



June 2025 Newsletter

AMERICAN LEGION

POST 162

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Adjutant: Eric Bach

Historian: VACANT

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Service Officer: VACANT

Trustees: VACANT

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Historian: Stan Williams

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.

June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Aux Meeting @6 PM				R.E.D. Friday	
1	2	3	4	5	Darts @ 7 PM	6
8		Comm/Events Meeting @6 PM SAL Meeting Meeting @6 PM ExComm Meeting @6:30 PM	11	12	R.E.D. Friday Darts @ 7 PM	Flag Day Ceremony @ 7 PM US Army 250th Birthday @7:30 PM
Father's Day					R.E.D. Friday Spin to Win Event @ 7 PM	
		Membership Meeting @6:30 PM			R.E.D. Friday	
22	23	24	25	26	Darts @ 7 PM	28
29	30					



Looking for a place where you can make a real difference and feel truly valued?
Post 162 is the place for you!

Join us for our Membership Meeting on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM and discover how you can get involved.

Whether you have a little time or a lot, your contributions matter.

Together, we grow stronger—because at Post 162, we're more than a team... we're family.

Commander's Comments



And just like that, May is almost over! We are getting ready for a busy weekend at the Post with Memorial Day activities. We are conducting the Memorial Day Ceremony on Sunday and having the BBQ on Monday. I hope we see/saw many of you at both activities!!

We are also conducting our EXCOM elections on Tuesday, May 27th, starting at 6:30pm. It's a GREAT time to stop in and be part of the team!

And for those that don't know... we have a Pool Table! We got it used, but it works!!

We ended up selecting 7 young men to send to Boys State this summer. We (the Legion) are paying for 6 and SAL is paying for one. Department decided to pay for 3 additional young men to attend, so our Post is sending 10 young men!! Additionally, the Auxiliary is sending 4 girls to Girls State, as well! What a great representation!

We had a great time with our friends from The Fairfax during our Bourbon and Scotch tasting on May 9th. We tried 4 Bourbons, 2 Ryes and 2 Scotch's.

Lastly, reminders is that we're having our Flag Day Ceremony on Saturday, June 14th. We will have Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts helping with the ceremony, as well! AND it's also the Army's 250th birthday! Then Sunday, June 15th is Father's Day. Stop by the Post and fathers get one drink on the Post to celebrate you.

Please come out and celebrate with us!

Be safe and enjoy the weather (when it stops raining!)

Commander Chris

Committee News



Americanism: “Another one of our important programs involving youth is **American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls State**. It is one of the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. Each attendee becomes part of the operation of his local, county and state governments.

Boys State has been a part of the American Legion since 1935. American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Girls State has been a part of American Legion since 1937.

Forty-nine of the fifty states conduct a Boys/Girls State program.

This year, Post 162 accepted applicants from 9 candidates from our local community. The interviews for Boys State were held on April 22-23, and our Post ended up sponsoring 6 candidates, and 1 from the Sons (SAL) group. Congratulations to all that participated who are now headed to the Virginia State competition being held June 15-21, 2025, at Radford University. Post 162 Auxiliary selected 4 girl candidates from our community to compete at Longwood University June 15-20, only 2 from state will advance to compete in Washington, DC July 19-26. We wish all those selected Good Luck!

For more information about Boys Nation, see The American Legion links below:

Website <https://www.legion.org/boysnation>

Email boysstate-nation@legion.org

For more information about Girls State, see The American Legion links below:

Website: <https://www.vagirlsstate.org/>



Flag Day – is a holiday celebrated on June 14 in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the [flag of the United States](#) on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the [Second Continental Congress](#). The Flag Resolution stated, "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Please join us at Post 162 for a U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14th at 7 p.m., where we will have Pack #88 from the local Cub Scouts supporting proper retirement of over 100 flags which have been donated by residents.

Joe Legra,
Americanism Committee Chairman

In Our Community

American Legion Post 162 Awards Scholarships at South Fairfax Chamber Gala

On May 8, 2025, during the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala, American Legion Post 162 Commander Christopher Warner proudly presented two \$500 scholarships on behalf of the Post. **Christine Le** of Mount Vernon High School was honored in person, while **Aidan Parker** of West Springfield High School (not pictured) was also recognized. These scholarships celebrate the students' outstanding academic achievements, leadership, and dedication to serving their community.



Spring Fling



Commander Chris Warner attended the South County HS Spring Fling. He talked with many visitors to the event providing information about the American Legion.

Bourbon Tasting and Fellowship

On May 9, 2025, members of Post 162 visited The Fairfax for an enjoyable evening of conversation and bourbon tasting with members of their vibrant community. The gathering featured discussions on the various types and characteristics of bourbon, making for an engaging and flavorful experience. We always value the opportunity to connect with this seasoned group and appreciate the warmth and wisdom they bring to each visit.

Hayfield HS ROTC Awards

On May 23, 2025, Post 162 Commander and First Vice attended Hayfield HS ROTC change of command ceremony and awarded certificates to 6 deserving young cadets. Certificates awarded for academic and leadership excellences.





SICKNESS & DISTRESS

SICKNESS

Sharon Hoxie - recovering at home from a broken leg

Rose Grimmet - recovering at home from an illness

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

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.



Post Everlasting

We are blessed to have no members reported this month

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New Mural Adds Meaning and Beauty to American Legion Post 162

A striking new mural now graces the side of the American Legion Post 162 building, bringing fresh creative energy and heartfelt meaning to our community home.

More than just a work of art, the mural serves as a vibrant tribute to the values that define our Legion family: Remembrance, Americanism, and Unity. Each brushstroke reflects the pride we hold for our country, the honor we carry for those who served, and the warmth of the extended family we find within these walls.

This mural not only beautifies the building but also inspires those who pass by, reminding everyone of the sacrifices made by our veterans and the enduring spirit of service and community. It's a powerful addition to Post 162—one that will continue to uplift and connect for years to come. This mural represents who we are and the hard work and determination of Vickie Pickering in finding someone to turn the vision into reality. Mural created by Jenny Burgei of Capital Murals. As of this writing, the Mural is not 100% complete but looks great.



We've got a brand-new MURAL at Post 162, and we want YOU to be part of the celebration!



Here's How To Join the FUN!

- 1. Snap a photo of yourself in front of the new mural outside Post 162**
- 2. Post it on your Facebook and tag Lorton Legion 162**
- 3. Show your post at the bar and get ONE FREE DRINK on us!**

Promotions Ends June 30th

Mural Created by: Jenny Burgei of Capital Murals

Instagram: @capitalmurals

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R.E.D. FRIDAY

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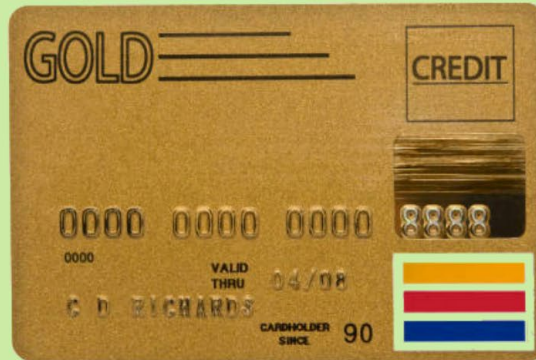
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NOTICE

Post 162 NOW Accepts
CREDIT CARDS



for Payments



Minimum purchase of \$15 required for credit card

American Legion
Post 162 Branded

T-Shirts
\$25

T-SHIRT SALES



BUY NOW!



Memorial Day Weekend



Trivia Winners (Friday)



We had a full and meaningful Memorial Day weekend at the post, with several events honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We were proud to welcome the 40/8 group back to town and share in moments of remembrance and gratitude. Below is a small selection of photos from the weekend. Be sure to visit our website soon to view the full gallery.

Flag Placement at Cemeteries (Saturday)

On May 24, 2025, Members of Post 162 joined 40/8 Members to visit Pohick and Cranford Cemeteries.



Memorial Day Ceremony at Flagpole (Sunday)

On May 25, 2025, Members of Post 162 joined 40/8 Members to remember our fallen and honor two bricks being added to our Memorial.



Memorial Day BBQ (Monday)



**Post 162 NOW has a Pool Table for
your enjoyment.**



**NOTE: Pool Table is available during regular
business hours ONLY when Hall is not rented.
Speak with ABC Manager to inquire about
availability.**

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American Legion Post 162

Saturday, June 14th, 2025

FLAG DAY

Flag Retirement Ceremony

7:00 PM

We are proud to serve as an official Flag Disposal Site. If you have a worn or tattered American flag, bring it year around to our location for proper retirement. Let's honor our flag with the respect it deserves!

Open to the Public



POST 162 PRESENTS

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SPIN TO WIN

TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY

NIGHT

Friday, June 20th

7:00 PM

COME JOIN THE FUN!

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4TH OF JULY

Family Fun Picnic

Special Hours
Noon to 6 PM



**Bring a
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to share.
Sign up
sheet
behind
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American Legion Post 162
Fri 4th July, 1:00 PM

Open to the Public

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