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LEGION NEWS

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Fall 2020

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Hard to believe it is October already. The pandemic has changed the way we do things not just at the post, but throughout society. Schools opened in a virtual only way in September but they are going to start some phased in person learning soon. That means there will be buses and kids walking along streets and inexperienced drivers on the roads. And the days are getting shorter. Please be alert when driving and keep an eye out for the children.

Though the pandemic has caused us to cancel some things, we are finding new ways to celebrate important events. On Independence Day we used our trailer in the City of Fairfax Independence Day Wave Parade. A wave parade is a procession of vehicles driving through the neighborhoods of the city for the residents to come out and wave as it goes by. It lasted about 3 hours. Because of limitations on the number of vehicles allowed in the parade VFW Post 8469 joined us in manning the trailer and we had a joint AL and VFW banner on display.

We used the trailer again on Labor Day for the Clifton Lions Labor Day Car Show Wave Parade. For this one we had a Color Guard at the front of the trailer and several members of the Lions riding and tossing out little foam cars as we went through the neighborhoods.

We have not been doing second Sunday breakfasts because it is just not feasible to maintain social distancing for that event. For that same reason we will not have an Early Bird dinner. However, we have come up with a way to reward members for renewing early. Every Legionnaire, Auxiliary Member, and SAL Member who renews by 31 December 2020 will receive a coupon for one Friday Night Dinner. The coupon is non-transferable and must be redeemed by 30 July 2021.

On 7 November we will conduct our Veterans Day observance and Flag retirement ceremony. This will be outside and face coverings/masks required as they are for all activity at the Post now.

Wear your mask, wash your hands, be kind to one another. We will get through this.

For God and Country,
Jeff White, Commander

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

COVID-19 is requiring us to wear masks, wear gloves, and keep at least six feet apart; sounds perfect for a bunch of motorcycle riders.

Post 177 ALR has been riding as much as we can. The weather has been really nice this fall.



With the big National Legacy Run canceled due to COVID-19, four riders rode to American Legion Headquarters in Indianapolis, IN. At the end of August to deliver our donation checks for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. The riders raised

\$1,000 and the post matched it with a \$1,000 check. The out and back was a little wet with the remnants of Hurricane Laura sweeping across the country.

Riders Jamie Scott, Mike “Nick” Nicholas, Bruce Mersereau, and Tom Pike deliver the checks to National Headquarters in front of the four pillars of the American Legion.

In September we accepted National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford’s #100MilesforHope challenge and did a 200 mile motorcycle ride. Of course, it included a stop for ice cream.

Every nice weekend we are out riding. The Second Saturday of month is our regularly scheduled meeting. If you ride a motorcycle and are a member of the Legion Post come join us.

As social distancing requirements are lowered and we can begin to gather again look forward to seeing more riders ever popular booze raffles to help raise money for the charities we support.

Ride Safe,
Tom Pike
Director ALR Post 177

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Earl Seay

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bers at Large

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New Members

James Beck
John Butler
Glenn Curtis
Marc Davidson
Mark Forsberg
David Glynn
John Haskell
Robert Healy
Christopher Hill
Jeffery Mason
Nyack Parisien
Adam Roth
Barry Rueter
David Rupp
Fred Stuart
Paul Sturm
John Wranek

CORPORATE BOARD NEWS

First and foremost, we hope that you and your family and friends are safe and healthy in this trying time, as work on many things that must continue to sustain the American Legion and it's mission.

1. The Development Project for the new post home is in the city zoning process.
 - a. We received the first set of comments back from the City of Fairfax staff on September 17 and have had several zoom meetings since working the replies.
 - b. As previously stated, this project plans for a total replacement/modernization of Chilcott Little League field and we are working towards a final design.
 - c. We continue to work with the Korean radio station on replacing the existing antenna field with a single monopole antenna pole near the left field wall of the ball-field.
 - d. The public zoom meetings held back in June went well and we will soon be scheduling more in the upcoming months to keep the community informed.
2. Buckman Rd. Property-As previously stated our post has owned a piece of land on the route 1 corridor near Ft. Belvoir for years. We now signed a lease agreement that will include an option to buy the property.
3. The Corporate Board continues moving forward to establish a long term (30 years+) financial management plan to support the new post home and our mission. Our efforts in the months ahead will be to interview various financial institutions and establish a financial strategy for investment of funds.
4. Financial performance this year is on target for revenue and expenses.
5. Legion year 2020-2021 Corporate Board budget was finalized and passed by GM meeting in August. Key line items include fiscal support for Social Quarters as we rebound from the COVID-19, increase in post cleaning services to protect members and guests, support of the development project, increased monies to the post for donations along with our normal expenditures for the upkeep of the post.
6. The tentative schedule for the next three months meetings of the CB are Wednesdays 18 November, 16 December and 20 January 2021.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE ZOOM MEETINGS and will begin at 7PM.

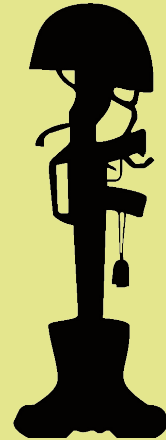
Please be safe, wear a face mask and please respect social distancing.

Filling Corporate Board Vacancy

Legionnaire Jule Szabo has stepped forward and is willing to serve the remainder of the CB term that became vacant when Rand Gaber died.

Jule is an Army Veteran and has 29 continuous years of American Legion membership. He has been attending the Corporate Board meetings regularly and has spearheaded the temporary quarters search.

In accordance with our constitution his nomination for the position will take place at the November General Membership meeting and election will follow at the December General Membership meeting.



Post Everlasting

Rand Gabor

James Sabatino

Honorary Life Members

William Anderson

Alvin Doehring

Edward Heitchew

Michael Kimlick

George Lamborn

Anthony Osborne

John Price

Robert Sussan

TOYS FOR COPS

The Auxiliary Is participating in the annual Toys-for-Cops drive. They will be collecting toys for the City of Fairfax Police Dept. to give to children this Christmas. The collection box will be in the Social Quarters from early November till mid-December. Donate new, unwrapped toys to bring some joy into a child's heart this year.

New Members

Bradley L. Bowman

Stephen A. Bucher

John H. Grimes

Marta I. Nazario

Michael G. Nicholas

Tejas Patel

Michael Semenec, Jr.

Jack L. Sine II

Chester R. Smith, Jr.

Luzanne G. Trotter

Harry D. Croft

James Minor

Mark A. Ritter

Harvey Wells, Jr.



**Take our Complete Thanksgiving meal home this Year
Feeds 8 to 10 people in the safety of your home**

Turkey Dinner Package

**10-12 lb Fully Cooked Turkey(Just reheat whole or Carve and Heat),
Homemade Mashed Potato, Stuffing, Cut Sweet Potatoes, Gravy, Green
Bean Casserole, our Cauliflower Au gratin, Cranberry Sauce Rolls &
Butter, choice of a Pumpkin, Pecan or Apple Pie**

\$170.00

Spiral Ham Package

**8 to 10lb Spiral Ham Dinner, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole,
Out Cauliflower Au gratin, Rolls & Butter, Choice of a Pumpkin, Pecan,
or Apple Pie**

\$140.00

Advanced orders required and need to be in by Monday November 23rd.

Available to pickup on Wednesday November 25th.

Place your order with the bartender with date and time of pick up

For the Single people we will be have individual meals at the Post



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Post 177 Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting

American Legion Post 177 will be holding their Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, November 10 at 1600 in the upstairs Ball Room to ensure social distancing. The traditional Marine keg will be tapped in the Social Quarters. All Marines and friends of Marines are invited to attend. Semper Paratus



INOVA Blood Drive at Post 177 Wednesday 2 December 2020 1 PM to 7 PM

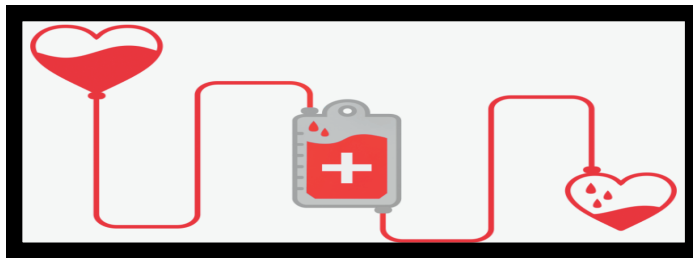
INOVA Blood services will be set up in the main ballroom

Visit: <https://bit.ly/ALPost177122020> to make your appointment, or
call us at 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372), or
contact Tejas Patel at tpatel@volunteerfairfax.org

Photo ID is required

Wear a face covering

Allow 1 hour for the donor visit



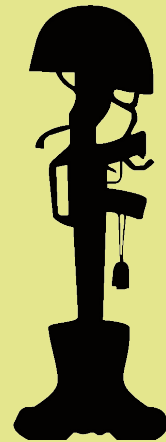
2ND VICE COMMANDER

All, it has been a pleasure to be a member of this Post for the last two years. I feel like there is so always so much going on, and I really enjoy the ability to volunteer where I can, and if I can't, it's ok too. I took notice to the fact that I generally needed to be at the Post enjoying a frothy beverage to learn of these opportunities. Something tells me I'm not the only member with that mindset. I asked to be in the role of 2nd Vice in order to be able to share these opportunities to all of you as well.

I ask you all to give me the opportunity to serve, and if you know of a side project, or a sub-committee meeting or anything that may be going on just give me a heads up so I can get the word out. I am very passionate about communication, and as much as I'd like to be, I can't be at the Post every day prying into what volunteer opportunities are available. If you have a Facebook account, and haven't joined yet, join the *Members Of American Legion Post 177*. Lynne is very good about posting the daily menu, we can either share in camaraderie we're missing in this odd environment virtually, but more importantly I plan to use it to push out information that's pushed to me.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming months, and thanks again for this opportunity.

For God and Country,
Joe Schmidt
Post 177, 2nd Vice Commander
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Charles H. Attmanspacher

Patrick E. Russell

Arthur O. Schlosser

Benjamin F. Wiles

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Sick Call

Announcements

- We are currently operating in Phase III of reopening and require face masks.
- To-Go food continues to be available for purchase.
- We are currently having hybrid meetings-meaning you may attend in person or join us on Zoom. Meals cannot be served currently. If you wish to join via Zoom email your info to the Post Commander.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings,

This has been a year to remember! We all know that the Convention in July was canceled, but that didn't stop the units from receiving their awards for the year. Fairfax Unit 177 received the Citation of Meritorious Service for 2019-2020; and the Best Overall Department Award for Children & Youth 2019-2020. Way to go, thanks to all the members that made this possible. With COVID-19, we are not able to do our projects as usual, but we are not being idle. We are crocheting baby blankets with matching hats for the St. Leo's Catholic Church in honor of Donna Frank the *Gabriel Project*, also collection other baby items that would fit in a basket. We are collecting hygiene items, underwear and socks for the Lamb Center Homeless Shelter. We are also crocheting scarves and matching hats to hand out to the needy for Thanksgiving. We also voted to purchase the White House Christmas Ornaments for our fundraiser, so look for the flyers that will be coming out soon. Let's remember our veterans on Veterans Day; the post is having a flag retirement ceremony outside beginning at 12:00 noon. Remember to do buddy checks on the veterans you know, keep them in your prayers.

Next meeting will be November 11th, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the post home. Everyone STAY SAFE!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Sandra K. Price, Unit President

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Hello everyone, first off I would like to say thank you to all veterans for your service to our great country and for our freedom to live our lives as we choose.

As you know 2020 is rapidly coming to a close, if you do not have your 2021 card, please pay your dues. Our squadron membership fee is currently \$35 for regular members and \$12 for dual members and those under 18 years of age. Please remember that your membership payment is what enables our squadron to support those that need it most. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Squadron 177 and our American Legion family.

Also, please note your dues need to be dropped off or mailed to our post home, you cannot pay SAL dues online.

There will be no early bird dinner this year, instead early birds will receive a free Friday Night Dinner coupon to use before 30 Jun 2021.

Also mark your calendars for our Post 177 Flag Disposal Ceremony on Saturday November 7 at noon in the parking lot.

If anyone has any questions or any inputs for our Squadron, feel free to call me or send an email anytime.

We hope every has a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years!

Thanks,
Jim Price
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November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Ex Comm	5	6	7 Flag Retirement @ noon
8	9	10 USMC Birthday	11 Gen Mem Mission BBQ 1100	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 CB	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30					

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ex Comm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Gen Mem	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 CB	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January 2021


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Years	2
3	4	5	6 Ex Comm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Gen Mem	14	15	16
17	18 MLK Day	19	20 CB	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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