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AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

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May - June 2017

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New Members

William Allanson
Timothy Bragg Jr
Caleb Faber
Joseph Ferreira
Mary Fletcher
Daniel Grossman
Karen
Habitzreuther
Donald Hall
Richard Houser
Robert Pouliot
John Pyzdrowski
Patrick Russell
Thomas Russell
Michael Saunders
Normarie Soto
Rose Tancredi
Elden Wright

Honorary Life Members

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

Post Elections

It's time for the annual Post Elections again. Below is the slate of officers running for office. Elections will be held from 7:30 am to 7:00 pm on May 10th. There will be sign-up sheets posted in the social quarters for volunteers to sign-up and help ensure a smooth process in voting all day long.

Commander:	Jeff White *
Chaplain:	Joe Boyle*
Adjutant:	Mary Grace McAlevy*
1st Vice Commander:	Sean Hodgson
2nd Vice Commander:	Shawn Fiebiger*
3rd Vice Commander:	Luke Munson* Reid Griffin Ray Broadway
Finance Officer:	Mike Kimlick*
Service Officer:	Bradford Watkins*
Sergeant at Arms:	John Price*
Judge Advocate:	Anthony Osborne*
Historian:	Earl Seay*
Member at Large:	Cal Salch* John Skoglund
Corporate Board (2 slots):	Russ Combs John Kinczel
Legionnaire of the Year:	Brad Watkins

* Denotes incumbent

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Commander's Corner

This is the election issue of Legion News so you will find the slate of candidates that will be voted on at the May general membership meeting published here. I am pleased that many of our current leadership team members are willing to continue to serve. We also have a couple positions with more than one nominee and new folks stepping up.

I want to thank Colin Waldroup for his service to the Post as ALR director, First Vice Commander, and Honor Guard member. He is getting ready to move south and cannot continue in a leadership role with us at this time. I am proud to call him Friend and we will miss him.

Our constitution and bylaws requires 6% of our membership (60 members) to vote in order for the election to be valid. You can vote any time on 10 May beginning at 0730 up until the beginning of the meeting at 1900. If you have not voted when the meeting starts you will be able to vote right then before the polls close. We won't secure voting until everyone has had the opportunity to vote.

The post just turned 72 years old. It was founded by World War I Veterans who wanted the Vets about to come home from World War II to have a place to continue the comradeship that developed during the war years. When they came home and joined the American Legion after serving and fighting they made the post into a service organization with multiple focuses. From caring for Veterans and their families by providing a place for socializing with other Vets and families to building a baseball field to letting other civic minded groups meet in our space, Post 177 has become an irreplaceable asset right in the center of the City of Fairfax in the center of Fairfax County.

We are at an important juncture in the life of Post 177. As our WWI Veteran ancestors prepared this home for us, we now must prepare for the next couple generations of Veterans. Our Post home is aging and we have spent significant funds maintaining and repairing it. We need to decide what the best way to ensure that this place we love is here and meeting the needs of our Veteran descendants and our community, state, and nation for the next 70 years. The Corporate Board has created a committee to work on this. Be sure to read the C.B. article in this newsletter for more info on this process. I encourage you to be involved and let your ideas and thoughts be known. This will be a deliberate process, not taken lightly.

I will close by thanking you for allowing me to serve as Commander of your Post and express my appreciation of your confidence in me.

For God and Country,

Jeff White

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3rd Vice Commander

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Historian

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Exec. Comm. Members at Large

Calton Salch, Sean Hodgson

Legionnaire of the Year

Rand Gaber

Corporate Board

Rand Gaber, Jonathan Thatcher, Gary
Welschenbach, Dave Shook

Building & Grounds Chairman

Rand Gaber

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Auxiliary Unit 177

Sandra Price

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Post 177 Auxiliary

Greetings,

The Spring flowers sure are beautiful, the hot weather has arrived and the functions at the post shifted into high gear.

Upcoming Schedule:

- April 28th: Tennessee Honor Flight
- April 29th: Auxiliary serves dinner for Tennessee Honor Flight @ 5:00 pm. They will be bringing their music so we might be going until 9:00pm or longer
- May 3rd: Executive Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- May 7th: Girls State Orientation @ 1:00 pm
- May 10th: Regular Membership meeting @ 7:00 pm with dinner @ 6:00 pm
- May 14th: MOTHER'S DAY
- May 14th: Legionnaires serve breakfast @ 9:30 til 11:00 am
- May 20th: Auxiliary serves International Dinner (Italian) @ 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- May 26th: Bikers start arriving from across the US for the Run to the Thunder. Continues through May 28th.

Nominating Committee presented the slate for 2017 - 2018:

President:	Sandra Price
Vice President:	Elly Burton
Secretary:	Arlene Zehring (soon to be Price)
Treasurer:	Dawn Boettinger
Historian:	Elly Burton
Chaplain:	Karen Hauck
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Angie Anderson
Executive Committee:	Lillian Sparks Donna Frank

Looking forward to another exciting year. Get involved, it's a lot of fun.

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Sandra K. Price



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Here we are again! Another Legion year is quickly coming to a close. Before this year ends I want to thank the great 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, you set a very high bar in membership last year, but we are quickly closing in on another 100% year; to our 2nd Vice, N. Sparky Cooksey, you stepped up when RJ left for not only the SAL but also the Legion and Auxiliary breakfasts each month while still continuing to produce those great ideas for us to pursue; Adjutant Bucky, although your work as a coach of the Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team keeps you away from us on many a weekend, you are still there when we need you most; and Historian Brian, helping us again make a little history and getting us more involved in some great projects such as the Pancake Breakfast for Ellie's Hats (May 20th this year), and then documenting them... Thanks to each of you and please keep up the great work!

As we move forward to our next year the Nominating Committee has encouraged all of our current officers to remain in their respective chairs for the 2017-2018 year. Thanks to all for volunteering for those duties.

As we move into the last months of our year our next big event on the Son's schedule will be first assisting with the Ellie's Hats Pancake Breakfast on May 20th and then turn right around for the Memorial Day weekend. Once again the SAL will be hosting the Saturday afternoon picnic on the 27th 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

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 Present

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POST EVERLASTING

Delbert Sheads

Corporate Board

Keeping you up to date on Corporate Board (CB) activities the following is provided. It has been a very busy first quarter plus around the Post and the Social quarters. In case you have missed it a new oven and microwave were installed in the kitchen, new sinks and dishwasher behind the bar to make traffic flow easier, as well as, expedite bar glass cleaning capabilities. The whole exterior of the Post was re-mortared, cleaned and seal to stop water seepage through the walls. New Awnings were installed on the Patio and around the exterior of the building. Additional, new furniture and umbrellas are on order to enhance the Patio experience and there will be some upgrades to the patio lighting. New carpeting is going in as we write this in the social quarters and you will see some new flooring materials also. So when you see Rand and his crew thank him for their efforts.

Not hidden to your eyes is all the redevelopment, underway or planned, to our neighboring properties. The CB has begun a reassessment of the Post's facilities. This has generated a lot of interest formally and informally within the Post. You need to be made aware that to date absolutely no action or costs have been incurred by the Post in exploring our future. However, the CB believes that it is in the Post's best interest to review the question of what might we do in the future as development continues around us. To that end the CB has established a building initiative committee and appointed Rand Gaber (Chair), Russ Combs, John Kinzel, Don Northcutt, Jeff White and Gary Welschenbach to gather information for the CB to consider in addressing the question "Should the Post sustain the current facility, remodel the existing facility or pursue a new facility". The CB sees this as a long-term effort over several years and no recommendations are expected from the committee but rather the committee presents the impacts and opportunities of all options. The committee's effort will be presented over the next six months to a year.

Lastly, the CB would like to say thank you to a retiring CB member Walt Potock for all his faithful service and hard work as a member of the CB and Post 177 over the past 30 years. Thanks so much Walt!



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VA Home Loan Program Seminar

When: Saturday, July 29, 2017, from 10:00 to 12:00

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

Do you know that the American Legion offers its members a FREE informative booklet on VA benefits? Here's the title and a list of the topics covered:

"Know Your Benefits: Learn What You Have Earned. A Handbook of Veterans Benefits"

- Veteran's Data Record
- Veteran's Benefits Timetable
- Filing for a Benefit
- Health Care Benefits
- Homeless Veterans
- Women Veterans
- Housing Assistance
- Burial Benefits

Attend the seminar and find out how to get your copy. We will also cover the recent VA INCREASE IN HOME LOAN LIMITS for "high cost of living counties". RSVP is appreciated, but not required. Email Debbie Young for more information.

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2016 End of Year Honor Flight Final Stats



Total Veterans Flown: 20,558

WWII Veterans:	6,727	33%
Korean War Veterans:	8,452	41%
Vietnam Veterans:	5,119	25%
Other Veterans:	259	1%

Veterans Flown Since Inception in 2005: 180,261

National Waiting List: 27,272

WWII Veterans:	2,747
Korean War Veterans:	8,507
Vietnam Veterans:	15,429
Other Veterans	589

Honor Flight Hubs: 131
States Covered: 45

MAY

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
	1	2	3 Exec Cmte meeting 7pm. 	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Elections 730am-7 pm Mbr Meeting 7pm 	11	12	13
14 Legionnaire Breakfast 9:30	15	16	17	18	19	20 Auxiliary International Dinner 5:30pm 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Memorial Day Weekend
28 Memorial Day Weekend	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31	Dinner every Friday Night 5:30 - 8:00 Club Hours: Sat - Th 8:00 am - 11:00 pm Fri 8:00 am - midnight		

JUNE

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Exec Cmte meeting 7pm. 	8	9	10
11 Auxiliary Breakfast 9:30	12	13	14 General Member meeting 7pm. 	15	16	17 Auxiliary International Dinner 5:30pm 
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



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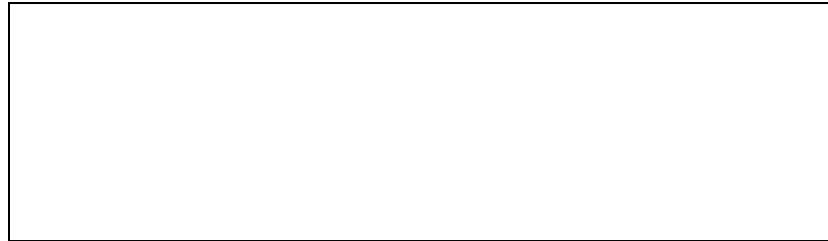
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