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THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 175

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January 2022 and February 2022

VETERANS SERVING VETERANS

Announcements

Congratulations Robert (Bob) White, new Chair of our Post Americanism Committee and new Member At-Large of the Executive Committee! Bob is responsible for our Children and Youth (C&Y) Programs, such as: Boys State, Essay and Oratorical Contests, Post Liaison with the S.A.L. on the Flag Education Program and JSSP, our Scouts... and so much more. **Thank you, Bob!**

Congratulations are also in order for **Melvin (Mel) Huffman**, whom has assumed duties as our Post Service Officer (on January 4th) from John Block who can no longer serve due to his responsibilities with the Department of Homeland Security. **Thank you, Mel!** And thank you John for your years of service!

Thank You Ray Lewter, Marty Martin and Warren Rice who covered the cost of the band for our Christmas dinner and social. It was a most enjoyable get together!

Thank You Michael (Mike) Schatzberg for getting his employer (Woody Funeral Home) to sponsor our "Honor Flight" program. **Thank you, Mike!**

An extra **Thank You** to Ray Lewter, whom covered the cost of ads in the weekly "Local" newspapers on behalf of the Post, to help increase our hall rentals and income.

Community Breakfasts resume in January. Come enjoy our 'all you can eat' feast! Bring the family... or a friend or neighbor! (Last Saturday of a month, except November and December.)

Our **Sons of the American Legion** (S.A.L.) are seeking new members. If you know of an individual that may qualify for membership, please have them contact Mr. Jim Oliver.

Looking to reduce your tax burden? Looking to help your Post build an 'endowment fund'? Please consider donating stocks, bonds, mutual funds, land, etc. to your Post. Speak with our Finance Officer, Doug Snell.

Wish to memorialize or celebrate the military service of a loved one, or your own? Don't forget our Memorial Garden brick pavers. On special sale through February 14th for only \$85 per brick. Order form is on our Post website. You may send your questions via e-mail to: info@post175.org.

With our new TV 'Sports Package', look for more Game Watch, Race Watch, etc. events in the Member's Lounge. **Stop on by YOUR Post !**

Chaplain: Art Aumock

I want to wish everyone a Happy and healthy New Year.

As I write this, I have found that Terry Brown is at home once again. He will be doing rehab at home. I have been trying to contact Janet Givens, but she has not returned any of my calls. The last time I talked to Chris Hanks, Rick is improving slowly. He's happy to have visitors, so feel free to set a time with Chris, and pay him a visit.

If you know anyone else, who is sick or who needs some prayers, please let me know. I will contact the person or the family and pass on the information I receive. It is important that we get the right information. My phone numbers are (631) 807-2979 and (804) 277-3133. The first number is my cell phone, which I turn off around 9 o'clock every night, but I can be reached on my house phone.

May God's grace shine upon us.

American Legion Riders (ALR): Jack Barbour

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and staying healthy.

Want to thank everyone that participated at Cold Harbor Cemetery for Wreaths Across America (WAA). Saturday January 15th, we picked up the wreaths.

The first In-State Legacy Run (ISLR) planning meeting was held at Post 146, Hopewell on Sunday, January 9th. There will be a gun raffle held this year. See any rider to purchase your tickets. The Legacy Run will be held June 24th and 25th.

Don't forget Community Breakfast on Saturday, January 29th and try to stay warm and healthy.



Chair, Americanism Committee (C&Y Programs):

Congratulations to Nadine Odibo, an 8th grade private school student. She is the winner of our Post Middle School Essay contest for 2021-2022. Her essay has been forwarded to Department for further consideration.

Boys State and **Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy** interviews and selections are fast approaching. For nomination details and deadlines see the "Youth Programs" page on our Post website.

Sons of The American Legion (SAL):

Our Post Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP) is awaiting its Charter approval to begin operating. In the interim, we held two 'Open House' events and provided 'focused' training to Mechanicsville High School NJROTC Team members in preparation for upcoming competitions and possible selection for Nationals.



ALA Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

President
Shirley Smith
(804) 746-5378

President's Comments:

1st Vice President
Diane Lewter
(804) 357-4377

Congratulations to Fayth Heath for a job well done on the Quilt Raffle. Of all the tickets sold, one of our own Post 175 members won. We made \$3,405.00 to be divided between Wreaths Across America (WAA) and the American Legion Unit 175 Auxiliary. Great job Fayth and thanks to all the ticket buyers!!

2nd Vice President
Joanne Meek
(804) 307-3437

Chaplain
Elizabeth Navas
(804) 368-0100

If you have not paid your dues for 2022, you can pay them now. Send \$35.00/Seniors or \$5.00/Juniors to the Membership Chairman, Fayth Heath: 3805 Spring Lake Place, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Historian
Betty Flippo
(804)-746-3440

We have a busy six weeks ahead of us. In February we have the Four Chaplains program led by our Chaplain: Elizabeth Navas.

Membership
Fayth Heath
(540)-809-2454

We need a Poppy Chairman for the Poppy Program in May and a Chairman for the nominating Committee.

Secretary
Fayth Heath
(540)-809-2454

The American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary of Post 175 have a Living Memorial Fund (Perpetual Care) established in 2013 in memory of Charles L. Smith, Jr., Past Post Commander, for the upkeep and beautification of the Post grounds. Donations can be made in memory or in honor of someone.

Sergeant-at-Arms
Carolyn Nicholas
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For God and Country

Treasurer
Jean Austin
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Shirley A. Smith, President

Chaplain (Elizabeth Navas):

February Birthdays: Fayth Heath; Katsue Seitz

March Birthdays: Kathy Pilkerton; Edith Cornell-Jones; LaRue Sprouse; Joanne Curnutt; Joyce Wallace

April Birthdays: Patricia Heinig; Elizabeth Jones; Barbara Rooney; Norita Guild

Psalm 15

O LORD, who may abide in Your tent?
Who may dwell on Your holy mountain?
He who walks with integrity and practices righteousness,
who speaks the truth from his heart,
who has no slander on his tongue,
who does no harm to his neighbor,
who casts no scorn on his friend,
who despises the vile but honors those who fear the LORD,
who does not revise a costly oath,
who lends his money without interest,
and refuses a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things will never be shaken.

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Serving Our Community,
State and Nation

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS: (Full calendar at: www.Post175.org)

January 2022

25 - Tuesday: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, General Membership Meetings

29 - Saturday: 7:30 am to 10:00 am, **Community Breakfast (Public Welcome!)**

29 - Saturday: 10:00 am, Project 'Troopster', preparing "Care Packages" for deployed forces. (at VFW 9808)

29 - Saturday: 11:00 am, ALR and S.A.L. Meetings (following the Community Breakfast)

February 2022

02 - Wednesday: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Pot Luck Dinner (Member Lounge)

13 - Sunday: 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm, **Super Bowl Game Watch** (Member Lounge)

22 - Tuesday: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, General Membership Meetings

26 - Saturday: 7:30 am to 10:00 am, **Community Breakfast (Public Welcome!)**

26 - Saturday: 11:00 am, ALR and S.A.L. Meetings (following the Community Breakfast)

March 2022

02 - Wednesday: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Pot Luck Dinner (Member Lounge)

22 - Tuesday: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, General Membership Meetings

26 - Saturday: 7:30 am to 10:00 am, **Community Breakfast (Public Welcome!)**

26 - Saturday: 11:00 am, ALR and S.A.L. Meetings (following the Community Breakfast)

Standing Meetings / Post Events

Every Tuesday: 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Morning Coffee and Doughnuts Social (Meet and Greet)

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

Fourth Tuesday of the Month: 7:00 pm, General Membership Meetings

Last Saturday of the Month: 7:30 am to 10:00 am, Community Breakfast (January to October)

Last Saturday of the Month: ALR and S.A.L. Meetings (following the Community Breakfast)