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October to December 2023

VETERANS SERVING VETERANS

News Highlights:

Welcome and Congratulations to William (Bill) Todd, Jr. who is now our new 2nd Vice Commander. Bill's main responsibility is that of Hall Rentals on behalf of the Post.

Welcome and Congratulations to Robert (Bob) White who is now our new Post Adjutant. Bob is now in charge of all administrative matters (correspondence, records, etc.) at the Post. Bob concurrently serves as a Program Director/Manager at the District level for several Youth related programs.

Post is participating in the "Toys for Tots" program. You may bring a new, unwrapped toy or book to the Post on Tuesday mornings to Coffee and Doughnuts (through November 7th). Or drop off at the October 24th membership meeting or October 28th Community Breakfast. This is a coordinated 13th District "American Legion Family" effort (Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L.) led by The American Legion Auxiliary. All donations will be consolidated and presented to the Marine Corps League on Saturday, November 18th at 11:00 am at Post 74 in Charlottesville/Albemarle.

Our **13th District Fall Conference** is being held on Saturday, **October 14th at Beaverdam Post 90.** The general session begins at 1:00 pm (1300).

Halloween Quilt Raffle winner is being drawn on **Tuesday, October 17th at 10:00 am.** Need not be present to win. Tickets remain. Six (6) chances to win are five dollars (\$5). See Fayth Heath or Tom Esker for tickets.

Classic Car, Truck and Bike Show is being held on Saturday, October 28th, rain or shine. For more information and registration form, visit the Post website at www.post175.org. **You get breakfast with your \$20 registration! Open to the public.**

Bake Sale. After finishing your breakfast on **October 28th,** and before you take a look at the wonderful vehicles at the Show, stop by and purchase some baked goods to take home with you. All proceeds will be used to support The American Legion Auxiliary community programs.

The Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) will be having a **FISH FRY on Friday, November 17th** in support of the Flag Education Program in elementary schools and Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP). You must pre-purchase tickets. Contact Jim Oliver for complete details.

The **Department of Virginia Fall Conference** is being held in **Williamsburg** from 27 to 29 October. Details and registration form at: www.valegion.org.

Old Dominion Honor Flight (ODHF) is being held on Saturday, November 4th. This 'flight' departs from our Post. You must pre-register to participate. Details on Post website or contact Jim Edmunds.

American Legion Riders: Currently raffling a Christmas Goody Basket to support Wreaths Across America. At the Saturday, September 30th Riders Meeting, we approved donating \$300.00 to the Post for the new freezer that replaced the old freezer that broke.

The Riders will be making a batch of Brunswick Stew in January. Cost is \$12 per quart and we will be taking Preorders.



On September 22nd, five (5) of our American Legion Riders (ALR) members participated in the 'Defenders of Freedom Ride' from the Museum of the Marine Corp in Quantico to Post 148 in Colonial Beach for lunch with the opening of Bike Week Fest.

Pictured, left to right: Tom Esker, Fayth Heath, Jack Barbour, Bob Marsland and Dan Ossa.

Americanism Committee: Upcoming: The Middle School Essay contest, where sixth, seventh, and eight graders hand-write an essay on the front side of a standard lined notebook sheet of paper. Their subject: "I like living in America because..." The contest is open to all accredited Middle School Students at participating schools: Public, Private, or Parochial and home schooled children within the sponsoring jurisdiction of established American Legion Posts. Full contest details at: www.valegion.org.

Oak Knoll Middle School (OKMS) is having a school assembly **honoring veterans** on **Thursday, November 9th, starting at 9:00 am** (0900). School is located at: 10295 Chamberlayne Road, Mechanicsville. (Behind Hanover High School.) All veterans are invited to attend.

Chaplain / Service Officer: Word for today. It has been a struggle to reach this new plateau, and the worst of the struggle is over. You can now establish yourself on this higher level of spirit life and awareness. You have made it through extreme challenges and you have not only survived, but you will begin to thrive on this new level of existence. 1 Peter 5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. Enjoy your blessed October

Historian: Three members of our Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP) Club, the "Mechanicsville Marksmen" participated in the Junior Class of the "End of Summer" postal shooting match held on September 21st.

Sons of The American Legion (SAL): There will be a FISH FRY on Friday, November 17th (includes trimmings.) Take-out or Eat-in from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Must pre-purchase tickets. Cost: \$12 for catfish and \$10 for whitefish. Proceeds support our JSSP and our Flag Education Program in the elementary schools. (Donations always accepted in support of any Children & Youth program.) For more information and tickets **contact: Jim Oliver**.

The First Grade 'Flag Education Program' will continue this year. Any Post member (Legion, Auxiliary, or S.A.L.) interested in and willing to volunteer for this wonderful program should **contact Jim Oliver** for participation information.

Our 4-H affiliated **Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP) has resumed for this season.** Youth ages 12-18 are encouraged to visit our website (<https://www.post175.org> then Youth Programs in the navigation pane) or contact Jim Oliver for more information and how to join. (The Mechanicsville Marksmen training schedule is on the Post website. Why not stop by and watch them train?)

Reminder: Male descendants of all ages whose parents or grandparents are current or former military members, and eligible for American Legion membership, are eligible to join the Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L). Become a part of The American Legion Family... Join the S.A.L today! See Jim Oliver or a Post S.A.L. member for a membership application.

Hanover County Veterans Day celebration is being held on **November 11th at 2:00 pm** (1400) at the County Veterans Memorial located at 8225 Hanover Wayside Road, Hanover. (Inside **Hanover Wayside Park**.) All county residents are invited to attend. (Foul weather location: Hanover County Supervisors Meeting Room in the County Courthouse complex.)



President's Message: Our year is flying by, and so many things have already moved behind us, and others are still to come. Big holiday happenings and some of the most significant events of our fiscal year are yet to come. Stay tuned for more information on meetings, conferences, conventions, dinners, dances, doughnuts, bake sales, fundraisers and events.

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Reminder: Food Banks are still in need, so bring non-perishables to the Post. Donations are made bi-weekly. Pappy's Pantry Ministries, Inc. is a 501(c)3 food pantry dedicated to feeding those that are less fortunate and provide nutrition to individuals and families whom have found themselves in difficult times while serving the love of Christ. Founded in November of 2020, the pantry is run by **Joey and Andrea Fields**. Pappy's partners with Bombas Socks and Life4Real servicing trafficked women and children.



Backpacks for Schools: Special thanks to **Janet Williamson and Dora Sydnor** for their hard work co-chairing the Children's Backpack Program. Each year, The ALA supports our local schools with supplies and backpacks for 1st-6th grades and donations to teachers supporting 7th-12th grades. Many thanks to all who assisted in stuffing the backpacks and supporting the program.

Flags are a symbol of our patriotic lives, and sometimes, they can take a beating. This year, we are making sure we fly proudly the Stars and Stripes of our Country. If you see a flag in your neighborhood that needs replacement and respectful retirement, note the address and report it to us, and we will replace the flag at no cost to the homeowner or business. Flying the flag is a labor of love, and we wish to honor those who support America. Recently, **Fayth Heath and Tom Esker** replaced a tattered flag at a gas station in the area.



Girls State is a time of learning and growth in the legacy of American Society and Politics. Five young ladies were chosen from many to attend Girls State of Virginia in 2023.

Valerie Tumlin - Hanover High School, Mechanicsville High School, JrROTC
Sarah Bland - Atlee High School

A special guest, **Malinda Glathar**, President of Unit 90 assisted in the recognition of 3 young ladies from Beaverdam, Va.

Lindsey Gholson - Patrick Henry High School, JrROTC
Vivian Sarych - Patrick Henry High School
Ansleigh Toone - Patrick Henry High School

Bake Sale: When it works, go with it! A Bake Sale will be held by the Auxiliary during the Community Breakfast on **October 28th between 8 and 10 am**. Please make and bring your favorite goodies, and we will add them to the fundraiser. Cookies, Brownies, Pies, Cakes (non-iced), Muffins, and other delicious offerings will be available. Priced accordingly! For more information, contact Elizabeth Navas. Proceeds support our community programs.

Chaplain: Please keep **Janice White** and her mother in your prayers.

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Serving Our Community,
State and Nation

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

October 2023:

- 09 - Monday: Columbus Day Holiday
- 11 - Wednesday: Monthly **Pot Luck Dinner**, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Member Lounge)
- 14 - Saturday: 13th District Conference. Hosted by Post 90, Beaverdam, VA.
- 24 - Tuesday: Post General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm [**Purchase Fish Fry tickets**]
- 27 to 29 - Friday to Sunday: Department of Virginia Fall Conference, Williamsburg, VA
- 28 - Saturday: **Community Breakfast and Bake Sale**, 7:30 am to 10:00 am (**Public Event**)
- 28 - Saturday: **Classic Car, Truck and Bike Show**, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. (Post parking lot)

November 2023:

- 04 - Saturday: Old Dominion Honor Flight (ODHF). Departs Post at 8:00 am. ALR providing escort to Quantico.
- 08 - Wednesday: Monthly **Pot Luck Dinner**, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Member Lounge)
- 09 - Thursday: Oak Knoll Middle School Veterans Day Assembly, 9:00 am. All Post members invited to attend.
- 11 - Saturday: Veterans Day Ceremony. Hanover Veterans Memorial, 2:00 pm.
- 17 - Saturday: Drop-off (consolidate) "Toys for Tots" at 11:00 am at Post 74 in Charlottesville/Albemarle
- 28 - Tuesday: Post General Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

December 2023:

- TBD - Post Christmas Social / Get-Together (In lieu of membership meeting.)
- 03 - Sunday: Mechanicsville Christmas Parade. Participants meet at Post. Transport provided for the parade.
- 13 - Wednesday: Monthly **Pot Luck Dinner**, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Member Lounge)
- 25 - Monday: Christmas Day

Every Tuesday 9:00 am to 11:00 am (during Coffee & Doughnuts Social) we are accepting donations for the "Toys for Tots" program - through November 7th.

For a full calendar of events and more information, visit our home page at: www.Post175.org.