THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 175

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VETERANS SERVING VETERANS

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Fourth Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 pm
Executive Committee Meeting: First Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 pm

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Riders
Jack Barbour

Sons of the Legion
Jim Oliver

General Announcements:

Nominations for Post Officer positions are scheduled for the 27 April General Membership meeting, with elections of Post Officers being held during the 25 May General Membership meeting. Please consider running for elective office, especially Adjutant, Chaplain or Judge Advocate, for the "Good of the Legion".

Looking for exclusive content and benefits for being a member of The American Legion? Seeking information and networking opportunities, and more? How about reviewing and updating your personal information in the National database, renewing your membership and printing your membership card online, and more… **Just visit the myLegion.org website and establish your personal account today**. Thank you.

Enjoy being outdoors and the smell of a fresh cut lawn? Your Post is in need of someone (or more than one!) to mow our lawn this summer. If you have a riding mower, and wish to help your Post, please let Mr. Tom Livsie know of your interest in helping maintain our grounds. Thank you for your support.

Transfers to Post Everlasting:

Raymond L. Bassetti	
Jerry W. Clark	
John P. Clodfelter Jr.	
Robert W. Haller	
Edward L. Pleasants	
Charles L. Sprouse	Started The Honor Guard
Eugene Truitt	Past Commander
William F. Via	
Stuart Wagner	
James Winters	

Sons of the American Legion: Jim Oliver

I have been in contact with Hanover Co. elementary school superintendent about Americanism materials. Due to COVID protocols, we are still not allowed to visit the schools, but they are allowing us to deliver materials to those schools that are interested. As soon as I have this information, I will proceed with plans to deliver the materials.

I also would like to remind all members that if they have any sons or grandsons that would like to become members, to please contact me. As things open up, we should be able to proceed with the youth shooting program.

American Legion Riders: Jack Barbour

Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. We are looking forward to our Post Home reopening. We have been meeting at VFW Post 9808 on Tuesdays for lunch.

The Riders have been busy with different events:

On March 27th, VFW9808 and ALR175 (13 bikes) traveled to ALR221 in Caroline Country for Blessing of the Bikes. There were over 140 motorcycles and riders attending.

April 9th, ALR175 and VFW9808 Riders (11 riders with 9 motorcycles escorted and participated in the service for Herb Buttner (USAF) at the Veterans Cemetery in Amelia.

Registration is now open for the Virginia In-State Legacy Run, June 24th, 25th, 26th. You can go to The American Legion Department of Virginia website to register.

Registration will close on June 1st or 130 motorcycles, whichever is first.

Boys State

Our Post is sponsoring two High School students' attendance at Boys State this year.

Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs.

Legion posts select high school juniors to attend the program. In most cases, individual expenses are paid by a sponsoring post, a local business or another community-based organization. This year, the Mechanicsville Lions Club has donated funds to our Post to cover the cost of sending our two students to Boys State. They have also generously donated funds to support our Auxiliary in sending at least two girls to Girls State. Post Commander sent a letter on behalf of our Post and Auxiliary membership thanking the Lions Club for their generosity.

Historian: Doug Snell

Post 175, VFW 9808 and Riders participated in Wreaths Across America ceremony at Cold Harbor in December .

Veterans Support

* The Mechanicsville Lions Club donated funds in support of our "Comfort Warriors" program. Post Commander has sent a thank you letter acknowledging their contribution.

* Our Post has donated funds to Liberation Veterans Services (LVS) in Richmond in support of homeless veterans. Post members continue monthly visits to LVS.

* Post members, in conjunction with VFW Post 9808, continue their visits to Lonesome Dove Equestrian Center, assisting wounded veterans with their physical therapy and helping to maintain the Equestrian Center.

* Post Honor Guard, and other Post members, will participate in the 'virtual' Memorial Day honor ceremony at the Hanover County Veterans Memorial in early May. The event will be subsequently posted to Hanover County social media and YouTube websites.

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IN THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE NOT SELF

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Dear Auxiliary Members,

This has been a very stressful year. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Hoping to find you all in good health, and happiness.

Congratulations to George Navas, Commander. I am sure Commander Navas will continue to perform the duties of Commander splendidly. Commander Jim Legg, stepped down in order to have time for his recovery, I am sure we wish Ex Commander Legg our best and hope his return will be soon.

As you have read in Commander's comments, we will be having Tuesday coffee, On 4/13, 20, 5/4, 11, 18, in the Members lounge.

Auxiliary Meetings April,27th and May 25th, June 29th. Our Meetings will be In members lounge.

The April meeting hopefully we will have Nominations for The Auxiliary Offices. For the year of 2020 - 202l, Please consider the offices of President, and Vice- President, these are the only offices we need Nominations. If no one steps up, the individuals currently holding these offices will resign. Please call, text, or Email, with comments, or questions. Thank You.

The May meeting we will vote. June meeting new officers will be sworn in.

Also, our year ends June 30th, your dues are due. By July 1, we start collecting dues for the year 2021 - 2022.

For God and Country,
Sincerely,
LaRue Sprouse: President

The Raffle Winner
Linda Orndorff, Fredericksburg, Va.

Chaplain - Elizabeth Navas

In 2020 we lost truly special members to the disease COVID 19 which disrupted our lives at its core. With deepest sadness we lost Wanda Truitt and her husband, Eugene within days of each other. With Wanda and Gene, we also lost their daughter Patia Theisen. American Legion Auxiliary Post 175 will forever feel the loss of this family.

Over the year we have lost beloved members of our families; sons, daughters, sisters, brothers and friends that we will forever carry them in our hearts. And in February we were rocked by the latest loss of member Jan Bell.

However, the Ladies of the Auxiliary were heartened by those who recovered from COVID hospitalizations as well as the recovery of those who were ill due to other diseases and injuries. There were also many blessings in 2020.

Scripture for the month:

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:4

Quilt made by Fayth Heath and raffled off by the Riders in support of Wreaths Across America at the Cold Harbor National Cemetery.

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State and Nation

CALENDAR: 2021

APRIL:

Tuesday, April 13th: 9:00 am to 11:00 am - Commander's Coffee (Member's Lounge)
Tuesday, April 20th: 9:00 am to 11:00 am - Commander's Coffee (Member's Lounge)
Tuesday, April 27th: - No morning Commander's Coffee
No social or dinner prior to membership meeting
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - **General Membership Meeting** (Main Hall)
Note: Nominations for Post Officers to be submitted during membership meeting

MAY:

Tuesday, May 4th: 9:00 am to 11:00 am - Commander's Coffee (Member's Lounge)
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting, (Main Hall)
Tuesday, May 11th: 9:00 am to 11:00 am - Commander's Coffee (Member's Lounge)
Tuesday, May 18th: 9:00 am to 11:00 am - Commander's Coffee (Member's Lounge)
Tuesday, May 25th: - No morning Commander's Coffee
Social and dinner prior to meeting yet to be determined. (Not currently planned)
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - **General Membership Meeting** (Main Hall)
Note: Election of Post Officers (for Fiscal Year 2021-2022) during membership meeting
Saturday, May 29th: 7:30 am to 10:00 am - Community Breakfast (Tentative)

JUNE:

Tuesday, June 1st: 9:00 am to 11:00 am - Commander's Coffee (Member's Lounge)
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting, (Main Hall)

**** Please remember to wear your masks while in our Post home. ****