



LEGION NEWS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

3939 Oak Street
Fairfax, VA

November - December 2016

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

Commander's Corner

Here we are in the last 2 months of 2016, the “Holiday” months if you will. So here goes: Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy New Year!

And happy Veteran’s Day! Post 177 will celebrate and observe Veteran’s Day at the Post on Saturday, 12 November in the way that we usually do. We will serve lunch to elderly Veterans from nursing homes in our area and invite our local political leaders to observe the day with us. After some remarks on the day we will conduct a Flag retirement ceremony where we will respectfully retire worn out flags that our community has brought to us for that purpose. We invite the public to observe and participate with us during the ceremony.

Veteran’s Day itself is, of course, on 11 November and the Post 177 Color Guard will participate with VFW Blue and Gray Post 8469 in celebration at Fairfax City Hall. The program is scheduled to start at 11 am and all are invited.

The Post has hosted a number of Honor Flights recently using both our upstairs facilities and our social quarters. We have had the honor and privilege of serving groups from East Tennessee, Lake County Illinois, upstate New York, and Alaska. After welcoming them to our post home the Honor Guard performs a POW/MIA ceremony in their honor and then we serve them, what many have told us, is the best meal they got in DC. Just in case any of you reading this aren’t familiar with honor flights, they are organized groups of Veterans brought to Washington in order to see the monuments and memorials that have been erected in honor of them and their comrades. ALR Chapter 177 frequently takes on the task of delivering the box lunches that are financed by SAL 177 and assembled by Post staff. Auxiliary 177 provides dinner on Saturday for East Tennessee when they come. This is one of the great programs that your entire Post family supports and I couldn’t be prouder of all of you.

We are in the 2017 Legion membership drive now and our Department set goal is 988. To encourage you to get your renewal in we are having our annual Early Bird Dinner on 6 November. Past Commander Mike Kimlick and I will be making and serving our favorite cocktails and accepting donations which we have decided to give to the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team Kids Camp. The bar will open at 1 pm and Mexican themed dinner will follow at about 2. Your 2017 membership card with the early bird stamp is your ticket in. You will be able to renew at the door. Looking forward to seeing you!

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Post 177 Oratorical Contest

It's that time again to participate in one of the great American Legion programs - The Oratorical Contest.

To refresh your memory, the American Legion Oratorical Contest is "A constitutional speech contest" that exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. Last year's Post winner, Mr. Timothy Park of Trinity Christian School, went on to win the District 17 contest.

This year's Post 177 Contest will be on Sunday, 8 January 2017 at 1:00 pm and I'll need your help.

Volunteers needed: Timekeeper (1), Judges (3-5), and Tabulators (1-2)

Please consider helping me with this worthy cause. In the meantime, learn more about the contest at <http://www.legion.org/oratorical> or contact me at dustin.e.hamacher@gmail.com or 251.689.8745.

VA Home Loan Program Seminar

When: Saturday, January 28, from 10:00 to 12:00

Where: American Legion, 3939 Oak St, Fairfax, VA 22030

Post Grill meeting room, downstairs

The \$42,000 in VA Mortgage Benefits You May Not Be Claiming

Are you receiving the full value of the VA benefits to which you're entitled? Among the most valuable of these is your mortgage benefit which, when properly accessed, has a staggering average lifetime value of \$42,000.

If you are a veteran who DOES NOT own a home, the VA offers:

- 0% down payment
- Reduced payments and lower interest
- Lenient prequalification requirements

If you are a veteran who DOES own a home, your benefits fall into two categories:

- You have previously purchased WITHOUT getting VA benefits
- You already have a VA mortgage

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Post 177 Social Quarters

It's football season and there is no better place to watch the games than Post 177. With 3 televisions in the bar area and 3 more in game room/smoking lounge there are no bad seats. We have food specials during the Redskins game and the beverage prices can't be beat. You can bring guests and use it as a chance to promote the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders.

A few words on the subject of guests. Unlike some private clubs we do not limit the number of times an individual may visit as a member's guest. Many of us have friends who are not eligible to be a member of the American Legion or the Sons of the American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary, but who are supportive of the Legion's ideals and programs and who we would like to have join us for a beverage and social time. It is hoped that guests who are eligible will want to join and that the member who brought them in will encourage them to do so.

Remember that you, the member, are responsible for the behavior of your guests. That means that you do not sign someone in that you do not expect to spend time with. Non-member guests may not buy alcohol or pull tab tickets, and may not play any of the gaming devices. Guests must leave when you leave. Members who do not comply with Post 177 guest policies are subject to losing their social quarters privileges.

Corporate Board

Your Corporate Board continues to monitor and coordinate the lease with Report Education services for the school property. As you recall LePort purchased the Boyd school business and we are working on a seven year lease.

The November Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Nov 15, 2016 at 6 pm at the Post. All are welcome to attend. We usually do not meet in December due to the holidays, but this is subject to change as Post needs necessitate. We will keep all informed of any change.

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



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Post Everlasting

Albert Lopez



Greetings,

It is hard for me to believe that November is just around the corner. That means the holidays are just around the corner and the auxiliary has a busy season coming up. We will be collecting TOYS 4 TOTS, to take to the City of Fairfax Police Department so the police men and women can deliver them to the needy children of Fairfax. We will accept monetary donations if you do not want to go shopping.

Our events for November and December are:

- November 2nd, 7:00pm: Executive Board Meeting
- November 6th, 1:00pm: Early Bird Dinner; come and enjoy good food and friendship
- November 9th, 7:00pm: Regular Membership Meeting (dinner served at 6:00pm)
- November 12th, 12:00pm: Auxiliary will serve Veteran's Day Lunch to all veterans
- November 12th, 1:00pm: Flag Disposal Ceremony
- November 13th, 9:30-11:00am: Breakfast served by Legionnaires
- November 24th: Thanksgiving
- December 7th, 7:00pm: Executive Board Meeting
- December 11th, 9:30-11:00am: Breakfast served by the Auxiliary
- December 14th, 7:00pm: Regular Membership Meeting (dinner served at 6:00pm)
- December 18th, Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party
- December 25th, Christmas Day

Wishing each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Sandra K. Price



NOVEMBER

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
		1	2  Exec Cmte meeting 7pm.	3	4	5
6  Early Bird Dinner 2pm	7	8	9  General Member meeting 7pm.	10  Marine Corps Birthday @ Post	11  Fairfax Veteran's Day Ceremony 11am @ City Hall	12  Post Veteran's Day Ceremony 1pm @ Post
13 Legionnaires serving B-fast	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving dinner @ 1 pm for \$18	25	26
27	28	29	30	Dinner every Friday Night 5:30 - 8:30 Club Hours: Sat - Th 8:00 am - 11:00 pm Fri 8:00 am - midnight		

DECEMBER

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7  Exec Cmte meeting 7pm.	8	9	10 Army/Navy Game party 3 pm @ Post
11 Auxiliary serving B-fast	12	13	14  General Member meeting 7pm.	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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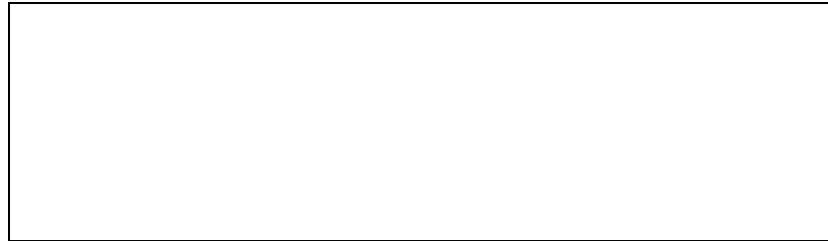
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