THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 175

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News Highlights:

NEW MEMBERS: WELCOME ! We are glad you have joined our "Legion Family". Information on our Post website is updated regularly, and you can view our upcoming meetings and events on our 'Front Page' and online calendar.

Remember: We are a 'family friendly' Post. Meaning: you may bring your spouse, children, or other family members to any of our events. You may even wish to bring a friend or neighbor, especially if they are veterans or descendants of a veteran. All are welcome.

Old Dominion Honor Flight Mission #8 is being held on Saturday, 26 April 2025. Participants, Guardians and Escorts, please note: this mission is departing from, and returning to, Veterans of Foreign Wars (**VFW**) **Post 9808** in Mechanicsville. If you have not signed up, please see Jim Edmunds. Honor Flight is also in need of Guardians for this Mission.

CONGRATULATIONS Andre Hunt, whom has taken up the challenge of becoming our next Post Service Officer. Andre has completed The American Legion portion of his training and is moving along on his Accreditation path. Once fully Accredited, Andre will be able to represent Post members and veterans in our community with Veterans Affairs (VA).

A recommendation has been submitted to the Executive Committee (ExCom) for their review: the elimination of the mailed paper newsletter. Calculations show that it costs the Post $1.46 per copy, with just under 100 newsletters being mailed six times per year. Most can view the newsletter (in color) online or pick up a copy when visiting the Post.

A homeschooled young man won our Post and District 13 "Middle School Essay Contest". His essay is now at Department, competing for state honors.

Children and Youth Chair Doug Snell presents the Post award.

Adjutant Bob White and Commander George Navas present the District award.

If you have an e-mail account, are not receiving our electronic messages but would like to, send a message to: **Info@Post175.org** to be added to the distribution list.

The American Legion Riders (ALR):

Hello from your Rider Chapter. Hope everyone has finished digging out from all of the snow storms. Several riders got together on February 3rd and rode to Hopewell for lunch then back home using all back roads. Everyone enjoyed the day.

We are making a batch of **Brunswick Stew** and will be available **March 1st**. We also have several different available raffle tickets:50/50, gun raffle, and the Legacy Run quilt. Several of our members will be assisting S.A.L. members with the **Fish Fry on March 21st**.

Many thanks to the Auxiliary for their donation of $500.00 which will go towards the Virginia Legacy Run in their honor!

The Sons of The American Legion (SAL):

The Sons will be having our next **Fish Fry** to raise funds for the Junior Shooting Sports and Elementary school Americanism programs. The date will be **March 21 from 5:00 - 6:30** for take out or eat in at the post. The Auxiliary will again be providing cake for desert and the prices remain the same at $12 for the catfish and $10 for the whiting dinner. In March we will be visiting Cool Spring Elementary to present our program and materials about the Pledge of Allegiance. Later in April and early May, we will be visiting Battlefield, Washington & Henry, Laurel Meadows, and Elmont Elementary schools.

Mechanicsville Marksmen

The American Legion Post 175, Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP) Team participated in a three-position "Shoulder to Shoulder" match, with air rifles, on January 19, 2025. Team members fired from kneeling, prone, and standing positions, firing at standard air rifle targets at a range of 10 meters (@33 feet). The Team is "dual enrolled" with the Hanover County 4-H program. The Team is made up of boys and girls ranging in age from 12 to 17. Team members not only learn firearms safe handling and shooting skills, but they also learn leadership, teamwork, sportsmanship, as well as many life skills. Our Post top three shooters in the "Sporter Class" were as follows: 1st Place, Marcus Krantz, 430. 2nd Place, Noah Wood, 415.4. 3rd Place, Liam Martin, 374.1. Shooting in the "Precision Class", Nadia Maxwell had a score of 468.4. (The maximum score is 600.)

Children and Youth (C&Y) Committee:

Children & Youth Programs: The Post 175 Middle School **Essay Contest** winner is a Mechanicsville homeschooler.

A freshman from Atlee High School won the Post 175 and District 13 **Oratorical** contests.

Post 175 is looking for high school junior boys to attend **Boys State** at Radford University (June 15-21) and for high school juniors to attend the Virginia **Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy** in Richmond (June 18-23). Contact Doug Snell at 804-441-4114.

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IN THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE, NOT SELF

From Our Auxiliary:

On Jan.18th, the Auxiliary, with most generous help from the Post on all platforms, held a Winterfest geared towards our community and their families. We estimate over 200 families visited our Post, enjoying games, food and conversation from our members. The goal being to inform them of what we do and who we serve. We obtained several new members for both the Post and Auxiliary through this event.

February brought us a new initiative whereby the Auxiliary honors two veterans each month by placing a sign in their yard or on their door honoring their service to our country. **Jack Ward (R)** and **Dr. Robert Evans (L)** were honored in February. March will see two new veterans honored.

On Feb.18th Auxiliary Chaplain **Janice White (R)** presented a 4 Chaplains Service. The program was thoughtful and informative. Many had never seen this before and learned much about the four Chaplains who gave their all.

Reading the Biographies, followed by video.

In March and coming months, the Auxiliary will hold additional bake sales, prepare for Girl's State and Poppy Day, and continue with their Crafty Ladies and Ladies Who Lunch programs.

Dates to Remember:
Feb 28 - Mar 2; Department Spring Conference. Held at the Renaissance Hotel, Portsmouth
Mar 01 - Riders making Brunswick Stew; $12 quart available after 5 pm.
Mar 08 - District 13 meeting at our Post. Please attend if you can. We are hosting.
Mar 12 - Pot Luck Dinner (Bring the family.)
Mar 18 - Cool Spring Flag Education Program
Mar 21 - Fish Fry (Eat-in or Take-out)
Mar 25 - Next Meeting for The Auxiliary (TALA) at 10 a.m.

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State and Nation

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

March 2025:

08 - Saturday: **13th District Conference**. Post 175 is Host. All Legion Family members should attend. 9am - 2pm.
09 - Daylight Savings Time (DST) begins. (Spring forward.)
12 - Wednesday: Pot Luck Dinner. 6:00 pm. Family event. Member Social Quarters.
25 - Tuesday: **Membership Meeting**. 7:00 pm. Main Hall.
29 - Saturday: **Post Community Breakfast**. Public event. 7:30 am to 10:00 am. Adults: $10
29 - Saturday: National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

April 2025:

09 - Wednesday: Pot Luck Dinner. 6:00 pm. Family event. Member Social Quarters.
22 - Tuesday: **Membership Meeting**. 7:00 pm. Main Hall.
26 - Saturday: **Honor Flight Mission 8**. 6:00 am to @ 9:00 pm. (Host: VFW Post 9808)
26 - Saturday: **Post Community Breakfast**. Public event. 7:30 am to 10:00 am. Adults: $10.

Look Ahead - May 2025:

08 - Thursday: Victory in Europe (VE) Day. (WW2)
14 - Wednesday: Pot Luck Dinner. 6:00 pm. Family event. Member Social Quarters.
17 - Saturday: Armed Forces Day.
27 - Tuesday: **Post Officer Elections**. 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.. Main Hall.
27 - Tuesday: **Membership Meeting and Election Results**. 7:00 pm. Main Hall.
31 - Saturday: **Post Community Breakfast**. Public event. 7:30 am to 10:00 am. Adults: $10.

Tuesday mornings: 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Coffee and Doughnuts. Member Social Quarters. Bring a friend.

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