



LEGION NEWS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

3939 Oak Street
Fairfax, VA

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New Members

Pete Almquist
Mike Baranick
Thomas Beck
William Behm
Robert Bennie
Brent Bowen
Benjamin Butler
Roger Easterling
Joshua Goldsberry
Scott Greening
Stephen Guss
Brian MacLean
Harrison Murphy
Jeffrey Murphy
Bruno Pesanti
James Robinson
William Smith
Nikita Skribner
Robert Weddle

Honorary Life Members

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

Annual Post Family Day

The annual Post Family Day was a hit again this year. Outside we had a paintball shooting gallery and NASCAR race track set up. Inside the live band provided entertainment while everyone enjoyed plenty of great food.



Section 9 of the U.S. Flag Code states in part "During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or review, all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes." For more information on the U.S. Flag Code see <http://www.military.com/flag-day-us-flag-code.html>

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Hodgson

Legionnaire of the Year

Rand Gaber

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Welschenbach, Dave Shook

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Rand Gaber

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Sandra Price

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Corporate Board Update

A fine August welcome to all Post 177 members from your CB, this month's update comes as one of those too few and too far between updates. As most of you are aware it is the charge of CB to manage all the Post's assets, its leased properties, its owned properties, pay designated fixed expenses, maintenance & repair of the Post Home Building and its investment accounts.

You also need know that not many Legion Posts in the USA have a CB or the depth of inventory of investments and Property as just listed, we are very fortunate. So the point is our financial status of the Post is good. We just finished obtaining the approval of the CB Budget (over \$275,000) and the B&G Capital Improvement plans (Over \$101,000) for the Legion year 2016-17.

The CB budget this year for the third year in a row includes a line item for Post 177 Donations of \$52,000 (up from previous 2 yrs) and a deficit spending line item of \$60,000. These items are dollars in direct support of Post Operations that are no longer funded from the Post operations budget as sales in the social quarters, gaming and overall revenues are down and not covering expenses as they did in years past.

The CB has tasked itself to ensure we maintain a first rate Post and its offering to all our members. But the Post needs all its members to come out and support its functions and spend your dollars in support of the POST operations and provide ideas to management and the Executive Committee as to how to improve the Services of the Post operations and how to increase the usage of our wonderful facility.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and your upcoming visits to Post 177.



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Okay, so now another fantastic year has come to a close and in addition to those that have stepped up as officers for the upcoming year we have a lot of people to thank for our success in the last year. Initially let me thank our 1st Vice Jimmy Price. As of this writing we stand at 130% membership and first in Virginia. That is a fantastic accomplishment and if you see Jim please say thanks for his great work! A strong, active membership is key to the success of any organization and Jimmy has our growth is on the right path.

The second group I want to acknowledge is those volunteers that gave up their time on the Memorial Day weekend and volunteered to make sure the Post and all of its visitors truly experienced the best side of American Legion Post 177 with memories that will keep them coming back to visit us in the future. From the Friday night dinner through the Sunday breakfast, (yes there is electricity at the post at 3:15 in the morning so we could see the eggs we were cracking) we were a steady force, contributing to the success of the weekend. So thanks to SAL members Jimmy, Sparky, Bucky, Brian, Dave, John and Erik as well as our assistant volunteers Kent, Grady, Cindy, Arlene, Sandy and Shanna, (How many Jello shooters??). If I missed anyone, all I can say is please call me out on it, you deserve the recognition for your hard work, and I will at least know someone read the article.

As we move into this new Legion year we need to continue our great work supporting the programs and more importantly those that helped secure our freedom. July 4th will have passed by the time you are reading this article, but I hope that as each of celebrated that holiday, you also took a moment to reflect upon the sacrifices of our forefathers that secured the independence each of us does enjoy. Feel free to just say "Thank You" next time you greet a veteran, it just might make their day and you won't feel too bad either.

For God and Country, and Thankful for your Service,

Jerry Miller

Commander, Squadron 177

American Legion 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





Post Everlasting

Stewart Bryce

James Greene

Paul Minor

Alfred
Thompson



American Legion Riders

Summer has really gone by fast and that means that the Riders have completed some major events. We started off the summer with the 5th annual Run to the Thunder event and most recently participated in the 11th Annual American Legion Legacy Run.

This year the Legacy run started at Post 64 in Indianapolis, IN and ended at Post 199 in Harrison OH. The five day run went through Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, back up through Tennessee, and Kentucky before finishing up in Ohio. The ride stopped at American Legion Posts in every state and conducted nine wreath laying ceremonies with the National Commander.

Mike "Nick" Nicholas and Bruce Mersereau were Road Captain and Assistant Road Captain for Group "E", which consisted of Riders from all over Virginia. One of Post 177's newest members, Mike Baranick made the ride to Indy, and was able to make the first two days of the ride before having to head home on business. Brad Watkins and Devin Bright joined the ride in Dalton, GA and completed the Legacy run with the group.

Along the way the riders made donations to the National Commander for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, and each day the total continued to rise. The Post 177 Riders made a donation of \$13,731.00 and were presented a coin by the National Commander. This donation was raised during Run to the Thunder weekend, a fundraising event sponsored by Addictions Tattoo & Art Studio, along with generous donations from Staples Foundation, Post 177, and Rupaelia DDS. It was announced that as of 31 August the total amount donated to the American Legion Legacy Fund was \$1,155,363.

Although summer is all but over, the Riders will continue to ride with Dignity, Discipline and Respect to support and honor all of our Veterans, and pay respect to our fallen.

Bruce G. Mersereau
Director, Post 177 ALR





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Greetings,

Hope everyone's summer was good because it sure did good fast. I attended the Department Convention in July, as always it was very informative. Unit 177 did not fair well at all, because we did not meet our membership numbers for the year. National raised all the units for the year and there were only two (2) units that received all the awards. They increased 177 by 20% , but it has been changed back to the old way of increasing each units membership. This year we can get back on track.

Up and coming events: September 14th will be the first meeting of the year. It starts @ 7:00pm with dinner @ 6:00pm. September 17th @ 5:30pm we will serve our International Dinner starting with COMFORT FOOD, please plan on attending and enjoy good friendship and good food.

October 7th and 8th we will host the Honor Flight from Tennessee and they will be bringing their music. This is a great weekend so plan on attending and meeting great people.

October 12th regular meeting night and we will have the young people from Boys and Girls State attending starting @ 7:00pm and dinner @ 6:00pm. Remember the auxiliary's contribution is to bring desserts.

October 15th we will serve International Dinner, menu to be determined at meeting. The auxiliary is collecting school supplies for the less fortunate children of the city, and the American Legion program TEN for Education. We purchased 10 backpacks and make sure each one has at least ten (10) items in it. We pack them the same because the children compare what they receive and that way no one gets anything different.

Let's remember the veteran's and all the freedoms we have been given.

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Sandra K. Price, President

VA Home Purchase Financing Seminar

When: Saturday, October 29th from 10:00 am to 12:00
Where: American Legion, 3939 Oak St, Fairfax, VA 22030
Post Grill meeting room, downstairs

National Guard and Reserve Members VA Benefits:

Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Program supports and enhances the mobilization readiness of the Reserve components. The AGR includes both National Guard (Title 32) and Reserve members (Title 10) who serve full-time. National Guard members may establish eligibility for certain VA benefits by performing full-time duty under either Title 32 or Title 10.

Generally, all National Guard and Reserve members discharged or released under conditions that are not dishonorable are eligible for some VA benefits. Come to the seminar and find out what constitutes qualifying service for the National Guard and Reserve!

There will be 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

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SEPTEMBER

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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				1	2	3
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11	12	13	14  Exec Cmte meeting 7 pm.	15	16	17
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OCTOBER

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9	10	11	12  General Member meeting 7 pm.	13	14	15  International Dinner 5:30 pm
16  Stop Hunger Now need volunteers	17	18	19	20	21	22
23  SAL Chili Cook-off @ Noon	24	25	26	27	28	29  VA Finance Seminar 10 am
30	31					