



THE DAMASCUS VETERAN

A Newsletter for Members & Friends of Damascus American Legion Post 171, Unit & Squadron

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2014

THE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Fellow Comrades:

Our new Bingo season started on September 4th with great success. It is great to see the return of some players that have not been around for a while and the addition of new players.

The Baker Middle School annual 9/11 Flag Raising Ceremony was held on September 11th. It was a very moving ceremony that continues to keep this event fresh in our minds and hearts so that we can continue to honor those whose lives were lost or forever changed. We had a pretty good turnout by the Post as well as the Unit.



Post 171 was host to the First Annual Warrior Ride. The Ride raised \$2,000 and benefitted Operation Second Chance. 37 motorcycle riders participated in a poker run that ended with a car show at Cuginis Pizza in Poolesville. The route started at Post 171, and stopped at Memories in Mt. Airy, Frederick Harley Davidson, Buckeystown Pub and ended at Cuginis where 67 cars were on display.

We are having our Fall 2014 Oyster Roast on Nov 15 and we will again have the Second Chance Band as our entertainment. Please see 2nd Vice Paula Gill, PPC Sam Baughman or Commander Kevin Mook for tickets.

Kitchen renovations are well underway and will be complete by the release of this newsletter. Take the time to check out all the changes and upgrades to both kitchens.

On November 10th, Hero-Dogs will host a graduation ceremony at the Post home for their latest dog/veteran team from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM. All Post, Unit, SAL members and their guests are invited to attend. Hero-Dogs, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide independence and improved quality of life to veterans by raising, training, and placing service dogs with injured or disabled military veterans who have served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The Unit would like to sponsor a blood drive on Valentine's Day Sat, Feb 14. The only way the blood mobile will come to our post is if we give them a commitment of donors. We have 20 signed up so far and need no less than 30 for them to come. Please consider being a donor and sign the sheet on the table downstairs.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
God Bless our Military and God Bless America
Kevin Mook, Commander

IN MEMORIAM

Lawrence E. Howie, 89, passed away on September 15, 2014. Lawrence served in World War II as a U.S. Army Air Force and Infantry soldier in England, France Norway and Germany. During the Korean War he was a First Lieutenant working as an advisor to the South Korean Army. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Juanita L. Howie. He leaves behind four daughters, 16 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. He is survived by four brothers and four sisters. Lawrence was a member of the American Legion for 40 years.

Ira L. Helms, Jr, 90, passed away on September 22, 2014. Ira served in the Army Air Corps during WWII as a B-24 bomber pilot. He is survived by Dorothy Louise Helms, his two sisters and one brother, five children and one step-daughter, 13 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nephews, nieces and cousins. Ira was a member of the American Legion for 11 years.

William C. "Billy" Duvall, 81, passed away on October 11 2014. Billy served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Surviving are his sister Shirley J. Zimmerman, brother Robert M. Duvall, very dear and closest friend Susan A. Bowers; sisters-in law: Lois Duvall and Ruth O. Duvall, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by sisters: Rose E. Duvall, and Mary Virginia Dietz; brothers: Paul B. Duvall, Edward B. Duvall, Gerald L. Duvall, and Rodney H. Duvall and brothers-in-law: Raymond Dietz (WWII Normandy Beach), and J. Trego Zimmerman. Sisters-in-law: Margaret M. Duvall, Miriam B. Duvall and Margaret W. Duvall. Billy was a Past Post Commander and a member of the American Legion for many years.

BASEBALL REPORT

By: Chairman Bob Bellison



By the time you read this, the 2014 World Series will probably be over. We were hoping to see a Beltway series between the Orioles and the Nationals. However, since neither team made it my allegiance is with Kansas City. Justin Maxwell SHS, our speaker at the 2011 Baseball Awards Banquet, was an outfielder with Kansas City at the beginning of this season. Mike Toomey, our speaker at the 2013 Awards Banquet, has been with the Royals since 2006, as a Special Assistant to the General Manager.

Our hats go off to our Sr. Team led by 1st year coach Jimmy Stone and his staff for winning the County League Championship. We lost a heart breaker in the final play-off game 6-5 and did not advance to the State Tournament. Congratulations to the players and the coaches. Your commitment to Post 171 Baseball is greatly appreciated.

With the returning players and some outstanding players ready to move up from the Jr.Team, coached by Frank Wodoslawski and Bob O'Conner, the team looks very promising for next year.

At this time, we don't know if the ages next year will go back to 18 and under, or will remain at 19 and under. Hopefully, it will be 18 and under, the Legion teams are in competition with the college summer leagues for the 19 year olds. This is not good for American Legion Baseball. All other Legion programs are 18 and under.

This is the 8th year for the Booster Club and each new year has topped the year before. 2014 was a Banner Year for the Booster Club. Thanks to all, you are the greatest!! Hopefully, you can join us at the Baseball

Awards Banquet: Sunday, 5:00 pm December 28th. Some have already asked about joining for next year. The baseball program runs on the calendar year (Jan-Dec); therefore, donations for the 2015 season will begin January 1st. However, if you need the deduction for 2014 your donation will be gladly accepted before the end of the year.

These players are attending the following colleges; **MC-G:** Taylor Abrahams, Cameron Frazier, Danny Johnson; **U of Md:** Jake Goode, Brett Weidemeyer; **Purdue Univ.** Elijah Engermann; **Washington College:** Joe Lozupone; **Delaware Valley Univ.:** Casey Paholski; **Towson Univ.:** Tyler Pickrel; **Alderson-Broadus Univ.:** Zach Thompson.

BASEBALL COMMITTEE: Chrm. Bob Bellison, Sam Baughman, Bob Ray, George Bolling, Buzz Burroughs, Ron Scott, Bill Green, Brownie Chichester, Bill Hauptman, Skip Duvall, Frank Carpenter, Keith Martin.

BOOSTER CLUB 2014

GRANDSLAM

**June Gebicke, *Kathy & Roy Stanley, *Frank Carpenter, *Michael & Linda Papio, *Judy Moore, *Bob & Ruby Bellison, *Ernie Clifford, *Ray Mullican, *Bill McMinn, * Jay Abrahams, *Buzz & Eileen Burroughs, *ShaWn & Paula Gill, *Glenn Dickey, *Jack Johnson, *John & Sandy Walter, Keith & Mary Gene Martin, George & Mary Bolling, Bob Moxley, Dee Myers, Ron Bowers, Brownie & Ginny Chichester, Bill Hauptman, Mark & Betty Jeffers, Pat Rice, Bob & Louise Mullinix, Donald & Betty Nicholson, Reva Pearce, Fran Burlas, Rosalyn Bowman, Hazel Hoyle, Skip Duvall, Delores Neal, Bob & Cindy Ray, John & Diana Pascoe, Ching-Yao & Karen Yu, John Seipp, Sandy Seipp, Cliff & Mary Anne Davis, Tony & Connie DeShiro, Charley & Mo Appleby, Ross & Barbara Campbell, Jan Wesling, Bill Dunn, Ron & Peggy Scott, Marilyn Kinsey, Bill Green, Frank & Bessie Gladhill, Gene Wilson.*

DOUBLE HITTER

Sam Baughman, Pat & Paula Moxley, Dan & Deb Moxley, Steve Norwood, Kevin Mook, Betty & Jim Serritella, Mary Robinson, Madalean Darby, Jack & Mary Beth Talamo, Lloyd Young, Ernie & Lucille Screen, Hank Hartley, Liz & Lou Popowsky, June & Alvin Pearce, Martha & Ray Luhn, Anna Mae Senseney, Lenny Senseney, Willie Ruffin, Mickey Day.

This year's Booster Club has been the best ever. Thanks to all ! Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

2015 MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS NOW UNDERWAY!

Membership renewals are coming in at a good pace, but the time to get them paid is getting short. The second notices have been sent out from National Headquarters. If you have already paid, and you have your 2015 member card, please ignore the notice. Otherwise, **PLEASE** send your renewal in as soon as possible with the \$25 renewal fee. There are 128 members who have still not paid their dues for 2015.

Sadly we have lost 7 members to Post Everlasting this year, and there are several members that have moved out of our geographic area, subsequently transferring. We need to keep alert to getting new members for replacement and for membership growth. There are plenty of membership application cards in the Post 171

office. You could put some of the cards in your car, etc, for handy use when meeting a potential new member. New members are the best way to keep our Post active and healthy.

Address changes are a constant problem to keep up to date. We only use our address lists for our newsletter and other Post 171 communications. When you move or change your address, please let us know as soon as possible. Please also notify National and the Department of Maryland to keep their records up to date as well.

Enjoy the coming Thanksgiving Holiday and a Merry Christmas to you all!
God Bless our Country and the men and women serving to protect our Freedom!
Ernie Screen 1st Vice Cmdr and Membership Chairman. (301) 253-3560 1stvice@legionpost171.org

Damascus American Legion Oyster Roast

Come join us at our Oyster Roast on Saturday, November 15th, one of our principal fund-raisers for the many activities we sponsor to benefit charities, veterans, youth and the community. All-you-can-eat; oyster stew, oysters--raw, fried and steamed, and fried chicken with tasty sides and beverages. Doors open at 5 PM, dinner starts at 6 PM, and music by the Second Chance Band begins at 7:30 PM. Ticket prices are \$30 each when purchased in advance and \$35 each at the door. Most credit cards are now accepted. Call Paula at (661) 618-7638 or Sam at (301) 831-3216 to purchase advance tickets. The Post Home is located at 10201 Lewis Drive in Damascus.

Annual Membership Dinner Party - January 24, 2015

Mark your calendars for Saturday January 24, 2015 for the annual Membership Dinner Party to be held at the Post home! This is a great event and everyone is encouraged to attend. New members should especially plan to attend! Social hour / open bar starts at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7 p.m., program at 8 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m.

This Membership Party is for you, the members! There will be an update on our programs; what has been done and what's coming this Spring. Our Post 171 is an outstanding American Legion Post and we want all members to be a part of the good times and the good programs for our community and the country. This is a great time to catch up with friends and to greet and welcome our new members.

Please send in the below reservation form to the Post with your check by January 16th. The cost is \$15 each per member and spouse (or first guest), and \$20 for each additional guest. Clip out and send the blow form to the Post as soon as possible but **no later than January 16, 2015.**

2015 Membership Dinner Party Reservation Form / Saturday January 24th

Member name _____ @\$15

Spouse or 1st Guest _____ @\$15

Number of additional guests _____ @\$20 each

Total number attending _____ Table Request _____

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

Post 171 Veterans - A Continuing Series

John Lewis Seipp



John Lewis Seipp was born December 4, 1924 in Westminster, MD. He lived in Westminster until he was drafted into the Army in March 1943 at the age of 18. Prior to being drafted he worked at Koontz Creamery where his job was to weigh and pour the raw milk into vats for processing and doing office paperwork. After leaving the Army, he returned to Westminster. He moved to Damascus, MD in 1949, where he has remained. He married Julia Clay Seipp in June 1949; Julia was a “Rosie the Riveter”



during the war. They had one child, Sandy, a member of Auxiliary Unit 171, who held the positions of President, Secretary, Chaplain, and Color Bearer. John has been a very active member of the American Legion since 1978, serving as Post Commander, Adjutant, Historian, and he presently chairs the Post’s program to place Memorial Day flags on the graves of veterans. He was a member of the Department of MD Executive Committee, and is a poppy maker for the Poppy program for the Department of MD. John is also a member of the VFW and AMVETS. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Ribbon.

John was inducted at Ft. Meade, MD, where he received immunizations and clothing. From Ft. Meade he went to Camp Callan (La Jolla), CA where he took basic training for 13 weeks. After basic training he got a seven day furlough which provided much needed home rest, better food, and time to hang out with his friends. From home he reported to Camp Stoneman (Pittsburgh), CA, a camp where they trained replacement troops. He was assigned to the 168th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. The Army had no orders for him when he arrived, so he either had to find a job for himself or he was directed to guard U.S. Army prisoners. He was at Camp Stoneman for about 4 months.

He arrived in Sydney, Australia on October 10, 1943 after a 15-day transit aboard a troop transport, a converted cruise ship that had been gutted to accommodate troops. They waited at Sydney for six weeks until orders came through transferring them to Townsville, Australia to receive two months of jungle training. During this time John was assigned as an clerk, but it was at Townsville that John became a cook. It seems that all the cooks went to town, got drunk, and got thrown in jail, so when the ship left to go to the Admiralty Islands there were no cooks available. It was during the island-hopping trip from the Admiralty Islands to the Philippines that the Army picked out John and said: “You are now a cook”. John remained a cook until he was discharged.

While they were at Buna, New Guinea, in route to the Philippines, one of his friends got a jeep and they visited a graveyard. His friend was from Wisconsin, and when his Guard unit was called up for some reason he didn’t go with them. When they got to the graveyard his friend noticed some Wisconsin crosses. He looked closer and read the names, and recognized some of his buddies from home. He was very quiet after that, and realized that one of those names could have been him. John said of Buna: “All I can remember is that it was a hell-torn place. Everything was broken and trashed, nothing was standing. I was very glad to leave there”. He arrived at the Philippines just about the time MacArthur made his “I Have Returned” declaration from the island of Leyte. At this time the Japanese had not yet surrendered, and in 1945 were still bombing the islands.

John continues: "I almost had a front row seat during the battle of Leyte Gulf because I could actually hear the guns and see the gun flashes as the ships fired their guns. The firing went on for a long time. What was most depressing was watching the armored personnel carriers going to the cemetery with the bodies of the dead sailors that they fished out of the waters. All I could do was prepare food for those people carting the bodies off. There were a lot of bodies, and it's not something I want to remember too much."

It was after Leyte Gulf that John was "busted" down in rank. As John tells it, "We were under a red alert bombardment one night about the time I had lit the fires to set up the mess gear for breakfast. I knew that if I didn't get the fires out I would have gotten busted. Well, I put the fires out, but got busted anyway because the Colonel didn't get his breakfast. So I couldn't win no matter what I did. I got busted down from Technical Grade 4 (E-4) down to Private (E-1), and he put me on an amphibious vehicle ferrying mail and supplies to two small islands that had 90 mm gun placements. It was really scary because I was by myself this whole time and I didn't know how to swim!"

One thing that John hated was taking officers and WACs, and officers girlfriends, on joy rides. He tells the story, "Someone found a lot of lumber and they wanted me to take it over to one of the small islands where they were going to show a movie that night. We put the lumber on top of the empty water cans, and a Lt. Colonel, a Captain, a 1st Lieutenant, and 3 nurses came aboard to go to the movie. Well, the Lt. Colonel parked his butt right over top of the front bilge pump exhaust. I said, "Sir, I don't believe I would sit there if I were you." He got all huffy and said, "Private, you don't tell me where the hell to sit!" John continues, "Well you know that peed me right off cuz I just got busted, so I kept my mouth shut. Two of the nurses sat up front with me at the pilot's seat, and the other officers sat off to the side. I went about 50 yards and that bilge pump exhaust went whoosh! The exhaust went all over the Lt. Colonel, from his crotch to his cap. The other two officers never looked back because they would have busted out laughing. One of the nurses punched me in the arm, laughing all the way over and all the way back. That was the funniest thing that happened to me during my service."

The 168th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion was broken up at this time so John was sent to Tacloban, Philippines with the 967th Aircraft Artillery. When he got there, John says, "The sergeant told me to get on a 90mm gun and match pointers. Being a cook all this time I had no idea what he was talking about! The sergeant said, "What the hell have you been doing all this time you've been over here?" "I said, I've done nothing but peel potatoes and work in the kitchen. The cooks got drunk, they made me a cook, and that's where I've been ever since." The sergeant said, "You see that place up on the hill? That's our kitchen. You get up there and stay there." "I found out later that 'match pointers' means to align the gun sights." John said it wasn't too bad at Tacloban because he was able to advance up the ranks to Staff Sergeant (E-6). He stayed at Tacloban until he was sent back to the states for discharge.

"The scariest thing to me was when we left the ship we had to climb down the rope ladder, or net, to get into the landing barge. We were loaded with our rifles and backpacks, and if you fell it was a long way down with all that weight. The barge we got on also had a loaded weapons carrier in it, so the barge was pretty deep in the water when we got in it. The barge was scrapping bottom before we got to the beach so we had to get out in waist deep water and wade to shore. Remember, I couldn't swim! Some of us didn't make it to shore, and drowned."

John left the Philippines on December 5, 1945, arriving back home on December 23, 1945. After discharge it was hard to find work. He found work as a telegraph operator with the railroad for a year, then went to work for the Railway Express which lasted 4-5 months. He then, "Got mad at myself and picked up a hammer and a saw and worked around Damascus with contractors Burdette and Haines. An opening came at the school board so I applied for a job in carpentry and maintenance. I worked there for

26 years, plus the school board gave me credit for my military service so I retired there with 30 years of service credited. After retirement I worked on installing additions to Post 171.”

John’s final thoughts are that he was lucky he was not wounded, and came back alive. So are we.

PPC Anthony (Tony) M. De Shiro

Post Oratorical Contest

We are presently recruiting contestants for our annual High School Oratorical Contest. The contest is scheduled for Saturday, January 17, 2015, at the Post Home, beginning promptly at 10:00 AM.

We are working closely with faculty members at Damascus, Clarksburg, and Sherwood High Schools, and welcome applications from those schools as well as high school aged home schooled students.

Contestants speak about the United States Constitution. Each participant will deliver two orations. Cash prizes are awarded to the first, second and third-place winners, and our Post’s first-place winner competes at the Montgomery County contest on February 7, 2015, also at our Post Home.

The deadline for registering as a contestant is December 12th. Please help us get the word to any potential home school student participants as well as those attending one of the listed schools.

We are planning an orientation for contestants for November 6th at 7 PM at the Post Home. Additional orientation sessions will be scheduled, if necessary.

As planning progresses, we’ll be asking some of you for help at this event. Any Legionnaire, Auxiliary member, or SAL member interested in helping is asked to contact one of the Oratorical Committee members: Jack Talamo, Paula Gill, Mike Conrad, Cindy Ray or me. Thank you!

-- PPC George Bolling, Chairman



Legion Riders Starting the "Warrior Ride" at the Post

YOUNG AT HEART SPECIAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIES DINNER EVENT

On Wednesday evening, November 12, a unique and memorable event will be sponsored by the Young at Heart (YAH) Fellowship at DUMC. Three YAH members will relate their special memories about what their families went through during World War II. The event is open to the public.

George Moy will tell about how he was born into a war, spending his first 8 years as a refugee in China.

Marcia Hoffman will give an exciting talk about her mother-in-law, Rose Hofman's war time romance.

Yasuko Walcott will give a heartwarming talk about how an old DUMC church member and Yasuko's father, Kunigoro Nadayoshi from Japan met for the first time 40 years after WWII at DUMC.

For questions about this event, please contact Bob Newlin at 301- 717-3465 or George Moy at 301-938-2752.

Please join us on Wednesday, November 12, in the Dining Hall for the Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:45 pm, followed at 7:00 pm by this event, also in the Dining Hall. But whether you can join us for dinner or not, please come to the event. This is one evening that will provide special personal aspects of WWII which are truly memorable.



American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 171
A Newsletter for Members & Friends of Damascus Unit 171

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2014

To all members of Post 171's Legion family I want to thank each and every one for your prayers, telephone calls and cards of encouragement as I was going through a series of tests for cancer in my face. Last Thursday I received word from the surgeon that all tests revealed the tumor cells benign. However, I am still under his care and will have another biopsy in December. Again, thank you very much.

Unit membership is really blooming since the September 15th renewal notice sent out by National. We currently have renewals for ninety-nine members with one of those being a new member. Please check to see if your current membership card shows 2015. If not, send a check in the amount of \$20, payable to "Damascus Unit 171", to me at "19421 Gardner Place, Germantown, MD 20876-1709".

Welcome to our new member Maria C. Baquezo-Earhardt who is the wife of Scott Earhardt. Maria has agreed to be the Unit Community Service Chairman. She will be collecting nonperishable canned goods throughout the administrative year for the Damascus Help pantry. If you would like to assist her, her number is (301) 253-7158.

The Chaplain's list continues to grow as we approach fall. Judy Moore is in residence at Lorient as is Rena Harrington. I am sure both ladies would appreciate hearing from all of us. Peggy Scott had a serious fall and suffered a broken upper left arm and shoulder. Peggy is at home and is accepting cards, visitors and telephone

calls. Fran Burlas and Hazel Hoyle are home after being in rehab centers. A former member, Mary Jo Ridgely is now home after surgery at John's Hopkins University Hospital. I had a nice conversation with Margaret Koontz on Tuesday at Billy Duvall's wake. Margaret is coping with the loss of Wilfred and enjoys the cards she has received since his death. She sends her regards to all in the Post and Unit. Please remember these members in your thoughts and prayers. Acting Chaplain is Pat Rice until Judy Moore is able to assume her duties. Please notify Pat of anyone who needs our assistance. Pat's address is 9229 Gue Road, Damascus, MD 20872. Her telephone number is (301) 253-2266.

Veteran's Day is Tuesday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. The Unit will be serving a light lunch after the program with assorted desserts and drink. If you would like to contribute a dessert please contact Delores Neal at (301) 253-4015.

November 15th will be the Post Oyster Roast. Help is always needed and if you can spare an extra hour sometime during the event please come on out. Several members have already signed up to help. Many hands make light work!

December 9, 2014, 6:00 p.m., will be the Unit Pot Luck Supper followed by a short meeting and the "Desserts Auction". Bring a baked item with the recipe and it will be auctioned off. Proceeds of the auction go to If you do not want to bring the recipe, just bring the item. Post and SAL members are invited to attend and bid on the baked items. Sandy Seipp will be the auctioneer. Come on out for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Liz Popowsky continues with the Pocket Flag Project. If you are interested in helping fold the flags please contact Liz. We thank her for starting and continuing this project. For a long while we were the only Unit folding flags, other units are now joining in the project.

As we approach the holiday season I want to wish everyone in the Post Legion family a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a very Happy and prosperous New Year. As you share dinner with your family on these joyful days please remember our troops away from their families. Bless them and their families wherever they may be.

God Bless America, God bless you and God bless our troops and their families.

Yours in service,
Cindy Ray

POCKET FLAG PROJECT
Liz Popowsky, Chairman

Unit members have begun folding another shipment of 300 flags. Thank you to the dedicated members who continue to fold flags. Discussions are ongoing with USO-Metro to identify opportunities to support troop deployments at BWI. We are also reaching out to other local Posts for information on their respective members' deployments. Please contact me at rayliz53@yahoo.com with any deployment information you become aware of.

God Bless our Troops wherever they may be



Sons of the American Legion Squadron, 171

A Newsletter for Members & Friends of Damascus Squadron 171

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It's that time of year again that we are heading for the holidays. As always let's remember our service men and women serving near and far and keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Come join us on December 5, 2014 for the Son's Spaghetti Dinner. Happy Hour 5 pm-6 pm and dinner 6 pm-7 pm. Cost \$7.00 per person. Kids 12 and under are free.

It is time to renew your dues. If you have already renewed your dues, thank you.

Please watch the calendar of events and be sure and offer assistance to the Legion and Auxiliary when we can. We will be holding our monthly meetings @ 7:00 PM meeting dates for the next several months are November 10 and December 8. Please mark your calendar. The meetings generally last about 30 minutes. Your attendance and input would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Tony Koontz
Squadron 171 Commander

Post Commander's Note: If you have email capability and are not on the Legion electronic distribution list, please send your **telephone number and email address to me at commander@legionpost171.org** If you have moved and changed your address, please call the Post, 301-253-0769, and leave a message with your new address. The Post Office will not forward bulk mail, and we have to pay \$.46 for each returned Newsletter to get them back and find out which addresses are no longer valid.



COMING EVENTS
Post, Unit & Squadron 171 Calendar

<i>Post Meetings</i>	<i>Unit Meetings</i>	<i>Squadron Meetings</i>
2 nd Monday of the month, 7:30pm	2 nd Monday of the month, 7:30pm	2 nd Monday of the month, 7:00pm

November 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	
2 nd	Daylight Savings Time Ends (back 1 hour)	2:00 AM
3 rd	Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
5 th	Election Day	Polling Place
6 th	Oratorical Contest Orientation	6:00 PM
6 th	Post Bingo	7:00 PM
7 th	Veterans Day Program: Rockwell Elem School	9:00 AM
8 th	Post 171 Pancake Breakfast	7:30 AM
8 th	Montgomery County Meeting Post 286: Breakfast Meeting	7:30 AM 9:00 AM
10 th	Marine Corps Birthday – OORAH!	
10 th	Veterans Day Program: Gibbs Elem. School	9:30 AM
10 th	Hero-Dogs, Graduation Ceremony	2:00 PM
10 th	SAL, Unit and Post Member Meetings	7:00 PM & 7:30 PM
11 th	Veterans Day Programs: Rocky Hill Middle School	8:15 AM
	Clearspring Elem. School	9:00 AM
	Damascus Elem. School	9:45 AM
11 th	Veterans Day Programs: Post 171 Windsor Knolls M S	10:30 AM 2:00 PM
12 th	Veterans Day Program: Wims Elem. School	9:00 AM
13 th	Post Bingo	7:00 PM
15 th	Oyster Roast	6:00 PM
20 st	Post Bingo	7:00 PM
27 th	Thanksgiving – No Post Bingo	

December 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	
1 st	Executive Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
4 th	Post Bingo	7:00 PM
5 th	SAL Spaghetti Dinner	6:00 PM
8 th	Pot Luck Dinner,	6:00 PM
8 th	SAL, Unit & Post Member Meetings,	7:00 PM & 7:30 PM
8 th	Unit Desert Auction	
11 th	Post Bingo	7:00 PM
13 th	Pancake Breakfast	7:30 AM
18 th	Post Bingo	7:00 PM
25 th	Christmas Day – No Post Bingo	
28 th	Baseball Awards Banquet	5:00 PM



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Auxiliary, Unit 171

Officers

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Sgt-at-Arms	June Toms	301 540-5829			

SAL Squadron, 171

Officers

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