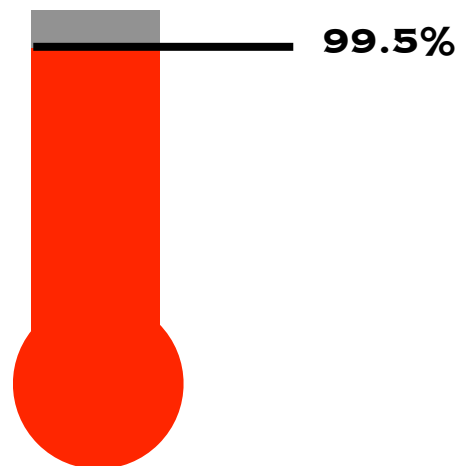
LEGION NEWS

PAGE 3

As of the 17 June 2015 department report, our membership is 975 which is 99.591% of our department goal of 979 new and renewed members. That means we are 4 members shy of 100%. I think that by the time this gets printed and mailed we will have made our goal. Thank you to all of you.

Our two big membership celebrations are the family day picnic and the early bird dinner. Remember that both of these are for Post 177 members and their families. This year's picnic is going to be on Sunday, 16 August. The event starts at 12 with food ready at about 1. We always need volunteers to help with set up and manning the grills and cleaning up afterward so please consider coming early or staying late and helping out. There is a lot of comradeship in shared work which makes it fun.

**MEMBERSHIP
GOAL = 979**



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





AUXILIARY REPORT

LEGION NEWS

PAGE 4

Greetings,

According to the Department of Virginia another year, 2014-2015, has come to an end.

A BIG THANKS to all the members of Fairfax Post 177. It was a good year and we know that 2015-2016 will be a big success as well. At the 17th District Annual Meeting, Unit 177 received five (5) 1st Place trophies; AMERICANISM, CHAPLAIN, COMMUNITY SERVICE, EDUCATION AND VA&R.

As most members are aware the auxiliary takes the months of July and August off for a break, but we are always available when needed, so do not hesitate to contact the officers.

Department Convention held in Roanoke, VA; July 16th through the 19th, 2015.

Wishing everyone a great summer, and GOD be with you.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

SANDRA K. PRICE
PAST UNIT PRESIDENT

AUXILIARY UNIT 177 OFFICERS

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Chaplain
Sergeant at Arms
Executive Committee

Elly Burton
Wilma Phillips
Andrea Rasmussen
Joanne Shaffstall
Angie Anderson
Lillian Sparks
Mary Nell Day

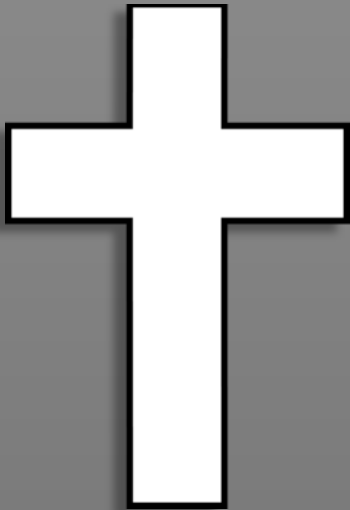


Find us on
Facebook

www.facebook.com/LegionPost177

Post Everlasting

Luther E. Phares



The Corporate Board continues to monitor the sale of the Buckman Rd property. We are presently in a holding pattern until the buyer gets through all their windows of research and filings. At the end of the period (around the first week of October) we will then see the setup of the escrow fund which will be paying us a stipend each ninety days until closing for a period of one year. Status notes will be posted in the Corporate Board area of the bulletin board in the social quarters.

In addition the Board will, with assistance, be formulating the 2015–2016 B&G budget for presentation to the General Membership and approval at the August General Membership meeting. We already have a few items listed in the area of a/c replacement for really old units supporting the first floor and others. See a Corporate Board member if you have ideas.

Speaking of that your Corporate Board members are Jonathan Thacher, Walt Potock, Eddie Camper, Tony Osborne, Mike Kimlick, Post Commander Jeff White, John Glufling and Gary Welschenbach.

SICK CALL

None Reported

Please Send Sick Call
notices to
sfiebig@fairfaxpost177.org

Follow us on Twitter

www.twitter.com/post177





AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

LEGION NEWS

PAGE 6

WOW! What a weekend!

First of all, the ALR would like to thank all of Post 177 members that helped make our 4th Annual Run To The Thunder a HUGE success. There were members from every Department of the post that pitched in and it was greatly appreciated!

The weekend began with ALR members setting up vendor spots and stage preparation on Thursday and preparing the parking lot for our 500+ ALR members from around the Nation to join us over the Memorial Day weekend. We saw our first riders from Hollywood, Florida arrive and we were ready for more.

Friday the tent was set and we were ready as registration and emblem sales were all set up. A moving POW ceremony honoring our Gold Star Families was performed by Bob Sussan and Dr. Heilman, an 88 yr old Marine from WWII who rode his motorcycle over 6,000 miles and was joining us for the weekend. SSGT Tim Chambers (The Saluting Marine) was also present as were National and District American Legion members for Friday night dinner. A plaque for the outgoing Commander, Mike Kimlick, was presented from the ALR in appreciation for all of his support. and approximately 150 riders left for the Gold Star Mothers Vigil at the Vietnam War Memorial (The Wall).

On Saturday the day began with vendor registration and emblem sales doing their thing as the riders started pouring in. Around 11 am, we escorted approximately 150 riders to

Arlington National Cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony at the Original Tomb of the Unknowns where approximately 2,000 remains lay unidentified from the Civil War. Upon returning, we enjoyed an afternoon picnic put on by the post, then relaxed and fellowshiped with our guests for the rest of the evening in preparation for our big day on Sunday.

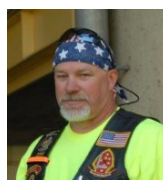


Sunday morning began at 4:00 am with a crew in the parking lot prepping for the 300+ motorcycles that would soon be staged and ready to roll out towards the Pentagon to join the demonstration of Rolling Thunder. Members of the Post,

Sons and Auxillary prepared an awesome buffet breakfast. At 7:00 we had a ceremony in which the Honor Guard, post members, and bag pipers all participated. At 7:30 we rolled out and the weekend concluded with parking lot cleanup. We provided escort in the National Memorial day Parade in Washington D.C. for Dr Heilman on Monday. We look forward to seeing our friends return next year for the 5th annual Run to the Thunder.



As the post elections have concluded, I would like to thank all of the out going officers for all of the tireless efforts that sometimes go unnoticed. Your efforts make our post what it is today. A post that people talk about all over the US.



Thanks Again,
Colin Waldroup
Director ALR Post 177

JULY

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1 7:00 - Exec.
Committee
Meeting



8 7:00 - General
Membership
Meeting

3 5:30-8:00
Friday Night
Dinner-\$12

4 4th of July
Parade

5

6

7

9

10 5:30-8:00
Friday Night
Dinner-\$12

11

12

13

14

15

16

17 5:30-8:00
Friday Night
Dinner-\$12

18

19

20

21

22

23

24 5:30-8:00
Friday Night
Dinner-\$12

25

26

27

28

29

30

31 5:30-8:00
Friday Night
Dinner-\$12

AUGUST

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1

2

3

4

5 7:00 - Exec.
Committee
Meeting



12 7:00 - General
Membership
Meeting

6

7 5:30-8:00
Friday Night
Dinner-\$12

8

9

10

11

12

13

14 5:30-8:00
Friday Night
Dinner-\$12

15

16 12:00-5:00
Family Picnic

17

18

19

20

21 5:30-8:00
Friday Night
Dinner-\$12

22

23

24

25

26

27

28 5:30-8:00
Friday Night
Dinner-\$12

29

30

31

August 9, 1921

U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner of the Veterans Administration, is created as a result of efforts by The American Legion.



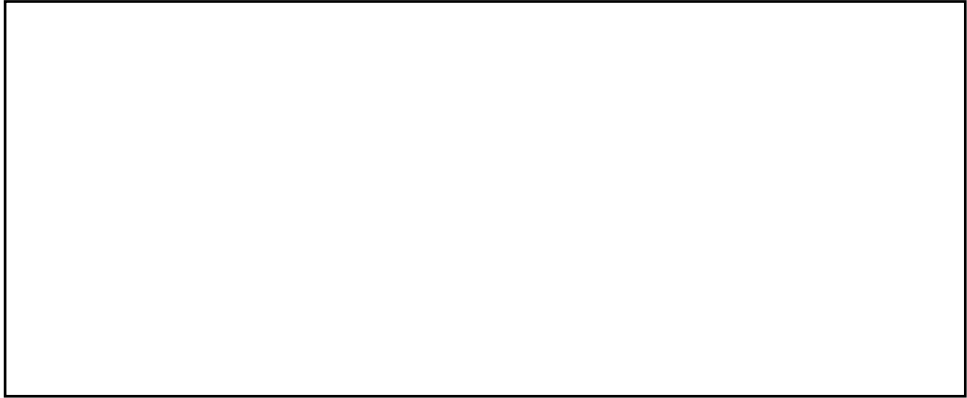
Legion News is published bi-monthly and is the 1st Place Winner of the 2007 VALPA "Best Papers Award" and 1st Place in the Nation for Large Posts winning the 2007 Al Weinberg Publication Award.

**THIS NEWSLETTER IS PRODUCED BY
VOLUNTEERS OF THE POST.**

The #1 Legion Newsletter in the Nation.

3939 Oak Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22030
Email: SFiebiger@fairfaxpost177.org

Address Service Requested



For God and Country

We're on the Web:
www.FairfaxPost177.org
[www.facebook.com/
LegionPost177](http://www.facebook.com/LegionPost177)
www.twitter.com/post177



Non-profit
Organization

U.S. Postage

PAID

Fairfax, VA
Permit Number 17



THE AMERICAN LEGION
FAMILY

