

# American Legion Post 175 Newsletter

For Period November 2019  
through January 2020

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Calendar of Events included for  
November and December 2019



## *Post, SAL and Auxiliary Leadership*

### American Legion Post 175

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Post Commander: *Chris Jensen*

#### *American Legion Auxiliary*

Auxiliary President: *Erica Southern*

#### *Sons of American Legion*

Commander: *Mike Anderson*

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*Have you checked out our new Facebook page?*

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

or visit us at [legionpost175.org](http://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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
of each month.

General Membership  
meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
of each month.

Auxiliary Unit  
meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
of each month.

### Other Scheduled Hall Meetings

Legion Riders  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
at 7PM

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

Kenel Club  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month  
at 7 PM

Villagers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
at 7 PM

MSSA Fisherman Club  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month  
at 7:30 PM

\*unless otherwise noted on the calendar

## Commander's Message

Greetings Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion! Fall is upon us and I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. We've had a good summer, made great forward progress around the Post and don't plan to slow down anytime soon. We have a lot planned through the holiday season, so be sure to check out the complete calendar posted on our website and Facebook page. Here are a few items of note:

- Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary will be hosting a Veteran's Appreciation Brunch, where Veterans can eat for free.
- Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in lieu of having a Veterans Day ceremony here at the Post, we will help with the ground breaking ceremony of the Maryland Gold Star Families Memorial on the B&A trail recognizing 4 local heroes. We also plan to visit Veteran's at a few local retirement homes.
- Rounding out November is the Anne Arundel County Toys 4 Tots Parade on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Thanksgiving dinner at the Post on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- December promises to be just as busy with Wreathes Across America (12/14), our Children's Christmas Party (12/15), the Post Christmas Party (12/21) and bidding 2019 farewell at our Post New Year's Party.

We continue to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the American Legion, and in doing so, the American Legion has made some fundamental changes. Our membership rules have been revised to open eligibility to all Veterans from December 7, 1941 until the present. And to be clear, this change was predicated on giving respect to those Veterans who died in the line of duty during the entire period after December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 that was not previously recognized as wartime by Congress. The survivors, their Brothers and Sisters in Arms also earn the right to be called Legionnaires. The wording in the Preamble also changed "Great Wars" to "All Wars". In addition, the Auxiliary is now open for male members if they are married to a Veteran. The American Legion is keeping up with the times. We need to continue to work hard to bring in this new generation of Veterans.

The Executive Board is still looking to fill the vacant Adjutant position. If you are interested, please see me. The Adjutant is a vital position in the Legion organization.

I would like to take a moment to wish Roberta Zimmerman, "Fair Winds and Following Seas" in her future endeavor(s). Roberta Zimmerman will be resigning as General Manager in early November. Running an American Legion Post is a big job, there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to keep this machine running smoothly. A lot of the success and what we enjoy here at the Post, can be attributed to Roberta's diligence and work ethic. Roberta has done an absolutely fantastic job these past 7 years, and her absence will be felt. I have asked to keep her on a tether, due to her knowledge base and history with the Post, and she has graciously agreed to provide assistance when needed. Roberta will still be around, but looks forward to more personal time at home, and continuing her involvement with the Auxiliary.

With heavy hearts, we have lost some wonderful members in recent months, to Post Everlasting. They may be gone, but they will live on forever in our memories.

Lastly, I would like thank each and every one of you that unselfishly volunteers your valuable personal time and energy to make Post 175 a better place.

Respectfully,

**Chris Jensen**

*Commander*



The Auxiliary enjoyed helping out with the SAL crab feast which was a huge success.

We recently held the children's Halloween party. We had a great turn out despite the weather and thanks to our amazing volunteers, a good time was had by all.

Going into the holiday season we have lots to look forward too. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, the Auxiliary is hosting a Paint & Dine night. Proceeds from this event will support the Toys for Tots of Anne Arundel County. Dinner will be half price for anyone that donates a new unwrapped toy to the drive that night.

We look forward to supporting our veterans with our Veterans Day Brunch on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>, the cost is \$9 but all Veterans eat FREE!

The Children's Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. This is always a favorite event, so please make sure to sign up your little ones, so they don't miss the opportunity to chat with Santa and receive a special gift from the big man himself!

The Auxiliary appreciates your support and we hope to see you at our future events.

**Erica Southern**  
Auxiliary President

### GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMORIAL GAZEBO **MONUMENTS TO THE HEROES OF SEVERNA PARK**

A group of Severna Park businessmen, residents, Post 175 SAL members, and politicians are committed to building a new gazebo on the B&A bike trail in the area known as Hatten Register Green (across from the Bandstand) on the Severna Park portion of the trail. This new Gazebo will replace the aging Gazebo and will be dedicated to Gold Star Families.

The fundamental roots of this project are the monuments to honor each of the four men from Severna Park who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operating Enduring Freedom, and lost their lives serving their country. All four grew up in Severna Park and were active in their community (schools, church, Green Hornets, Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, etc.). A plaque for each of the four Heroes will be placed around the Gold Star Memorial.

#### The Heroes are:



L-R: Eric Kavanagh; Eric Herzberg; William Wild IV; Nathaniel McDavitt

**The memorial and the monuments will be funded strictly through private donations.**

Additional details, updates, and donation directions are posted on the website:

<http://www.legionpost175.org/gold-star-family-memorial.html>

Donations can also be made by cash or check at Post 175

## Message from the SAL Commander

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The SAL Crab Feast was a great success again this year. Thank you to all the volunteers from the SAL, Legion and Auxiliary who helped throughout the day. Also a huge thank you to the Northeast High School Marine Corps JROTC for all their help before, during and after the event. Without volunteers this day would not have been the success it was! We raised over \$7k for donations to various organizations.

Our doors are open for all SAL members to attend our monthly meeting. Come learn how we work and how we help around the community. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm. We still have a few vacancies on our board, so please check out a meeting and consider becoming an officer. We need HELP!

The SAL is having a membership drive on November 7th at 6:30pm. Come in, renew and get a free beer! If you were considering joining our squadron, now is the time to do it!

Friday night shrimp dinners are still a great draw! If you haven't been please mark your calendars and join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month! Volunteers are always welcome but your support through purchasing a meal is also greatly appreciated.

The Severn River Rugby Club has started a Coat Drive for Homeless Veterans. Boxes are located inside the Legion. Please consider donating any gently used coats you no longer need.

Last but definitely not least, I would like to give an Unsung Hero shout out to Mike D'Ambrosia. Mike is our Treasurer. He donates countless hours of time and energy to the Sons of the American Legion. Thank you Mike for your continued dedication and taking care of the needs of many in and outside of the SAL.

Thanks,

**Mike "Moose" Anderson**

# Did you know?

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**We now have our own Sons of the American Legion Facebook page!  
Be sure to check it out and like it!**

<https://www.facebook.com/Sons-of-the-American-Legion-Squadron-175-Severna-Park-MD>

## Message from the Legion Riders



It has been a busy couple of months for the Riders, but we are still not done yet. We have the Toys For Tots Motorcycle Parade coming up on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be an escorted ride that departs Bubba's 33 in Glen Burnie at 1100 and travels to Post 175. There will be food, drinks and entertainment at the destination. We want to make this a spectator's event, so if you don't ride, bring your families to any business along the route so that they can wave as we go by. We will be posting fliers along the route so that they will be aware. And of course, Santa will be at the destination. Bring an unwrapped toy and a \$10 donation for entry. All of the proceeds will benefit the Toys for Tots Program of Anne Arundel County.

Toy donations are also needed for the Children's Christmas Party on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Each year Santa arrives at Post 175 just in time to hear last minute wishes from the children and give them each something special for being so good all year! See Michele for more information on donations needed and don't forget to sign your little one's up!

We are proud to support Wreaths across America again this year. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be placing wreaths at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. This event is not limited to Riders, we would like to include more support from the post this year. If you cannot attend this event, but have loved ones at the cemetery, let us know. We would be honored to place a wreath for you.

Respectfully,  
**Garth Munroe**  
Riders Director

### *It's amazing what one person can do...*

Morrill Worcester, owner of [Worcester Wreath Company](#), was a 12 year old paper boy when he won a trip to Washington D.C. His first trip to our nation's capital and Arlington National Cemetery was one he would never forget. This experience followed him throughout his life, reminding him that his good fortune was due, in large part, to the values of this nation and the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

In 1992, Worcester Wreath had a surplus of wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season. Remembering his boyhood experience at Arlington, Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. Arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year.

As plans were underway, a number of other individuals and organizations stepped up to help. James Prout, owner of local trucking company, provided transportation to Virginia. Volunteers from the community and local American Legion and VFW Posts gathered to decorate each wreath with red, hand-tied bows. Members of the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C. helped organize the wreath-laying, which included a special ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years until a photo of Arlington, adorned with wreaths and covered in snow, circulated in 2005. Suddenly, the project received national attention. Thousands of requests were received, wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the project at other National and State cemeteries, and to thank Morrill Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.

Unable to donate thousands of wreaths to each state, Worcester began sending each state seven wreaths, one for each branch of the military, and for POW/MIAs. The annual trip to Arlington and number of volunteers eager to participate in Worcester's simple wreath-laying event continued to grow until it became clear the desire to remember and honor our country's fallen heroes was bigger than Arlington, and bigger than this one company.



In 2006, simultaneous wreath-laying ceremonies were held at over 150 locations around the country. The Patriot Guard Riders volunteered as escort for the wreaths going to Arlington, thus began the annual "Veterans Honor Parade" that travels the east coast each December. In 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans, and others who had helped with the annual veterans wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America. In 2008, US Congress unanimously voted December 13, 2008 as "Wreaths Across America Day", over 300 locations held wreath-laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico and 24 overseas cemeteries. In 2014, Wreaths Across America and its volunteers laid over 700,000 memorial wreaths at 1,000 locations in the United States and beyond, including Pearl Harbor Memorial, Bunker Hill, Valley Forge and the sites of the September 11 tragedies. The organization's goal of covering Arlington National Cemetery was met in 2014 with the placement of 226,525 wreaths.

# November 2019



| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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|   |   |  |   |  | <b>1</b><br><b>Impulse</b><br>7:30-11:30 PM<br><b>Legion Dinner</b><br>6-8PM<br>Chicken Chesapeake with rice pilaf, salad and dessert for \$8.00                 | <b>2</b><br><b>BULL &amp;</b><br><b>Oyster Roast</b><br>2-7 PM<br><b>Mixed Emotions</b><br>7:30-11:30 PM |
| <b>3</b><br>                                | <b>4</b><br>\$1 Dogs<br>\$1 Natty Bohs  | <b>5</b> <b>Kitchen</b><br>11AM- 2PM<br><b>After 5pm</b><br>Taco Tuesday<br>2 for 1 Drafts<br>Lions Club 6 PM  | <b>6</b><br><b>Kennel Club</b><br>7PM<br>\$2 Miller Lite      | <b>7</b><br><b>Kitchen</b><br>11AM- 2PM<br>&<br>4-8 PM<br>\$2 Coors Light  | <b>8</b><br><b>PAINT &amp; DINE</b><br><b>AUX Dinner</b><br>6-8PM<br>Lasagna or Spaghetti \$10 or \$5 with toy donation<br><b>Party of Four</b><br>7:30-11:30 PM | <b>9</b>   |
| <b>10</b><br><b>Veterans Day Brunch</b><br> | <b>11</b><br><b>SAL Meeting</b><br>\$1 Dogs<br>\$1 Natty Bohs                                 | <b>12</b> <b>Kitchen</b><br>11AM- 2PM<br><b>After 5pm</b><br>Taco Tuesday<br>2 for 1 Drafts<br>Villagers 7PM   | <b>13</b><br><b>General Meeting</b><br>7PM<br>\$2 Miller Lite | <b>14</b><br><b>Kitchen</b><br>11AM- 2PM<br>&<br>4-8 PM<br>\$2 Coors Light | <b>15</b><br><b>Back In Time</b><br>7:30-11:30 PM<br><b>SAL Dinner</b><br>Cheese Steak, Shrimp, Chicken Tenders, Fries   | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>17</b>                                   | <b>18</b><br>\$1 Dogs<br>\$1 Natty Bohs<br>BINGO @ Future Care 7-8PM<br>MSSA Fish Club 7:30PM | <b>19</b> <b>Kitchen</b><br>11AM- 2PM<br><b>After 5pm</b><br>Taco Tuesday<br>2 for 1 Drafts<br>Lions Club 6 PM | <b>20</b><br><b>Legion Riders</b><br>7PM<br>\$2 Miller Lite   | <b>21</b><br><b>Kitchen</b><br>11AM- 2PM<br>&<br>4-8 PM<br>\$2 Coors Light | <b>22</b><br><b>Wild Grey Hairs</b><br>7:30-11:30 PM<br><b>Riders Dinner</b><br>6-8PM  | <b>23</b><br><b>Toys For Tots Parade</b><br>11am<br>   |
| <b>24</b>                                   | <b>25</b><br><b>Executive Board Meeting</b><br>\$1 Dogs<br>\$1 Natty Bohs                     | <b>26</b> <b>Kitchen</b><br>11AM- 2PM<br><b>After 5pm</b><br>Taco Tuesday<br>2 for 1 Drafts                    | <b>27</b><br>\$2 Miller Lite                                  | <b>28</b><br><br><b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b><br>2-5PM                       | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>  |

# December 2019



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| 1  | 2<br>\$1 Dogs<br><br>\$1 Natty Bohs   | 3<br>Kitchen<br>11AM- 2PM<br>After 5pm<br>Taco Tuesday<br><br>2 for 1 Drafts<br>Lions Club 6 PM    | 4<br>Kennel Club<br>7PM<br>Aux Meeting<br>7:15PM<br> \$2 Miller Lite | 5<br>Kitchen<br>11AM- 2PM<br>&<br>4-8 PM<br> \$2 Coors Light    | 6<br>Roll With It<br>7:30-11:30 PM<br>Legion Dinner<br>6-8PM   | 7   |
| 8  | 9<br>SAL Meeting<br>\$1 Dogs<br><br>\$1 Natty Bohs  | 10<br>Kitchen<br>11AM- 2PM<br>After 5pm<br>Taco Tuesday<br><br>2 for 1 Drafts<br>Villagers 7PM     | 11<br>General Meeting<br>7 PM<br> \$2 Miller Lite                    | 12<br>Kitchen<br>11AM- 2PM<br>&<br>4-8 PM<br> \$2 Coors Light   | 13<br>Benfield Rush<br>7:30-11:30 PM<br>AUX Dinner<br>6-8PM  | 14<br><br>WREATHS<br>across<br>AMERICA |
| 15<br>Children's<br>Christmas<br>Party<br> | 16<br>\$1 Dogs<br><br>\$1 Natty Bohs<br>BINGO @ Future Care<br>7-8PM<br>MSSA Fish Club 7:30PM | 17<br>Kitchen<br>11AM- 2PM<br>After 5pm<br>Taco Tuesday<br><br>2 for 1 Drafts<br>Lions Club 6 PM | 18<br>Legion Riders<br>7 PM<br> \$2 Miller Lite                    | 19<br>Kitchen<br>11AM- 2PM<br>&<br>4-8 PM<br> \$2 Coors Light | 20<br>Kick Back<br>7:30-11:30 PM<br>SAL Dinner<br>Cheese Steak,<br>Shrimp, Chicken<br>Tenders, Fries | 21<br>Christmas<br>Party<br>7:30-11:30 PM   |
| 22   | 23<br>\$1 Dogs<br><br>\$1 Natty Bohs  | 24<br>Kitchen<br>11AM- 2PM<br>After 5pm<br>Taco Tuesday<br><br>2 for 1 Drafts                    | 25<br><br>POST CLOSED  | 26<br>Kitchen<br>11AM- 2PM<br>&<br>4-8 PM<br> \$2 Coors Light | 27<br>Wild Grey Hairs<br>7:30-11:30 PM<br>Riders Dinner<br>6-8PM                                     | 28  |
| 29   | 30<br>\$1 Dogs<br><br>\$1 Natty Bohs  | 31<br>   |   |  |  |   |