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VETERANS SERVING VETERANS

News Highlights:

If you have a Post “**Keyless Entry Device**” (commonly called a ‘fob’) please contact Bob Marsland. He is conducting an audit and inventory of all Post ‘fobs’. Thank you.

Raffle Winners. #1-Mossberg 500 - **Bob Jackson**, Ticket # 347; #2-Ruger 10/22 - **Mike Walker**, Ticket # 051; #3-Smith & Wesson (M&P) - **Mike Rhyne**, Ticket # 325. (Winners may use the “cash equivalent” of their prizes to purchase anything other than the firearms at Green Top Sporting Goods.) Congratulations to our winners.

We are “updating” and “redecorating” our Post home. Come see the changes in person!

Toys for Tots: Donation deadline is November 30th. Drop off a new, unwrapped toy or age and subject appropriate children’s book for the Literacy Program in our Social Quarters.

Children and Youth programs are “ramping up”... Middle School Essay Contest deadline by mid-December and Americanism (Flag Education) for first graders starts in January. By February 2025: Oratorical Contest, followed by applications and interviews for Boys State, Girls State and Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy.

If you have a “myLegion” account, you can update your contact information (address, telephone, email) yourself, and view your Legion membership record, and even print a membership card. You can also designate Emergency Contacts, and more. Check it out: **www.MyLegion.org**.

The American Legion National Headquarters continues sending erroneous notifications regarding our annual dues. **Our Post dues are forty-nine (\$49.00) dollars per year.**

If you have an e-mail account, are not receiving our electronic messages but would like to, send a message to: **info@post175.org** to be added to the distribution list.

Due to new message rules, both gmail (Google), Comcast, and others are “throttling” our messages. Meaning: limiting the number of addressees per message. If you have the capability, we would request you “white list” our domain (**@Post175.org**) so our messages are not labelled “spam” and get through to you versus being sent to your ‘trash’ or ‘spam’ folder. Thank you.

13th District Fall Conference is being held on Saturday, **November 9th** in **Post 128**, 636 Madison Road in **Stanardsville** (Greene County). Any member of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) and American Legion Riders (ALR) may attend. Remember: We all have our part to play in serving our constituencies: veterans and their families, as well as the communities in which we live and operate.

Remember: Christmas Social and Dinner on Thursday, December 12th - starts at 5:00 pm. No Post Meeting in December. No Post Community Breakfasts in November or December. Breakfasts resume on Saturday, 25 January 2025.

The American Legion Riders (ALR):

Hello everyone.

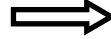
Honor Flight Mission 7 completed on Saturday, October 19. We met at "0 dark thirty" to escort 2 bus loads of Veterans to Quantico for The Museum of the Marines. A huge Thank You to all that participated. Coming up is Wreaths Across America at Cold Harbor National Cemetery on Saturday, December 14th. Also don't forget the Mechanicsville Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 8th..



Pre-Departure safety brief
for all riders escorting the
Honor Flight buses



Honor Flight returns home
safely



The Sons of The American Legion (SAL):

A reminder that we will be holding a **fish fry fundraiser** event to support the Junior Shooting Sports and Elementary Flag Education programs on **Friday, Nov. 15**. Dinners can be picked up for carry out or eat in between 5 and 6:30. **Tickets need to be purchased by Nov. 11th** from SAL members Art Aumock, Tony Williamson, or myself. My # is 804-754-5860.

We are working on submitting another grant request from the NRA foundation to augment our shooting equipment for our growing shooting team.

Finally, we have again received permission from the Hanover County director of elementary school education to offer our flag education program and materials to the schools this year. Anyone that would like to participate in this worthwhile program can call me or see me at one of the other post events.

Middle School Essay Contest: Each of the Hanover Middle Schools have been invited to have their student **submit** an essay for round one of the Department of Virginia Middle School Essay Contest. Entries are due at Post 175 or Post 90 **by December 15**. Please contact Doug Snell at 804-441-4114 or dhsnell@gmail.com if you know of a homeschool student who would like to submit an essay.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment

Article IV: Duties of Officers

Section 5: Duties of the Finance/Audit Officer

DELETE Current Line 5: The Finance/ Audit Officer shall generate checks and a designated signatory must sign the checks for the disbursing of monies for the Post.

REPLACE with: The Post Finance officer, or other authorized signatory, shall issue/sign checks for payment of Post expenses to include reimbursement checks to Post members for personal expenditures in support of Post administration and operations.

For personal expense reimbursement, the individual must submit a signed "Request for Reimbursement" form along with proof of expenditure (receipts, etc.) The Commander, or designee, after reviewing the request, must approve the reimbursement.

The Post Finance officer, or other authorized signatory, will provide second-level review of the request before payment is issued. In total, there will be at least three signatures on the Reimbursement Form: Requester, Commander (second level reviewer) and/or official making the disbursement.

Under no circumstances shall a requester also be a reviewer (approver) on the Reimbursement Form or be the individual making the disbursement (signing the check). All reimbursements for personal expenses shall follow this procedure. For personal reimbursements of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars or greater, expenditure of funds must be approved by the membership at the next available general membership meeting. Creating multiple (smaller or incremental) disbursement amounts to avoid the membership approval process is not authorized.

The Proposed Amendment is scheduled to be voted upon at the general membership meeting being held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.



From Our Auxiliary:

Now through November 30th, Marine Corps Toys for Tots; This year we will be the central drop off point for this worthy cause, benefitting children in the Hanover area with toys for Christmas and we have extended this collection to include the Marine Literacy Program. We will be collecting age and content appropriate books for children ages 3-12. Take advantage of early clearance sales and book bundles. Drop your new unopened toys and books off in the Toys for Tots boxes located in the Member's Social Quarters. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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As a Unit, we are developing ideas to increase community awareness. Our purpose is multi-faceted; to showcase our state-of-the-art facility and its rental potential, introduce the Post family to Mechanicsville residents who may have needs under our mission statement, "support our active military, veterans, and their families both at home and abroad", and increase our community's awareness of our many programs supporting Children and Youth with scholarships and access to building block for their future. There is also potential opportunities to recruit new membership to our Post Family.

To that end, our "Ladies Who Lunch" outings take us to a different local restaurant each month to engender goodwill and to be seen as a group. These outings put us in front of prospective members and allow us to answer questions about our organization. We have been warmly received by Anna's Restaurant and Roma's Restaurant and each outing resulted in a prospective new member. We expect to continue these outings into the new year.



Another outreach initiative is our monthly Crafty Ladies program which invites members and guests to gather to socialize and learn a new craft each month. Thus far, we have held two sessions, Crochet for Beginners, and a Christmas Ornament class. These classes are free to attendees and lots of fun. Our next class will be making Corn Husk Wreaths on November 14th at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Quarters. If you are interested in joining a crafting class or teaching one of your own, please contact Fayth Heath with a description of your craft, materials needed and a tentative date for your event.

We have an exciting Winter Fest event planned for January 19th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be games for children of all ages and special contests, and weather permitting, we will be able to extend our games outdoors too. The AL Riders will host the Concessions. Guests will receive a goodie bag that highlights each of our American Legion Family programs: American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders. We are asking the Post Family for support in making this event a success. Please help us fund this event by purchasing an item or two from our Amazon Wish List so that we can offer small prizes for the games and decorate our Post as a Winter Wonderland to highlight its desirability as a Rental space. Look for our Amazon Link in your recent email.



The 2024 Post Christmas Party will be held on December 12th. Cocktails will be available at 5:00 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. The event will be a family style potluck with the main dish being chicken, courtesy of the Auxiliary. If you would like to participate with your favorite dish, please contact Sharon Seifert or Elizabeth Navas.



January 1st we will hold a New Year's Day Potluck Luncheon. Spiral Ham will be supplied by Commander Rice. If you are interested in participating, please contact Elizabeth Navas. (elizabethnavas18@yahoo.com)



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Serving Our Community,
State and Nation

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

November 2024:

- 03 - Sunday: **Daylight Savings Time** (fall back).
- 05 - Tuesday: **Election Day** (nationwide)
- 09 - Saturday: 13th District Conference. 9:30 am. Post 128, 636 Madison Road, Stanardsville.
- 11 - Monday: **Hanover County Veterans Day Ceremony**, 2:00 pm. Public event. Hanover Wayside Park.
- 12 - Tuesday: **Veterans Day Assembly**. 9:00 am. Oak Knoll Middle School (All are invited).
- 12 - Tuesday: Post Executive Committee (ExCom) Meeting, 7:00 pm. Member Social Quarters.
- 13 - Wednesday: Pot Luck Dinner, 5:00 pm social, 6:00 pm dinner. Member Social Quarters.
- 15 - Friday: **Fish Fry Fundraiser**. 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Eat-in or Take-out. Tickets on sale through November 11.
- 16 - Saturday: Honor Flight Ice Cream Social, 1:00 pm. Main Hall.
- 26 - Tuesday: **Membership Meeting**, 7:00 pm. Main Hall.

December 2024:

- 08 - Sunday: **Mechanicsville Christmas Parade**. 11:30 am at Post. Transportation provided. Rain or shine.
- 10 - Tuesday: Post Executive Committee (ExCom) Meeting, 7:00 pm. Member Social Quarters.
- 11 - Wednesday: **Pot Luck Dinner has been canceled**.
- 12 - Thursday: **Christmas Social and Dinner**. Family Event. 5:00 pm social. 6:00 pm dinner.
- 14 - Saturday: **Wreaths Across America (WAA)**. 11:00 am. Family event. Cold Harbor National Cemetery.
- 24 - Tuesday: **No membership Meeting**.
- 25 - Wednesday: Christmas Day.
- 31 - Tuesday: New Year's Eve. Coffee and Doughnuts has been canceled.

January 2025:

- 01 - Wednesday: **New Year's Day Lunch** and Pot Luck. 1:00 pm. Family event. Member Social Quarters.