



# April 2025 Newsletter

## AMERICAN LEGION

### POST 162

8210 LEGION DRIVE  
LORTON, VIRGINIA 22079  
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### Legionnaires

**Commander:** Chris Warner  
**First Vice Commander:** Robert Hicks  
**Second Vice Commander:** Blake Bass  
**Third Vice Commander:** Lori Hicks  
**Finance:** Sean Counihan  
**Chaplain:** Joe Wojtyna  
**Adjutant:** Eric Bach  
**Historian:** VACANT  
**Sergeant At Arms:** VACANT  
**Service Officer:** VACANT  
**Trustees:** VACANT

### Auxiliary

**President:** Jessie Haynes  
**First Vice President:** Sandy Haynes  
**Second Vice President:** Jenna Lamouroux  
**Secretary:** Vickie Pickering  
**Treasurer:** Kelly Owens  
**Historian:** Lori Mills  
**Chaplain:** Jamie Edwards

### Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

**Commander:** Bryan Steele  
**First Vice Commander:** Robert Hicks  
**Second Vice Commander:** Eddie Mills  
**Chaplin:** VACANT  
**Adjutant:** Chris Warner  
**Finance:** VACANT  
**Historian:** Stan William  
**Sergeant At Arms:** John Yaksima



## We are Family

The American Legion stands as a beacon of inclusivity and camaraderie, offering a welcoming embrace to veterans and their families from all walks of life. Serving as more than just a gathering place, it fosters a sense of belonging and understanding within the veteran community, transcending differences, and uniting individuals under a shared bond of service.

The American Legion is a private organization. All activities and information referred to in this newsletter are available to Members and Qualified Guests. The Newsletter is for informational purposes with proprietary information intended for members.

# APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Karaoke 7 - 11 PM	5 AUX 1 pm Kid's Easter Party 2-4 PM
6	7	8 SAL 6 pm Comm/Event 6 pm Excomm 6:30pm	9	10 Music Game Night 6:30 PM	11 Dart Night 7 - 9 PM	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Dart Night 7 - 9 PM	19
20 Ron Thayer/Easter Potluck 1 - 6 PM Easter	21	22 Membership 6:30 pm	23	24	25 Dart Night 7 - 9 PM	26
27	28	29 Blood Drive 10 - 4 PM	30			

**For Updated EVENTS at  
American Legion Post 162**

**For TEXT Message**



**Text AL162 to 78859**

You will get a message informing you that you are signed up for text message

**For Facebook**



**Scan QR Code Below**

**Connect with US!**



## **Commander's Comments**



By the time this Newsletter gets out to you all, it will have already passed, but wanted to wish you all a Happy St Patrick's Day, nonetheless! So, Luck of the Irish to you all!!

We are getting ready for our Post Improvement Benefit on March 29<sup>th</sup>, when the following Bands will be playing: **SoHo Down, Native Wind, Anywhere USA** and **Burn**. We will also have food trucks on premises!!

It's that time of year again, we will be taking Nominations for Executive Board positions during our April General Membership meeting, which will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. All candidates must be present at this meeting. The vote will take place on May 27<sup>th</sup>, when we will also have our May General Membership meeting. We are always looking for help on the EXCOM if anyone wants to put in some time with us to help take care of the Post and our members! If you are interested in being part of the Board, please stop in and talk to Vickie or Jenna.

We are also putting on a Kid's Easter party on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, so bring the kiddos out for some fun! And we are trying out a new Game Night on April 10<sup>th</sup>... Think you know your Music? Come out and try your skills during this night of Music, trivia and laughs, put on by our Auxiliary.

We continue to increase our outreach to the community, including our membership in the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, utilizing exclusive advertising at the Lorton Community Action Center, and working with the Lorton Volunteer Fire Department on each other's events. We will soon be increasing our Social Media footprint, as well. We are also looking to do another event at The Fairfax in the near future, as well!

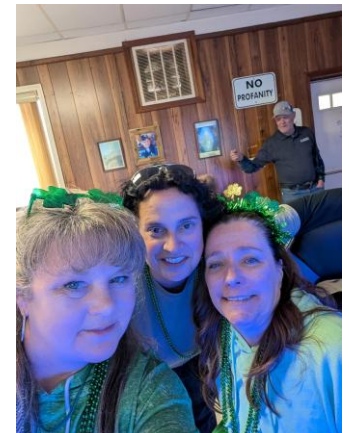
As always, please let us know how we can make OUR American Legion Post the best!

Commander Chris



# Events

## SAL Legion Bus Hop





Let's WELCOME our NEW Members

**LEGIONNAIRES:**

NATHAN RUST  
DARLENE RUST  
HEATH MCCORMICK  
WILLIAM HENDERSON  
SARA MANN  
GWYN TRUCHON  
CHRIS TURCHON  
SEAN MCENTEE  
MATT DRAON  
JONATHAN CEBUHAR

**AUXILIARY:**

MICHAELA DANIELS  
MARCI GARRISON  
DORI MANKIN  
PARY WISHART

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION (SAL):**

BRIAN GOTTLIEB  
ANDREW UGLOW  
ANDREW WOJTYNA  
CHARLIE MANKIN  
RICHARD BURNS



Joint Event Between Ladies Auxiliary & WOTM



**Children's**  
**Easter Party**  
Saturday  
April 5th  
2 PM

American Legion Post 162

Moon  
Bounce

Games

Easter  
Bunny

Egg  
Hunt

Food

RSVP Sign up at Post or Lodge

Open to Members and Qualified Guests

By March 30th

8210 Legion Drive Lorton, VA 22079





## SICKNESS & DISTRESS

### SICKNESS

**Sharon Hoxie** - recovering at home from a broken leg

**Jay Yaksima** - recovering at home from a broken leg

**Sharon Looney** - recovering at home from an illness

**Blake Bass** - recovering at home from knee surgery

**Kimberly Pollard** - recovering at home from shoulder replacement

**Rose Grimmet** - recovering at home from an illness

**Randy Hacker** - recovering at home from an illness

**Susie Wroth** - recovering at home from a broken leg in Myrtle Beach, SC

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If you know of a member who is ill, has had a death in the family, or is in need of extra prayers, please let us know. You can contact Post 162 at **703-690-1107** or reach out to Post 162 Chaplain Joe Wojtyna at [joewojtyna@gmail.com](mailto:joewojtyna@gmail.com).

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## Post Everlasting

We are blessed to have no members reported this month

# Memorial Brick Program



**Support our memorial and leave a legacy by purchasing a personalized brick in honor of your loved ones. Each brick is just \$60 and will be placed in our memorial. See the bartender to get the order form or ask for more details.**

## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 162**

**Reserve Your Event Today**

### **80 PERSON CAPACITY**

- ✓ BIRTHDAY PARTY
- ✓ BABY SHOWER
- ✓ MEETINGS
- ✓ SPECIAL EVENTS
- ✓ WEDDING EVENTS
- ✓ ENGAGEMENT
- ✓ GRADUATION
- ✓ RETIREMENT

### **Available:**

**Table and Chairs  
Large Fenced Backyard  
Playground  
Fire Pit  
Picnic Tables  
Horse Shoe Pits**



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**Call Today For Availability!**



# ATTENTION PLEASE !

We're thrilled to announce a Post 162 Website

**Coming Soon!**

**NEW Post 162 website!**

**Coming Soon!**

[www.valegion162.org](http://www.valegion162.org)

**Watch for Launch  
Announcement**

## Annual Election Time is Here

Are you interested in giving your time towards Post governance? Willingness and ability to attend meetings, participate in decision-making, and support post activities? Then fill out a Nomination form with position of interest. Nominations Meeting is April 22, 2025, at 6:30 PM. Must be able to attend this meeting.

<u>Officer Position</u>	<u>Description of Duties</u>
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Commander	
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Adjutant	Membership records and Meeting Minutes, publish announcements and communications with members
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First Vice	Membership and Retention, Buddy Checks
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Second Vice	Member activity in Post events, Coord with other Community and Veteran Groups
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Third Vice	Duties depend on Post Needs
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Finance Officer	Receiving and Disbursing Post Funds, Chair of Finance Committee
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Service Officer	Ensuring members know/understand the rights & benefits provided to them by law
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Chaplain	Officiate portions of ceremonies, Officiate Post Member's funerals (when requested) and serve bereaved families
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Sergeant-At-Arms	Post Color Guard, arranges meeting hall, Chair of Welcome Committee
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Historian	Annual Historical Report and other matters of historical interest
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Judge Advocate	Professional advice in the conduct of post business; audit post financial accounts; contact with local gov't officials
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# April Events



Post 162 PRESENTS

**4TH APRIL  
7 - 11 PM**

**LEE MCGUFFEY**

## **KARAOKE NIGHT**

**Come out and sing or  
sing along to your  
favorite songs**

Open to Members and Qualified Guests

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LADIES AUXILIARY PRESENTS

## **MUSICAL GAMENIGHT**

*Dropping Beats, Not Balls!!*

**THURSDAY 10TH OF APRIL  
6:30 PM**

**MUSIC FROM THE 80'S & BEYOND**

**PARTY GAMES, LOUD TUNES,  
PRIZES AND A LOT OF FUN!!**

**OPEN TO MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS**



**YOU ARE INVITED**

## **EASTER**

Join us for a joyful Easter gathering featuring a solo performance by Ron Thayer and a Post 162 Potluck!

Date: Easter Sunday  
Time: 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Live Music by Ron Thayer 2 to 6 pm

Delicious homemade dishes

Bring a dish to share  
Sign up with Bartenders

Great company and fun vibes

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

### **Open to Public**

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**APRIL 29**

[www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org)

## **DONATE BLOOD**

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Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: "ALP 162" to schedule an appointment.

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# Coming in May

11TH  
MAY

Post 162

**CLOSED**

Mother's  
Day



**TRIVIA  
NIGHT**

Friday, May 23rd

7pm to 9pm

\$10 Per Person

Trivia themes include current events, pop, culture, sports, history & more!

Open to Members and Qualified Guests



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**SATURDAY  
MAY 24**

7:00 - 11:00 PM

LEE MCGUFFEY

**KARAOKE**

ALL YOUR FAVORITE SONGS

POP - ROCK - JAZZ - COUNTRY

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS



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**MEMORIAL DAY**

**BBQ Picnic**

MAY 26th

Starts

1:00PM

Backyard FUN - Horseshoes - Corn Hole  
Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Fried Chicken  
Free Parking

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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