



American Legion Post 290



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Stafford, Virginia

June 2024

Commander's Call to the Post 290 American Legion Family:

Greetings!

Once again we have a busy, busy month ahead! Schedules are shifting and events are falling into place (or not). Due to schedule conflicts the Executive Committee Meeting for May will be held on June 3. The Officers' Installation Ceremony and Dinner is now scheduled for June 8. Boys and Girls State happen on Father's Day, and the Post will host the County Sheriff's Sports Camp on the week of the 17 - 21 June. See the attached calendar for more details.

The election results for the 2024-2025 terms are posted in this Newsletter on page 4. Please be aware that we still need a Historian and a SGT at Arms. Volunteers? I want to thank the upcoming slate of officers for stepping forward and running for office.

Now I have to be serious for a moment:

Post 290 is in need of a Kitchen Manager. If interested in serving, please contact me. I would prefer that the individual already have the Kitchen Manager certification, but will still accept a volunteer who is willing to take the courses. I will support, train and assist as much as my work schedule permits, the new Kitchen Manager with cooking for Post events and placing weekly orders. Please help. Without the kitchen operation we can't have any food services. While not a huge revenue stream, the food services the kitchen provides is a service appreciated and enjoyed by our bingo players who support almost everything the Post does.

Looking forward to seeing you
Rick Schultz
Commander, American Legion Post 290

FROM THE 2ND VICE COMMANDER

I would like to recognize some folks for their help in getting the Annex pavilion and bathrooms cleaned up and ready for rentals.

A shout out from the 2nd Vice to:

Austin Sutton, Cheri Nylen, Juanita Partridge, John Humphrey, BJ Payne, Cliff McDaniel, Greg Nilges, Sharon Patrick, and Michael Patrick.

Their efforts in helping clean up the leaves and other items in and around the pavilion made it look 100 percent better and more presentable to renters.

John Patrick

If you have the time to volunteer, let me know by sending me a text at 540-809-8337 or by email to john4post290@gmail.com.

John Patrick
2nd Vice Commander

The Veterans Crisis Line HOT LINE is live! Dial 988 then Press 1.



Post Everlasting

By Darren King

Comrades: It is always with great sorrow when I must announce the transfer of any Legionnaire to Post Everlasting:

Comrade Kenneth L. Lempka reported to the Post Everlasting on April 2, 2024. He was an Army Veteran of the Korean War and a Legionnaire for 18 years.

If you know of any member of Post 290, Unit 290 or Squadron 290 who transferred to the Post Everlasting, please contact me at bsuking@yahoo.com, (816) 550-5228 or 111 Van Horn Lane, Stafford, VA 22556 .

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain Darren King

As many of you know, June 14 is Flag Day. It is an opportunity to honor our flag and all that it stands for. The idea for Flag Day started in 1885 but was made official by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. The Day comes and goes for many with nary a thought concerning it.

I am reminded of Flag Day every year for one of my friends was born on Flag Day in 1943. He usually reminds me in the weeks leading up to the day that Flag Day is his birthday. He is proud to have been born on Flag Day. He was not able to serve in the military but is very proud of what the nation and the flag stands for.

What does the Flag stand for? It is a symbol of freedom. It is a symbol of perseverance in the face of overwhelming odds. It is a symbol of the courage of all who have died protecting this country. Despite how some in this country view the flag, we have no reason to be ashamed of the flag, what it stands for, or even this country.

The Almighty Father has given a great gift of freedom, dignity, and the desire for a justice society. So let us fly the Flag high this month, let us fly it boldly, and let it speak the words we recite in honor of it:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

BINACLE LIST

The Department Commander Sonnie Dickerson was recently in a car accident and is recuperating at Mary Washington Hospital. Please keep her and her family in your prayers for a full recovery.

If you know of any other member of Post 290, Unit 290, Chapter 290 or Squadron 290 who is ill, and/or hospitalized, or if you have updates on any of the above issues, please contact me, Darren King at darren@northstaffordbaptistchurch.com or call me at (816) 550-5228 (cell), or mail me at Darren King, 111 Van Horn Lane, Stafford, VA 22556.



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 290 News

By Marilyn Butters

For over 100 years, The American Legion Auxiliary has been serving, helping, and meeting the needs of our nation's veterans, military, and their families—both here and abroad.

Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of The American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Vision Statement

The vision of The American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace and security.

Won't you become an involved member for 2024/25 ahead? Here are the committees we have. Be a committee chair and bring your ideas and your gifts to our Unit 290. We'd love to have you attend our meetings, held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Join us! We have 117 members but only a few are active.

Open Committees:

Americanism	Leadership
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Legislative
Children & Youth	Membership
Community Service	National Security
Constitution & Bylaws	Past Presidents' Parlay
Education	Poppies
Junior Activities	ROAR & Citations
	VA & R

Here are your Auxiliary Officers for 2024-2025.

President	Virginia Briggs (Ginger)
Vice President	Mary Schelin
Sec/Treasurer	Marilyn Butters
Chaplain	Dale Seaward
Sgt-at-Arms	Theresa Hardisty
Historian	Mary Schelin

Eagle Eye of the Month for May 2024

No Eagle Eye spotter stepped forward for May. The misspelled word was on page 3. It was "orintation". It should have been "orientation". Have a close look at the June issue and remember malapropisms don't count.

Post 290 2024-2025 Officers

Position

Individual

Commander	Rick Schultz
1 st Vice Commander	Lewis Bunch
2 nd Vice Commander	John Patrick
3 rd Vice Commander	Patricia “Brandy” Fitzgerald
Adjutant	Michael Scullin
Finance Officer	Robert Ponzo
Service Officer	James “Doc” Richey
Chaplain	Darren King
Judge Advocate	Garry Briggs
Historian	VACANT
Public Affairs Officer	George “Clif” McDaniel
Sergeant-At-Arms	VACANT
Executive Committee (3 years term)	Brian J. “B.J.” Payne
Executive Committee (3 years term)	Mike Flanagan

*Historian & Sgt-at-Arms are still available, if anyone is interested in serving in a position at the Post

American Legion Riders Chapter 290 News

By Marty Partridge

Greetings Post 290!

A New Road Captain, Greg Nilges, had the opportunity to lead Juanita and me on a Ride to Clifton, VA for the Bikes and Breakfast on Mother's Day. The roads were a little wet when we set out, but it quickly dried up and turned out to be a nice day overall. Juanita won a \$50 gift card to Coleman's that she'll be able to use that for accessories or service for her Can Am Spyder.

During our meeting in May, we awarded one of our newest members, Austin Sutton his patches after he had volunteered a few times to help the Post out at Bingo. Don Dillon also took the opportunity to pass the ALR-290 Flag to Greg Nilges, signifying their transition of Road Captain Duties.

Several of our Riders continue to be heavily involved in the leadership and planning of the June Northern Region, Virginia Legacy Run. It's shaping up to be a nice ride. We'll tell you all about it in a future edition of the newsletter

Keep the rubber-side down!

Marty Partridge

ALR-290 Director



May 13, 2024 – New Member Austin Sutton receives his patches from Sgt-at-Arms, Doug Sivigny, and Director, Marty Partridge. (Photo by Juanita Partridge).

American Legion Riders Chapter 290 News

By Marty Partridge



May 13th, 2024 – Outgoing Road Captain, Donald Dillon, presents incoming Road Captain, Greg Nilges, with the ALR-290 Flag, signifying their transfer of duties. (Photo by Juanita Partridge).



May 12th, 2024 – ALR-290 Members (left to right), Greg Nilges, Marty Partridge, and Juanita Partridge, at the “Bikes and Breakfast” in Clifton, VA. (Photo by Greg Nilges).

SAL INFO

by Fargo Wells

Greetings SAL members and your families! I hope everyone is well and safe.

Members can login into their myLegion.org account and renew directly or via the quick renew website: legion.org/SAL-Renew.

The procedure for modifying the current dues in the system is the submission of a Squadron Data Report (SDR) that is available at the Sons of The American Legion website under Publications and Forms. The SDR should be sent to the detachment and the email address Post and Squadron Reports (postsqdnupdates@legion.org) for processing.

If you have any questions please contact Kevin Mook the National SAL Liaison at kmook@legion.org

The SAL has not had a dues increase in many years.

However, we have to send a portion of the dues to the Department and a portion to Nationals.

The Nationals Dues have increased, therefore we will need to increase the amount that we collect from our members to \$20.00.

If I can help you out with anything. Text, e-mail or call

Fargo Wells, Commander Sons of the American Legion Squadron 290 Stafford

(703) 362-8277 call, text or write rfargowells@hotmail.com .

Thank you,
Fargo Wells

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

The Stafford Post 290 BSA Venture Crew Scouts are conducting a community service project to deliver firewood to families, in need, in Stafford County. The Venture Crew will also cut up and remove wood from properties that may have fallen after a storm or wood that individuals are willing to donate.

To date the Venture Crew's Firewood donation program for those in need: has delivered 16 cords of wood, to needy Stafford residents who heat primarily with firewood. Mike Robinson could always use volunteer support.

The Venture Crew is accepting monetary donations to help in this project or to support the Venture Crew.

If wanting to volunteer to help cut and split wood, or help stack or deliver firewood for this project, please call Mike Robinson, (540) 760-3255.

Department of Virginia American Legion Leadership College

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Richmond-Midlothian, Richmond, VA.

August 02 to August 04, 2024

Registration Form

One registration form per individual please.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Email Address: _____

Organization: American Legion _____ Post _____ SAL _____ Squadron _____
ALR _____ Chapter _____ ALA _____ Unit _____

Friday Afternoon Session

(Will you be attending the afternoon session on Friday, August 02, 2024 from 4:00 –9:00 PM?)

(DINNER will be from 5:00-6:00 PM- American Legion Leadership College doesn't cover)

Program	Attending
Friday Afternoon Session (See program)	Yes/No

Programs

(Please select one that you will attend on Saturday, August 03, 2024- For program details see Agenda)

Sponsor	Attending
American Legion Programs	Yes/No
SAL Programs (TBA)	Yes/No
ALR Programs (TBA)	Yes/No
ALA Programs (TBA)	Yes/No

Registration Fee \$100.00

(includes Saturday breakfast and lunch, for this attendee only)

Registration Forms received after the July 15, 2024 will not receive meals on Saturday.

Registration fee (Check only) must be submitted with completed form. Make checks payable to THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA. Registration Form and Fee must be received at Department Headquarters no later than MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024

Mail completed form and check to:

The American Legion
The Department of Virginia
P.O. Box 11025
Richmond, VA 23230

ATTN: LEADERSHIP COLLEGE 2024

Lodging

Lodging will be at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Richmond - Midlothian, 1021 Koger Center Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia, 23235. Phone number for reservations is (855) 610-TREE (8733) or you may call the hotel directly at (804) 379-3800.

Each College attendee is responsible for making his/her own hotel reservations. Hotel Reservations must be made no later than MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024.

When making your reservations, be sure to identify yourself as part of The American Legion Department of Virginia Group. The hotel rate is \$125.00 per night, single/double, per room, plus tax. (We can not provide you the tax rates at this time due to pending legislation).

All lodging reservations and special lodging requests must be arranged with the hotel by each attendee.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday Night, August 02- Joint Opening Session- 7:00-7:30 PM

Guest Speaker- National Security- 7:30-8:30 PM

Saturday Morning, August 03- Guest Speakers FEMA- 11:00-12:00 PM

Sunday Morning, August 04- Religious Service and Formal Graduation -
830 AM -1000 AM

JUNE 2024 HIGHLIGHTS AT POST 290

June

Men's Health Month (Checked your PSA lately?)

June 03 - Executive Committee Meeting postponed from May

June 06 - D-Day 80th Anniversary

June 08 - Installation of Officers and Dinner

June 14 - Flag Day

June 15 - Legion Riders Virginia Legacy Run Gun Raffle Drawing, Dept. HQ Richmond, 1000hrs

June 15 - Legion Riders Vietnam Veterans Pinning Ceremony, 1200hrs, Virginia War Memorial, Richmond

June 16 - 22 - Department of Virginia American Legion Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program

June 16 - 22 - Boys State/ Girls State at Radford University

June 17 - 21 - Stafford County Sheriff's Office Sports Camp at the Sports Complex.

June 19 - Juneteenth Federal Holiday

CONSTANT BEARING, DECREASING RANGE

(ITEMS ADDED AS THEY COME TO MY ATTENTION)

July

National Parks Month (Disabled Veterans are eligible for lifetime free admission passes)

July 01 - Annual Legion Dues increase becomes effective (+\$5.00)

July 04 - Post 290 4th of July Celebration and Flag Retirement

July 10 - 15 Department Convention, Dulles Washington Convention Center

July 15 - Leadership College 2024 Hotel Reservation Deadline

July 15 - Leadership College 2024 Registration Deadline

July 25 - Blood Drive at the Annex

August

National Immunization Awareness Month

Aug 02 - 04 - American Legion Leadership College, Double Tree, Midlothian

Aug 23 - 29 - American Legion National Convention, New Orleans, Hampton Suites

October

Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness Month (SBI recommends annual mammogram begin at age 40)

Oct 09 - Blood Drive at the Annex



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 1st Vice Lewis Bunch
 2nd Vice John Patrick
 3rd Vice Brandy Fitzgerald
 Adjutant Mike Scullin
 Finance Robert Ponzo
 Service Ofc. Jim Richey
 Chaplain Darren King
 Sgt at Arms VACANT
 JAG Garry Briggs
 PAO Cliff McDaniel
 Historian VACANT



**YOUR AUX UNIT 290
ELECTED OFFICERS**

President Ginger Briggs
 Vice Pres Mary Schelin
 Sec/Treas Marilyn Butters
 Chaplain Dale Seward
 Historian Mary Schelin
 Sgt at Arms Teresa Hardisty

**STAFFORD AMERICAN
LEGION POST 290**

**We are on the Web
www.staffordPost290.org**


June 2024


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Men's Health Awareness Month (PSA?)			BINGO		BINGO	1
2	3 Executive Committee Mtg. 1930	4	5 BINGO	6 D-Day – 80 th Anniversary	7 BINGO	8 Installation of Officers and Dinner
9	10 ALR Monthly Meeting	11 General Members Mtg. and Election of Officers – 1930	12 BINGO	13	14 Flag Day BINGO	15 Legion Riders Gun Raffle Legion Riders Vietnam Vet Pinning Karaoke
16 Father's Day Law Cadets – 22 June Boys/Girls State – 22 June	17 Stafford County Sheriff's Office Sports Camp – 21 June	18	19 Juneteenth BINGO	20 First Day of Summer	21 BINGO	22
23/30	24 Executive Committee Mtg. 1930	25	26 BINGO	27	28 BINGO	29