THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 175

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May and June 2025

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News Highlights:

NOTICE: This is the last newsletter being sent via U.S. Postal Service to our members.

The cost of printing and postage is becoming an untenable cost to the Post. Membership voted to stop sending hard-copy newsletters via postal service. Starting July 1st, our new Fiscal Year (FY), the newsletters will be available online, with a very limited number of printed copies available in the member's social quarters. Thank you.

POST ELECTIONS: **Tuesday, 27 May 2025, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. You MUST vote in-person. Membership meeting will follow at 7:00 pm. Declared Candidates are:

Commander: Warren Rice
1st Vice Commander: Kelly Schips
2nd Vice Commander: William "Bill" Todd
Adjutant: Robert "Bob" White
Finance: No declared candidate
Judge Advocate: Jack Barbour
Sergeant-at-Arms: Myrtle Starling

DISTRICT CONVENTION AND ELECTIONS: The 13th District will hold it's annual Convention and Elections on **Saturday, 07 June 2025**. The Convention is being held in Charlottesville Post 74, located at: 3025 Louisa Road, Keswick, VA 22947. The general session begins at noon. Several of our Post 175 members are on the ballot. Come support your fellow Legionnaires!

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.

REMINDER: THIS IS OUR FINAL MAILED HARD COPY EDITION
Starting 01 July 2025, electronic copy of the newsletter will be available on the website: www.Post175.org ('Newsletter' in the left side navigation pane.)

The American Legion Riders (ALR):

Hello from ALR 175

At our meeting on 26 April, nominations were held for Director Jack Barbour, Assistant Director Thomas Esker, Secretary/Treasurer Fayth Heath, Chaplain Art Aumock, Sgt@Arms James Oliver, Safety Officer/Road Captain Bob Marsland. On April 8th, at coffee and donuts, Post Commander Warren Rice presented a plaque to the Riders and Auxiliary for their donations to the Virginia Legacy Run. 10 of our members have signed up to participate in the High Mileage & Safety Program from 1 April through 15 September.

We sold out of the Brunswick Stew. Several members have registered to participate in the Virginia Legacy Run in Natural Bridge this year. We still have a few 50/50 and Gun Raffle tickets available. Also pull tabs for the Riders Belt Buckle and the T-shirt quilt and second prize is $250.

We have several rides coming up the next couple of months.

Riders belt buckle

Virginia Legacy Run plaque presentation

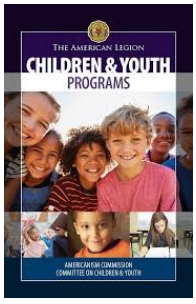
The Sons of The American Legion (SAL):

We are wrapping up another shooting season for the **Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP)**. On May 10th, we will be taking 7 of our shooters to compete in the Yorktown Cup at the Lafayette Gun Club in Grafton, VA. We will take June and July off, resuming our program in August. Since we have several shooters that will be graduating this year, we will have some openings next year on the team. If you have any youngsters in your family that might be interested in this great sport, please let me know. (POC: Jim Oliver)

We are also wrapping up another season of school visitations to educate our county first graders about the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. We will complete our visits on May 2nd at Elmont and May 5th at Laurel Meadows. I would like to thank all the members of the Legion family that helped us with this important Americanism program.

Our next fish fry will be on Friday, August 8. Tickets will be available soon.

Children and Youth (C&Y) Committee:



Boys State will be held at Radford University (June 15-21).

Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy is in the State Police Academy in Richmond (June 18-23).

A BIG shout out to ***United Bank*** who has provided funding for our Boys and Girls State programs again this year. ***United Bank*** (White Oak Branch) is very community oriented and has some special programs and perks to honor and thank out veterans.

Thank you, again, for supporting our programs..

From Our Auxiliary:

Our Auxiliary continues to serve and contribute to the growth and well-being of our Legion Family. In recent months, our members have recognized our veterans with our Honorable Veterans signs and flags. We have supported local business establishments with ***Ladies Who Lunch*** events making our presence known and fostering goodwill in the community. Green thumbed members like Sharon Seifert, Janet Williamson and Dora Sydnor spruced up some of the Post's gardens. Sharon is one of the members most visible in the community as she gardens, plays pickleball and eats out, never failing to spread the word about our Auxiliary.

Coming up in May, the ***Ladies Who Lunch*** will have an outing on May 13th at Bell Greek, 8161 Atlee Rd, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. We will host a ***Crafty Ladies*** project day on the 14th for members and community guests. At our May general meeting we will elect Officers for the upcoming year. We will honor our country's fallen heroes on Memorial Day weekend beginning with National Poppy Day distributions at 4 locations: BJ's Store, Cold Harbor Restaurant, Anna's Restaurant and Green Top. Auxiliary members will also distribute Poppies at the Hanover Wayside Park Memorial Day Service this year.

In June, our Auxiliary will send off two amazing young women to Girls State, swear in our new Officers and continue to serve our Veterans and our community.

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April 15th Purple Up Day for the Military Child

IN THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE, NOT SELF

Presentation of Legacy Run donations plaque

Beauty doesn't come easy. Sprucing up the Post

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Serving Our Community,
State and Nation

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

May 2025:

May is Military Appreciation month

08 - Thursday: Hanover Salutes Program, 6:00 pm, Atlee High School. All are invited.
11 - Sunday: Mother's Day
14 - Wednesday: Pot Luck Dinner, 6:00 pm. Family event. Member Social Quarters.
17 - Saturday: Armed Forces Day
26 - Monday: Memorial Day. 10:00 am, Remembrance Ceremony at the Hanover Veterans Memorial.
27 - Tuesday: **POST ELECTIONS**, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Must vote in person.
27 - Tuesday: **Post Membership meeting**, 7:00 pm. Main Hall. (Election results announced.)
31 - Saturday: **Post Community Breakfast**, 7:30 am to 10:00 am. Public invited. $

June 2025:

06 - Friday: D-Day, World War Two
07 - Saturday: 13th District Convention (Elections and Installations), 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, Charlottesville Post 74.
11 - Wednesday: Pot Luck Dinner, 6:00 pm. Family event. Member Social Quarters.
14 - Saturday: Army Birthday and Flag Day
15 - Sunday: Father's Day
24 - Tuesday: **Membership Meeting and Officer Installations**. 7:00 pm. Main Hall.
28 - Saturday: **Post Community Breakfast**, 7:30 am to 10:00 am. Public invited. $

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

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