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May and June 2022

VETERANS SERVING VETERANS

Announcements:

It is our sad duty to announce that Paul A. Weimer, Sr. has gone to Post Everlasting. Paul was 92, a Korean War and Navy veteran.

Post had a display table at the recent Showmasters Gun Show (March 27th) held at the Richmond International Raceway (RIR). Post representatives included Myrtle Starling, Robert (Bob) Marsland, Daniel Ossa, Kevin Roth, Stephen Sheldon, Stephen Sheldon Jr, Fayth Heath, Tom Esker, William McKee, Sandra McKee, James Oliver and George Navas. Myrtle Starling also collected donations for Wreaths Across America (WAA).

Our Post Middle School Essay winner (Nadine O.), an eighth grade student at The Steward School, also won at the District 13 level! She and her teacher (Mary Hopkins) received monetary awards from both the Post and District. The essay subject was: "I like living in America because..." (Nadine and her family are Nigerian immigrants.)

On May 3rd, nine members of our Honor Guard performed at the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) monthly meeting held in the Hanover Arts and Activity Center in Ashland. Besides informing the AARP members about their mission, they also performed the "13-Fold" flag ceremony. Local persons of note attending: Mayor and new Chief of Police of the Town of Ashland. Lunch and 'goodie bags' were provided to all veterans present.

On Friday, May 20th, Dr. Robert D. Staley (Director of Secondary Education, Hanover Public Schools) hosts the "Hanover Salutes" program at Hanover High School. This program celebrates High School seniors whom have decided to join our armed forces after graduation. Post Commander (George Navas) and Americanism/Children and Youth (C&Y) Programs Chairman (Robert White) will be present and providing certificates signed by all three American Legion Post Commanders of Hanover County to the honorees.

We shall have our new officer installation ceremony on Tuesday, June 28th, starting at 7:00 pm. A 'Social Hour' will precede the installations, which shall be a 'combined/joint' affair. (Post, Riders, Sons, and Auxiliary officers will be installed.) Come join us for hors d'oeuvres and celebrate with us!

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.

Chaplain (Art Aumock):

Legionnaires, I would like to once again ask, that if you are sick, please have someone let me know. I will try my best to visit you. Also I would like for you to post somewhere, for your family to see, my information so they can contact me personally. We have lost some members in the past year that have not gotten the Legion farewell they deserve. I will contact the proper people to have a proper farewell, I can only do this if I am made aware. Thank you. My home phone number is (804) 277-3133 and my cell number is (631) 807-2979. May God bless you and yours.

American Legion Riders (ALR) (Jack Barbour):

IT'S ALL FOR THE KIDS

The American Legion Riders' Legacy Run is coming June 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Riders from across the state, along with several of our own Riders from Post 175, will be participating in this event. We will start from The American Legion Post 146 in Hopewell, making several stops during the first day and end at Post 3 in Salem.

Day 2 we will leave Post 3, making several stops along the way, and conclude at Post 16 in Lynchburg.

The purpose of the Virginia Legacy Run is to raise funds for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship provides funding to children of post 9/11 veterans who died on active duty, or those who have a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater.

The Riders of Post 175 will have a donation jar in the Post Social Quarters collecting for the Legacy Run. To make this Run successful, we are asking for your support!

Help us make Virginia proud and be a part, in any way you can, when members from across the state come together as one in support of this noble cause.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



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

Our Junior Shooting Sports Program continues with about 7 youth regularly attending our meetings. Additional spots are available: so if anyone has someone in the 9-18 age bracket, have them contact me or one of our coaches. Our last two school visitations for flag education are scheduled for May 24th. This means we will have visited or provided materials to 12 of the 14 public schools in the county this year! The Son's will have another fish fry dinner on Saturday, July 9th, from 5-7 to raise funds for our Shooting and Flag education programs. You can pick up and take home or enjoy your dinner with friends at the Post that night. Finally, **the SAL detachment of VA offers college and trade school scholarships to graduating seniors that are members of the SAL.** This is another reason to have any of your sons or grandson's join the SAL. **This scholarship money often goes unused, so please - let's change that!**



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

We wish to welcome our new member, Rebecca Hudson (husband, Phillip).

Nominees for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 are:

2nd Vice President
Joanne Meek
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President: Elizabeth Navas
Vice President: Diane Lewter
2nd Vice President: Joanne Meek
Secretary: Fayth Heath
Treasurer: Jeannie Rummel
Chaplain: Bonnie Ossa
Sergeant-at-Arms: Carolyn Nicholas

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Betty Flippo
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The voting will be at our May meeting, and installation at our June meeting.

District Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Post 175. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.

Membership
Fayth Heath
(540)-809-2454

Department of Virginia Convention, July 14-17, will be held at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport in Herndon, VA. We have registration forms at the Post, or you can go online or call Shirley Smith at (804) 746-5378.

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Sergeant-at-Arms
Carolyn Nicholas
(804) 382-2552

National Poppy Day is Friday, May 27, 2022. We will be collecting donations at Food Lion 301; Food Lion, Bell Creek Rd; Kim Nails, Bell Creek Rd; and Anna's Italian Restaurant, Rt 360; from 10 AM to 3:00 PM. We have some volunteers, but all are Welcome. You can help the Auxiliary and Post members, even if just an hour or two. Any questions, please call Joanne Meek (804) 307-3437 or Shirley Smith (804) 746-5378. Bring a chair!

Treasurer
Jean Austin
(804)-277-3746

Jeannie Rummel and her team are planning to replace the shrubbery on the side of the building by the parking lot. Donations will be appreciated. The Post home is the responsibility of all members. Lets keep it looking nice.

**IN
THE
SPIRIT
OF
SERVICE,
NOT
SELF**

We still have tickets for the quilt raffle for \$5.00 per ticket. The drawing will be held at the June meeting.

The little white pig bank that we had out for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has netted \$55.00. Thanks to all who helped fill it up.

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)

May 2022

- 24 - Tuesday: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, **Post Officer Elections** (Main Hall)
- 24 - Tuesday: 7:00 pm, General Membership Meetings
- 25 - Wednesday: 8:45 am to @ 12:00 noon, Lonesome Dove Equestrian Center (Meet at & participate with VFW 9808)
- 28 - Saturday: 7:30 am - 10:00 am, Community Breakfast (**Public is Welcome**)
- 29 - Sunday: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, "Mechanicsville Marksmen" Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP) Training.
- 30 - Monday: 10:00 am, **Memorial Day Ceremony** at Wayside Park (Route 301), Hanover

June 2022

- 01 - Wednesday: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Pot Luck Dinner (Member Lounge)
- 02 - Thursday: 5:45 pm to @ 8:30 pm, Liberation Veterans Service (LVS) (Meet at & participate with VFW 9808)
- 11 - Saturday: 10:00 am to @ 3:00 pm, Department of Virginia, **District 13 Meeting**, (Legion and Auxiliary)
(**Post 175 members welcome**) (General session starts at 1:00 pm)
- 14 - Tuesday: 7:30 pm, Flag Retirements (Scout Troop 553 and Post members)
- 22 - Wednesday: 8:45 am to @ 12:00 noon, Lonesome Dove Equestrian Center (Meet at & participate with VFW 9808)
- 23 to 25 - Virginia In-State Legacy Run (ISLR), The American Legion Riders (ALR)
- 25 - Saturday: 7:30 am – 10:00 am, Community Breakfast (**Public is Welcome**)
- 28 - Tuesday: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, **Social Hour (Hors d'oeuvres provided** and cash bar available)
- 28 - Tuesday: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 **Officer Installations**

July 2022

- 06 - Wednesday: 5:00 pm, Pot Luck Dinner (Member Lounge)
- 09 - Saturday: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, Community Shred-It Event (Held at VFW Post 9808)
- 09 - Saturday: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Fish Fry (S.A.L. Fundraiser) Tickets required. Take out only.
- 30 - Saturday: 7:30 am - 10:00 am, Community Breakfast (**Public is Welcome**)

Every Tuesday 8:30 am to 11:00 am, Commanders' Coffee & Doughnuts Social (Invite a fellow veteran)