



LEGION NEWS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

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New Members

Brian Bradey

Kenneth Hill

Ryan Huddleston

James Hull

Michael McBrady

David Park

Bill Sentlinger

Richard Thompson

William Turner

Honorary Life Members

William Anderson

Alvin Doehring

Edward Heitchew

George Lamborn

Anthony Osborne

John Price

Robert Sussan

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Post 177 will be holding it's annual elections on **May 11th**. Voting will be held all day **starting at 7:30 am** and ending during the General Membership Meeting around 7:00 pm. You will need a current Legion Membership card to vote or you can renew on-the-spot. The Post candidates are:

Commander:	Jeff White*
Chaplain:	Joe Boyle*
Adjutant:	Mary Grace McAlevy*
1st Vice:	Colin Waldroup*
2nd Vice:	Shawn Fiebiger*
3rd Vice:	Luke Munson*
	Eric Parkhurst
Finance Officer:	Mike Kimlick*
Service Officer:	Bradford Watkins*
Sergeant-at-Arms:	John Price*
Judge Advocate:	Anthony Osborne*
Historian:	Earl Seay*
Member-at-Large:	Sean Hodgson
(3 yr term)	Stan Verrocchio
Corporate Board:	Jonathan Thatcher*
(3 positions, 3 yr terms)	Gary Welschenbach*
	Rand Gaber*
Corporate Board:	Dave Shook
(1 yr term)	
Legionnaire of the Year:	Rand Gaber

* Denotes Incumbent

Other Post groups will be holding elections as well. See their sections in the following pages for candidates.

Post Officers

Commander

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Historian

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Exec. Comm. Members at Large

Calton Salch, Dave Shook

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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Post 177 Legion Riders

Colin Waldroup
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Auxiliary Unit 177

Elly Burton

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Commander's Corner

Post 177 Officer Elections will be held on 11 May 2016 from 0730 to 1900 at the post. The slate of candidates is on the front page of this issue of Legion News.

This year there are 2 candidates for 3rd Vice Commander and 2 for Member-at-Large. For those of you new to Post 177, we have all day voting for officers because our constitution and by-laws require that we have a 6% quorum of the membership which means at least 59 members have to cast ballots for the election to be valid. The normal quorum for regular business at the General Membership meeting is 2% or 20 members. Please support your post by voting.

In the last newsletter I reported on the progress of our Oratorical contest winner, Timothy Park. He went on to win (decisively in my opinion) at the Department Contest in March and advanced to the National competition which completed on 17 April. Unfortunately, he did not advance past the quarter-final round, losing there to the young man who eventually won first place. Timothy will be a senior next year and we hope he will compete again. Congratulations on a job well done.

On 14 May, your post along with the City of Fairfax Homeowners Associations hosted a candidates night for the upcoming City of Fairfax elections. This event is in keeping with The American Legion's position of supporting the right and responsibility of American citizens to vote and to do so with knowledge of the candidates and issues they are voting on. The program was video recorded by the City of Fairfax for broadcast on the city TV and YouTube channels. I made welcoming remarks to the over 100 people who packed our upstairs ballroom commending them and those who will be watching later on fulfilling the responsibility of voting. I want to thank Joe Bekhor for joining me in greeting our guests and taking their written questions to the MC of the evening. Also, thank you to Ed Calabria, President of the City of Fairfax Homeowners Associations and Post 177 Legionnaire, for doing the heavy lifting to pull this event off. As always, our banquet staff was superb. I received many compliments and thanks for the hospitality and for hosting the event.

I'll close by thanking you, my fellow legionnaires, for the honor of serving as post commander this past year. I commend and thank all of the executive committee members who have served with me and thank them in advance for serving another year. I must also thank and commend the service of the Corporate Board members. Together we are the leadership team that with your support will continue to grow our post and allow us to fulfill our responsibilities to our Veterans, their families, and our community, state, and nation.

For God and Country
Jeff White, CMDR

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1st Vice Commander

With many great events just around the corner, we still have many past members that have not renewed for the 2016 year. After this month, all past members that have not renewed will be removed from the email list. So with that being said, if you haven't renewed or if you have questions about your current membership status, get in touch with me or see the Bartender.

The Post officer elections will be held next month. I would love to tell the Commander that we are 100% to goal by then. We will be setting up tables at local businesses soon to solicit new members. Bring in your friends and get them to join. We do an awful lot for our community and our Veterans, so get them involved. Speaking of getting involved, we have a couple of Honor Flights coming in the near future. Be sure to come around when they are in town, whether you greet them at the airport, visit with them downtown, or join them at the post there are many opportunities to chat with some real Heroes.

Current membership 955

Goal 1015

95% of the way there

60 members to go

Colin Waldroup

1st Vice

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Wow! Another Legion year is about to come to a close. First the important details... I want to thank the officers and members of Squadron 177. You have once again exemplified the spirit of the SAL and in doing so paid a great tribute to our forefathers that earned our eligibility in this wonderful organization. Although the work thru this year has been equally shared at our various events, I would be remiss to not mention a few specific achievements; to our 1st Vice, Jimmy Price, congratulations on a great membership year. As of this writing we are well over 113% for this year! Excellent job! 2nd Vice Sparky, despite your own busy schedule you have kept those great ideas coming for even greater success in our activities; Adjutant Bucky, the state will once again be shocked when they see the work you continue to do both within our own Legion, as well as on behalf of the Wounded

Warriors Softball Team; and Historian Brian, the original idea of the position was to record our year, you however have taken a slightly different approach by getting us more involved in some great projects such as the Pancake Breakfast for Ellie's Hats, and then documenting them...Please keep up the great work!

As we move forward to our next year the Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of officers for the 2016 - 2017 year:

Commander	Jerry Miller
1st Vice	Jimmy Price
2nd Vice	N. Sparky Cooksey
Adjutant	G. Bucky Weaver
Finance Officer	Doug Schauss
Chaplain	Dave Shook
Sgt. at Arms	Alex Naumov
Historian	Brian Drummond

The next big event on the Son's schedule will be the Memorial Day weekend. Due to overwhelming demand, SAL 177 will once again host the Saturday Picnic during the Memorial Day weekend. This means some great SAL cooking as well as bringing back some of our other favorite treats from years past. Be there, or come June you will be wondering what everyone is still talking about.

For God and Country, and Thankful for your Service

Jerry Miller

Commander, Squadron 177



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Legion Riders

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Post Everlasting

Luther Hodges



Well in a little over 1 month, we will be hosting another ALR Run To The Thunder, I hope you are as excited as we are. This year everything will be as usual, Friday Night dinner followed by a ride to the Wall for the Gold Star Mothers Vigil. Saturday, vendors will be set and we will have a ride to Arlington Cemetery for a wreath Laying Ceremony. We will have a bus and those that do not ride are welcome to join us, but the bus will fill up fast. When we return we will have a Sons Barbecue and then socialize in the social quarters. Sunday morning will be a little different as we will be departing for Patriot Harley Davidson at 6:30 am. We were asked to join them and are Honored to do so. This will bring recognition to the Post and will also be much safer as they are escorted all the way to the Pentagon vs all the merging traffic we usually face trying to get there. So early breakfast and early departure. During the event, we will have plenty of handicap parking, so if you are unsure, see one of the riders upon entering the parking lot, or follow the signs. We hope that this year will be very successful and that everyone can come around, socialize, and have a great time. We look forward to seeing you there and we always need volunteers to help.

As the Post elections are being held, so are the Rider elections. I have decided to move aside and let someone else take the helm for this term, so this will be my last newsletter as the Director. I have enjoyed leading this group of amazing people from escorting Honor Flights, cleaning Memorials, visiting our elderly Vets, Honoring members at Funerals, taking lead on the 2nd biggest event that the riders host (Run to the Thunder), standing for Children with cancer, and many other events. The riders bring a lot of great recognition to the Post. I'm Honored to call them my friends and fellow riders.

Positions being voted on:

Director:	Bruce Mersereau
Secretary:	Dan Kolcun
Treasurer:	Elsie Mersereau
Road/ Safety Captain:	No Candidate
Sgt at Arms:	No Candidate
Chaplain:	Brad Watkins

Good Luck to the new Officers!!!

Colin Waldroup
Director ALR Post 177



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Greetings,

Another year is almost gone and it's time to think about stepping up and getting involved. So needless to say we need members to step up and get involved. Our slate of officers for 2016-2017 are as follows:

President:	Sandy Price
Vice President:	Elly Burton
Secretary (appointed position)	Arlene Zehring
Treasurer:	Andrea Rasmussen
Historian:	Elly Burton
Chaplain:	Joanne Schaffstall
Sgt. at Arms:	Angie Anderson
Executive Board:	Lillian Sparks and Donna Frank

May 1st	Girls State Orientation @ 1:00pm
May 4th	Executive Board Meeting @ 7:00pm
May 11th	Regular Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm Dinner served at 6:00pm
May 21st	Auxiliary serves International Dinner @ 5:30pm till 7:30pm (Menu BBQ items)
May 27th	Run to the Thunder Dinner served upstairs for the bikers coming to this area from all over
May 28th	Son of the American Legion serving BBQ @ 3:00pm - ? Music provided by several bands
May 29th	Auxiliary served coffee and donuts @ Harley - Davidson Patriots starting @ 5:00AM. Come by and see all the riders on there way to the Pentagon.

President Elly is out of town at this time, so this article is being written by Secretary Sandy Price.
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The 2016 Honor Flight Season has begun

Honor Flights formally began in 2005 and there are currently 130 hubs serving 44 states. Flights this year began in March and will continue through October.
Some statistics from the 2015 season and since inception:

Veterans / Guardians flown in 2015	20,866 / 19,093	
WWII	9,946	47.8% of total
Korea	8,382	40.3% of total
Vietnam	2,423	11.6% of total
Other	65	.3% of total
Wait Listed	21,032	2% WWII, 43.5% Korea, 36% Vietnam, 5% Other

Veterans / Guardians flown since 2005 **159,703 / 107,327**

For the past few years our Post has hosted flights from Wyoming, Tennessee, Alaska and Illinois. Again this year the Post hosted NE Tennessee, Alaska and Lake County Illinois Honor Flights for dinner in April. The Honor Guard performed the POW/MIA ceremony for all three groups, the SAL provided box lunches for the NE Tennessee, the Auxiliary provided dinner for the NE Tennessee group on Saturday night and the Legion Riders assisted all three flights. These Honor Flights look forward to and appreciate the good times they have at the Post.

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Passed Motion and upcoming Motion regarding Post Constitution and By-Laws

Passed Motion: The following motion announced then read for informational purposes during the Executive Committee Meeting on March 2, 2016, during the Regular Membership Meeting on March 9, 2016 and read into the minutes and published in the newsletter: "I move that the following sentence be added to the current Post Constitution; ARTICLE XI, starting at line 22, in order to clear up a point of ambiguity on our Constitution: "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.'" The motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed unanimously during the Regular Membership Meeting on April 13, 2016.

Announced New Motion: The following motion was announced and read for informational purposes during the Regular Membership Meeting on April 13, 2016, is published here in this newsletter, and will be moved and voted upon during the Regular Membership Meeting on May 11, 2016. "I move that the following statement be appended to the end of Fairfax American Legion Post Constitution, ARTICLE XI, Section 6: "Exception: donated cemetery plots, and/or subsequent revenue derived from the sale or disposal of them be considered as 'donations' and be accounted for and managed from the Post donations account, and that proceeds from such donation(s) (should there be any) and subsequent disposal of them be managed by the Executive Committee, and any revenue derived from them be placed in the 'donations' account."

Citation: Currently, our 'Constitution, ARTICLE XI, Section 6' reads: "Real Property Sales in the event the Post sells any of its real property, the proceeds from such sale shall be placed in a Trust to insure that the corpus of said Trust shall be kept intact. These monies shall be known as the American Legion Post 177 Trust Fund. The Board of Directors of said Post shall conservatively invest and reinvest the Trust Fund at the maximum rate of return consistent with the safety of the corpus of the Trust, and in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia."

Reasoning: Acceptance, subsequent use of, or disposal of, cemetery plots are obviously time-sensitive. Cemetery plots are considered personal property, and do not fall into the 'real estate' category of the Article and Section above. Donations, and our donations account, are meant to be administered by the Executive Committee in an unencumbered manner and expeditiously when necessary, whereas removing assets (including real estate) from the corpus of the trust fund, once assets are placed in the trust fund, requires motions, and announced period, and a super majority quorum vote which is normally obtainable only once per year on the second Wednesday of May.

Respectfully submitted: Anthony F. Osborne (Tony), Judge Advocate

MAY

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sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
1	2	3	4  7 pm - Exec Committee Meeting	5	6	7
8 Legionnaires Breakfast	9	10	11  7 pm General Member Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 5:30 - 7:30 pm Auxiliary BBQ Dinner
22	23	24	25	26	27 Run to the Thunder Dinner	28 3:00 pm SAL BBQ Dinner
29 Memorial Day	30	31				

JUNE

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner every Friday Night 5:30 - 8:30 • Club Hours: Sat - Th 8:00 am - 11:00 pm Fri 8:00 am - midnight 			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8  7 pm - Exec Committee Meeting	9	10	11
12 Auxiliary Breakfast	13	14	15  7 pm - General Membership Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		