

American Legion Post 175 Newsletter

For Period August through
October 2018

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2018 Calendar of Events included
for August, September and October



Post, SAL and Auxiliary Leadership

American Legion Post 175

Post Commander: *Chris Jensen*

American Legion Auxiliary

Auxiliary President: *Erica Southern*

Sons of American Legion

Commander: *Mitch Zemo*

Have you checked out our new Facebook page?

<https://www.facebook.com/almdpost175/>

or visit us at legionpost175.org to find information about Post 175 including membership, events, newsletters and hall rental.

If you know of anyone that would like receive Post 175 correspondence ... send your updated e-mail info to us at legionpost175@gmail.com or via our website using the "Contact Us" link.

*Dates to Remember**

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Organization Meetings

Executive Board
meets last Monday
of each month.

SAL Squadron
meets 2nd Monday
of each month.

General Membership
meets 2nd Wednesday
of each month.

Auxiliary Unit
meets the 4th Wednesday
of each month.

Other Scheduled Hall Meetings

Legion Riders
3rd Wednesday of each month
at 7PM

Lions Club
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
at 6:30 PM

Kenel Club
1st Wednesday of each month
at 7 PM

Villagers
2nd Tuesday of each month
at 7 PM

MSSA Fisherman Club
3rd Monday of each month
at 7:30 PM

*unless otherwise noted on the calendar

Commander's Message

I want to thank all of you for electing me your new commander. Your vote of confidence is an honor. It is also humbling. And a bit scary. But I love serving the membership, and I will do my best to support our good works, as well as, grow our vision and expand our membership. We can look forward to continuing to serve our community, as we find more ways to serve them.

We will do all of this as we celebrate the 100th Birthday of The American Legion in 2019, with our devoted commitment to support and to serve, and to honor our Post 175 members' legacy. Michele - A huge Birthday cake in March? Thank you, Michele, for managing and doing mental magic in your position and being so dedicated to this post.

We've had changes here at the post in the Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders. I would like to extend more huge and heartfelt thanks to all of the outgoing officers for your exceptional efforts. Doing everything with so much vision and vitality, you have been a big part of what our post is today. Don and Colette: A special thank you. You are icons for any legion post.

I especially want to thank Ambrose, our past commander. Whether helping around the bar or wrestling with huge plumbing issues in the crawl space, he remains dedicated to the Legion, and will be a source of emotional support for me, and a vital resource for all of us here at Post 175.

And I applaud the incoming officers who are stepping in and stepping up to honor our veterans and to support our community and build our post. Erica: thank you for your universal multitasking attention to detail and for your spirit.

Big kudos to the staff. To our lounge employees, Roberta and the office workers, working the books and documents, do much more than make this just a job – you all make us look good. Your commitment is 24/7. And we all recognize that.

And thank you, Volunteers. You are the heart and pulse of this organization. We have been busy this past year making improvements. Lots of them. Cleaning up the land around the post, some significant building upgrades, last but certainly not least, a new and cool Pavilion. Much of it made possible by our hard working volunteers.

A post facility - like a large family home - requires a lot of upkeep, maintenance and money. And this post home continues to keep us on our toes, like with the small flood tide Jamie and Erica encountered recently in the kitchen. No pun intended. Our post family is always on it (and occasionally in it). We are a team too.

And I thank every one of you for doing your part in just helping keep us ahead of the power curve at the post, and treating the property here as you treat your own. Henry Ford said "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

Our post knows that kind of proud success. And I have been thinking about sharing a "State of Our Post 175 Address". We would invite every member and all officers to attend the meeting.

In a post wide atmosphere, let's hold hands and put our heads together. We could come up with ideas to better embrace and serve the parents in our community. And that includes making Post 175 more child-friendly. If we can find ways to better support kid related activities in the community, then that would also have a positive impact on increasing our post membership. We almost made our 100% membership goal this past year and we are setting our sights on not just making - but exceeding - 100% this coming year.

Another quick thought for all of us: Some posts hold pet related events, where proceeds go to benefit the SPCA and similar pet rescue organizations. Another important cause straight from the heart. Let's talk about that too.

Additional community participation and increasing membership would both help us grow in so many ways.

Now back to the business of bathrooms. Henry Ford was never inspired with a restroom quote, so let me take this opportunity to say "Leave no powder room unwashed or unloved or neglected. There is beauty to behold in a bathroom." ~ CH Jensen

With that said, please note we are working on making improvements to the ladies rest room in the lounge.

I'm also hoping bring to back the pictures honoring the past commanders. Maybe a different format - but we will continue to work on improvements.

I know this year will be an exciting time. This post has always been dynamic. With all the positive changes over the past few years - all the improvisations and improvements - new ideas will continue to take hold and carry us into a bright future.

Looking ahead to our future and to the coming weeks and months, we have our Shrimp and Bull Roast (Aug 4th), SAL Crab Feast (Sept 29th), Riders Warrior Day (Oct 13th), and the Anne Arundel Toys 4 Tots (Nov 17th) on the calendar.

It is my honor to serve as your Post Commander. And yes, I am also excited and a little overwhelmed... and that is where all of you come in. Thank you.

Wishing everyone a continued safe and happy summer. May God Bless you and May God Bless America.
Sincerely,

Chris Jensen
Commander



Red Shirt Friday (RED - Remember Everyone Deployed)

Wear a red shirt on Fridays
to show support of our service men and women.

1st Vice Commander

We came close to meeting our membership goals this past year, but no cigar. This year we plan on pushing membership early so that we aren't trying to get our numbers up right before convention. Here are the membership goal dates set by the state: 50% on Sept 7, 75% on Dec 7th, 90% on Mar 8, and 100% by May 3rd. We plan on hosting an Early bird dinner for anyone that pays their membership dues before the first cutoff date, and of course we will announce drink specials leading up to the Sept 7 date.

Membership doesn't stop at getting people into the door, we need to make them feel welcome so that that they want to continue to be a part of our legion family. If you see an unfamiliar face, walk up to introduce yourself. Let them know about any special events coming up. Think about what it was like when you first joined, and what information it would have been nice to know about our post. Keep in mind that we don't want to be known as 'the Veteran's Bar'. There is more that we do for our community and veterans than just serve cheap drinks.

Sincerely,

Jamie Southern

2nd Vice Commander



A little about me: My formative years were spent in Central Illinois until I turned 18 and joined the Navy. I spent my time with the submarine force and the nuclear power program and retired after 20 years. Spent some time in the paper industry, moved from Chicago to Delaware in 1999 where like many Delawareans, went to work at DuPont as a plant maintenance leader. From there, I joined Sunoco as the Maintenance Training Manager until they closed the refinery. I then moved on to Solvay in Curtis Bay as the Maintenance Reliability Manager. I have a lovely wife, Valerie and 3 grown sons; one of which is currently recruiting for the Army in the Chicago area.

As the 2nd Vice-Commander at Post 175, I fill the role of Business Operations Chairman. In this role, I work with the Business and Bar Managers to support their needs and assist in keeping this Post financially viable. I play a lead role in hiring new employees, act as an advisor in HR needs and am always looking for new ways to improve life at the Post.

Currently, I am working on revising the Post Constitution, By-Laws & House Rules; improving Post cleaning and developing an employee handbook.

I want to thank all who have supported me and as always, please feel free to approach me and share your ideas to make our Legion home one to be proud of.

Proud to Serve,

Bernie Huot

Chaplain

Once again I am honored to be the Legion Chaplain. As Chaplain, I maintain a prayer list for anyone needing prayers, whether it be for something personal, a family member or friend. I encourage you to send those requests to me at clarkcars.cc@gmail.com, so that I may add them to our prayer list.

Thank you,

Clark Coleman

Auxiliary News



Congratulations to the new Auxiliary Officers for the 2018-2019 year!

President:	Erica Southern
1st Vice:	Mary Morin
2nd Vice:	Michele Jordan
Treasurer:	Collen Cox
Secretary:	Judy McDonald
Chaplin:	Betty Gentile
Historian:	Dawn Wade
Sergeant-at- Arms:	Geraldine Douglass
Executive Committee:	Pat Rabeau, Judy Davidson and Anne Marie Peterson

I am excited to take on the role of Auxiliary President for the 2018-2019 year. Prior to being elected as the President for 2018-2019 term, I served as the unit secretary for 2017-2018 and the Sergeant At Arms for 2016-2017. I have learned a lot of information during my previous positions from the Past President Colette Cavegn, as well as, Past President Pat Rabeau. One of my goals for this year is to communicate as much information as I can with you. I know many of our Legion Family members have busy lives and can't make every meeting or event but I want to make sure you are aware of as much as possible.

The American Legion Department of Maryland recently held the annual convention for the Auxiliary in Ocean City. Pat Rabeau, Betty Gentile, Anne Marie Peterson, Roberta Zimmerman and I attended. We met a lot of new people and learned some important information about the upcoming year. I would like to encourage you to consider attending a convention in the future. Unfortunately our Unit did not earn any department awards so I would like to change that for the 2018-2019 year.

Membership: 2017-2018 our unit made GOAL PLUS! (318 members) Thank you all for getting your dues in and talking to your friends and family to get them involved. If you have any questions regarding membership, our current chairmen is Pat Rabeau and she would be happy to help you with any questions! Pay your dues early and help us make our goal prior to December 31st and we could win an award at the convention next year.

There are many activities coming up in the next few months and the Auxiliary is looking forward to helping the Legion Family. In September, we will help the SAL with their annual crab feast. We will continue on the tradition of the cake and plant wheel this year, so make sure to stop by and try to win! In October, we will lend a hand the Legion Riders to support their annual Warrior Day fundraiser. In November, the Legion will be hosting the Toys for Tots Anne Arundel County parade and we will be there to assist.

Are you looking for ways to volunteer? There are many opportunities at the post like helping in the kitchen during Friday night dinners, watering the plants around the post, or just ask the bartender on duty if you can help with anything. The Auxiliary also hosts BINGO on the 3rd Monday of each month at the local Future Care Senior Living facility and is always accepting donations for bingo prizes and refreshments. Do you already volunteer within the community? Keep us informed and we can help you with your local project.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I value all of our members and their input. My email is emvidsens@gmail.com

Erica Southern Auxiliary President



A gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving the United States Armed Forces. It may be seen on a service flag or in the form of a pin, which is worn by Gold Star mothers. The pin is not limited to mothers and it is awarded by the US Department of Defense.

Gold Star Mother's Day is observed on the last Sunday of September each year. It is a day for people to recognize and honor those who have lost a son or daughter while serving the United States Armed Forces.

Message from the SAL Commander



Hello to American Legion Post 175. My name is Mitch Zemo, the newly elected SAL Commander. Thanks to my fellow members who entrusted me with this position and also to the Legionnaires and Ladies Auxiliary for helping make the smooth transition. I am also a member of the Legion Riders.

Now retired, I was an ASE Certified Master Auto Technician, Master Heavy Truck Technician and Master Body and Fender Technician. I reside in Severna Park with my wife Jean of 40 years. Jean is a preschool teacher at the Severn School Chesapeake campus. I am a father of 3; son Stevan, who is the newly elected SAL Adjutant, daughter Perry, who just entered University of Maryland Veterinary School and oldest son Gerald Kirk, who is a Combat Veteran Warrant Officer, Army National Guard, still serving for 30 years now.

I love cooking and am currently trying to put together my own cookbook called "Mitch In Kitchen". I enjoy the Posts Soup Cook Offs, as well as, helping to cook the SAL Friday night dinners.

The SAL is currently in the process of coordinating the Annual Crab Feast, which will be on September 29th. Tickets for this year's event went on sale on July 22nd and have already sold out! This is usually our biggest fundraiser of the year and I'm sure this year will not disappoint. It's not too late to volunteer to help, so please consider doing so, it's the generosity of our fellow members, with their time, that makes this event such a success!

Sincerely,

Mitch Zemo

SAL Commander



October 26, 2018 - National Day of the Deployed

'National Day of the Deployed' was started in 2006 by a woman in North Dakota. She petitioned the governor to proclaim the first official 'Day of the Deployed' and by 2012, all 50 states celebrated the day.

Take a moment on this day to honor a deployed military member and the families they leave behind, as they work hard to protect our nation.

Message from the Legion Riders



This past month, during the Maryland Convention, ALR members were called to the stage to present the donations to the Legacy Scholarship fund. This year, Maryland ALR was able to raise \$45k, far exceeding the anticipated goal of \$35k. The Severna Park Riders were recognized as being the largest single contributor. We could not have done it without the support of our Legion members, SAL and Aux members that volunteer to help us during our annual fundraiser event. Warrior Day this year will be held on the second Saturday of October, so mark your calendars. We plan on having multiple bands on stage again this year, and food trucks.

We will also be hosting the Anne Arundel County Toys for Tots Motorcycle parade on November 17th. You do not have to ride a motorcycle to participate. We want this to be as much of a spectator event as it is a motorcycle ride. We will be meeting at Post 175 in the morning and departing around 11 am, travelling north on Route 2 to American Legion Post 40 in Glen Burnie. It will be police escorted, and we plan on having music and food at the destination. Let us know if you would like to be a volunteer for this great event.

Thanks for everything that you do.

Respectfully,

Jamie Southern

Riders Director

*The American Legion and the Legion Riders offer support through the **Legacy Scholarship Fund**.*

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents lost their lives while serving our country. Beginning with the 2017 award year, The American Legion expanded the scholarship to include children of VA-rated, post-9/11 veterans with a combined disability rating of 50 percent or higher.

*For more information, check out
<https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>*

Dog Days are here on Mondays
\$1 Hot Dogs & Natty Bohs



Taco Tuesdays (after 5pm)
Two tacos for \$3



Wednesday Steak Night



SAL Dinner 3rd Friday



Riders Dinner 4th Friday

Legion Dinner 2nd Friday

Aux Dinner 1st Friday

On Fridays with menus not listed on the calendar, call first.
Sometimes Friday dinners are decided last minute.

Thursday Appetizer Menu

Served from 4-8PM

NACHOS with chili and cheese, POTATO SKINS, MOZZARELLA STICKS, LOADED FRENCH FRIES, FRENCH FRY SIDE/BASKET, ONION RING BASKET, HOT DOG, JUMBO HOT DOG, CHICKEN TENDER BASKET, FRIED SHRIMP BASKET, HAMBURGER, CHEESEBURGER, WINGS (10) Buffalo (hot, med, mild), BBQ, Lemon Pepper, Chesapeake, Teriyaki, Sweet & Sour, BBQ-Buffalo, GRILLED CHEESE, GRILLED OR CRISPY CHICKEN SANDWICH, SLIDERS- 2 Burgers OR Cheeseburgers w/ Fries, SOUTHWESTERN EGG ROLLS, CRAB BALLS, CRAB CAKES, QUESADILLAS (Cheese, Chicken, Beef, Crab)

Bar Menu (Open until 10 PM)

Sandwiches:

Chicken/Tuna Salads, Ham, Turkey,
Corned Beef, Hot Dog, and Jumbo Hot Dog.

All sandwiches come with chips and pickle.

Soup of the Day. Pizza & soft pretzels are also available.

HAPPY HOUR *every Monday thru Friday 4-7PM, Saturdays 4-6PM*

WEEKLY SPECIALS!!!!

LIVE Blue Grass Music EVERY Wednesday 4-6PM

August 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Kennel Club 7PM  \$2 Miller Lite	2 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM & 4-8 PM  \$2 Coors Light	3 AUX Dinner 6-8PM Stuffed Peppers	4 BULL & SHRIMP ROAST HAPPY BIRTHDAY 
5  2PM	6 \$1 Dogs  \$1 Natty Bohs	7 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM After 5pm Taco Tuesday  2 for 1 Drafts Lions Club 6 PM	8 General Meeting  \$2 Miller Lite	9 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM & 4-8 PM  \$2 Coors Light	10 Mixed Emotions 7:30-11:30 PM Legion Dinner 6-8PM	11 DJ Alan K 7-11 PM
12  2PM	13 SAL Meeting \$1 Dogs  \$1 Natty Bohs	14 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM After 5pm Taco Tuesday  2 for 1 Drafts Villagers 7PM	15 Legion Riders 7 PM  \$2 Miller Lite	16 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM & 4-8 PM  \$2 Coors Light	17 Kurtain Call Karaoke 7:30-11:30 PM SAL Dinner Cheese Steak, Shrimp, Chicken Tenders, Fries	18
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26  2PM	27 Executive Board Meeting \$1 Dogs  \$1 Natty Bohs	28 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM After 5pm Taco Tuesday  2 for 1 Drafts	29  \$2 Miller Lite	30 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM & 4-8 PM  \$2 Coors Light	31 Destiny 7:30-11:30 PM	

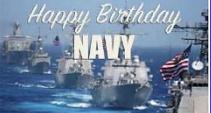
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October 2018



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