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March and April 2022

VETERANS SERVING VETERANS

Announcements:

THANK YOU to Robert W. Baile and Willie A. Washington for your recent donations to our Post. Your support is much appreciated.

Wish to view your information 'on file' with National? Want to update your contact information, or designate an emergency contact? Prefer to renew your membership online and print your own membership card? Just visit "**www.MyLegion.org**" today.

Come enjoy our '**all you can eat**' Community Breakfast 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 a son or grandson of a veteran, they may qualify for membership. Or... you may wish to become a "dual member"! Please contact Mr. Jim Oliver. (Contact information on left.)

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.

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!

Old Dominion Honor Flights (ODHF) are back! The next flight, Mission 2, is being held at VFW Post 9808 on Saturday, April 23, 2022. Mission 3, and follow-on missions, return to our Post on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Details and applications (for veterans or guardians) are posted on our website under: "Community Events", "Honor Flight".

ODHF Questions? Please contact Mr. Steven J. Combs, Vice-President, Richmond Old Dominion Honor Flight at: (804) 381-9158 (phone or text) or via e-mail at Steven_J_Combs@hotmail.com.

Reminder: Elections for Post Officers will be held at our May 24, 2022 meeting. New officer installations will be held on June 28th. If you wish to run for office, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee to ensure your name is on the ballot for the position you seek. **Nominations deadline: April 26, 2022**. Committee Chair: Sean Davis. Committee Members: Debbie Livsie, Jim Kickler, Tom Rummel, and Colin Williamson.

Chaplain (Art Aumock):

March 29th is Vietnam War Veterans Day. Mission BBQ will be serving free lunches to all Vietnam Era veterans at noon. I will be unavailable from 20 March to 5 April, Dan Ossa will be filling-in for me. Thank you, Dan. Please keep Terry Brown, Micky Childress, and Garnet Fowlkes, who will be having a pacemaker implanted, in your prayers. Looking forward to seeing everyone, when I get back. My wife and I appreciate all the well wishes for my wife 's recovery. She's almost back to normal and eager to get back to doing everything. Thank you all and may God bless you all.

American Legion Riders (ALR) (Jack Barbour):

On Sunday March 27th from 10am to 5pm, there will be a table setup at the Richmond International Raceway (RIR) for the Richmond Gun Show. Members of the Post, Sons, Auxiliary and Legion Riders will be manning the tables selling raffle tickets for the "United We Stand" quilt, the VA Legacy Run 50/50 and Gun Raffle. We are hopeful to also gain membership applications for our Post.

On the 16th of April there is a Pony Express Run for Hope planned to hopefully collect some donations. The ride will start at the Caroline Post with stops at Spotsylvania, King George, Colonial Beach, Mechanicsville, ending at Highland Springs. More information on this will be distributed as we get closer to the date.

Registration is still open for the Virginia Legacy Run until June 1st. Anyone participating in this needs to get registration in and hotel registration before it gets filled up.



Chair, Americanism Committee (C&Y Programs) (Bob White):

For information on our "Youth Programs" please visit our Post website. We are also posting information on scholarships and leadership development opportunities!

Sons of The American Legion (SAL) (Jim Oliver):

March 18th: Fish Fry to support Junior Shooting Sports and First Grade Flag Education Programs.

The Junior Shooting Sports Program is up and running. We have had three sessions so far with 11 shooters attending our last session on March 6th. To date we have had 20 members enroll. Our goal is not just to teach gun safety and instill an interest in the shooting sports, but to teach the youth life lessons like discipline, leadership, and goal setting that will benefit them as they grow into adults. As the members develop shooting skills, we will begin entering the team into local competitions.

We are also in the middle of an active elementary school flag education program. To date, we have delivered Pledge of Allegiance activity books to three schools. We have visited three schools to distribute books and flags; and have six more schools scheduled to visit. In all, we will eventually reach over 1000 First Grade students in 12 of the 14 Hanover County elementary schools.



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 (Shirley Smith):

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

The District Spring Conference will be held on March 26, 2022 at Stanardsville Post 128. Registration will be at 11:00 AM; Lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by the meeting at 1:00 PM. They have requested a headcount by March 23, so they can prepare for lunches. Please let Shirley know if you are able to attend; 804-746-5378. Let's have a good turnout for this meeting. We need to show our support for the Auxiliary and Post 175. We can plan carpools.

2nd Vice President
Joanne Meek
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Chaplain
Bonnie Ossa
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We had a good Department Spring Conference in Portsmouth. Those who attended were Diane Lewter, Fayth Heath, and Shirley Smith.

Historian
Betty Flippo
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Mark your calendar for "National Poppy Day," coming up on Friday, May 27, 2022. We are working on locations now. This is a joint project, and we need you to step up to the plate to collect money for our veterans. More information will be in the next newsletter.

Membership
Fayth Heath
(540)-809-2454

Fayth Heath has made a quilt to raffle, called "We The People." The proceeds will benefit our "Veterans and Families," sponsored by the American Legion Riders and Post 175, and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 175. Drawing will take place June 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Tickets (\$5 per ticket) on sale at Post 175, or contact Fayth Heath at 540-809-2454 or Shirley Smith at 804-746-5378.

Secretary
Fayth Heath
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Sergeant-at-Arms
Carolyn Nicholas
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Girls State will be held at Longwood University, Farmville, VA; June 19-25. The cost is \$425 per delegate. Donations would be appreciated.

Treasurer
Jean Austin
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I would like for each member to try to bring at least one new member before our year end: June 30, 2022. Any member bringing in two new members will be eligible for a prize.

For God and Country,
Shirley Smith, President

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Serving Our Community,
State and Nation

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

March 2022

18 - Friday: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, **Fish Fry (Tickets Required)** Take out only. (For details, see website.)

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: 10:00 am, District 13 Spring Conference at Post 128 in Stanardsville

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

April 2022

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

23 - Saturday: 6:15 am to @ 9:00 pm, Old Dominion Honor Flight Mission 2 (Departs from VFW 9808)

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

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

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

May 2022

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

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

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

28 - 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)