

# POST 177

## LEGION NEWS

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

This is the season of celebrations - Veterans Day, Thanksgiving (my favorite family day), Hanukkah, Christmas, New Years Eve, and New Years Day. While we celebrate here at home, I ask that we all remember those who are out on watch, as we have been, to ensure that we and our families and all Americans can celebrate in peace and safety and freedom.

Please come to the Post on 6 Nov at noon for our traditional Veterans Day Observance and Flag retirement ceremony. We have a large number of flags that have been brought to us by our community for proper respectful retirement. After the ceremony all in attendance are invited to join us in fellowship for lunch in the social quarters.

10 November is the USMC birthday and Past Commander Kimlick will conduct the birthday ceremony at 1600 in the social quarters. All Marines and friends of Marines are invited.

On Veterans Day, 11 Nov, at 1030 Post 177 and VFW Post 8469 will conduct a Veterans Day Program at Old Town Square in the center of Fairfax City. We and the VFW (many of us are dual members) have traditionally conducted ceremonies on Memorial Day and Veterans Day at city hall, or the Post or the old court house. This year we are in the middle of the city of Fairfax where all city residents can see and be reminded of the service and sacrifice that Veterans have given to our country and community. Also this year the City of Fairfax is erecting Hometown Heroes banners around Old Town Square. These feature photos of some of our departed comrades with their service branch and dates. All are invited to this special celebration.

Keep an eye on our website and facebook for details of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years hours and events. The social quarters will close early on Christmas Eve and be closed on Christmas Day. New Years Day is usually a late opening, so sleep in.

Jeff White  
Commander



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**WINTER 21-22**  
**NOV/DEC '21/JAN '22**

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As part of my duties as your Judge Advocate, I attended the Department of Virginia Fall Conference at Williamsburg, VA primarily to participate in the 'Legislative' Session.

1. This year a number of items and resolutions were covered that address veterans' needs and welfare. Summarized below are the ones we addressed. All are recommended that the Governor and General Assembly approve, and/or support, and/or fund, and/or grant exemptions in support of the initiatives.

Via the ONE-HUNDREDTH National Convention of the American Legion. Resolution No. 41: State Funeral For the Last World War II Medal of Honor Recipient. Origin: Virginia. -To provide support for the President of the United States to designate a State Funeral for the last Congressional Medal of Honor Holder from World War II.

Via the Commonwealth of Virginia JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS.

Position Paper 2022-05: Promote Hiring of National Guard and Reserve Members.

Position Paper 2022-01: Suicide Prevention among SMVT. (Service Members, Veterans, and their Families). Origin: This is a Governor's Challenge.

Position Paper 2022-02: Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Service: Members to also include "Died in the Line-of-Duty". (During 2020 there were only 31 SGLI recipients in Virginia.) Only about 1% of Americans currently serve in the Armed Forces.) "In line of duty" deaths would include. a. Die in pre-deployment training exercises, b. Are killed in airplane and helicopter crashes, and c. Die in non-combat-related vehicle crashes, while in a combat zone.

Position Paper 2022-04: Increase GF Sup-

port for State Veterans Cemeteries; Eliminate Spouse Burial Fees.

Position Paper 2022-05: Promote Hiring of National Guard and Reserve Members. Objective: To Promote the hiring of members of the Virginia National Guard and the Reserves by recognizing Virginia employers who hire our citizen-soldiers.

Position Paper 2022-07: Virginia National Guard Income Tx Exemption. Objective: To adjust Virginia's income tax exemption for Virginia National Guard members from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Background: The benefit applies to all enlisted pay grades (E1-E9), warrant officer pay grades (W1-W5), and for officer pay grades of (O1-O3).

2. Reminder: You can electronically write in support of Legion-supported legislation, and access regular updates on what is happening on Capitol Hill at: <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>.

House and Senate Resolutions currently in process or approved were discussed in detail. Most were H.R.4350, H.R.1448,S.544, H.R.1476, H.R.67, S.565,H.R.2441/S.1468, S.1863, House Committee Toxic Exposures hearing, H.R.3967, S.927S/ H.R.2127, S.952,H.R.2372, S.454, S.1393, H.R.2257,H.R.2436, S.437, S.1188, H.R.2601, S.1334, H.R.2751H. Res.473, H.R.256, H.J.Res.29, S.J.Res.10, H.R.3261, House Vote on 06/29/2021. (The following addressed Health Care for Women Veterans): , S.796, H.R.2521, S.1937, H.R.344, H.R.239, H.R.2775, H.R.3027, H.R.3674, H.R.4233, S.1040, (The following addressed Education and Employment): H.R.3693, H.R.2587. Need the details? email anthonyosborne437@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted.

Anthony F. Osborne (Tony).  
Judge Advocate Emeritus.

## First Vice Commander

September and October were good months as far as renewals are concerned. I sent out over 100 membership cards during this time. Most of those were on-line renewals. On the bad side of things, we have about 300 members who still need to renew for the 2022 year. Please check the date on your membership card. If it indicates anything other than 2022, you need to get your membership renewed.

We had our Early Bird dinner on 31 Oct as a Halloween/Octoberfest party! It was a lot of fun and congrats to Susan for winning the costume contest! Flappers rule!

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

## AUXILIARY REPORT

Greetings,

It's hard to imagine that the holiday season is coming up so fast and the end of 2021 is almost here. It doesn't seem possible. This year has gone by very fast and hopefully it has been a better one for everyone.

November 10, 2021 Wed. at 7:00pm Regular Membership Meeting,  
6:00pm Dinner

November 14, 2021 Sun. at 9:30am-11:00am serving BREAKFAST

November 25, 2021 Thursday HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Please remember we will be conducting our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE for TOYS for COPS in conjunction with the CITY of FAIRFAX Police Department, who will deliver the toys to Main Street Child Development Center in Fairfax City. Collection center will be in the post social quarters.

December 8, 2021 Wed. at 7:00pm Regular Membership Meeting,  
6:00pm Dinner

December 12, 2021 Sun. at 9:30am-11:00am serving BREAKFAST

December 19, 2021 Sun at 1 to 4 pm—Children's Christmas Party

December 25, 2021 Saturday MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The auxiliary received a very nice thank you letter from Main Street Child Development Center for all of the school supplies we contributed to them in August. We were able to completely supply 37 young children with everything they needed. Thank You so much to all that donated.

Remember we are selling the White House Christmas Ornaments for 2021; available at the post social quarters for \$ 25.00 each.

Best Wishes for the new year.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY  
Sandra K. Price, Unit President

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## CORPORATE BOARD REPORT

### New Members

#### August

ANTHONY ADAMS  
BILLY R ALFORD  
RANDY BALDWIN  
ROBERT M BUTTEFIELD  
KYLE DOUGHERTY  
JOHN ERWIN  
PARKER FORTNEY  
THOMAS J GALAT  
DANIEL HAGEDORN  
AUSTIN MORRILL  
JOEL T RIDENOUR  
ARTHER YEAGER  
VICTORIA ZEPORAH

#### September

CYNTHIA M GAYTON  
THOMAS G GUFFAIN  
JOHN V QUIMBY II  
STEPHEN BUCHER

#### October

EDUARDO S ARGUENTA  
CANTIZZANO  
JERIMIAH E PHILLIPS  
JOE A MELLENDER

Winter and Holiday 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.

All paragraphs 1&2 following have been briefed at the August, September and October GMM and they don't seem to resonate with several members. There is a cost to do any Post new development, upgrade, or just plain remodel. There are reasons the Post cannot contractually withdraw from the project.

The development project Continues its regrouping to resolve City Council commentary on unit density of the project as presented. The project has not received finalization of the transportation report. The City Council members spoke of receiving opposition voices from Legion Membership; thus we have filed a FOIA request for this type of info and await replies. As a reminder, questions recently have been asked about our ability to withdraw from the project? We as the seller do not have any means of withdrawing unilaterally. To close the project would require significant effort by all three parties of agreement. The Buyer (Toll Brothers) does have options to withdraw under the Agreement of Sale and they have not yet chosen to exercise any of these.

The Second common 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.

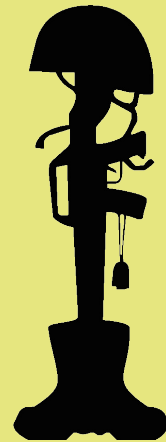
The CB as you are aware is not undertaking any major building maintenance or repair upgrading of the Post at present time has continued do unscheduled maintenance and repairs as required; through the first quarter of this Legion year it has spent \$24.5 K in this area. Some items are replacement or repairing many of our old refrigeration or cooling units supporting the food service operations in the Social Quarters and the Kitchen. Additionally, plumbing and HVAC issues throughout the facility.

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 has started back with in person meeting and a ZOOM alternative for its meetings. The very very tentative schedule for the next three months meetings is Wednesday 17 Nov, 15 Dec, 19 Jan 22. 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.

Gary Welschenbach  
Secretary

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



## Post Everlasting

### Honorary Life Members

William Anderson

Alvin Doehring

Edward Heitchew

Michael Kimlick

George Lamborn

Anthony Osborne

John Price

Robert Sussan

### Sick Call



## Announcements

6 NOV 1200 Flag Retirement Ceremony at Post 177

10 Nov 1600 USMC Birthday in social quarters

11 Nov 1030 Joint Ceremony for Veterans Day with VFW 8469 at Old Town Square in Fairfax City

14 Nov 0930-1100 2nd Sunday Breakfast — Legionnaires

25 Nov Thanksgiving Day—check website for details of Post dinner.

12 Dec 0930-1100 2nd Sunday Breakfast — Auxiliary

19 Dec 1300-1600 Children's Christmas Party

24 Dec Christmas Eve—Social Quarters closes early

25 Dec Christmas Day—Social Quarters closed

9 Jan 0930-1100 2nd Sunday Breakfast—Sons of Legion

9 Jan 1300 Post 177 Oratorical Contest

23 Jan 1300 17th District Oratorical Contest

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Hello everyone, I hope you and your families are doing well.

I would like to say Thank You to all Veterans, First Responders and Frontline Workers. You all continue to give us the freedom, security and safety to live our lives as we want.

Thanks to everyone that came out to support our Bear Bowl Chili Cook Off. Big congratulations to our winner Gregg Holden!

We are looking into February sometime to host a Bull and Oyster Roast.

I would also like to say Thanks to all of our Legion Family Volunteers that consistently donate their time and knowledge to make our events happen.

If you are considering learning more about the American Legion, I would encourage you to get more 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. When you do so remember to leave updated information 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 the age of 18.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year!

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

Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns. Thanks,

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### 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.

# Nov 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 ELECTION DAY	3 Ex Comm	4	5	6 FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY
7	8	9	10 Gen Mem	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13
14 2ND SUNDAY BREAKFAST	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 THANKSGIVING	26	27
28	29 HANUKKAH	30	6 NOV, 1200, POST 177: flag retirement ceremony followed by lunch in social quarters. 11 NOV, 1030, OLD TOWN SQUARE: Joint program with VFW 8469. Hometown Heroes.			

# Dec 2021

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

# Jan 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5 Ex Comm	6	7	8
9 2ND SUNDAY BREAKFAST	10	11	12 Gen Mem	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 17TH DIST. ORATORICAL	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	9 JAN, 1300, POST 177: Post 177 Oratorical Contest. 23 JAN, 1300, POST 177: 17th District Oratorical Contest.				




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