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Commander's Corner

Legionnaires,

Happy Spring Comrades. I hope everyone is as happy as I am to experience the warm temperatures, flowers and trees in bloom, etc.

April is Children and Youth month. The American Legion provides needed assistance to help our youth in achieving meaningful careers, education and health care services, free of charge. The American Legion's goal is to support and provide comfort to recovering wounded warriors and their families and to improve the well-being of all children. Programs include Flag Education, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, School Awards Programs, Oratorical Contests and Sons of the American Legion. Also, there are Child Safety Programs for Sexual Abuse, Teenage Suicide, School Safety, Fire Safety, Missing and Abducted Children as well as Child abuse.

Please, let's celebrate the American Legion Auxiliary. Members are instrumental in pushing many of these programs forward and dedicating their time serving veterans, military and their families. They are my heroes.

Remember to ask veterans in your life how they are doing. BE THE ONE.

For God and Country

Shirley D. Buchanan
17th District Commander

Adjutant's Corner

Department still leads at National as #2.

District 17 is 3rd in the state and 1st in the Northern Region.

Congratulations to the posts who have made or exceeded the goal.

It is pass time for others to step up.

VA-24 -- 103.72%
 VA-44 -- 94.74%
 VA-85 -- 83.46%
 VA-123 -- 100.00%
 VA-130 -- 80.85%
 VA-139 -- 114.36%
 VA-162 -- 89.29%
 VA-176 -- 100.67%
 VA-177 -- 96.74%
 VA-180 -- 101.35%
 VA-184 -- 92.90%
 VA-194 -- 95.92%
 VA-270 -- 84.69%
 VA-1775 -- 110.81%
 VA-1976 -- 93.52%
 VA-1995 -- 103.33%
 SUM: 97.79%

Here's a letter I recently sent to all the non-renewals at Post 24. Feel free to use it.

Because of its dedicated members, The American Legion is the nation's largest and most powerful veterans service organization.

Strength in numbers allows us to fight for – and win – legislation benefitting veterans on Capitol Hill. Our large membership fulfills vital missions on behalf of veterans and active-duty service members in every community across our great nation. It is the strength of the Legion that honors those who served in ways no one else can – from laying flowers at gravesites to raising funds to help military families in need. Our programs to

support veterans, mentor youth and provide for military families facing hardships would not be as successful without a strong and vibrant membership.

Your membership plays a critical role in sustaining American Legion programs, such as those that provide comfort items for wounded service members, scholarships and programs for young people, as well as immediate financial assistance for veterans coping with the aftermath of natural disaster or economic trouble. Our ability to continue doing what we do – one family and community at a time – depends entirely on you and your continued membership.

Your continued membership is so very important to keep our programs and services strong. Please take the time to reinvest **now**. We all know that everyone cannot volunteer to support the many programs that we are involved with; however, the one program that that you can support is MEMBERSHIP in helping us make our 100% goal.

Thank you for your service to The American Legion and our country.)

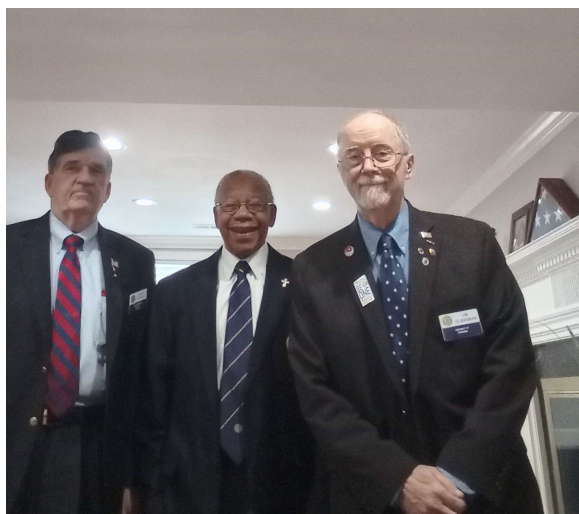
Again, if you need help, just let me know or reach out to you assigned District Vice Commander. We are here to help you!

Several weeks ago, I received a call from Department asking for help.

A mother from Ohio reached out for her son who passed away in Falls Church. He was a Legionnaire at a post in Ohio where his father and grandfather were members. The mother asked if we could do a Legion Memorial Service for him.

I sent an email to all Post Commanders asking them to pass this request all members for assistance.

I want to thank District Vice Commander Pfeifer and 1995 Chaplain Al Schenk for assisting me with the service. I wish we had more members there, but, it is what it is.



Paul McComb, District 17 Chaplain

Here's a quick summary of the U.S. Army Chaplains Corps.

If armies have existed, military chaplains have served alongside soldiers, providing for their spiritual

needs, working to improve morale, and aiding the wounded. The Bible tells of the early Israelites bringing their priests into battle with them. Pagan priests accompanied the Roman legions during their conquests; as Christianity became the predominant religion of the Roman Empire, Christian chaplains administered to Roman soldiers. In fact, the word chaplain is derived from *cappa*, the Latin word for cloak.

*The U.S. Army Chaplain Corps is one of the oldest and smallest branches of the Army. The Chaplain Corps dates back to 29 July 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized one chaplain for each regiment of the Continental Army, with pay equaling that of a captain. In addition to chaplains serving in Continental regiments, many militia regiments counted chaplains among their ranks.

*Since the War for Independence, chaplains have served in every American war. Over that period, the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps has evolved, with the addition of Roman Catholic chaplains in the Mexican War, and Jewish and African American chaplains during the Civil War. The position of chaplain assistant was created to support the work of chaplains. In January 1979, the Army commissioned its first female chaplain. Today, some 1,300 active-duty Army chaplains and 1,200 in the reserve components,

representing five major faiths groups (Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist) and over 120 denominations, administer to soldiers and their families.

*While their duties are primarily focused on spiritual and moral issues, many chaplains have also demonstrated tremendous bravery. Stories abound of chaplains administering the last rites to fallen soldiers, oblivious to the fire around them, or dashing out into the open to rescue the wounded without regard to their own lives. Five chaplains earned the Medal of Honor for their bravery, the most recent award made posthumously to Chaplain (MAJ) Charles J. Watters in November 1969. Dozens of others have made the ultimate sacrifice, living up the Chaplain Corps motto, *Pro Deo Et Patria* (For God and Country).

Take care of each other. Pray for our veterans, our military, and our nation.

Blessings,
Paul McComb
District 17 Chaplain
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Legislation (Bill Aramony)

WHAT IS DONE: On Federal Day on the Hill, your Legion leadership including the current and past department commander(s) and auxiliary president(s) met in person

with Senator Mark Warner for a strong and welcome give and take session. They also met with Senator Tim Kaine's staff (the Senator had escorted the national Chaplain to the Senate floor for the opening prayer.) Legion priorities are found in the National Defense Authorization Act for 2024 and MILCon-VA appropriations, amongst other bills. In Virginia, at the close of the General Assembly, some veteran bills passed both chambers and await the Governor's signature. These bills include the Charitable Gaming Act (HB 523), licensure pact acts (for employment), and the constitutional property tax amendment (SB 4, HB 558 and SJR4, which is a voter resolution) for surviving spouse of those killed in the line of duty.

TO DO: Me? I am collecting information for the 2025 General Assembly advocacy (will need you all, like last year) and communicating with SEN Warner's office. It should be an active year.

If you need assistance on a veteran issue, contact the office of Senator Kaine. Or email me billaramony@gamil.com and I will put you in touch.

YOU. Please SIGN UP for <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>. That is all for now. Your spouse, friends, and others can sign up, any friend of the Legion. You will get federal law updates and infrequent emails for help. We NEED

your input and Congress to know how many of you exist.

TELL PEOPLE WHAT YOU DO for The American Legion and what it does in the community. Tell your State Senator and Delegate. Tell your federal representatives. Tell your friends and neighbors. Tell veterans and service members resources available to them via Virginia veteran services and The American Legion. Your representatives are listening: What The American Legion DOES is a large part of advocacy – it is fact, real, what is done by The American Legion. Do not hide it. Tell it.

What's Going on at your Post

Alexandria Post 24 – Acting Commander Kelly Niernburger

Commander Mike Mixon presented Adjutant Jim Glassman (see photo below) a certificate from National Headquarters attesting to his 50 years of dedicated service to The American Legion. I thank Jim for his many years of faithful service to the Alexandria American Legion Post 24. Congratulations to Jim!



Wrap Up Party at G34.3 Brewing Company. On March 17th Post 24 convened its wrap-up party at the G34.3 Brewing Company for the George Washington Birthday Virtual Run, Walk, and Roll challenge event. G34.3 has been our top sponsor for this event for 4-years straight. Everyone who attended had a great time listening to the music of TAKE-3 and enjoying tasty libations with friends—new and old. I thank the Run, Walk, & Roll committee—chaired by Patrick Hawley—for this very successful event.



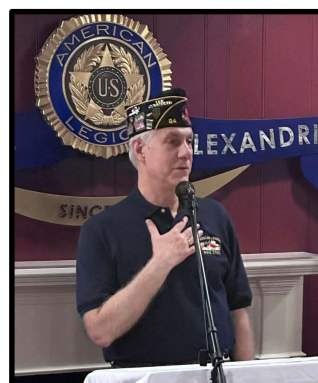
Post 24 Nominee Selected for Department Award. On March 21st Post 24 was notified that our nominee for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year had been selected as the Department's award winner. Plans have been made to present Deputy Sheriff Carlos Canas his Post 24 award at the end of April and his Department of Virginia award at the Convention in July. Congratulations to Second Vice Commander and Homeland Security Chairperson Donna Reuss for finding such a great nominee to represent Post 24.

Women's Leadership Talk. On March 21st a Women's Leadership Talk was presented by Donna Reuss at Elance Senior Living Residence in Old Town—one of Post 24's generous corporate sponsors. Donna's talk stirred good discussion among

veterans and non-veterans residing at Elance. I thank Donna for leading this special event during Women's History Month. The Photo below shows Donna socializing with residents after her talk.

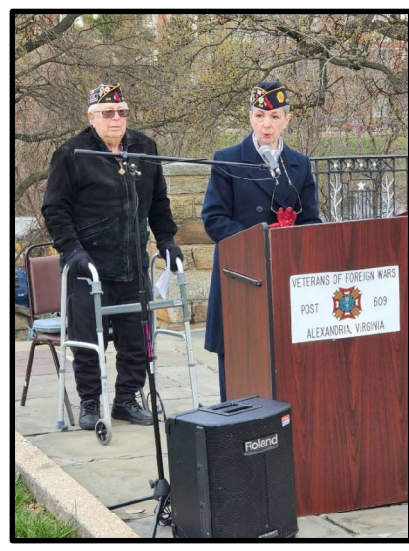


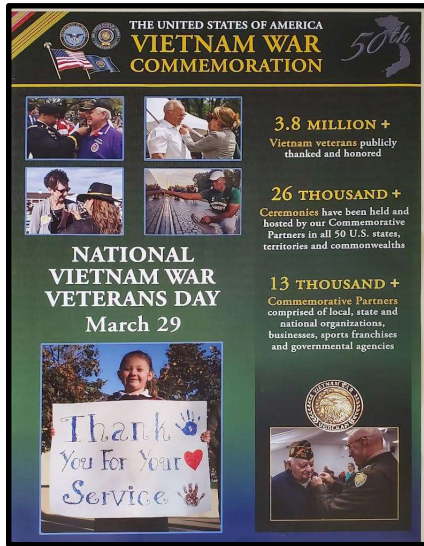
Women's History Month Celebration. On March 23rd Post 24 hosted a Women's History Month Celebration in the Clubroom. The principal guest speaker was Brigadier General Leslie Beavers, USAF (retired), and her message was meaningful and inspirational. I thank Wendy Driver—and her able team—for making this special event a success. I also thank Scott Allen and his wonderful Clubroom staff for their essential support. All proceeds from this event support the Auxiliary Unit 24's Girls State program.





National Vietnam War Veterans Day. On March 29th Second Vice Donna Reuss conducted a National Vietnam War Veterans Day commemoration at the Alexandria National Cemetery. Donna was assisted by Chaplain Dick Evans, Ceremonial Chair Matt Hedrick and several VFW Post 609 members. The Covanta Company—another generous Post 24 sponsor—provided coffee and donuts. This event was well received by all attendees—especially Vietnam War Veterans in attendance.





APRIL—What's Coming?

What's in store for April? We have two special events on the calendar. On Saturday, April 20th we will convene a Claims Clinic in the Clubroom starting at 9am.

And the next day, Sunday, April 21st, we will conduct this year's first Adopt-A-Block litter patrol around a 4-block area adjacent to Post 24. This activity will start at 1pm and usually takes less than an hour to complete. Please join us if you can.

Falls Church Post 130 – Commander Jamie Carl

Post 130 Hours of Operation are Monday - Saturday Opens 12:00 noon to 22:00 Hrs. (12 PM to 10 PM)

Sunday Opens 13:00 Hrs to 22:00 Hrs. (1 PM to 10 PM)

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH POST 130 HAS 8 BALL POOL TOURNAMENT DOUBLE ELIMINATION. We play singles with low turnout. With high turnout, we have luck of the draw for partners So come on down show us what you got Pool Players.



APRIL 20TH

AMERICAN LEGION POST 130 AUX

400 N OAK FALLS CHURCH VA

\$12.00 PER PLATE

4PM TILL GONE

**INCLUDES: SPAGHETTI, SALAD
AND GARLIC BREAD**

Lorton Post 162 Commander Chris Warner

In March we had several events take place at Post 162! By Celebrating the American Legion Birthday, we did a week of events. We started off the week with our 4th Annual Chili Cookoff. We had 10 entries and some great chili! Tuesday March 12th was Trivia night and a member of our post cooked kabob dinner, which was delicious. Followed by Karaoke night on March 15th. We ended the week with a Birthday Party and Band on March 16th our commander Chris Warner Cut the cake. We had a blast celebrating the Birthday Week! Also, in March Post 162 Hosted our past commander's Sam's 80th birthday celebration on March 23rd. He has been a member of our post for over 25 years. Big Celebration Month for our Post!



Events we have coming up in April are Boys State interviews on April 6th. Also Having entertainment as of Trivia Nights April 18th 7pm and Live Music April 21st 3-6pm. To end the month, we will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on April 30th from 10am -4pm.

In May for Cinco de mayo the Post will have live music and tacos to celebrate! Ladies Auxiliary will host tacos and Margaritas from 1-4 pm. Memorial Day weekend we will host 48 all weekend long! Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Sunday May 26th 11am. Our annual Picnic will be Monday May 27th starting at 1pm. We have a lot of renovations happening to the Post in April, after the fire we have been slowly rebuilding and we can't wait for everyone to see how beautiful our post is becoming!

Springfield Post 176 – Commander Kevin Gaddis

The Post 176 Sons Squadron was very busy in March. They hosted another successful fundraiser on Saturday, March 16th to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, and raise funds for Legion Programs and veterans. Below is a picture of SAL Commander Linwood Jones and 1st Vice Commander Erich Pfleeger presenting a check to Robin Kelleher, co-founder and CEO of Hope for The Warriors, a Springfield-based non-profit that supports veterans, service members, and their families. Learn more about this Charity Navigator 4 star-rated organization at

<https://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/>

Post 176 is so fortunate to a Sons Squadron as part of its Legion family. Their next fundraiser is Cinco-de-Mayo, on Sunday, May 5th.



Also, on Saturday, March 16th, post 176 Legionnaire Don Howell held another flag retirement ceremony for all the flags collected at Post 176 Springfield at St Lawrence Parish, 6222 Franconia Rd, Alexandria, VA 22310. Don had help from the Knights of Columbus, VFW, and the Boy Scouts.

Several members of the Post 176 families, as well as members from the 17th District, the Department of Virginia, and Department Commander Sonnie Dickerson met at Post 176 to commute together to Washington, DC on Wednesday, 3/13. The trip was taken to support and hear National Commander Daniel Seehafer testify on Veterans Affairs before the Joint House and Senate subcommittees, located in the Cannon Building. Linden Dixon, National Executive Committeeman, arranged a chartered bus for the trip.



Thank you, Post 176 Riders, as seven riders rode 53 miles in beautiful weather to support fellow Rider Geoff Ballou's family at a funeral for his future son-in-law's mother. Eleanor Pekala served in the United States Marine Corps from 1967 to 1990, achieving the rank of Lt. Col before retiring from duties at the Pentagon. Semper Fi, Marine. Rest well.



Well done to Auxiliary President and the Auxiliary for hosting The Women's Wellness Social Event on Sunday, March 24th. Auxiliary Unit 176 presented a \$2500 donation check to our event guest speaker, Robin Kelleher, CEO and co-founder of Hope for the Warriors.

President Kim Palmer says we could not have done this event without all the amazing Legion family volunteers who helped make our first big event a success! We thank the 13 awesome vendors who participated. Much gratitude goes to Krystle Bransky and Alisha Shadow, who spearheaded the Wellness Event in our Post home.

They coordinated all the details - from seeking and inviting area women-led businesses, to inviting women in our local community to enjoy a day of honor and reflection, to acquiring a huge number of raffle items. The photos below show the vast number of gifts provided.



Upcoming Events

Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 9th.
Cinco de Mayo on Sunday, May 5th.

Fairfax Post 177 – Commander Eric Parkhurst

March kicked off for Post 177 at the D=American Legion Department of Virginia Conference in Portsmouth, VA. Members of the Executive Board received a lot of information, guidance, and a renewed energy to bring new things to our post home.

More than 70 folks enjoyed our 2nd Sunday Breakfast 10 March, and we had great turnouts for karaoke 20 and 27 March.

29 March, we participated in the Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony at the City of Fairfax Veterans Amphitheater along with Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax Resolves, Sons of the American Revolution, and VFW Post 8469. The present Vietnam Veterans and family members of those Vietnam Veterans who have passed away were honored followed by the reading of the names of the 147 military members from Fairfax that were lost in country during the Vietnam War. Post 177 Legionnaires, Ahsan Nasar and Jeff White, read names of the fallen.

April is a busy month at Post 177! Bob Eidsvoog, Past 17th District Commander, Memorial Service will be held 1 April at 1900 hrs. John Price, Past 17th District Commander & Past Post 177 Commander, Memorial Service will be held 21 April at 1300 hrs.

We have 3 Honor flights visiting our Post inn April: 12 April, Southwest/Central Virginia, 19 April, Houston, and 25 April, Alaska. Join us to welcome these honored guests and show your appreciation for coming before us to serve. Honor Flights usually arrive between 1730-1800.

2nd Sunday Breakfast will be 14 April 0930-1100 featuring your favorite breakfast buffet items and made-to-order pancakes and omelets.

Every Tuesday is Taco night featuring tacos, quesadillas, and other Mexican delights. Food is served 1630 until we're sold out. Wednesdays are Wild Wing Wednesday from 1730-2300, your choice of flavor on breaded or non-breaded wings. Karaoke starts at 1900 the second and third Wednesday, 17 and 24 April.

Have a great April! See ya around the Post!

Herndon Post 184 – Commander David Womak

Post 184 Herndon – Post 184 continues to stay busy but focused on veterans. Post 184 finalized our two Boys State selectees, and they are ready to attend another great Boys State! Post 184 has started planning for Memorial Day Ceremonies in earnest. Post will conduct two Memorial Day ceremonies, Poppy Distribution, and raise the Avenue of Flags (weather permitting).

Arlington Post 194 – Dewanda Mintz

~~March was Women's History Month~~

*We honored the service of women veterans and their contributions to American military history
A special honor goes to 'Shoshana Johnson', the first Black Woman POW in U.S. history*

MARCH Madness— we didn't have any madness, but accomplished a few tasks...

Our monthly meeting @ Carver Center – March 6th

A 'BINGO NIGHT' @ VA Community Living Center for the residents – March 8th

An 'Executive Board Meeting' with the Post/Auxiliary to discuss our mission, plans, & events for the year – March 16th

Buddy Checks via calls, emails, cards, & visits - weekly basis

Reminded Legionnaires to participate in Department's comprehensive member data verification project – postcards & emails were sent to all members about this voluntary project.

APRIL Showers....

Our monthly meeting – April 3rd
Planning sessions for future events –
Arlington County Fair & Dorie Miller Day

'SAVE THE DATE – May 31st'

Our Annual Spring Cabaret, our 1st fundraiser of the year!

Veterans Helping Veterans & Their Families

We look forward to your participation & if you can't attend, please consider donating the cost of a ticket \$30.00 to the cause.



SUPPLICATIONS

Prayers for our fellow Legionnaires & Auxiliary confronting health challenges; also, prayers to those who have suffered the loss of family &/or friends.

Centreville Post 1995 – Commander Randy Young

17th District Spring Conference –
On March 10th Post leadership attended the District Spring Conference at Post 176 in Springfield. Post 1995 contributed to the committee reports on Children and Youth, Americanism, and VA and R. It was at this time that our Post hit 100% of our membership goal. In attendance were Steve Hunter, Post Adjutant and Past District Commander, Randy Young, Commander, and Karen Hunter representing the Auxiliary.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year –

On March 12th at our general membership meeting Mike Reilly, Law and Order Chairman presented the Post 1995 LEO Certificate to PFC Jacob Juranek. Officer Juranek works out of the Sully Station of the Fairfax County Police. While still a junior officer in tenure, he is trained as an EMT in New York, and has received two recognitions for outstanding service with Fairfax County. He was selected Officer of the Year for Sully Police Station and received the police Lifesaving Award in the line of duty. Jacob is our Post's nominee to be Department Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Visit by District Vice Commander –

Guillermo Guillen, District Vice Commander, attended our membership meeting. Prior to the meeting we met at the Sedona Tap House for dinner with Commander Randy Young, Adjutant Steve Hunter, and Past Post Commander, Jim Robison. We discussed Post operations, community outreach, youth programs, and District operations.

Walk to prevent Veteran Suicide –

Gene Grifee, our Service Officer has undertaken to raise money by walking to prevent suicide among active-duty forces. This initiative is called the "31 Mile Dog Walk Challenge 2024". He

will be accompanied by his service dog. He has already logged many miles toward his goal. Gene made a motion to have the Post contribute to his effort and the fundraising goal. The motion was discussed and passed. The Post has contributed \$100.00 to this worthy effort.

American Legion Birthday – On many months Post 1995 recognizes the birthday of the armed forces with a custom cake. March is the Legion's birthday month, so I asked Jim Robison, Past Post Commander, and Commander of Cakes, to order one. Jim provided the bakery our official Legion logo image. When Jim picked up the cake it was beautiful and tasted great. But Jim realized too late that the script added to the cake spelled "Legion" wrong. Spelled right on the Legion seal, spelled when had written on the cake. As a result, we got a free cake! Post 1995 wishes a Happy Legion Birthday to all District 17 Posts.

ROTC Awards to Chantilly High School – On Saturday, April 13th we will again present two awards to outstanding cadets enrolled in the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Chantilly High School. Traditionally we present two medals, one for scholastic achievement and one for military merit. Post 1995 is proud to be able to support and recognize these patriotic young Americans.

Legion Auxiliary – President
Tamara Parks

To all the Auxiliary members, March is ending and Spring has arrived.

The Spring Conference was held from March 1-3 in Portsmouth, VA. Always informative for those able to attend, from the Workshop on Friday to all the reports from the Department chairmen. The Department President Darla Lisbon's special project is "Reboot Recovery" to show Hope after Trauma by offering courses to Veterans and their families to start the healing process. Donations can be mailed to Dept. headquarters payable to ALA Dept of VA and earmark President's Project.

The 17th District held a Leadership workshop by zoom on March 18th. Topics covered were Navigating the website given by Nancy Harting. Also, Responsibilities of District officers and chairmen given by Margaret Dellinger. Thanks to both and Dr. Lisa Chaplain for assisting with the zoom call. Nineteen Auxiliary members were on the call. Thank you!!

Reminders of annual reports due by April 15, 2024.

I had the pleasure of attending Springfield Unit # 176 Women's Wellness Social Event on

March 24th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The guest speaker from Hope for Warriors, Robyn Kelleher Co-founder & CEO spoke of their work over the last twenty years to support our Veterans through Six Life Domains. Physical Wellness, Emotional Wellness, Financial Wellness, Life Roles, Social Support and Community Connection.

They are a tremendous resource for Veterans with contacts in all fifty states. There were a great group of vendors who participated and a guided meditation was enjoyed by all. Delicious munchies to enjoy were provided by Unit 176.

As April approaches Unit # 176 will host a Celebrate the Military Child Event on April 14, at 1 pm. featuring Military Kids. Bring a Photo of Your Military child.

Keep up the great work you all do, Ladies of the Auxiliary, it is important to acknowledge and appreciate all the support you give on behalf of Veterans and their families. Thanks again!

Tamara Parks
17th District President

SAL – Tyler Vanice

I hope everyone had fun at the Spring Conference. Sadly, I was unable to attend due to COVID. Still, I hope you all had a wonderful time there.

This is a reminder to you all that the 2024-2025 SAL Membership Card cut-off date is May 15, 2024, which is also the 100% Target Date. The IT Production team at National will run the 2024-2025 SAL Membership Cards extract on or around May 18, 2024. Please transmit your SAL membership by the May 15, 2024, cut-off date to ensure that your members' 2025 membership cards correctly reflect their continuous years.

Membership cards will not be mailed this year again. Starting last year, the Department has changed it so that Squadrons will need to pick up their own cards. My recommendation is that your Post Commander or Officer picks up your membership cards when they arrive. Please plan accordingly.

Please remember that if your Squadron only did one thing this year, please report it on the Consolidated Squadron Report Form (CSR). It is due May 15th. Every Squadron is required to complete one. This information is very important to the Legion, and we all know the "Sons Git It Done". Please let me know if need assistance with completing the form. Please send a copy to me when you submit it. We at the Detachment need to receive it directly from you. You can find the form at www.vasons.org.

Women's Outreach Program – Joyce Miller




The American Legion Department of Virginia
Women's Outreach Program
&
2084 Echelon 24 Virginia
Presents:

**Saturday
4 May 2024** **THE 3RD
ANNUAL
WOMEN
VETERAN
CONFERENCE**

Topics :

- What does my VA have to offer for Women Veteran Health?
- The history of Women in the military.
- Education benefits for the Veteran and her family.
- PTSD & MST: What is it and what resources are available to tackle it?
- Tackling Homelessness for the Female veteran.
- How to file a VA claim.
- And so much more!

Guest Speaker:
To be announced

***Women Only Event
Breakfast snacks, coffee, tea, water, and lunch is provided at no charge

Location:
American Legion Post 177
3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, VA 22030

Register now at :
Time: 1000-1600

Phone: 703-565-3653/540-710-3049
Email: A.L.WomenVeteranConference@gmail.com









Below was passed to us from Department

I am reaching out to provide valuable information regarding the Hiring Our Heroes in-person events scheduled for 2024. These events present an excellent opportunity for our organization to support veterans in

their transition to civilian employment.

Please find below the dates of these events in your respective states:

Event Date: April 10-11, 2024

Location: Fort Belvoir Career Summit, Fort Belvoir, Virginia

If you have any individuals within your department who would be suitable candidates to participate in these events, I kindly request that you consider nominating them. Your active participation in these events is invaluable, and I am confident that your dedication will contribute significantly to our mission of supporting veterans in their career endeavors. Event registration link; [Events - Employer Registration - Hiring Our Heroes](#)

Additionally, I would like to request a report following each event detailing the number of veterans and spouses who attended the event, as well as the number who visited our booth. This information will help us assess the impact of our presence and better tailor our support in the future.

I will send out a reminder of these events one week prior to each respective date. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Thank you for your continued commitment to serving our veterans.

Warm regards,

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