

American Legion Post 175 Newsletter

For Period November through
January 2018

832 Manhattan Beach Road
Severna Park, Maryland 21146
<http://www.legionpost175.org>

2017 Calendar of Events included
for November, December and
January



Post, SAL and Auxiliary Leadership

American Legion Post 175

Post Commander: *Ambrose Cavegn*

American Legion Auxiliary

Auxiliary President: *Collette Cavegn*

Sons of American Legion

Commander: *Don Zimmerman*

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*Dates to Remember**



Organization Meetings

Executive Board
meets last Monday
of each month.

SAL Unit
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

Kennel 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

Dear American Legionnaires:

Thank you for your continued support. I am honored to be your Commander.

Following the lead of our National Commander, Commander Denise Rohan's theme for this year is "Family First", which means our American Legion Family, our Military Families, our Veteran's and their Families. My priority is to help take care of our American Legion Family at all levels here at Post 175.

We have enjoyed many great successes and events this summer at Post 175. All of our successful events are accomplished by you, and the volunteers - who make it all happen. And the teamwork and coordination between the Auxiliary, the SONS, and the Riders has been outstanding.

We are making strides in our Membership drive. I am implementing a couple of member Appreciation Days to provide some motivation to renew membership's prior to end of 2017. We will have a couple of Appreciation days in November and December for those members who renew early. And for current members who bring in 3 new members, you will be presented with a Challenge coin. Membership is everyone's responsibility. Please invite potential new members. If you know of an active duty member who isn't a Legionnaire, we will pay their first years dues for them when they join.

The Pavilion project is moving forward. We are still selling the Military Logo Chairs for the lounge. If you would like to purchase one please come and see me.

We have plenty of events planned for the upcoming Holiday season. Dinners, celebrations and Toys for Tots events are planned. The Holiday season is a time for celebration, but it can be a difficult time for some as well. Let's do our best to make this a fun time for all – young and old. If you know of a Veteran or service men/women serving in the area without family, please ask them to join you and us when you come to the Post. We can make a difference for our Veterans, their families and our Community. Every little bit helps.

Again, it's my honor to serve as your Post Commander.

Sincerely,

Ambrose J. Cavegn, Jr.
Commander

1st Vice Commander

Fall is here and our membership is strong, thanks to the help of Colleen and her skills of processing our new members. But, we have a long way to get to 100 percent, plus. Membership is the back bone of the American Legion family. We need your help getting your 2018 membership dues in, so that we are not scrambling at the end. The 2018 membership cards are out and dues are only \$40.00. That \$40.00 breaks down to \$3.33 a month! Coming soon, we will also have a membership drive at the post, bring a friend or relative to the post, show them around and offer them membership and the opportunity to join our Legion family. During the drive you will receive 2 free beers. A 50/50 raffle will be offered at our general meeting and bar. Let us work together to build our house, Post 175. There is also a need for a few good members to join our membership board.

Your humble servant,

Andre' L. Milot

Adjutant

Hope you had an enjoyable summer. I am the Adjutant of Post 175, and have administrative duties and also manage the Post email and website. We always “get the word out” at our General Membership meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and by posting signs. But if you missed it, I have instituted our “Post Announcement Missile” email to keep you abreast of new events. If you haven’t received one, and think you should, please let me know either in person or sending an email to adjutant@legionpost175.org. You can also find us on our website: <http://www.legionpost175.org>.

Did you know that our Post Constitution, By-Laws and House Rules are posted and available for your review? You can find them on a shelf near the Quarter Board by the Office.

We have a number of programs in place here supporting the younger generation and future American Legionnaires. One of which is the Boys State program. American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government. Legion Posts select High School Juniors to attend the program. After the boys are selected, they attend the Maryland Boys State Program at McDaniel’s College after Father’s Day. The Boys State program is also looking for new mentors to participate in the program. We have a delightful letter written earlier this year by a 2017 graduate from Post 171 that nicely articulates his personal experience and maturity growth from this years’ event. It is posted. The official mailing of Boys State materials shall be in early January 2018, with the goal to have quota’s filled by April 15, 2018. The Auxiliary has a similar Girls State program for High School girls.

Another great program is the American Legion Oratorical Contest. The Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. The orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. Competition starts at the Post level and advances to the State. Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. Speeches are eight to 10 minutes long; 3-5-minute speeches on an assigned topic also are part of the contest.

We also sponsor an American Legion Baseball team for Post 175. The league has 8 teams from our area. Our players are from Severna Park High School. They had a good year this season. In addition, they had a new coach for the team who graciously volunteered to take over the vacated spot that was long filled by Coach Willie Dominguez. We plan on inviting the team to the Post more often and meet our members, as well as help them raise funds to support their season and travels to the various tournaments that they attend.

If you have any questions or comments please don’t hesitate to let me know, and if you have suggestions send them on and also consider helping out implementing those suggestions. Thanks for all you do.

Chris Jensen

Legion Chaplain

November is always about family and football and Thanksgiving, however we are mindful of family and we must be mindful of our American Legion family and do what you can to help both. Be safe my friends and take care of both families. God speed.

Ned “Clark” Coleman

Service Officer

A new law will take effect in November 2017, which states honorably discharged veterans of all eras will be able to apply online to the Department of Veterans Affairs for a hard-copy photo ID which contains the veteran's name, current photo and a non-Social Security identification number. The ID cards are meant to offer a way for veterans to prove their service without carrying a copy of their DD214, which contains sensitive personal information. The new VA IDs will not, however, qualify as official government-issued identification for air travel or other uses. For more information or to apply for the card visit www.vets.gov.

Veteran status can also be added to a Maryland Driver's License or Identification card. Veterans must visit a MVA Branch Office and present original or certified copies of documentation representing honorable service and discharge. There is no cost to add the veteran designation at any time, as long as no other changes are being made. This designation indicates that you are eligible for state veteran benefits. A list of acceptable documentation and answers to other questions can be found at <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/drivers/apply/military.htm>.

Dan Leatherman

Historian

Boy Scout Anthony Bibbo of Pasadena currently is working on his Eagle Scout project and has selected Post 175 as the beneficiary. Together with Post officers, Anthony chose the project of creating a biography of all the Post's Commanders. Anthony interviewed Commanders who attended a gathering in late summer, and conducted additional research as it was available. Anthony plans to have the project completed this fall.

Anthony is a member of Troop #450 in Severna Park. He chose AL Post 175 because he wanted to complete a project that would honor Veterans. Anthony's father, grandfathers and uncles served in the military; his grandfather also was Post Commander of AL Post 70 in Easton. Sixteen-year-old Anthony is a junior at Mount Saint Joseph High School and is in the school's Honors Scholars program. His favorite subject is history; Anthony created the board game "Model Citizen" to give students and citizenship candidates a fun way to learn U.S. Civics. He is awaiting U.S. copyrights for the game. After high school, Anthony plans to attend college and is considering study in International Relations, History and Economics. Anthony is the son of Peggy and Tony Bibbo.

If you have any pictures you would like to have in the annual photo album that will be sent to national please let me know.

Respectfully,
Tom Polk

Auxiliary News



Welcome autumn! Leaves falling and wardrobes changing. Enjoying the crisp cool nights and the beautiful colors of fall.

We had a great response to our cake wheel at this year's SAL crab feast. First, thank you to all the members who (made from scratch) baked goods. There are so many people who contributed to this, it was amazing. In addition to the cake wheel, we raffled off 2 cakes and some cupcakes that were extraordinary. Thank you Stacey Milot and Dawn Weaverling for your talent and generosity. A wonderful new addition this year was our Plant Wheel, thank you everyone who donated beautiful plants to make this a success. Thank you Sharon Miller for contributing koozies with the Maryland logo, which we gave away for donations to the Auxiliary. From the cake wheel to the kitchen, to event entry and food, Auxiliary members helped out everywhere; they were super stars. They worked all day, many of them without a break. Thank you ladies.

Steak Night was another success. The food was tremendous. Thank you Mary Morin, Ann Marie Peterson, Linda Kennison, Jackie Keeney, and our 2 wonderful steak grillers, Bill Munroe and Dave Peterson for volunteering and making this event possible. Thank you also to everyone who brought baked goods and of course last but not least, thank you to all who supported this dinner.

The children's Halloween party was Sunday, Oct 22nd. It was a spooky good time with some of the cutest ghost and goblins you have ever seen. Colleen Cox put together a really nice array of gifts for children. There was a great turn out and wonderful support our raffle.

We are planning a soup Cook Off on November 19th from 1 to 4PM. Just imagine a cool, crisp afternoon and you are enjoying some delicious warm soups and great company. All the groups of our legion are being asked to enter their top notch soups. Trophies and bragging rights are up for grabs to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. I can hardly wait! Let's get our best soup recipes ready to go!

Collette Cavegn
Auxiliary President
collettecavegn07@gmail.com

[Auxiliary Chaplain](#)

A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED

We pray for those for whom today is like the windswept mountain;
give them comfort.

We pray for those for whom today is like the stormy sea;
give them calm.

We pray for those for whom today is like the darkest night;
give them hope.

With the above poem above in mind, remember all those that have lost their homes and belongings due to the recent floods, hurricanes and wildfires. Pray that they will seek the Father for strength and guidance.

Our sincere condolences go out to Edith Turc who lost her husband in May. I apologize for the lateness, however I did not receive the message. We also express our condolences to the families of Patricia Moody and Evelyn Finck. May they find peace in days to come.

On a happier note, we send our congratulations to Collette Cavegn and Michelle Jordan on their recent marriages. May they have wonderful lives.

Finally, I would like to extend my whole-hearted thanks to all of you for your thoughtfulness, kind words and cards on the death of my son, Charles. You don't know how much it means to me.

Please send me the names of our members who are ill or have passed. I would like to send them a card. This information can be sent to gentbm121@gmail.com or call me at 443-559-1060.

Until next time, may God's love enfold you and keep you safe.

Betty Gentile
Chaplain

Message from the SAL Commander



Thanks to all our volunteers at this year's crab feast. Again, another success! It was a long four months of preparation starting in May. However, it is always worth it. We lucked out with the weather...a little breezy but no rain! We received praises from many people. One comment was that these were best crabs ever at our crab feast. We went through 63 bushels this year! There were 30 door prizes given out and a record 69 silent auctions. Thanks to the band Impulse for another great job.

The four main causes the crab feast supported this year were Autism, AACo Firefighters Burn Foundation, Pets For Vets and AL NEF. The SAL's 40' steel storage container has arrived. With more storage available, it will enable us to buy tables and chairs that we rented in past years for the crab feast. The SAL also purchased two military logo tables and ten military logo chairs for the lounge. They should arrive any day.

Our next function will be the Valentine's dinner on February 10th. Get ready for the best filet mignon and lobster dinner around. We hope to see you there for another great meal!

Our 2017-18 detachment Commander's project involves the Boy Scouts of America with our theme being "Sons Helping Scouts Become Leaders." If you have any support projects involving the BSA, please let me know. If you are involved with any donations or volunteer time with the BSA, please let me know so we can report it.

On a final note, we need some new help with Friday dinners. We can't have the same small group of help in the kitchen every month.

Don Zimmerman
SAL Commander

[SAL Membership Update](#)

As of October 16, we have 55 membership renewals for membership year 2018. This puts the squadron at 28% of the 4-Star goal for this year of 198 memberships. We have welcomed 10 new members into the squadron so far this year.

The SAL Southern Maryland District commander has issued a membership challenge for the 36 squadrons in the district. The winning squadrons will receive a free ticket for two to the SMD drawdown on December 2. There are two ways to win, either by turning in the highest number of memberships, or having the largest percentage increase in membership, from the period of 8/25/17 to 12/1/17. At last check our squadron was in 7th place in terms of percentage increase. Please keep those renewals coming!

Please note that if you do not renew by 1/1/2018, your membership becomes delinquent and you will not be able to get a Post 175 key card for 2018. Memberships that are not renewed by 2/1/2018 are considered suspended.

If you have any questions about SAL membership, please send me an e-mail (bdhoover1@yahoo.com) or call or text me at 443-271-4168.

Brian Hoover
SAL First Vice

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 thrown together late.

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

November 2017



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 Impulse 7:30-11:30 PM AUX Dinner Sour Beef & Dumplings 6-8PM	4 DJ Alan K. 7-11 PM
5	6 \$1 Dogs  \$1 NattyBohs	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 The Grey Dog Band 7:30-11:30 PM Legion Dinner 6-8PM	11 Veterans Day Ceremony 11AM-12PM Bull and Oyster Roast 2-7 PM Rocking Tunes 7-11 PM
12  Collection Party 1-4PM	13 SAL Meeting \$1 Dogs  \$1 NattyBohs	14 7 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 Smoked Bones 7:30-11:30 PM SAL Dinner Cheese Steak, Shrimp, Chicken Tenders, Fries	18 Toy Parade  Registration 8-11AM Parade 12PM Steel Guitar Mania 7-11 PM
19 Soup Challenge 1-4PM 	20 \$1 Dogs  \$1 NattyBohs BINGO @ Future Care 7-8PM MSSA Fish Club 7:30PM	21 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM After 5pm Taco Tuesday  2 for 1 Drafts	22  \$2 Miller Lite	23  Thanksgiving Dinner \$10 2-5PM	24 Johnny's Gotta Band 7:30-11:30 PM	25
26	27 Executive Board Meeting \$1 Dogs  \$1 NattyBohs	28 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM After 5pm Taco Tuesday  2 for 1 Drafts	29 AUX Meeting  \$2 Miller Lite	30 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM & 4-8 PM  \$2 Coors Light		

December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Greater Image 7:30-11:30 PM AUX Dinner TBA 6-8PM	2 DJ Alan K. 7-11 PM
3	4 \$1 Dogs  \$1 NattyBohs	5 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM After 5pm Taco Tuesday  2 for 1 Drafts Lions Club 6 PM	6 Kennel Club 7PM  \$2 Miller Lite	7 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM & 4-8 PM  \$2 Coors Light	8 Whisker Fish 7:30-11:30 PM Legion Dinner 6-8PM	9
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24	25 	26 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM After 5pm Taco Tuesday  2 for 1 Drafts	27  \$2 Miller Lite	28 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM & 4-8 PM  \$2 Coors Light	29 Benfield Rush 7:30-11:30 PM SAL Dinner Cheese Steak, Shrimp, Chicken Tenders, Fries	30 NEW YEAR'S EVE 

January 2018



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	1 Happy New Year! \$1 Dogs \$1 Natty Bohs	2 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM After 5pm Taco Tuesday 2 for 1 Drafts Lions Club 6 PM	3 Kennel Club 7PM \$2 Miller Lite	4 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM & 4-8 PM \$2 Coors Light	5 TBD 7:30-11:30 PM AUX Dinner 6-8PM	6 TBD 7:30-11:30 PM
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Paint Night @ Post 175

January 19, 2018

~~**Tickets on Sale (November 1st) \$25**~~

Doors open at 6pm

Painting starts at 7pm

SAL Dinner Featuring **Nina's Lasagna**
with a portion of the proceeds going to the
Nina Beck Memorial