AMERICAN LEGION POST 175

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VETERANS SERVING VETERANS

MEMBERSHIP MEETING May 26 & June 23 - 6 pm
AL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

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George Navas

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

As your Commander I recently asked the Post Executive Committee to vote on the following two items in order to keep the post moving forward.

Item 1, As Commander, I am recommending per Post 175's By-Laws, Article II, Section 3, that George Bayer be approved as 2nd Vice Commander for the unexpired term 2019-2020.

George has been volunteering and training in this compacity for the past few months and is doing a great job.

Item 2, That the current 2019-2020 Post Officers remain in office for one additional year.

This is the same process that National is using because of the COVID-19 virus; also with the Virginia Governor's orders restricting assembly of groups, the stay at home order and personnel distancing restrictions, we are not able to hold elections in the normal manner. I have checked with AB Brown, our state Commander and he has approved this process. Also we are required by state headquarters to turn in a listing of Post Officers for the 2020-2021 year by May 27 and to the District by May 20. I have also checked with Sean Davis our Nominating Committee Chair and he is in agreement with this request.

All members of the Post Executive Committee voted to approve both items. In this time of Covid-19 we are having to do things outside the norm. I would like to thank the current officers for volunteering to stay on for this extended term. We are here to support you, the members of Post 175 are the best way possible. I would like to ask all of you for your support in the following year.

Also, as you get a chance please thank Colin Williamson and Doug Stansbury for their hard work over this past year. Colin has worked very hard at keeping out membership growing. As of April 23nd, we have 348 members in Post 175. That's 100.58% of the Department of Virginia's goal for our post. Congratulations and Well Done! Doug has also put in an outstanding performance filling in as 2nd Vice Commander in charge of rentals. He has spent many hours volunteering in this compacity and we need to give him a big Thank You!

I would also like to thank Tom Livsie for keeping an eye on the Post during this time. Tom has been checking on the building at least once a week. He has been working with our cleaning crew and Cintas to keep our building clean, sanitized and ready for that time when the Governors allows us to re-open. **Until that time comes, we cannot use, rent or have any kind of meeting and/or gatherings at the Post.**

Even though we can't get together and enjoy each other's company and fellowship, it very important that we keep in contact with each other. The American Legion came up with a plan called Buddy Check in order to increase membership. It's extremely important that we Buddy Check our own Post

family. Please call, e-mail, send a card, or say hi, every time you see one of our members. The quarantine is hard on all of us, it's a critical time and we all need each other's support.

May God bless each one of you and your family.

Jim Legg, Commander

MEMBERSHIP: Colin Williamson, 1st Vice

Thank you. You did it again! Congratulations. Current 2020 (dues paid) membership stands at 348 exceeding our goal of 345. That number includes 20 new members and 37 Paid-Up-For-Lifers. 215 members were renewed online.

2021 membership renewals start in July!

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS: — Jack Barbour

We hope everyone is well and staying safe during this Covid19 Pandemic. With the Post being closed, the Riders have been somewhat dormant. We received a request from the Travelers Run HOA President to help their community to send a young man off to Army Basic Training on April 27th. Bob Marsland and I rode over to see him off. It was a nice turnout with flags displayed throughout the subdivision.

We hope the Post opens soon and we can visit with one another again.

May is Motorcycle Safety Month.

Stay safe!

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION: George Navas

United they stood and united they sacrificed.

All gave some, but some gave all.

Even though many fallen heroes from previous wars may have been conscripted into military service, today many volunteer for it when they could just as easily avoid the dangers inherent in such service. Their reasons for serving are irrelevant to a family that hears the words, “We Regret to Inform You...”

We continue to lose heroes every day – in places like Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria; and in military training accidents and other missions around the world. Some are only teenagers and many just in their 20’s. Regardless of their age, to their families they are forever young, healthy and strong… and sadly… gone.

From the American Revolution to our current operations against terrorism, millions have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in uniform. We honor all of them, not just those with the highest medals or the heroes who fought in famous battles.

That is why on Memorial Day… we honor the memory of our fallen warriors, who gave their most cherished gift, their lives, for our country. We are also reminded on this day that in each generation, brave men and women will always step forward to take the oath of allegiance as members of America’s armed forces - willing to fight, and if necessary, die for the sake of liberty and freedom.

We do not remember and honor our fallen brothers and sisters-in-arms because of an edict or obligatory ritual. We do so because it is right and proper to do… we wish to.

We wish to be there for their families too. Long after the guns have been silenced, and the bombs stop exploding, the children of our fallen warriors will still be missing a parent. Spouses will continue to miss their life partners. Parents will never stop grieving for their heroic sons and daughters that died way too early. We need to be there for all of them. No one can replace these fallen heroes, especially in the eyes of their families, but we can offer shoulders to cry on and assurances that their loved one’s sacrifice will never be forgotten.

When we consider the sacrifice that our brothers and sister-in-arms made for us, remembering their selflessness and sacrifice is the least that we can do for

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IN THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE NOT SELF

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Hello Ladies,

Hoping all of you are well during this difficult time. I know things are looking rather bleak at the moment. I am certain we will overcome this temporary setback. We all have faced a variety of tests in our lives. I am confident we will pass this test together with strength and courage.

Under the present circumstances, we are unable to conduct our duties as usual. TAL Post 175 has decided to keep their present officers for the coming year, and after talking with our Unit officers, it was decided that TALA Unit 175 would do the same. This situation can be addressed at a later date.

The Department has raised the dues for Unit 175 to $35.00 for the year 2021.

The Department and the National have both cancelled their Conventions for the year 2020.

The Department has cancelled both Boys and Girls State for 2020.Post home remains closed until further notice.

For God and Country, I am

LaRue Sprouse: President

MEMBERSHIP: Chris Hanks, Chairman for the Auxiliary:

First of all, I want to thank all of you who have already paid their 2020 dues.

Please contact me if you have not paid your dues for 2020 and let me know if you will be paying them, if you are no longer interested in being part of the Post, etc. to permit me to update our membership records accordingly. National would like all 2020 dues paid by June 30. You can reach me by phone 716-812-4040 or by email chanks1147@yahoo.com or mail 7310 Habeas Ct, Mechanicsville, VA. 23111. If you are not sure if you paid your dues, contact me and I can tell you.

Thank you for your assistance.

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to the following:

Julianne M. Horton / Elizabeth Navas / Sondra D. McCracken / Tricia Bradley-Hughes / Jeannie C. Rummel / Erin E. McDaniel / Linda J. Aumock / Emma G. Kish / Lynn Wood / Shirley Smith / Linda Alverez / Lorraine Boyd

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to the following:

Terri Montgomery-Thomas / Tanya Kish / Sherri L. Michaels / Patricia Block / Patricia Pratt / Jean Austin

SICK CALL: Chaplain—Carol Blanchard: Myrt Boulden and Carol Blanchard

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Patricia Lewis On The Passing Of Her Mother In March

Jeannie And Tom Rummel On Tom's Mothers Passing

Fayth Heath And Tom Esker On The Passing Of Fayth's Son

Thanks To Everyone For Their Prayers And Comfort Giving To Our Families And Veterans Thru This Difficult Time.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Time: "I Still Find Each Day Too Short For All The Thoughts I Want To Think, All The Walks I Want To Take, All The Books I Want To Read, And All The Friends I Want To See. The Longer I Live The More My Mind Dwells Upon The Beauty And The Wonder Of The World."

John Burrough

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Serving Our Community,
State and Nation

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CALENDAR: 2020

MAY:
Tuesday—May 26—AL/ALA Membership Meeting—6 pm
Saturday—May 30—Community Breakfast—7:30-10 pm

JUNE:
Tuesday—June 2—AL Executive Board Meeting—7 pm
Tuesday—June 23—AL/ALA Membership Meeting—6 pm
Saturday—June 27—Community Breakfast—7:30-10 pm

JULY:
Tuesday— July 7—AL Executive Board Meeting—7 pm

ALL DATES ARE TENATIVE DEPENDING ON THE COVID-19 STATUS.

EDITOR:

I would like pictures we can use in the newsletter showing our people (Post, Auxiliary, Riders and SAL) serving us and our community.

My email is bagman8@comcast.com.

This month, thanks Jack Barbour