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January and February 2024

VETERANS SERVING VETERANS

News Highlights:

Our American Legion Riders (ALR) **Brunswick Stew fundraiser** is set for **Saturday, January 13th** from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. You may take-out or dine in the Members' Social Quarters. See one of our Riders for tickets before January 10th.

Community Breakfasts resume on Saturday, January 27th, from 7:30 am to 10:00 am. **Everyone is welcome** to join us. The February Community Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, February 24th. Bring the family, a friend or neighbor and share some time together while you let someone else cook!

On **Friday, February 16th**, our Riders will be hosting a **dinner and dance in the Main Hall**. Details will be posted to our website at www.post175.org as soon as they are made available.

Remember: The Second Wednesday of every month we have a **Pot Luck Dinner** in the social quarters. Bring a dish to share. The next ones will be held on January 10th and February 14th starting at 6:00 pm.

The **Middle School Essay Contest** is in full swing. Post level winning essays must be submitted to the 13th District by February 11th. District will forward to Department by February 20th. Department level winners will be announced at the Spring Conference in March.

The **High School Oratorical Contest** will be happening soon. 13th District Posts will conduct their competitions later this month with the **District level competition scheduled for January 27th**. The Northern Region contest is scheduled for Saturday, February 10th at Post 176 in Springfield starting at 10:00 am sharp. The Department level competition is scheduled for Friday, March 1st at the Renaissance Hotel in Portsmouth during the Spring Conference.

Our **Sons of The American Legion (S.A.L.)** will be visiting Hanover County elementary schools this spring as part of their **Flag Education (Americanism) program** for first graders. If you wish to participate in this program, **please contact Jim Oliver**, Commander of our S.A.L.

If you know a male descendant of a current or former service member, please let them know they are eligible to join the S.A.L. (Jim Oliver can help them with their application.)

We will begin reaching out to schools soon in order to make teachers and students aware of this years' Boys State, Girls State, and Youth Law Enforcement Academy opportunities: application processes, deadlines, number of openings available, etc.

Coming soon: more quilt raffles, a firearm raffle (rifle, shotgun, handgun); and much more ! Visit the Post website for the most current information on events and activities of interest.

American Legion Riders:

The Riders would like to thank everyone who supported our fund raiser events to raise money for Wreaths Across America this year. A big thanks to everyone that donated their time and efforts, which contributed towards our success. Because of your heartfelt generosity, we were able to supply 433 Wreaths at Cold Harbor National Cemetery.

We will kick off our 2024 projects beginning January 13th with our annual Brunswick stew. The stew will be available for pickup between 4 and 6pm. You can preorder from any rider member. You can also purchase your stew at Coffee & Donuts on Tuesdays or at Community Breakfast. On February 16th we will host our spaghetti dinner and dance. DJ Daniel will be back spinning your favorite tunes as we dance and enjoy ourselves. More information will be on the Post Website as we get closer to the date.

Sons of The American Legion (SAL):

POC: Jim Oliver, Commander, SAL. Contact Info: Tel: (804) 754-5860 E-Mail: jtoliv@comcast.net

Our 4-H shooting team is again competing in The American Legion 3position air rifle match beginning in January. We wish all our competitors good luck and good aim.

We continue to recruit more shooters. Anyone knowing of area youth in the 12-18 age range can have them contact or visit our Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP) page on our Post website under “Youth Programs”. (Link: https://www.post175.org/index.php?id=123)

Our first grade flag education Americanism program will continue in the spring. Anyone interested in helping with visitations can sign-up on the sheet in the member area bulletin board or let me know.

As always, we will welcome additional recruits to the Sons. Any male descendant of a current or former member of the military is eligible to join. Those interested can contact me, or visit out Post’s website, or the Sons of The American Legion website at: mySAL.org. (Post Link: https://www.post175.org/index.php?id=39)

Members enjoying the New Year’s Pot Luck lunch in their Lounge.

Everything was soooo tasty.

The desserts were especially awesome!

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IN THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE,

President's Message:

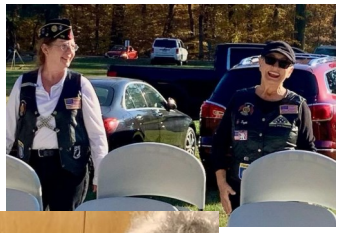
Sending out 2023. The past year has been filled with good deeds and helping sentiments. We visited schools with the SAL, laid wreaths with the Riders and acted as hostess to the many events for the Post. We've supplied backpacks for students, made pantry donations, collected Toys4Tots, and donated excess collected toys to the Richmond Childrens Hospital. We signed and sent cards… tons of cards for Veterans, active service members and those in hospital. We've partnered with local businesses, other service organizations, and made many new friends. We've grown our membership but regretfully lost a few Sisters and honored their memories. We're closer than ever and support each other in times of illness and passing.

Looking to the Future: Our future looks bright and our Charter is true to course and its mission. Please drop by for the Coffee and Donut Social time and our monthly Pot Luck. Stay in touch and enjoy the benefits of our Unit. Just watch what happens when we all come together and give back.

Reminder: Food Banks are still in need, so bring non-perishables to the Post. Donations are made bi-weekly. Pappy's Pantry Ministries, Inc. is a 501(c)3 food pantry dedicated to feeding those that are less fortunate and provide nutrition to individuals and families whom have found themselves in difficult times while serving the love of Christ.

Flags: are a symbol of our patriotic lives, and sometimes, they can take a beating. This year, we are making sure we fly proudly the Stars and Stripes of our Country. If you see a flag in your neighborhood that needs replacement and respectful retirement, note the address and report it to us, and we will replace the flag at no cost to the homeowner or business. Flying the flag is a labor of love, and we wish to honor those who support America.

Chaplain: As dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear; our health, family and friends. Let us live each day in the most loving ways helping those in need. We pray the year will be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon you a bright and safe New Year. AMEN



2023 Year In Review

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

January 2024:

09 - Tuesday: Post Executive Committee (ExCom) Meeting, 7:00 pm
10 - Wednesday: Pot Luck Dinner, 6:00 pm
13 - Saturday: Brunswick Stew Dinner (Take out or Dine-in), 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
15 - Monday: Martin L. King, Jr. Federal Holiday
23 - Tuesday: Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm
27 - Saturday: Community Breakfast (Public Welcome), 7:30 am to 10:00 am
27 - Saturday: ALR and S.A.L. Meetings (Following the Community Breakfast)

February 2024:

13 - Tuesday: Post Executive Committee (ExCom) Meeting, 7:00 pm
14 - Wednesday: Pot Luck Dinner, 6:00 pm
16 - Friday: Dinner and Dance (Hosted by the American Legion Riders), Time on Post Website
19 - Monday: Washington's Birthday Federal Holiday
24 - Saturday: Community Breakfast (Public Welcome), 7:30 am to 10:00 am
24 - Saturday: ALR and S.A.L. Meetings (Following the Community Breakfast)
27 - Tuesday: Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm

Other Legion Events of Interest::

17 January - Wed: Virginia Day on the Hill, POC: Bill Aramony, Cell: (703) 615-0048 or E-mail: bill.aramony@aol.com
01 to 03 March - Fri to Sun: Department of Virginia Spring Conference, Renaissance Hotel, Portsmouth, VA
09 March - Saturday: 13th District Spring Conference, Post 157, Madison, VA (Web: www.vaalpost157.org)

For a full calendar of events and more information, visit our home page at: **www.Post175.org**.