

American Legion Post 175 Newsletter

For Period February through
April 2020

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Calendar of Events included for
February through April 2020



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: *Mike Anderson*

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

Happy New Year Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion! **If you haven't renewed your membership for 2020, please renew now.**

During the holidays, Post 175 gave back in so many ways...by visiting Veterans, participating in the Toys 4 Tots program, helping with Wreaths Across America, and donating coats, clothing and holiday gifts to families in need throughout AA county.

Let's keep up the momentum, by take care of each other through Buddy Checks. As American Legion members, one of our most sacred responsibilities is to look out for our fellow Veterans. We perform this vital function by reaching out to members and former members. The idea is to reconnect with veterans in our community, who may need assistance but aren't sure where to turn. These contacts may be made in various ways...in person, by phone or email. The important part is to let our "battle buddies" know we care and are willing to help them get the assistance they need. Every day is Veterans Day at 175!

This March we will be honoring Vietnam Veterans, so stand by for more information on events. March 29th is Vietnam War Veterans Day. First observed as a one-time occasion in 2012, then introduced as an annual event with the signing of the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017.

We plan to continue with capital improvements around the Post. Recently, we replaced many of our older picnic tables. Moving into 2020, we plan to upgrade the beer lines and taps, replace the flooring in the Lounge and finally make progress on the Ladies Room in the Lounge. If we can get a similar deal, we would like to complete the far side of the parking lot. We are looking for volunteers to manage a "sales window", selling Legion shirts, hats, etc. please see a member of the Executive Board if you are interested in helping.

American Legion Baseball, along with Boys and Girls State are just around the corner. This year, Boys State is planned for June 21-27, 2020 at McDaniel College in Frostburg, MD. All male students, who have completed their Junior year in High School are eligible. American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. Each program participant becomes a part of the operation of their local, county and state government. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. Participants who complete the full Boys State Program and are admitted to McDaniel College will automatically be considered for the \$40,000 scholarship (\$10,000 annually), in addition to any other scholarships they may be eligible for. If you know of a student planning on attending college, participation in this program adds to their college application resume. 175 has sponsored many students in the past for this program.

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

Lastly, I ask all members to get involved. Come to the meetings, get heard and be part of the solution.

Respectfully,

Chris Jensen

Commander

Auxiliary News



Happy New Year Legion Family!! I can't wait to see what we accomplish in 2020!

Our unit was super busy over the holidays participating in various events to support our community, Toys for Tots and Wreaths Across America. I am very proud to say, we were able to donate \$2000 to the Toys for Tots of Anne Arundel County. We also assisted in helping make the holidays a little brighter for 27 local families in need!

We have many fun events planned in the upcoming months:

- Friday, February 7 the Auxiliary will be hosting **Paint & Dine** and preparing dinner (see the flyer in lounge for more details). Proceeds raised during this event will help support our fellow Auxiliary member, Karen Heart, in her efforts to raise money for the St. Baldrick's foundation and childhood cancer research.
- Tuesday, March 17th the very best **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** will be offered by the Auxiliary. Dinner includes corned beef and cabbage, roasted potatoes, carrots and dessert...only \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased in the Post Lounge through March 14th.
- Saturday, March 21st we are planning another **Murder Mystery Dinner**. Keep an eye on your email and the Post Facebook page for more details on this event.
- The Annual Children's Easter Party will be hosted by the Auxiliary on Sunday, April 5th from 1 to 3PM. A sign-up sheet will be posted in March. Donations are very much appreciated. For more information, please see 2nd Vice, Michele Cavegn.

With the New Year, comes new membership! **Please make sure you renew your membership**, as soon as possible. Dues can be paid online (alaforveterans.org) or at the Post (by filling out the renewal envelope and enclosing \$30 cash/check). If you have questions regarding membership, please see our Membership Chairman, Pat Rabeau.

Last but definitely not least, I would like to thank all of the members of the Auxiliary for helping with all of our events. I truly appreciate all of your support.

Please feel free to email any questions to auxmd175@gmail.com.

Erica Southern
Auxiliary President

Message from the SAL Commander



This year has gotten off to a good start, we have done amazing with getting membership up to speed and membership cards out. Right now we are at 75% and growing. We have taking on a lot of new members as well, and in the next couple of months I forecast us to be over 300 members.

Our deepest condolences go out to the Johnson family. We will never forget Harrison "Lumpy" Johnson or his many accomplishments to the Post 175 and the community. At Lumpy's Celebration of Life, our Honor Guard was present and the County Commander delivered a very kind and heartfelt speech to the Johnson family, as well as friends and old schoolmates. It was an honor to be there, Lumpy you will be greatly missed...till we meet again.

Our Valentines dinner tickets are for sale at the bar. We still need volunteers to make it a success.

We are planning a SAL town hall meeting in February. There are a lot of new things going on in the SAL that we would like to inform membership about, please plan to attend. Stay tuned for the date and time.

If you have a Junior in high school please contact the Post about Boys and Girls State. More information can also be found online at <https://www.legion.org/boysnation/stateeligibility> or <https://www.alaforveterans.org/ALA-Girls-State/>.

Big shout out goes to John Corlett, for keeping the ball rolling with the Friday night dinners. He stepped up along with many others and continues to do a great Job. Thanks soooo much to everyone involved.

Last but not least, don't forget to check out our Facebook page!

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



Once again, the Riders and members of Post 175 have outdone themselves with the holiday spirit and generosity demonstrated during the Toys For Tots Motorcycle Parade and toy drive. We donated \$2000 and 9 boxes filled with new unwrapped toys! We had a great turn out of volunteers to help unload the trucks and place wreaths at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery.

On April 4th, Post 175 will be the final stop for the 1st Maryland Gold Star Monument Ride (<https://facebook.com/events/s/1st-maryland-gold-star-monumen/598634310966329/?ti=as>). This promises to be an event you won't want to miss!

The Maryland Gold Star Legacy Ride turns 5 this year. The ride will take place June 12th-14th. A statewide fundraising goal of \$65K has been set.

More details on both rides to follow...

Respectfully,

Garth Munroe

Riders Director

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

February 2020



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9	10 SAL Meeting \$1 Dogs  \$1 Natty Bohs	11 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM After 5pm Taco Tuesday  2 for 1 Drafts Villagers 7PM	12 General Meeting 7PM  \$2 Miller Lite	13 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM & 4-8 PM  \$2 Coors Light	14 4 on the Floor 7:30-11:30 PM Legion Dinner Cheese Steak, Shrimp, Chicken Tenders, Fries	15 <i>Valentine's Dinner</i> 
16	17 \$1 Dogs  \$1 Natty Bohs BINGO @ Future Care PRESIDENTS DAY	18 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM After 5pm Taco Tuesday  2 for 1 Drafts Lions Club 6 PM	19 Legion Riders 7PM  \$2 Miller Lite	20 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM & 4-8 PM  \$2 Coors Light	21 Roll With It 7:30-11:30 PM SAL Dinner Cheese Steak, Shrimp, Chicken Tenders, Fries	22
23	24 Executive Board Meeting \$1 Dogs  \$1 Natty Bohs	25 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM After 5pm Taco Tuesday  2 for 1 Drafts	26 Auxiliary 7PM  \$2 Miller Lite	27 Kitchen 11AM- 2PM & 4-8 PM  \$2 Coors Light	28 Wild Grey Hairz 7:30-11:30 PM  CASINO Night FUNDRAISER Gold Star Family Memorial	29  LEAP DAY!


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29 	30 Executive Board Meeting \$1 Dogs \$1 Natty Bohs	31				

April 2020



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