

# POST 177

## LEGION NEWS

### American Legion Riders 177

Well winter is here and we aren't riding much. But warmer weather will be here soon.

On December 17<sup>th</sup> we drew the winning ticket for our Holiday Cheer raffle. Darris Wynn was the lucky winner. Our next Raffle will be our Luck of the Irish Raffle in March, look for flyers in the Post social quarters soon.

And speaking of warmer weather. Memorial Day weekend will be here before you know it. Post 177 ALR is once again planning on hosting riders from around the country. Rolling Thunder's name has changed to Rolling to Remember, but the mission is still the same, calling for an accounting of the 82,000 service members who are still missing in action. We are going to have a BBQ on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of May and then Sunday morning we will be riding to RFK parking lot to join the Rolling to Remember demonstration ride.

If you are a member of the Legion family and own a motorcycle join us for a ride.

Tom Pike  
Director ALR 177

Darris Wynn holds the winning ticket for ALR's Holiday Booze Raffle



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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

It is snowing as I write. Winter seems to actually be here. Please be careful when you go out whether you are driving or walking.

At the January meeting the membership approved the change to our constitution increasing the threshold governing when the Corporate Board is required to move money out of the checking account. Thank you to all who attended in person and via zoom.

Also, at the January meeting we announced another change to the constitution which will be voted on at the February meeting. This one is to change the name of the Post in our constitution to equal the name in our Articles of Incorporation. Post 177 was chartered in 1945 and incorporated in 1969. Our name in the constitution reads "FAIRFAX POST NO. 177, DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA, THE AMERICAN LEGION, INC." our Articles of Incorporation read "FAIRFAX VIRGINIA POST NO. 177, THE AMERICAN LEGION, INC.". This difference was noticed as we are preparing to sell the Buckman Road property. We will not be able to get title insurance with the names being different. Therefore, we need to make them match.

Changing the name on the articles of incorporation would involve the Virginia State Corporation Commission, legal fees, and would require that we modify the deeds of all the property we own, and probably take months. The process for changing a Post's name is described in the Post Adjutant's Manual and is fairly straightforward and easy. We simply change the constitution as prescribed in the constitution and then inform the department. I have contacted Dave Stein, the Department Adjutant, and have been assured that this process is routine. On page 5 in this newsletter is the official announcement of the vote to take place in February.

On Dec 22 we lost General Manager, Doug Wilson in a car accident. Doug worked for Post 177 for 17 years. In addition to managing our social quarters, when there was a Post in Virginia with trouble in their social Quar-

ters Doug was called on by the department to come in and help straighten it out. He was versed in the intricacies of private club, gaming, restaurant, and banquet operations and was able to balance the business and public service functions. It was an unusual job because we wanted him to generate income from our space at the same time, we wanted the space available for our functions. Thank you to all of you who came out to his memorial on 14 January. We miss him.

Coming up in February is the Four Chaplains service on 6 Feb at 10:30 in Post 177's ballroom. This commemorates the service and sacrifice of four US Army Chaplains who went down with the USAT Dorchester when she was torpedoed by a German Submarine on 3 Feb 1945. You can learn more about them at <http://fourchaplains.org/>.

I am pleased to announce that at the January ExCom meeting we elected 2 members to the Committee to replace 2 who had to resign.

Jason Mann is our new Adjutant, taking the office vacated when Rich Strauss relocated to DC. Jason is excited and looking forward to this opportunity to serve. He is a Marine who previously served on the board of the USMC Scout Sniper Association.

Kerry Kirk allowed me to twist his arm into stepping into the Chaplain's office taking longtime Chaplain, Joe Boyle's place. Kerry, also a Marine, has been a prolific recruiter for the post and I'm confident that he will manage to fill Joe's shoes. You should have heard him at the Marine Corps Birthday.

Welcome aboard both of you and thank you Rich and Joe for your years of service.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Post,

Jeff White  
Commander

## First Vice Commander

We are at about 91% of quota. I want to thank all of our members who have read my numerous notices about renewing their membership in the American Legion. There are still about 80 or 90 members who need to put a check in the mail for us to make our 100% quota and for those members to keep their continuous years. That's important for many of our members... something to brag about. It seems that subject comes up quite often if you stick around the post long enough. Please get your dues into the post asap so you can use the social quarters. You can not use the Social Quarters without a 2022 membership card. Take your card out of your wallet and make sure it is a 2022 membership card. This applies to Legion, Auxiliary and SAL.

Gerry Lemnah  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
AL Post 177

## AUXILIARY REPORT

### Greetings

As many of you know, on Friday, January 14th, 2022; the Sons of the American Legion held a Remembrance Service for our long time friend and squadron member of 177, Doug Wilson. Please remember Doug's family in thoughts and prayers! He will be greatly missed.

Thanks to all that donated toys for Toys for Cops, we deliver over 135 toys to Main Street Child Development Center so the needy children in our area could enjoy Christmas.

Thanks to all that contributed to making our annual Children's Christmas party a huge success, the children had a great time!

Sunday, February 6th, 2022; at 10:30am at Fairfax Post 177, the 17th District will conduct the Four Chaplains Ceremony.

Saturday, March 19th, 2022; the auxiliary will serve Irish menu, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, for \$ 10.00; proceeds help with auxiliary programs. Hope to see you there. Watch for additional coming events.

If you haven't paid your 2022 dues please remember to do so!

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Sandra K. Price, Unit President

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# CORPORATE BOARD REPORT

## New Members

### November

**Mailead E Holly**  
**Efthimios Katsapis**  
**Carl Lee Lambeth**  
**Paul W Nice**  
**Ciaran P O'Malley**  
**Robert J Portway**

### December

**Daniel Ballou**  
**Andy Crip**  
**Michael DeFazio**  
**Stephen Gross**  
**Andrew Houle**  
**Glun Long IV**  
**James Pugh**

### January

**Marie J Charles**  
**Peter Conklin**  
**Robert H Graeber**  
**Samuel R Hardman**  
**Mathew M Malony**  
**Charles T McFarland**  
**Harry F Parker**  
**Douglas Robbins**

Super winter greetings to all, hoping this finds each one of you, your families and friends continuing to be safe and healthy, as we work on many things that must continue to sustain the American Legion and its mission.

The development project Continues its regrouping to resolve City Council commentary on unit density of the project as presented.

A question is should we just remodel/renovate/upgrade the present facility or build a standalone Post. This was part of the evaluation when the membership approved the current project, under the following conditions

The Post had to remain financially sound through any project that was decided upon.

Second over three years ago the estimated cost of renovation/remodel was \$3.5 M ~, This would entail a loan of 10-15K per month payment. This also entails that once you put a hammer to a wall for this upgrade you must now meet the building codes and the all the ADA accessibility rules of today vice where we are with our 1965 standards. Additionally the cost of building a Standalone Post Home was estimate at 5-5.5M incurring a monthly payment of 20-25K per month.

The CB income sources are used to pay all the utilities, repairs to the facility and equipment, equipment purchases, insurance as, well as numerous other monthly annual costs. Once these obligations are met there is not a quantity large enough to pay either of these mortgage payments.

Hopefully this information was helpful. Please ask questions of your ExCom or CB members to keep abreast of the financial Stability of your Social Quarters. Remember the goal given to the CB was with any type of upgrade or development of the Post was to be Financially Stable Forever.

The CB as you are aware is not undertaking any major building maintenance or repair upgrading of the Post at present time has continued do unscheduled maintenance and repairs as required; through the first quarter of this Legion year it has spent \$27.5 K in this area. In addition we are presently looking into changing the soda dispensing system, replacing the cooktop, temporary fixes to the exhaust system and removal/disposal of an old refrigeration

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.

The Corporate Board is meeting in person and offering a ZOOM alternative for its meetings. The Board is considering at its January meeting to move its meeting from the third Wednesday of each month to the first Thursday of each month. So a tentative schedule is not available at this writing. Meetings will begin at 7PM. All members of AML Post 177 in good standing are entitled to observe the meetings by sitting in on or zoom. All you must do is contact the Secretary of the Board to be validated and receive the zoom input or invite.

Please be safe, wear a face mask and Please respect social distancing and you are encouraged to get a vaccination.

Gary Welschenbach  
CB Secretary

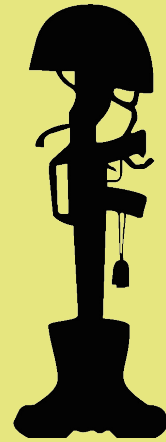
**On 9 Feb 2022 at the regular General Membership meeting, the following resolution will be moved and voted on:**

***Resolution to change name in  
Post 177 Constitution and By Laws***

Whereas in order to sell real property owned by Post 177 it is necessary for the name on our Articles of Incorporation and our Constitution and By Laws be identical. Therefore, be it resolved: At a general membership meeting at the post home on 9 February 2022 that the name of Post 177 in the Constitution and By Laws is now FAIRFAX VIRGINIA POST NO. 177, THE AMERICAN LEGION, INC., and  
Be it further resolved: that this shall be the legal name for the post henceforth.

**Friendly Safety Reminder for Legion Family Members and Patrons of  
American Legion Post 177.**

Our House Rules § 7.2 states that "the Speed Limit is five (5) mph" on Post 177 property. This is for everyone's safety and protection of property as well.  
§ 7.1 Addresses Parking Liability. "Neither Post 177 nor the 'Club' assumes any liability for damage to vehicles, thefts of, or theft from vehicles, nor personal injury associated with the parking facilities while either as a pedestrian or passenger/driver of a vehicle."  
Therefore, drive safely, walk safely, secure your vehicle and contents, and watch out for everyone.



Post Everlasting

Squadron  
Everlasting

Doug Wilson

Honorary  
Life Members

William Anderson

Alvin Doehring

Edward Heitchew

Michael Kimlick

George Lamborn

Anthony Osborne

John Price

Robert Sussan

Sick Call



## Announcements

6 February: Four Chaplains service 10:30 am at Post 177. Commemorates the heroism of Army Chaplains during the sinking of the USAT Dorchester on 2 Feb 1943 after being torpedoed by a German Submarine.

- Blood Drive: Our Post will be having a blood drive in February. More information to follow.

American Legion Baseball Team: The Post will be sponsoring an American Legion baseball team for the Summer. If you are interested in serving as a Coach or know any high school baseball players that would be interested in playing, please contact Tejas Patel at: [tpatel@fairfaxpost177.org](mailto:tpatel@fairfaxpost177.org).

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Please keep the Wilson family in your prayers after the passing of Doug Wilson, our club manager and fellow Squadron member.

Thank You to all Veterans, first responders and front-line workers.

You give us the freedom and security to live our lives as we want.

I would also like to say thanks to all of our Legion Family volunteers that help out at Sunday breakfasts.

If you are interested in learning more about the American Legion, I would encourage you to get involved. Please come out to a general membership meeting on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm.

If you have not already, please pay your 2022 membership dues. Remember to leave updated information when you do so that we can keep our records up to date. Phone number, email, mailing address and whether you want your card mailed out or left at the social quarters for pick up. Our SAL dues are \$35 for regular members, \$15 for dual members and members under 18 years of age.

Let us never forget the sacrifices our military personnel and law enforcement have made for us.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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## Feb 2022

| Sun                     | Mon | Tue | Wed      | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|-----|
|                         | 1   | 1   | 2Ex Comm | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| 6Four Chaplains         | 7   | 8   | 9Gen Mem | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| 13 2ND SUNDAY BREAKFAST | 14  | 15  | 16       | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| 20                      | 21  | 22  | 23       | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| 27                      | 28  |     |          |     |     |     |

## Mar 2022

| Sun                     | Mon              | Tue | Wed      | Thu | Fri                         | Sat |
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| 6                       | 7                | 8   | 9Gen Mem | 10  | 11                          | 12  |
| 13 2ND SUNDAY BREAKFAST | 14Valentines Day | 15  | 16       | 17  | 18                          | 19  |
| 20                      | 21               | 22  | 23       | 24  | 25                          | 26  |
| 27                      | 28               | 29  | 30       | 31  |                             |     |

## Apr 2022

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