



LEGION NEWS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 177

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

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September - October 2017

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New Members

Christopher Carey
Donald Darnell
Doug Grabowski
Ralph Howarth
Charles Link
Sean Makes
William Trainer

Honorary Life Members

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

Annual Family Picnic



On August 20th Post 177 held its annual Family Picnic. Post members, along with the Fairfax Fire Department, enjoyed the perfect weather and great food. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped.



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Commander's Corner

The American Legion has elected our first female National Commander, Denise Rohan. In her acceptance address to the convention she pointed out that women could vote for The American Legion National Commander before they could vote for the President of the United States! Congratulations Commander Rohan. We look forward to the coming year under your direction.

We had a great time at the Family picnic on the 20th. The weather was beautiful which was very nice since the last couple years have been kind of wet or way to hot. The band, Deja Blue, was set up on the balcony and they were fabulous. Great blues music. If you missed it, you can google them to find where they are playing and go. Thank you to the SAL and club staff for the great food that just never stopped and to the Auxiliary for the wonderful desserts. Doug managed to find a genuine boardwalk old school Skee Ball game to have for the picnic. It looked like it was the game hit of the day.

Post 177 lost a great Legionnaire with the passing of Walt Potock on August 21st. He volunteered in many capacities in the post over the years, most recently on the Corporate Board serving multiple terms. He was very active volunteering with the City of Fairfax Police Department. So much so that his family invited people to make a donation to the Police department in his name. He was a friend and advisor to many of us and he will be missed.

Moving to upcoming events. September 9th we are having a Luau Party in the Social Quarters 5 pm to 9 pm. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in advance from the bartender or that evening and includes dinner and 2 drinks. Proceeds from the party will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team Kids Camp. It's sure to be a good time!

The Sons are planning a "Bull and Oyster roast" on October 7th in the Social Quarters. They're still working out some of the details so keep an eye out for flyers in the Social Quarters. Also mark your calendar for the Annual "Bear Bowl" chili cook-off on November 19th. Seems like a ways off, but you don't want to schedule something else that day and be stuck trying to get out of it.

Schools are open now so watch for students walking and school buses stopping. Be extra vigilant along Oak Street and Panther Place where there are new drivers going in and out of the Paul VI parking lot.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Post.

For God and Country,

Jeff White

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Post 177 Auxiliary

Greetings,

Summer is fast approaching the end, so fall is around the corner. The Annual picnic at the legion was very enjoyable, thanks to the volunteers that made it such a success. I'm not mentioning names because I know I would forget someone and then I would feel bad about that. The food was great, lots of it, so much fun, the kids were having a blast, good music and great friendship. Thanks to the ladies for bringing in the desserts.

The unit did very good at the convention in July, we received the Best Overall Award for the Children and Youth Program, that is contributed to our programs around Christmas, with the shoebox project, stockings to the Salvation Army, toys and school supplies to City of Fairfax Police Department, and of course our great Children's Christmas Party for the Challenger Children's Baseball League. Please plan on contributing to these same programs again this year by purchasing small items that would make a child happy to play with, school supplies or by contributing monetarily. Items can be left in the office with my name on them or Post Auxiliary on the bag. Contributions should be made out to AL Aux. Unit #177 and placed in the auxiliary box in the office in the social quarters. Thanking you in advance.

At our first meeting for the 2017-2018 year we will be planning our schedule for the International Dinners and other projects that will help us with our programs. Looking forward to another great year.

September 10th, 2017 Auxiliary serves breakfast

September 13th, 2017 Regular Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm

Dinner served @ 6:00pm

Watch for flyers, check the website, and Facebook for fun projects happening @ the Post. Working together with the Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, AL Riders and our members of the auxiliary we can have a tremendous year. Thanks to everyone for making 2016-2017 GREAT!!!

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SANDRA K. PRICE, UNIT PRESIDENT

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BEACH PARTY LUAU

Held at: American Legion Post 177

Saturday, September 9, 2017

5:00 - 9:00 pm

Tickets: \$12 per person
(Open to members and their guests)



Buy Tickets at the bar starting August 1, 2017 or
purchase at the door



**Proceeds go to Wounded Warrior
Amputee Softball Youth Camp**

**2 Free Drinks & Tropical Buffet
Music and Dress Tropical**

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Sons of the American Legion

The new Legion year has quickly moved into high gear. Last year, we once again set a new membership milestone with 1st Vice Jimmy Price pushing us over the 105% once again. With all those new members it would be great to see some new faces at our monthly meetings which are the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Our meetings move pretty quickly and we are usually done by 8pm. As we also see the end of summer just around the corner, we are also looking to the fall which brings football and some of our traditional events. So far we have our Annual "Bear Bowl" Chilli cookoff scheduled for November 19th. The Skins are playing at New Orleans that day with a 1pm start so that will play right into our normal schedule of having the chili tasting during halftime. Prior to that however, we will be introducing a new event to our schedule. On October 7th we will have our first Bull and Oyster roast. We are still working on some of the details so watch for the flyers which will be posted in the social quarters for details. The main benefactor of that event will be the local youth hockey league. This is a new youth sport league that we are looking at in memory of our past Chaplain Dave Shook. As I write that portion I want to also make sure everyone is aware the date for Dave's internment at Arlington National Cemetery has been set for Friday October 13th at 1pm. That was also Dave's birthday, so if you would like to celebrate with us, please stop by.

As we move forward on these events, we need to continue our great work supporting the programs and more importantly, those that helped secure our freedom. Feel free, the next time you encounter a veteran, to just say thanks for their service, it allowed us to be who we are today.

For God and Country, and Thankful for your Service,

Jerry Miller

Commander, Squadron 177

Call for Volunteers

My name is Mary and I am a Senior at Fairfax High School and I'm working on my Girl Scout Gold Award Project. For my project I am interviewing combat veterans, writing a short autobiography and compiling those stories into a book. While interviewing for the autobiography I will also be recording interviews and submitting stories to the Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress. I am requesting that those who are willing to be interviewed submit photos of their service and they are willing to share their stories and be recorded.

Please contact my mother at 602-758-5086 or email Susie_9101@yahoo.com

Date and Time: TBD

Location: American Legion Post 177; 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, VA

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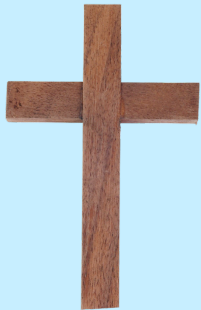
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Post Everlasting

**Robert
Gladd**

**Walter
Potock**



Corporate Board

This has been a busy first quarter. In July and August many hours of efforts were put into building our 2017 -2018 Budget and Building and Grounds Capital Building Plan. Both were presented and approved by the General Membership in the July and August meetings respectively. Some of our work is now in use. We have a new wall built to meet City Code around the dumpsters. We have replaced the storage sheds which will benefit our committees, CAP and Scout Troop. We have a new outdoor cooking area for BBQ's, and an outside patio area to enjoy. All these projects were accomplished to enhance our member's experience when using the social quarters. Additionally, other changes have been made inside the building to enhance the work areas for our employees and their service to the banquet hall.

The Corporate Board continues to diligently over watch the Post's financial standings, our building infrastructure/maintenance, furniture, equipment, exterior structures and grounds. We remain confident that we are in a sound financial position.

The Building Initiatives committee continues to work on a multiyear plan to lead the Vision of Post 177 in the Year 2047. The committee is looking at sustaining and/or remodeling the present Post; or is there a need for a new facility. The committee is monitoring the development efforts on the surrounding properties (Paul VI Campus) and the condominiums being built on the adjacent property. The committee has one primary assumption: Our Post must remain fiscally healthy and have a healthy facility that addresses the needs of our Veterans, their families and our community.

The CB in September will meet on Wednesday September 27th at 6 PM at the Post.

Membership Report

Our 2018 membership goal as set for us by Department is 987 members. As of the August 30 district standings report we have 573 which equals 58.055% of our goal. The September milestone is 50% so we are right now well ahead of the curve and in 3rd place in the 17th district behind Post 123 Greenspring (goal 55, current 44, 80%) and Post 176 Springfield (goal 1350, current 842, 62.37%).

Right now, there are about 425 members who haven't renewed for 2018 yet. When all of you renew we will have 998 members which exceeds our goal without even any new members! Please renew as soon as you can and check with your friends and encourage them to renew early. The early bird dinner is only 2 months away. How cool would it be for us to make 100% by then?

Go to www.legion.org/renew to renew online or come on in to the Post. Thanks for supporting Post 177 and The American Legion with your membership. You really make a difference.

SEPTEMBER

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
Dinner every Friday Night 5:30 - 8:30 Club Hours: Sat - Th 8:00 am - 11:00 pm Fri 8:00 am - midnight						
3	4	5	6  Exec Cmte meeting 7pm.	7	8	9  Beach Party Luau 5pm.
10  Auxiliary Breakfast 9:30am	11	12	13  General Member meeting 7pm.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
1	2	3	4  Exec Cmte meeting 7pm.	5	6	7
8  SAL Breakfast 9:30am	9	10	11  General Member meeting 7pm.	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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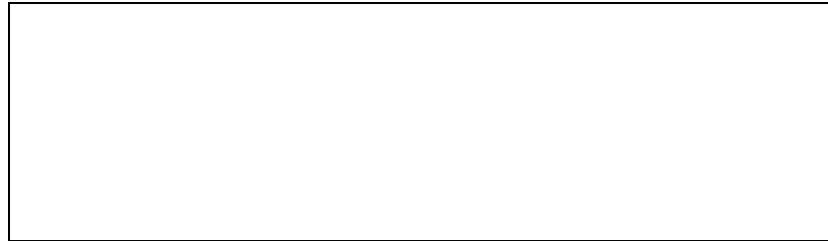
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