
POST TALK

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Notice !!!

At the January General membership meeting – The membership voted and approved an increase in the annual dues. The dues effective with the Year 2006 (payments starting in July 2005) the dues will be \$26.00 per year. This is the first dues increase at the Post in over 20 years. See the commander’s message for details.

Who’s who—Post, SAL and Auxiliary Leadership.....

American Legion Post 175

Post Commander: Dan McDonald

1st Vice Commander:	Carl “Buddy” George
2nd Vice Commander:	John Fuller
3rd Vice Commander:	A.J. Rush
Adjutant:	George Jamar
Finance Officer:	Bob Niederstadt
Chaplain:	Dale Strait
Judge Advocate:	George Lucas
Historian:	Danny Byrd
Service Officer:	Jim “Sonny” Amos
Sgt. at Arms:	Bob Martin

American Legion Auxiliary

Auxiliary President: Pat Rabeau

1 st Vice-President:	Barbara Mallonee
2 nd Vice-President:	Rosemary Gurick
Secretary:	Betty Gentile
Treasurer:	Phyllis Gordon
Chaplain:	Debbie Collins
Historian:	Eva D’Ambrosio
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Peggy Williams
Color Bearers:	Betty Kline Vacant

Executive Committee:	Sue Connor Linda Freedenburg Pat Wachter
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Sons of American Legion

Commander: Mike Clutz

1 st Vice:	James George
2 nd Vice:	Dan Jordan
3 rd Vice:	Larry Doran
Finance Officer:	Dave Dulin
Adjutant:	Vacant
Historian:	Justin Byrd
Chaplin:	Brad Kelly
Sergeant At Arms:	Jerry Heath

Legionnaire News

Message from the Commander

I hope everyone had a Great Easter. Just a reminder May is the month that the Post holds its elections. If you are thinking about running for a position on the Executive Board talk to the nominating committee. They will explain to you what the duties are for each position.

The Post has donated \$1000.00 in phone cards to Water Reed Hospital. The cards will be given to wounded service members who are in rehab. Thanks to everyone who donated the cards and to Mike Helm for bringing the need to the attention of the Post.

Thank you SAL for paying to have the Post lounge painted. Thanks to Larry Doran for the repair work done before the painting started, Gail Helm and crew for cleaning the blinds, Rick and Brenda Digby for cleaning the carpet and Paula Fuller for cleaning all the past commanders pictures.

A big thank you to all the people who pitched in and removed the water from the hall during the record rain fall. We lost one of the sump pumps and the hall was flooded.

Mark your calendars 30 Apr and 1 May are the dates for spring clean up of our Post home. More information will be posted on the bulletin board.

Coming events:

Memorial Day Service
Flag Day Ceremony
Severna Park Fourth of July Parade.

Remember in your prayers all our service members serving around the world and at home.

At the January, General Membership meeting there was a discussion about the increase in dues that the Department of Maryland is asking for. The Department has not had an increase in 14 years and they have tried to cut cost. They now say they can not cut more and have asked for a \$2.00 increase starting with the 2006 dues year. During the discussion it was noted that the post has not had a dues increase since 1986. It was also discussed that we do not know what National will be doing in the next couple years as far as dues are

concerned. A motion was made to raise the post dues to \$26.00 per year. The Motion passed. Effective with the 2006 dues the post dues will be \$26.00. [1 July 2005]

Remember all our service members serving around the world and at home in your prayers.

Dan McDonald
Commander

Message From the 1st Vice

As the year moves on membership becomes harder to obtain from unpaid members. The Department calls this the hard ten percent, we are fortunate here at the Post, we are at ninety four point five percent at this time. Our cutoff date to make Four Star this year is June 13, 2005. As we still need thirty members to do this, our work is cutout for us. If you know of any member who has not yet paid his or her 2005 dues please ask them to do so. In the meantime we will be mailing out letters to them and as always looking to sign up new members so the Post can continue to be an asset to the Community, State and Nation, but most of all to OURSELVES AS VETERANS AND CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA..

Carl "Buddy" George
1st Vice Commander

Message from the Adjutant

Just a reminder that all guests must sign-in in the guest book and that the sponsor is responsible for their actions.

On behalf of the Post I would like to thank Dave Murray and Clements's Hardware of Severna Park for donating the rope needed to remount our MIA/POW flag that came down during our last storm.

George F. Jamar, SR.
Adjutant

Message From the Chaplain

Fellow Legionnaires, I'm sorry to report comrades Thomas B "Tommy" Foster, Jr., Joseph "Joe" Kucha,

Jr, Leo A O’Dea, and John T Ellis have been called to Post Everlasting since our last newsletter. Please remember these fallen comrades and their families in your prayers.

It’s good to see Bill Corkran back in the Post and talking after a long recuperation. Bill Robison is home after triple bypass surgery. By the time you read this he hopefully will have been in to see his comrades at Post 175.

Hope you are enjoying Spring. Spring reminds us of flowers and flowers remind some of us of memorials. Which brings me to Memorial Day. We will be observing Memorial Day on Monday, 30 May 2005 at 11 am in front of the flags. Please put this date on your calendar and plan on attending. After the ceremony honoring those who have died in the service of their country, enjoy a light lunch provided by the Auxiliary.

Please let me know of anyone in hospital or ill at home. Thanks.

Dale Strait
Chaplain

Message From the Historian

In the last Post Talk for Feb-Mar, I told you how the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery came to be. Now I would like to tell you what it takes to be an Honor Guard for the Unknowns.

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5’ 10” and 6’ 2” and his waist size cannot exceed 30”.

Other requirements of the Guard:

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives, and cannot disgrace the uniform (fighting) in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guards of the tomb, there are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give

up the wreath pin.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notable are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis (the boxer) and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, (the most decorated soldier of WWII).

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniform ready for guard duty.

How many steps does the guard walk during his walk across the Tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one-gun salute, which is the highest honor given to any military or foreign dignitary.

How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds. For the same reason as answer number 1.

Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on his shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, D.C., our US Senate/House took 2 days

off with anticipation of the storm. On the evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned duty guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined, "No way, Sir!" soaked to the skin marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a serviceperson. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

**HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN
AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD**

Danny Byrd
Historian

Message From the Editor

Note: It is up to each member to keep us informed of all address changes. Address changes can be submitted to the Editor via the Internet using the Newsletter@Legionpost175.org E-mail address, or mailed to the Post address listed at the beginning of the Newsletter. Please indicate on the front of the envelope "ATTN: Editor".

Note 2: If you have access to the internet and can view your copy of the Newsletter on-line, please notify the Post at Newsletter@legionpost175.org. We will then take you off the USPS mailing list for the Newsletter thereby saving the Post as much as **\$2750.00** per year in Newsletter costs. All it takes is a short message with your name and statement that you will no longer need a hardcopy of the newsletter mailed to you. Any questions on how to contact the Post via e-mail or to access the Post web page can be found at the end of this Newsletter. If you wish you can call the Post at 410-544-2066 and leave a message for someone to call you. Please leave a best time and day to return your call and the subject you wish to discuss with your message.

Bill Corkran
Editor

News from our Auxiliary

From the President

Congratulations, Membership Chairman, Barbara Mallonee and Unit #175 for reaching goal in membership. Keeping our membership goals equal to or higher than the previous year is important. It enables the National Commander of the American Legion to go before Congress with requests for programs and funding with solid VOTING strength behind him. By keeping your membership up to date, you are helping to pass legislation to HELP OUR VETERANS! It's never too late to pay your dues and renew your membership.

Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Raffle was a great success thanks to Rosemary Gurick and helpers. Rosemary headed up a fine group of volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make this dinner and raffle a really great success. Thank you to all who supported our efforts.

Michele Jordan and crew did a great job with the Children's Easter Party. Thanks Michele for three good parties. I would also like to say a very special Thank You to Jim Corkery who has entertained the children for each of our parties with patience and humor.

We are looking forward to the Initiation Ceremony to be held at the Wednesday, April 27th meeting starting at 7:30PM. The Essay Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday May 15th at 2PM., and the Southern Maryland District Meeting on Sunday, May 22nd. The meeting starts at 2PM but luncheon will be served at 1PM. All Auxiliary members are invited to attend.

Election and Installation of Officers will be held at our regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2005. The only requirement to vote or to run for office is that your current year's dues are paid.

Tickets for the June Fund Raiser will soon be available. You can call me at 443-995-2294 or Rene Bachman at 410-647-5159 for more information.

As always, our emphasis is on our Veterans, Service men and women and their families. Please remember to keep them in your thoughts and prayers and

remember to support our Poppy Drive in May.

Pat Rabeau
President

Chaplain's Message

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy spring!
Happy Birthday wishes to everyone born in April and May.

As always, please let me know of anyone who is sick.
My email is dcollins276@comcast.net. Or call the post at 410-544-2066.

Debbie Collins
Chaplain

Membership

Well ladies, we made our membership goal. We now have 306 paid members, which makes us ten plus in Department. What a great job you all did to achieve this goal. My sincere thanks to everyone who made this possible. YES, I'm so proud of this Unit. On Saturday, the 26th of February, with the help of our President Pat and Commander Dan and several Unit members at the Post we were able to turn in eleven members to reach our goal plus two. Thanks for your support. There are forty-two Units in Southern Maryland District and we are the second Unit to reach 10 plus in membership.

Thank you again. For information on membership call 410-757-1540.

Barbara Mallonee
Chairman

2nd Vice President

Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner was a resounding success. Thank you to all who helped and to all who participated. If you didn't join us, you missed a great corned beef and cabbage dinner. I'm sure from all the

wonderful things I've heard, those people who didn't buy tickets early and lost out, are probably kicking themselves right now.

I would like to personally thank Pat Rabeau, Barbara Mallonee and Barbara Bellerby for all their support in the kitchen, and John Fuller and Dan McDonald for setting up the hall. Thanks go out to the following for their donations, Frank and Doris Heubeck for their generous donation of vegetables, Barbara and Eric Smith for the Irish Stew, Linda and Bob Freedenburg for the beautiful cake and Mike Clutz for the dinner rolls and bread and of course we can't forget all the ladies who lent me their crock pots. You are what made the dinner a success.

Remember next year.... buy your tickets early so you don't miss out again!!!

Rosemary Gurick
2nd Vice-President

Americanism

This years Americanism Essay contest was a huge success! A total of 135 essays were submitted to be judged, resulting in nine winning essays for our unit and three first place essays, which have been sent to District for judging. Congratulations to all of our winners and participants. All of our area participants wrote essays entitled, "My Letter To A Person In The Armed forces".

The Auxiliary will be holding their Unit Awards Ceremony on Sunday, May 15 at 2PM. Our essay winners will have the opportunity to read their essays and receive an award. The ceremony is open to all members so stop by and show your support for all of our award-winning writers.

Alice Martin
Chairman

Children and Youth

Our Children's Easter Party was a huge success with forty-four children in attendance. Thank you to our many volunteers, who donated food, things for the

raffle and helped set up and clean up. Special thanks to the Easter Bunny, Jim Corkery and Barbara Smith.

Thank you for all your participation this year and look forward to seeing you next year!

As always, volunteers' help is appreciated. Parents and Grandparents can help by watching over their own children. We thank you for your assistance.

Please remember that attendance at Children's Parties is limited to children and grandchildren aged ten and under of Post members only. There is no smoking allowed in the hall at anytime and drinking alcoholic beverages is never permitted at children's parties.

Michele Jordan
Chairman

Poppies

Our annual poppy drive will be taking place on Memorial Weekend, Saturday May 28, Sunday May 29 and Memorial Day Monday May 30.

American Legion volunteers will be distributing poppies in exchange for donations. This annual event, planned to coincide with Memorial Day, pays tribute to all the veterans as well as those who gave their lives for our country. The poppy is a replica of those poppies that bloomed on the battlefields of France and are symbolic of the bloodshed there during WWI. Each poppy is handmade by Veterans for Veterans in Auxiliary Sponsored shops. 100% of the proceeds go toward Veteran related affairs and for the welfare of the families of Veterans.

We will have folks distributing poppies in exchange for donations on the local highways and at the local grocery stores during the Memorial weekend.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!! Please call me if you can spare any time at all during the Memorial weekend, no matter how much time you can spare, even if for just one hour. My phone number is 410-533-7106.

Starting on May 1 we will be collecting donations in the lounge. In exchange for a donation you will receive a document decorated with poppies. You can write any dedication on the document, and it will be displayed in the lounge during the entire month.

Eva D'Ambrosio
Chairman

SAL NEWS

From your Commander

The first bit of news is that the SAL is having a chicken lunch/dinner on Saturday, April 9th from 1 pm until the chicken is gone! The cost is \$8.00 per meal and includes half a chicken, green beans, potato salad and a roll.

Second, we are hoping to build ten new picnic tables and are asking for a donation of \$200.00 each. We will engrave your name, your company's name or "in memory of" on the top of the table if you would like. Please see Matt Anderson, Larry Doran or Mike Clutz if interested.

Last, the SAL meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. It would be great to see some new faces to give some new ideas! This month is nominations for officers for the coming year. Hope to see you there.

Mike Clutz
Commander

We would like to thank Anderson Painting, Inc. for the great painting job of the lounge. They worked in the evenings to accommodate the Post member's schedules to keep the lounge open. Thanks again. If Anderson Painting, Inc. can do anything for you, Please call 410-923-4882.

Larry Doran
3rd Vice

Planned Post Activities

New Offering on Hall Rentals

Small Event Hall Rentals

We are making the Post Hall available for “Small Affairs” like Bridal or Baby Showers. These rentals will be available on either Thursday or Sunday afternoons or evenings. Events such as this should usually have a smaller number of attendees and be of a shorter duration than a normal rental. Special rates will be in effect for these “small hall” rentals. Contact Pat Wachter at 410-647-3756 to discuss the details.

***Pat Wachter,
Hall Chairman***

Bingo

The Unit holds bingo on the third Monday of the month at 7PM for the residents at Future Care Nursing Home on College Parkway. If you would like to join us, call Barbara Mallonee at 410-757-1540. Help is always needed. Thank You.

Breakfast

May Mother’s Day Special

WE ARE OFFERING A \$1 DISCOUNT TO MOTHERS AT OUR MAY 15 BREAKFAST!

Regular prices are: Adults-\$6.00, Children 7 and under-\$3.00, Omelets to order-\$.50 extra. The hours are 8:30 to 11:00AM. Any questions call Pat Rabeau at 443-995-2294.

Catering

Please remember if you know someone who is having a wedding reception, birthday party, retirement party

or any kind of party refer them to us and be sure to tell them we have a great new menu. Anyone can access the menu from the auxiliary page on the legion website. <http://legionpost175.org/> or you can call me at 410-903-6305.

***Roni Goughenour
Chairman***

Clothing Drive

Men and women’s clothing are needed for Perry Point Veterans Hospital by April 12 so they can be there on April 16 when the clothing bazaar will be held. Call Barbara Mallonee at 410-757-1540.

Essay Awards Ceremony

An Essay Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 2PM in the Post Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

Go Ravens!

Ravens Roost #33, which meets at the Post, invites Post members who are football fans to join the Roost. It is one of 50 Roosts that work together to promote football and local charities in addition to cheering for the Ravens. Roost members have fun watching the games, but we enjoy other activities throughout the year. We hold our annual convention in Ocean City. In February, members participate in a bull roast that is attended by Brian Billick and Ravens players. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year plus a \$15.00 Initiation fee. For more information, please call Dave Schultz at 410-757-5505.

Happy Hours

Very *Happy Hours*...Mon-Friday 4- 6 PM, Saturday 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM.

New!! New!! - Happy hour Club - New!! New!!

Donate a dollar a week and have a Happy Hour surprise on Wednesdays. See Kathy for details.

Daily Lunch (Monday - Sunday)

Daily lunch items, usually a secret until that day, but always a pleasant treat to the taste buds. Often it's a guarded /secret recipe. The lunch crowd is now nearly as big as the Friday night howlers.

Organization Meetings

Executive Board meets last Monday of each month. [APR 25 – MAY 30] at 7:00 PM.

SAL Unit meets 2nd Tuesday of each month. [APR 12 – MAY 10] at 7:30 PM.

General membership meets 2nd Wednesday of each month. [APR 13 – MAY 11] at 7:30 PM.

Auxiliary Unit meets the 4th Wednesday of each month. [APR 27 – MAY 25]

NEED SOME FLORIDA SUNSHINE?

The Severn River Lions Club, a service organization, sells select Florida citrus each month from November through April. All proceeds of the sales go to charities and school scholarships. The club offers premium fruit shipped directly from the orchards to Severna Park. Ruby Red grapefruit is offered each month. In December navel oranges and tangerines are also available. In January, Temple oranges are offered. Frequently navel oranges are also available in January. Grapefruit costs \$10 for a 2/5 bushel box and \$18 for a 4/5 bushel box. Navel oranges run \$11 for 2/5 bushel and \$20 for 4/5 bushel. Cost of tangerines and Temple oranges is not yet available. If you are interested in enjoying some Florida sunshine right here in Severna Park this winter while contributing to charity, call Dale Strait at 410-987-4879. Thanks.

Internet Access

Post WEB Site is available for your use. We are already receiving a significant number of "hits" (accesses) to the various topic areas included. The Web site will continue to expand to include many more areas of information and interest to both Post members and outside inquirers. This growth will be largely based on members' suggestions.

The Webmaster is Gail Helm of our Auxiliary. Thanks Gail for all your superb efforts in getting this excellent communications tool available to us.

The web page may be accessed under www.legionpost175.org

Please let Gail know through the web page response section (hyperlink at bottom of Web Page) what your thoughts are for articles/access methods/format changes that you feel you would like to see included.

One thing we will be able to do is to inform every one of changes /omissions/errors from the Newsletter in a timely manner, as opposed to waiting for the next bi-monthly issue of the Newsletter.

The web page can present things that the Newsletter cannot. Such as, COLOR pictures from events at the Post, hyperlinks to articles of interest from National and Department etc. etc.

Please feel free to access the web page NOW.

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