

# District 17 Communicator

American Legion 17th District, Dept of VA News

## COMMANDER'S CALL

Guillermo Guillén, Commander, 17th District

Hello 17th District!

What a whirlwind of a month. I had to look back at my calendar to recall all the events that happened at your posts. To paraphrase a statement our Department Commander made this past weekend at the Department Conference in Williamsburg, "I spend a lot of time in the 17th, because they have something going on every weekend".

Unfortunately, contrary to the feedback to support continuing this periodical, we only received four post submissions; thank you Posts 177, 180, 1976, and 1995. Remember, submission dates will NEVER change. The window to provide input to Eric Parkhurst (commander@fairfaxpost177.org) is the 20th through the 25th of every month. I'll briefly cover those events not mentioned and then move into a few key updates.

**Post 139, Arlington**, served as the starting point for the Freedom Walk, a world-class, noncompetitive, non-profit, international walking festival co-hosted by Arlington County, AVA America's Walking Club, and the IML Walking Association. It was held on October 17, 18, and 19 and we welcomed and introduced hundreds of local, national and international guests.

**Post 162, Lorton** conducted a fundraiser specifically for combatting veteran suicide.

**Post 194, Arlington**, hosted their fifth Dorie Miller recognition ceremony

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honoring the life of a young black sailor from WWII who was not allowed to serve in any other capacity other than a cook and despite that, manned a machine gun and carried recovered several shipmates' bodies to include the captains during the attack on Pearl Harbor. For his actions, he was awarded the Navy Cross. Dorie Miller would later lose his life at sea.

The Department conference is always a distribution of knowledge, though it seems to be delivered through a high pressure 40" pipe. The talk at the conference was our very own Wendy Driver, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander of Alexandria Post 24. Wendy has recruited 96 new members, as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. How? The "Legion +" app on her cell phone has been her prevailing recruiting tool. You can download it from Apple iTunes and the Google Play store and read about it on the National website, [Download the new Legion membership app | The American Legion](#). Bottom line, it obviously works and is immediate. Oh, and congratulations Wendy!

Membership Chairman Kevin Gaddis has really kept our district informed and is working hard to help those posts that are challenged in both recruiting and renewals. The district has entered its 18<sup>th</sup> straight week leading the Department of Virginia in membership. Important membership dates: **November 13th, the goal is 65%; December 10th, the goal is 75%**. Most of our Posts are within reach of these milestones set by National. I want to welcome Post 44 Commander Carlos Guterrez to his acceptance as Post Commander AND his post's achievement of 100% of their membership goal by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Department conferences.** We have just held our last Department *Fall* Conference and, in the Spring of 2026, we will have our last Department *Spring* Conference in Portsmouth. Starting in the winter of 2027, the Department of Virginia will move to one mid-winter conference followed by a Department Convention in July 2027. In the meantime, registration forms are now available for the **2026 Department Spring Conference at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 27 February 2026 through 1 March 2026** (included at the end of the communicator).

**Department Legion College.** Legion College will rotate through the three regions of Virginia (see flyer at the end of the communicator for details). What I will note is the Northern Region will host, Post 176 in Springfield specifically will host, TAL Department of Virginia Legion College on Saturday, March 14, 2026. There is no cost to attend so register early. More to follow at the District Conference....

**District Conference.** The Call for Conference letter went out by email on October 30<sup>th</sup>. (see attached). 17<sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference, Sunday, November 16, 2025.

Remember to RSVP to Kevin Gaddis or Denise White for the 17<sup>th</sup> District's, Department Commander's Dinner on November 10<sup>th</sup> at Springfield Post 176 at 7:00pm. Special guests may include TAL National Commander, Dan Wiley, ALA National President, Pam Ray, and SAL National Commander, William "Bill" Clancy, along with all our Department leadership.

Lastly, if your post is not celebrating the United States Marine Corps' 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and you would like to join a group, Fairfax Post 177 will celebrate the 250th Marine Corps Birthday on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm with the Department Commander.

For God and Country,

Guillermo Guillén

Commander, 17 District, Department of Virginia

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## Seventeenth District Department of Virginia

TO: 17<sup>th</sup> District Officers  
17<sup>th</sup> District Post Commanders  
17<sup>th</sup> District Committee Chairman  
17<sup>th</sup> District Past Commanders  
17<sup>th</sup> District Sons of The American Legion Commander  
17<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary President

FROM: Guillermo Guillén, 17<sup>th</sup> District Commander 

DATE: November 16, 2025

Reference: 17<sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference

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The 17<sup>th</sup> District Fall Conference for District Officers, Committee Chairman, Post Commanders, and Past District Commanders will be held on **November 16th, 2025**. The meeting will be held at Fairfax Post 177, 3939 Oak Street, Fairfax, VA 22030. A Joint meeting with the 17<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion starts at 1230 with the Legion conference beginning at 1300.

All 17<sup>th</sup> District Officers, Committee Chairman, Post Commanders, and Past District Commanders are strongly urged to attend. All 17<sup>th</sup> District Legionnaires are welcome.

**District Executive Committee (DEC) Reminder:** As outlined in the 17th District Bylaws, the District Executive Committee (DEC) is composed of the

17th District Officers, all Post Commanders (or their designated representatives), and Past District Commanders. In the event a Post Commander is unable to attend, their representative must be identified to the District Commander or Adjutant—via phone call, email, text message, or written correspondence—prior to the start of the meeting, particularly if a vote is to take place.

**Reporting.** Please refer to the email titled “*Committee Chair Reporting / District Directory*”, distributed via email on Friday, September 12, 2025 for guidance for reporting. Reports from Chairmen and Vice Commanders, if presented, should be concise, informative, and submitted to the District Adjutant, Jeff White, at [jwhite@fairfaxpost177.org](mailto:jwhite@fairfaxpost177.org) for official filing.

**Attire.** In alignment with the National Organization’s meeting attire guidelines established several years ago, I will be wearing slacks, a Legion polo, and a sport coat for the District Fall Conference. I encourage all Legionnaires and Sons to do likewise in support of the National Organization’s efforts to promote a more business-casual appearance.



**COMMANDER  
GUILLERMO GUILLEN**

**SR VICE COMMANDER  
HENRY DORTON**

**VICE COMMANDER  
MARTY PFIEFFER**

**VICE COMMANDER  
RANDY YOUNG**

**VICE COMMANDER  
DAVID WALLACE**

**ADJUTANT  
JEFFREY WHITE**

**CHAPLAIN  
PAUL MCCOMB**

**TREASURER  
TOMMY POWELL**

**HISTORIAN  
DAVID WALLACE**

**SEARGENT-AT-ARMS  
MATT HEDRICK**

**SERVICE OFFICER  
DANIELLE SLACK**

## LEGISLATIVE

Bill Aramony, Chairman

PROPOSED STATE BILLS. A primary legislative initiative is sustaining educational funding for the survivors of veterans killed in action, and dependents of 100% disabled veterans. Current funding expires 2026. The American Legion, VFW, and AMVETS also are working to improve current mandate to use gaming proceeds for charitable disbursements outside of post needs. (1) A 2024 law broadened permissible use of gaming proceeds to include certain post needs. (2) A gaming sub-committee is working to lessen mandated use of proceeds from 20% to 10%. (3) We are told problems continue and are working the problem on the legislative side. On the Federal side, some Legion supported programs have been added to the National Defense Authorization Act but money remains tight and it is unknown whether these proposed bills will be funded.

DAY ON THE HILL Please join us on January 15 2026 Thursday for Day on the Hill in Richmond Virginia. You meet at Legion headquarters in Richmond, are briefed, and take a bus to the General Assembly building. You talk to a few of your state senators and delegates and then proceed to the House and Senate chambers to be recognized. Dress business casual but also wear your Legion

your Legion cover and whatever service attire. Email me -- caption Day on the Hill -- if you want to join us. It is a fun day, as well as an educational. [billaramony@gmail.com](mailto:billaramony@gmail.com).

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Paul McComb, Chaplain

Blessings to the Legion Family, veterans, and our military. Sharing a couple of topics with you this month. May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you peace. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

### TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS (TAPS)

- TAPS offers immediate and long-term emotional help, hope and healing to all those grieving the loss of a military loved one, regardless of their relationship to the deceased or the circumstances of the death.
- TAPS welcome you to their special family. TAPS pledges to provide compassionate care and a place you can find understanding and hope though connecting with other who have experienced the death of a loved one serving in our nation's Armed Forces.
- Examples of TAPS support programs.

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- ◇ Events for Adults—Seminars, Retreats, One-Day Gatherings, Sports and Entertainment Events, and Health & Wellness Opportunities.
- ◇ Good Grief Camps for children and teens.
- ◇ Connections to community-based care. Casework assistance.
- ◇ Emergency financial assistance.
- ◇ National Military Mentor Program supporting young survivors.

TAPS is available to you 24/7 through their **National Military Survivor Hotline at 800.959.TAPS(8277)**. If you need to speak to someone concerning an urgent matter or just need a listening ear, please contact TAPS at 800.959.8277 or [info@taps.org](mailto:info@taps.org). 3033 Wilson Blvd, Third Floor, Arlington VA 22201.



**You don't have to go through a crisis alone.**

Dial 988 then Press 1 to reach the Veterans Crisis Line day or night.

### **VETERANS CRISIS LINE**

No Veteran should go through a crisis alone. Save the new Veterans Crisis Line number—**Dial 988 then Press 1**—in your phone in case you or a Veteran loved one needs support.

Learn more at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](https://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net). You can still call the original Veterans Crisis Line number—1-800-273-8255 and Press 1—to reach responders.

## **POST 177**

Fairfax, VA

Eric Parkhurst, Post Commander

October brought us four Honor Flights; one of which had 2 WWII Veterans. It was an honor to welcome and celebrate these veterans!

A huge thank you to all those that attended the Warfighters MC Crab and Oyster Fest October 4! Everyone had a great time. Entertainment was provided by the Take 5 Band.

Join us Sunday, November 9 for our monthly 2nd Sunday breakfast buffet. The Falcons/Colts game will be on the big screen during breakfast.

November 10, Post 177 will host the Marine Corps Birthday with Guest of Honor, Marine Sergeant Dr. Deanna Hall. The birthday celebration will include the traditional cake cutting and tapping of the keg.

Tuesday, November 11, LTG Mike Shields (US Army, Retired) will be guest speaker at our Veterans Day Ceremony held jointly with the VFW Post 8469.

Post 177 is collecting food for the needy. Please stop by the Social Quarters and drop off your donation of non-perishable goods in the collection box.

## POST 180

Vienna, VA

David Wallace, Post Commander

Since our last 17th District newsletter, Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 has been full of energy, outreach, and camaraderie!

We kicked things off with our Buddy Check 250 Challenge, aiming to reach 250 members of our Legion Family with personal phone calls. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, we surpassed that goal, completing 296 Buddy Checks over the weekend! These conversations are the heart of who we are, connecting, supporting, and reminding each other that no one is ever forgotten.

Our post also proudly hosted another Utah Honor Flight, welcoming a distinguished lineup of guests including the National Auxiliary President, Department Commander, and our 17th District Commander and Auxiliary President. One of the most memorable moments was meeting WWII veteran Jim Crane, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday and shared stories from his 180 combat missions. He also spoke fondly of his father—a WWI veteran and a charter member of Utah Post 1. It was truly an honor to hear such living history.

We also celebrated the Navy's 250th Birthday with a traditional cake-cutting ceremony and gathered for our Early Bird Membership Event, where we treated renewing and new Legion Family members to a complimentary meal as a small thank-you for their commitment.

As Post Commander, I had the privilege of visiting one of our Legionnaires currently in rehab, delivering both fellowship and a donation from the Post to help offset unexpected medical expenses for him and his wife. Supporting our members in times of need remains a cornerstone of our mission.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting events on the horizon:

Town of Vienna Halloween Parade – October 29th: Our Post Color Guard will once again lead the parade, followed by our festive float.

5th and Final Utah Honor Flight of the Year – November 5th

U.S. Marine Corps 250th Birthday Cake Cutting – November 10th

Veterans Day Ceremony – November 11th

It's been a truly rewarding month for Dyer-Gunnell Post 180, filled with service, celebration, and the spirit of camaraderie that defines our Legion Family. Thank you to everyone who continues to make our post such a vibrant and caring community.

## POST 1995

Centreville, VA

Randolph Young, Post Commander



Patrolman Maria Rivera shares a coffee with Chaplain Al Schenck

Coffee with a Cop - On October 1st three members of Post 1995 and other community leaders were hosted by police officers from Sully Police Station at the Chantilly Chick Fil-A restaurant. Representing Post 1995 were Chaplain Al Schenck, Adjutant Steve Hunter, and Commander Randy Young. We met with Assistant Chief (Detectives) F. K. Chambers, Major Jane Russell, Captain Chambers, MPO Jon Kaminski, and Patrolman Maria Rivera. MPO Kaminski is the new Community Outreach Officer at Sully Station, and we will be coordinating with him on numerous joint ventures in the near future.

Centreville Day 2025 – Centreville Day was held on October 18th in Centreville's historic district. The day started with the opening ceremony attended by several local elected officials to include the 11th District

Congressional Representative James Walkinshaw. The American Legion parade started at 11:00 and covers a one mile route through the heart of the event. Two parade awards were presented by the Sons of the American Revolution for the most patriotic group and the Southwestern Youth Association cheerleaders for the most enthusiastic group. Each receives a check for \$50 and a recognition certificate. The SAR's float static display was popular with the crowd. Post 1995 used the event as a recruiting and 'show the Legion flag' opportunity with a booth. The parade also featured Miss Virginia-America 2025. The event included numerous stage acts, a tractor powered 'train' to move people around the venue, and visits to historic buildings in the area with history interpreters. We answered questions, passed out Legion literature, trick



Joe Burke, Linda Noguchi, Mark Miller, Jim Robison, Randy Young and Karen Hunter manned the Post 1995 Tent at Centreville Day

or treat candy, and promoted Wreaths Across American. The attendance was estimated at 3,300-3,500 using counting clickers at both entrance locations. This is the largest yearly community event in the Centreville/Chantilly area. It also features Safety and Environmental Expos with numerous county and private organizations promoting a safety/recycling outreach. Other vendors provided food and other services/merchandise. The weather was fantastic and the crowd was engaged and enthusiastic.

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Post Social Hour - As a post without a post home or social quarters we have to be creative in having social events. For the last two years under the leadership of our Vice Commander Chris Torelli, we have held No Host Social events at draft houses, wineries, and restaurants within our geographic footprint. This Thursday, October 29th we will again visit Ciaos Osteria in Centreville from 4 to 7 PM. This is a come one, come all event and our Auxiliary Unit is invited to all of these dinners. We make a point of inviting new members to expose them to our Post in a less formal setting than during our monthly membership meeting. We aim to schedule these events quarterly, and to move them around to various Veteran friendly venues. All Legionnaires are welcome to attend.

Buddy Checks – As we do every year in October, we begin our round of Buddy Checks of every Legionnaire in Post 1995. Per American Legion national guidance, we stress this a wellness check and emphasize we are not selling anything and this is not a membership drive. We offer to connect them to Legion resources and make connections to our Post Service Officer. We find this is a rewarding exercise and shows to our entire membership that we truly are a Veterans service organization.

Flag Retirement – On November 8th, 2025 we will conduct our annual flag retirement ceremony at western Centreville Fire Station 38. Every year Post 1995 collects over 1000 flags of all sizes from all sources. A real team effort, we are hosted by the staff of firefighters at Station 38, and actively supported by our sponsored Scout troop 1995 and their feeder packs. We are partnered with the Fairfax Country Police Honor Guard and senior officers of both the police and fire service attend the ceremony. All precautions are taken to protect the youth participants to include having the burning conducted at a working fire station.



## POST 1976

Annandale, VA

Lance Kent, Post Commander

Fellow Legionnaires, Sons, and Auxiliary Members: I'm proud to report that our post is beginning to move in the right direction. Membership numbers are improving, our events are seeing better attendance, and community engagement is growing stronger every week. This progress is a direct result of everyone's dedication and teamwork. We are striving to host more events for our post members to enjoy. Events that we are currently hosting include:

- Karaoke—We now have two nights for our inspiring singers: the first Saturday and fourth Wednesday of every month. Start time for each is 7 p.m.
- Texas hold 'em tournament—Every Friday starting at 7:30 p.m. In order to qualify for the quarterly tournament, you must play in four weekly tournaments. The next quarterly tournament will be held on December 20th, starting at 3 p.m. Thanks to Susan Bodnar for serving as tournament director.
- Trivia night is held on the third Tuesday of every month. Bring a partner to win a chance of winning two \$25 gift cards. A thank you goes to Wade Leonard as the post's Trivia master.
- A new addition to our event calendar will be Game Night, which will be held every third Wednesday at 7 p.m. It is BYOG (Bring Your Own Game). If you don't have one to bring, that is fine. If there is a call for a specific game, we may be able to accommodate the request.
- Stay tuned for more events that will be coming soon.

We will be observing Veteran's Day in conjunction with our November General Membership meeting. The event will start at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. James Holcombe, Jr.

FYI: The post will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day this year so our bartenders can enjoy time with their families. We are also striving to provide a stronger presence within the community. If you are aware of a possible volunteer/donation opportunity, please let us know. A friendly reminder that we will be participating in the annual Toys for Tots donation starting in November. More information to follow. Let's keep this momentum going—reach out to a veteran, invite them to a meeting, and remind them what it means to be part of the American Legion family. Together, we're building something stronger than ever.





# 17TH DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Post	Location	New	PUFL	Renewal	Totals	Goal	% of Goal	Renewal %
VA-0024	Alexandria	96	200	458	764	952	80.25	67.01
VA-0044	Arlington	0	11	12	23	23	100.00	100.00
VA-0085	Arlington	1	17	47	65	101	64.36	62.75
VA-0123	Springfield	6	12	54	73	82	89.02	80.49
VA-0130	Falls Church	1	33	108	143	219	65.30	60.00
VA-0139	Arlington	25	38	99	165	286	57.69	47.40
VA-0162	Lorton	11	44	126	183	268	68.28	63.43
VA-0176	Springfield	63	306	799	1182	1647	71.77	66.49
VA-0177	Fairfax	14	154	485	663	941	70.46	66.22
VA-0180	Vienna	11	81	267	360	514	70.04	65.78
VA-0184	Herndon	0	44	66	110	158	69.62	69.18
VA-0194	Arlington	1	7	30	39	49	79.59	75.51
VA-0270	Mc Lean	5	62	147	215	297	72.39	71.09
VA-1775	F T Belvoir	0	14	12	26	37	70.27	72.22
VA-1976	Annandale	11	42	123	176	241	73.03	69.92
VA-1995	Centreville	2	52	103	163	196	83.16	70.45
<b>Sum:</b>		<b>247</b>	<b>1117</b>	<b>2936</b>	<b>4350</b>	<b>6011</b>	<b>72.37</b>	<b>66.11</b>



After Sept. 30, 2025, Veterans will have two secure options to sign in to VA.gov and VA mobile apps—a Login.gov account or ID.me account. Most Veterans have already made the switch. If you’re still using a DS Logon username and password, we want to make sure you’re prepared when this option is discontinued by the end of September.

### How to Transition

Visit [Creating an account for VA.gov](#) for detailed instructions on setting up your Login.gov or ID.me account.

Follow the step-by-step guide to create your account and verify your identity.

Use your new account to access VA services online as you did before.

### Helpful Resources

We know that creating an identity-verified Login.gov or ID.me account can be difficult. And we’re here to help with resources and support:

[Step-by-step videos.](#)

[Creating an account for VA.gov.](#)

[Verifying your identity.](#)

[Support for common issues with Login.gov or ID.me.](#)

### Key Benefits

- ◆ Continued security: Protects against identity theft and fraud to help prevent scammers from stealing your VA benefits.
- ◆ One sign-in account: Access VA and other government services with one account.
- ◆ Compliance with Federal standards: Meets the latest security requirements.

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## The American Legion, Department of Virginia

### The American Legion College Information – 2026 Sessions

**Purpose:** To provide Post level governance education to Legionnaires.

**Attendance:** Any Legion Family member may attend. Preference will be given to Legionnaires.

#### **Instructional Dates**

Eastern Region: March 7, 2026 (Saturday)

Location: **Post 284**, 505 Springdale Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834

Northern Region: March 14, 2026 (Saturday)

Location: **Post 176**, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, VA 22150

Western Region: March 28, 2026 (Saturday)

Location: **Post 3**, 710 Apperson Drive, Salem, VA 24153

**Cost:** No cost. (Free) Lunch will be available for purchase, or you may bring your own.

#### **Instructional Time**

The instructional block starts promptly at 8:00 am and ends at 5:00 pm.

**Note 1:** You need not attend the instructional session for your Region. You may attend the most convenient (closest) session to your location.

**Note 2:** Instructional sessions may have limited seating. Enroll early with your District.



**2026 American Legion Department Spring Conference**  
**Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel**  
**27 February 2026-1 March 2026**

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ POST: \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_ SQUADRON: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION: (Please PRINT CLEARLY on this form and complete it in its entirety)**

**Please circle your Legion Family Affiliation:**

**Please circle the Meal Option from below if attending the banquet:**

1. Name: _____	Legion	Auxiliary	S.A.L.	Riders	Junior	Guest	1	2	3
2. Name: _____	Legion	Auxiliary	S.A.L.	Riders	Junior	Guest	1	2	3
3. Name: _____	Legion	Auxiliary	S.A.L.	Riders	Junior	Guest	1	2	3
4. Name: _____	Legion	Auxiliary	S.A.L.	Riders	Junior	Guest	1	2	3

**Contact Person's Information:** Membership ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Events:**

**You must present your Registration Badge to attend all events and meetings!!**

Registration: \$15 Each	#'s Registered: _____	Registration Total: \$ _____
Registrations received after 1/26/2026 will incur a late fee of \$10 Each #’s Late: _____		Late Fee Total: \$ _____
Friday: Bingo \$15 Each	#’s Registered: _____	Bingo Night: \$ _____
Saturday: Karaoke \$10 Each	#’s Registered: _____	Karaoke Night: \$ _____
Saturday Banquet: \$65 Each	#’s Registered: _____	Banquet Total: \$ _____

**Banquet Meal Selections:** (Note: No banquet tickets are available for late registrants. For Special diets, please contact department)

- 1 Pan Seared French Cut Chicken      2 Baked Halibut      3 Grilled Pork Chop

**Please make check payable to: American Legion Department of Virginia**      **Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please mail registration and payment to:**

A.L. Dept. of Virginia, PO Box 11025, Richmond, VA 23230

**Please email registration and credit card payment to: [eeccleston@valegion.org](mailto:eeccleston@valegion.org)**

Credit Card Information: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_      Exp: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ SEC: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Information:** Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water St., Portsmouth, VA 23704

**Price is NOT guaranteed after 01/26/2026**



1. Call the hotel at: 757-673-3000
2. If you prefer to make your reservations online, please visit the Dept. of VA website.
3. Under "Upcoming Events", there will be a link to the hotel reservation system. You can also scan the QR code for the link.
4. You MUST identify that you are with the American Legion Department of Virginia Conference for the rate of \$135/night.

**For Questions or Assistance, please contact: Rick Ward – at 804-695-4567/wlfmn53@hotmail.com or Tonya Meunier-804-840-2708/TLMEUNIER77@gmail.com**



## The American Legion College Department of Virginia

### Registration Form

Calendar Year 2026

Name:     
Last First Member#

District #:  Post/Unit #:  Org:  TAL  SAL  ALA

Attendance Fee: None (Free)

Session Requested:

- A: **Eastern Region:** March 7, 2026 (Saturday)  
Location: **Post 284**, 505 Springdale Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA
- B: **Northern Region:** March 14, 2026 (Saturday)  
Location: **Post 176**, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, VA
- C: **Western Region:** March 28, 2026 (Saturday)  
Location: **Post 3**, 710 Apperson Drive, Salem, VA
- Lunch requested. (Will be available for purchase, or bring your own.)

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# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

### == 2026 LEGION COLLEGE CURRICULUM ==

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Location: **Post 176**, 6520 Amherst Avenue, **Springfield**, VA 22150

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Location: **Post 3**, 710 Apperson Drive, **Salem**, VA 24153

#### **Curriculum / Schedule:**

- 8:00–8:05 Welcome (Instructor: Michael Kimlick, College Director)
- 8:05–8:45 Post Commander Duties & Responsibilities and Legion Family  
(Instructor: 'Bill' Feasenmyer)
- 9:00–9:45 Post Adjutant and Reporting (Post Data Form, CPR, Cert of Officers)  
(Instructor: 'Rick' Oertel)
- 10:00–10:45 Post Finance and Gaming Operations  
(Instructor: 'Bill' Feasenmyer)
- 11:00–11:45 Post Executive Committee (ExCom) / Board of Directors (BoD)  
(Instructor: 'Rick' Oertel)
- 12:00–1:00 Lunch (Purchased on-site or bring your own)
- 1:00–1:45 Judge Advocate Responsibilities / Post - "Do and Don't"  
(Instructor: Mark Stein)
- 2:00–2:45 Membership / Online Processing and Renewals (including 3-year)  
(Instructor: Kevin Gaddis)
- 3:00–3:45 Buddy Checks / "Be the One" program  
(Instructor: 'Rick' Ward)
- 4:00–4:45 Roundup: Etiquette and Protocol / Social Media and Public Relations  
Resources (National) / Department Headquarters  
(Instructor: Mark Stein)
- 4:45–5:00 Closing Remarks (Instructor: Michael Kimlick, College Director)
- 5:00–5:30 Instructor / Staff After Action Reports (AAR) / Lessons Learned

**Note:** The Legion College is open to any Legion Family Member wishing to attend. It is **free of charge**.  
MUST Pre-Register by 12 February 2026. Late registrations will NOT be considered.