

# POST 177

## LEGION NEWS



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A photo of Old Glory flying on a cold winter evening. In the background is the Paul VI/Blvd VI construction.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

We are nearly a year into the novel corona virus pandemic. Our lives and habits have changed. I keep several masks near my door where I keep my car keys so I get a mask at the same time I get my keys when I leave the house. I am fortunate in that throughout my professional life I have had to wear PPE and am used to it and do not have skin reactions to wearing a mask for extended periods. My wife and daughter are not so lucky and find wearing a mask uncomfortable and have some difficulty moving air in and out. I know that other people struggle as well. However, wearing a mask is the easiest way for us to keep from spreading the virus. In our social quarters everyone should wear their mask except when they are eating or drinking. That includes when you get up from your seat to order a beverage or food and going to the restroom. No one likes it. But we need to do it! Please do your part.

Oratorical contest news: I didn't think Post 177 would have a contest this year but we did. A home-schooled student, Isaac Rits (a senior), living in Burke contacted the department oratorical chair about 2 weeks ago wanting to enter. His Burke address put him in Post 176 (Springfield) territory but unfortunately, they were not able to put on a contest in such short notice so Post 177 did it. On Thursday, 21 Jan we ran the program. For more info on it go to [www.legion.org/oratorical](http://www.legion.org/oratorical). Thank you to Reid Griffin, Sang Yi, and Mike Cantrell for being judges (first time for Reid and Mike. Sang has judged many times). Obviously, Isaac won and advanced to the 17<sup>th</sup> District contest - just 3 days later on the 24<sup>th</sup>! This time there was competition from Post 24 and Post 270. Both our Post and the District contests were held in our main ballroom in compliance with Virginia covid protocols; 10 people in the gathering, masks, and social distancing. We used the Post's zoom account and a couple computers to allow folks at home to watch. I want to thank Geoffrey DiMauro, Brian Drummond, and Greg Smith for serving as judges. Also, Mike Kimlick for timing at both contests. The judges for the district do not know where the students are from and have not seen or heard them before. Brian said this was the closest 3 speakers he can remember. Isaac won by 1 point and now will represent the 17<sup>th</sup> District at the Northern region contest on 20 Feb in Madison, VA. Good Luck Isaac!

On Sunday, 7 Feb, Post 177 will host the 17<sup>th</sup> District Four Chaplains service. This is a yearly commemoration and remembrance of the heroism and selfless sacrifice of four US Army Chaplains during WWII aboard USAT Dorchester, an Army troop ship that was torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic by a German U-boat. Normally, we would have a large crowd in attendance and enjoy a buffet together after the service. This year it will be a zoom event for most people, like the oratorical contests. If you would like to zoom please send an email request with subject "four chaplains service" to [info@farfaxpost177.org](mailto:info@farfaxpost177.org). Our zoom account can accommodate up to 100 participant viewers.

For God and Country,  
Jeff White, Commander

# CORPORATE BOARD REPORT

Again, this quarter hoping this finds each and every one of you, your families and friends safe and healthy in this trying time, as we work on many things that must continue to sustain the American Legion and its mission.

1. The Development Project for the New Post Home remains in the city zoning process.

A. We are heading for an early February presentation to the City of Fairfax Council.

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 ballfield.

D. A second public Zoom Meeting was held early in December and again all went well, and the project well received.

E. We have created an online support petition for members to email the Mayor and all City Council members in support of the project. It will go live soon, and you can find it at: **supportpost177redevelopment.com**. Please fill it out and support all facets of the project, especially those of you who are City of Fairfax residents.

F. We are also narrowing in on a temporary site for the Post home during the development period and are completing the due diligence steps before moving ahead on final steps of this effort.

2. BUCKMAN Rd. Property – As you know, we now signed a lease agreement that will include an option to buy this property. To date all is going well on this effort.

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. The Board continues its 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.

5. The tentative schedule for the next three months meetings of the CB are Wednesdays, 17 February, 17 March, and 21 April. ALL MEETINGS WILL BE **ZOOM Meeting** and it will begin at 7PM.

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

## Post Officers

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### Sergeant-At-Arms

John Price

### Service Officer

Tony Poulin

### Judge Advocate

Tony Osborne

### Historian

Earl Seay

### Executive Committee Members at Large

Russ Combs

Tejas Patel

### Corporate Board

Russ Combs

John Kinczel

Anthony Osborne

Jule Szabo

Jonathan Thatcher

Hank Waters

Gary Welschenbach

### Sons of the American Legion

#### Squadron 177

Jim Price, Commander

#### American Legion Riders

#### Chapter 177

Tom Pike, Director

#### American Legion Auxiliary

#### Unit 177

Sandra Price, President

You may contact officers without email addresses listed above at [info@fairfaxpost177.org](mailto:info@fairfaxpost177.org).

## New Members

Kristina Belcourt  
Joseph T. Boyd III  
Joseph J. Bruno  
Raymond E. Capps  
Lance Casey  
Robert Lee  
William Mahoney  
Robert McKay  
John Rickenbach  
Amy L. Sine  
Dale J. Welter

## Honorary Life Members

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

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

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.

The weather was pretty nice up through December, but January has gotten colder and most sensible riders have parked their bikes until the freezing weather, ice, and snow are gone.

The riders have small fund raiser going on selling Military Service Bracelets. Proceeds will help fund the charities we support such as Honor Flights, Challenger Baseball Team, Final Salute, Operation Renewed Hope Foundation, Missing In America Project, and others. The bracelets are \$5 ea. and are available from the bartenders or your favorite rider. We are a little late for Christmas presents, but Valentines day is right around the corner.

We are taking advantage of the cold weather to do some planning for the coming year.

What once was known as Rolling Thunder has now been taken over by Amvets and will be called Rolling to Remember. Post 177 will continue to host American Legion Riders from around the country and we are planning for a great Memorial Day Weekend in 2021.

We are also planning our In State Legacy Run (ISLR) to raise money for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship fund. The ISLR will take place the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> of June. As part of the fund raising, we are selling 50/50 raffle tickets for \$5 ea. Prize will be \$5,000 if all tickets are sold. See Riders Director Tom Pike if you would like to purchase a ticket.

Hopefully there will be a National Convention in Phoenix, AZ this year and we will once again be able to participate in the National Legacy Run.

The second Saturday of the month is our regularly scheduled meeting. If you ride a motorcycle and are member of the Legion Post, Sons, or Auxiliary come join us. We are having hybrid meetings with both in person and Zoom.

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

Ride Safe  
Tom Pike  
Director ALR Chapter 177

# UPCOMING POST 177 OFFICER ELECTIONS

by Gary Welschenbach, Elections Officer:

This year's Post Elections for your 2021-2022 Post Officers are fast approaching, Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner. Per the Constitution and By-Laws all fourteen (14) officer positions on the Executive Committee (all one (1) year terms) and two (2) seats on the Corporate Board (three (3) year terms) are to be voted on. To see the exact names of the positions and their job descriptions one should go to the Post 177 Website and read the Job Descriptions in the Constitution and By-Laws. I can tell you that presently we are in need of a Second Vice, this person's task mainly involves keeping our website up to date, putting together and publishing the quarterly newsletter in a timely manner, posting on the Post and Members Facebook pages. This position does require some computer savvy to make life easier. There is an opening also for a Member-at-Large to help keep the pulse of what is on the members mind, as well as perform a checkbook audit of the Post Operations as an oversight task to the operations. There is always need for help with the First Vice (the Membership Guy). This really needs to be a team effort of 2 or 3 members to minimize the workload on one person, this slot also would help if the volunteer had some computer savvy. All Members in good standing are eligible to run for an office. Many of the incumbents have volunteered to place their names in the hat again, but that does not preclude you from volunteering for a position, as they may want to take a break. If you are interested in running for office or need more information, contact Gary Welschenbach at [welschenbach@cox.net](mailto:welschenbach@cox.net) and I will get with you to set a time to chat. It is the goal to put together a slate of Officers by the April 7 ExCom meeting, then be presented to General Membership on Wednesday April 14 allowing the Membership review and official election on Wednesday May 12.



## Post Everlasting

John Case  
Jerome Sullivan

### **MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP**

We are lagging a little behind in meeting our membership goals. 163 of you are still walking around with expired 2020 cards. Please go online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew) to renew your membership. That is the fastest and safest way to renew. When you renew online you can print a membership card right then. We check for online renewals frequently and process cards at least once a week. Sad to say US Mail has been very slow lately. One member said he mailed his renewal to us on 12/21 and as of 1/28 we have not received it. I would like to see Post 177 make 100% by the end of February. We are at 781 now and need to get to 924. Check your card. If it says 2021 on it—Thank you. If it says anything else, please go online and renew now. Thank you for your service and for your support of The American Legion that helps all of us.

The American Legion  
Family working to-  
gether in service to  
our Community, State,  
and Nation.



## SERVICE OFFICER

### Community Service

Ms. Paige Poulin, American Legion Auxiliary, Junior, over the past two years has volunteered over 30 hours with collecting donations from the American Legion Post 177 members in support of the Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB) at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Paige coordinates with the Warrior Transition Battalion Lending Locker Family Support Assistant, Sgt Hannah on needed supplies and places the list of requested items on the donation box at the entrance of the Post Social Quarters. Committed to these Veterans and being a community leader, Paige has on occasion recruited additional classmates to assist her with delivering donated items such as hygiene products, cleaning, kitchen, cooking items and small appliances such as toasters, blenders, crock-pots and small counter top oven all which are then loaned to the Warriors in the Transition Battalion.

Volunteers are key to the primary service for Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB) at Fort Belvoir and delivery of rehabilitation services to Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

The much-needed donations that Paige has volunteered her time to collect and deliver have increased quality of life and help our 300+ Veterans through rehabilitation. Thank you to all our members for their continued donations and support.



# TIME TO STEP UP !

Over the past few years, this Post has lost a number of long-time dedicated members who were instrumental in the success of this Post over the past 40 + years: yes, I know the Post is much older than that. They contributed thousands of volunteer hours to build the Post and support the programs of the American Legion and the Post, fund raising initiatives, and as officers of the Post, members of the Corporate Board, and members of countless committees, both official and unofficial. ---And, of course, some simply 'helped out' when needed and as time allowed.

Others moved away, faded away, or are now displaying physical limitations that constrain or prohibit their continued participation in some, if not all, Post activities, that they have been so fond of for so many years. --Some others burned out or simply decided to truly retire after a second avocation career (unpaid) at Post 177.

So----and you have heard this before----It is now time for some youngsters, as Leman Young used to say, to step up: that probably meant any able-bodied member younger than 80.

During the upcoming election, as many as three positions will become open on the Corporate Board. The current Second Vice Commander is moving to attend college in California, and there is an open Member-At-Large vacancy. All post officer and corporate board positions, of course, are always open to any Post 177 member in good standing, who wishes to run for them.

Numerous Committees need chairmen or chairwomen, or just volunteers, or more volunteers, to help out.

There are almost 1000 paid up members of this Post. Currently, we often barely have a quorum (about 20) of members to conduct Post business in the General Membership Meetings. There has to be some of you out there that can spare a few hours, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, to drop by the Post for meetings, and hopefully step up into a more official capacity within the Post. Both the Executive Committee meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, and the General Membership meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, are being run with Zoom as well. If you would like to "zoom in", contact the Commander.

To better understand the duties of the officers and functions of the corporate board, please visit our Post's web-site at [fairfaxpost177.org](http://fairfaxpost177.org), and peruse the current "Post 177 Constitution and By-Laws" document on file there. (Click on "ABOUT", then at the 'magnifier icon' in the upper right-hand corner, enter "constitution", then select "constitution" in the drop-down menu. It is not as hard as it sounds.) If you would rather me email you a copy, send me an email message.

If you are interested in 'Stepping Up', please let either the Commander or myself, or any officer know at your earliest convenience.

See you around the Post. Thank you.

Anthony F. Osborne (Tony)

as Judge Advocate Emeritus

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## Donations

In December Post 177 disbursed \$10,000 to local community organizations that work to help homeless persons (many of whom are Vets) and help feed people in these difficult times. We gave each of the following groups \$1,000.00 to help them serve our neighbors who struggle.

- Lamb Center
- Main Street Child Development Ctr
- St. Leo Catholic Church
- Fairfax Presbyterian Church
- Christ Lutheran Church ELCA
- Fairfax Baptist Church
- St. Matthew's UMC
- Food for Others
- A Place to Stand
- Britepaths

If you know of a program or charity that you think the post should support let us know via email at [info@fairfaxpost177.org](mailto:info@fairfaxpost177.org). We prioritize groups helping Veterans and like to give locally.

# POST CONSTITUTION UPDATE

A new process has begun to review and amend as necessary the entire Post 177 Constitution and By-Laws document (Henceforth 177-C&BLs). This message's purpose is to announce to all Post 177 members in good standing and solicit your comments regarding the current Post 177's Constitution and By-Laws. Please review and send me your comments and suggestions by February 28, 2021 (obviously the sooner the better) so that I can consolidate them by page and line number and present them to the Executive Committee on March 3, 2021. Please think strategically, but provide details. Please think about how we are organized, address checks and balances, and authorities of positions and committees. In other-words, please read and think through the entire document, and comment on any item you choose to. One of my jobs as your Judge Advocate is to ensure that the membership is informed and that they make informed decisions: here is your chance.

Nothing so far is set in concrete. This has to be a Post-wide initiative. I have set up a dedicated email account for this initiative. It is at [P177.ConByLaw@gmail.com](mailto:P177.ConByLaw@gmail.com). Please send your comments there.

What follows is a first look at possible changes. Most of this revision is driven by the motion passed by the membership on May 8, 2019 to move forward with selling a portion of the Post's property which then finances a new Post home, workforce housing, and upgrade of Chilcott Field. Other areas address where duties should be assigned in the future, some dollar thresholds, professional management of finances, fine-tuning the content, and of course a few typos.

You can download the full text of the C&BL here: <http://fairfaxpost177.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Constitution-and-Bylaws.pdf>.

page 1 line 12. for now, change to "(Proposed) As Amended through May 12, 2021 – 7:00 PM".

page 7 line 43. Replace content of C., A-IV., S-6., P-3. "As of this revision of this document, electronic voting is now employed by Post 177, in addition to hard-copy balloting. As the process is addressed and refined by the Executive Committee, it shall be addressed in detail in the Post Operations Manual. In order for members to vote electronically and be notified of initiatives that require electronic voting, it is the members' responsibility to provide the First Vice Commander with their e:mail address, and to keep that address up-to-date."

page 8 line 26. Add two sentences for clarity at end of C., A-V., S2. "Only officers so elected, and signing necessary forms, shall have a vote on Executive Committee matters. For restraints on unofficial assistants, see the Post Operations Manual."

page 9 line 4. After "inefficiency" add "nonfeasance or malfeasance".

page 9 line 17. Add sentences to end of C., A-VI., S-1. "The Posts Corporate Revenue shall be derived from income producing properties, interest on investments, and/or sale of real property. All financial assets and real property belong to the overall Post 177 in its capacity as an incorporated post. Post 177 has only one EIN. The Corporate Board of Post 177 shall act as an advisor regarding real and personal property."

Do we need an inclusive Finance Committee put into place consisting of the Executive Committee, Corporate Board, an engaged outside financial advisor, and some members? Since the C&BLs now read "Financial Officer shall be responsible for all Post finances and shall act as chief financial agent of the Post" should he chair that committee?

Post Operations Manual, needs to be amended to allow for provide for that process. I cannot do that alone: we need a coordinated effort and meetings to capture that level of detail. Your participation and inputs are needed.

page 11 line 21. After "Executive Committee." add sentence, "The Membership does not report to

the Corporate Board.”

page 11 line 25. The entire C., Article XI, Section 4 needs to be addressed in its entirety, designating Finance Officer as the ultimate authority, use of an inclusive Finance Committee, and perhaps the \$10,000 expenditure limitation.

page 11 line 35. Consider adding sentences and authority as “There shall be only one budget for the entire Post, which shall include the Club (with gaming, food service, beverage service and banqueting), membership and the Corporation. A consolidated global financial report shall be provided and presented at each Regular Membership Meeting.”

page 12 line 3. In conjunction with modifications to page 11 line 35, consider replacing “The Board of Directors” with “The Financial Committee”.

page 12 line 6. Considering the previous two suggestions, add a sentence “The Finance Committee as a whole may employ and supervise a professional financial management service to administer and protect the financial assets of the Post, of the Post that the Financial Committee may entrust to that service.”

page 12 line 11. Need to address the formula and ceiling of the checking account.

page 12 line 22. In second sentence change “Corporate Board” to “The incorporated Post 177”. Reasoning – The Corporate Board does not own the Post assets: the members as the Incorporated Post 177” do.

page 15 line 5. Replace “the membership at large” with “any member of Post 177 in good standing, and other American Legion Members or guests, that may be recognized and authorized by the Commander or presiding officer.” Reasoning: this is to remove a possible mis-interpretation to be ‘any’ American Legion Member at any time, and to allow witnesses, SAL, Auxiliary or presenters to participate should it be necessary.

page 15 line 25. The \$700.00 ceiling needs to be addressed.

page 16 line 28. Change “He shall manage the Post bank accounts” to “He shall manage the Incorporated Post 177 bank accounts”. HOWEVER, IF other changes, that were mentioned earlier, fall into place, then the wording should be “The Incorporated Post 177 Financial Committee, which is chaired by the Financial Officer, shall manage the Incorporated Post 177 bank accounts”. In rest of By-Laws, Article IV, Part 1, Section 7. Remove specific authorities of the Corporate Board and assign them to the Incorporated Post 177 Financial Committee, and perhaps begin referring to the Corporate Board as the Corporate Board Committee.

page 17 line 8. Add “With the approval of the Executive Committee, he may acquire legal services in support of the Incorporated Post 177.”

page 19 line 15. Add to end of line “and pushed out via an email message to members of record, if time allows, and put up on the Post’s website.

page 19 line 30. Add sentence “If, in the case of an emergency, the Annual Meeting is held via Zoom or another electronic meeting process, members thus attending, that did not vote during the day, shall be counted in attendance for meeting the necessary quorum.”

Global concern. To date there is no ‘spending plan’ in writing and included in any Post meeting minutes: only what is included in the budgets approved by the Membership, which at this point do not capture a true multi-year scope. Acceptable (and auditable) long-range (and short-range) procedures and details need to be developed, and this C&BLs, and attendant Post Operations Manual, needs to be amended to allow for provide for that process. I cannot do that alone: we need a coordinated effort and meetings to capture that level of detail. Your participation and inputs are needed.

I envision having several working meetings starting soon regarding this initiative. If you would like to participate and/or have notes sent to you re those meetings, please send me a message to the address above to that effect.

Thank you, Respectfully,  
Anthony Osborne, Judge Advocate Emeritus

## AUXILIARY NEWS

### Greetings

As we started 2021, we're hoping everyone is staying safe and looking forward to working together in the new year.

A VERY special Thank You to Beth Kimlick and the Sweet Adeline's for the beautiful music and for getting our TOYS 4 COPS program off to a very BIG start. This was our best year yet for collecting toys so a BIG Thank you to all the Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders, Auxiliary and friends who contributed. We received a nice message from The Fairfax City Police Department thanking us for working with them to bring a little happiness to all the children.

We received a nice Thank you card from the Lamb Center thanking us for the special crocheted items

we donated.

Please remember to pay your dues, it helps us with our various programs.

No decisions from Department on Virginia Girls State as of today.

In our January meeting we announced the Stuff the Bus program for Food for Others, scheduled for Saturday January 30 and Saturday February , 2021; the bus will be in the legion parking lot for 10:00am till 3:00pm. Our food banks are in need of many items, so please help. Thank You Remember to keep in touch with your friends (Buddy Checks)

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Sandra K Price, Unit President

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a happy and healthy holiday season. We are looking forward to another year of helping veterans. Please make sure that you have paid your 2021 dues. With all of the restrictions in place we cannot fundraise as usual, so those dues are more important than ever. If you know of any potential members please spread the word on our American Legion Family and what we do for our Veterans and Community. There is a upcoming Food drive called "Stuff the bus" collecting in the Legion parking lot by ball field. Sat Jan 30 & Sat Feb 6 10-3 Come out and support this program and pass this info on to others. Thank You Veterans for our Freedom to live our lives. Also Thank you to all front line workers. Please stay safe and never forget the sacrifices our military personnel have made for us.

James Price, SAL Commander

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#### PROPOSED LEGISLATION THREATENS CHARITABLE GAMING IN VIRGINIA

On January 27th Senate Bill 1127 was introduced with the specific intent of radically changing the way charitable gaming is conducted in Virginia. This bill was opposed by charity representatives of the VFW and American Legion but was supported by the Casinos that are coming to Virginia. Go to [www.myvavote.com](http://www.myvavote.com) to learn more. Call your state senator and tell them to stop SB1127. Share this with everyone you know.

Fairfax City residents: Chap Petersen—703-349-3361.

Not Fairfax City: <https://apps.senate.virginia.gov/Senator/index.php>. Senators are listed by district which you can find on your voter registration card.

# February 2021

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## ***Post Sponsor Challenger Baseball League***

Our Post is again sponsoring the Fairfax Little League Challenger League for special needs children. This will be the 13th year we have supported the league. Despite the COVID restrictions, the Challengers were able to play a Fall 2020 Season and are gearing up for the Spring 2021 Season. Besides playing under the Fairfax Little League COVID Return to Play Guidelines, the Challengers competed under a stricter guideline due to the underlying health conditions of our players. This was a key factor in the Challenger's League being able to complete the Fall Season without any issues. Besides the sponsorship of our Post to the League, our members also support the Challengers by sponsoring teams or volunteering on the field coaching the players.

This spring season will consist of a Junior Challenger Division for players age 5-18 and a Senior Challenger Division for players age 15 and up. Games are played every Sunday at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 on Chilcott Field.

The Challengers are still hoping to travel to Virginia Beach for the Challenger Little League Baseball World Jamboree on Mother's Day weekend. If the Jamboree is held, three teams with 50 players will make the trip. This tournament is the highlight of our spring season, and it would not be possible without the support from our Post and Its members.