



The American Legion
Madison Post 157
Newsletter, Jan/Feb 2019

Website: www.vaalpost157.org

The Award ceremony was postponed due missing the certificate from National.

Membership should be renewed as soon as possible if it hasn't already been done.

The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31, not from the anniversary of payment.

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**Wreaths Across American Cleanup:**

The public is invited to assist with the cemetery's wreath cleanup day on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 8 a.m. Next year's Wreaths Across America Day is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 14. For details, see [facebook.com/waaculpeper](https://facebook.com/waaculpeper) and [wreathsacrossamerica.org/vacncc](http://wreathsacrossamerica.org/vacncc).

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Legion Riders

Breakfast will be back January 26. Any and all assistance will be appreciated. Contact Ron Bechtel [434.806-2602]

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**February 2, 2019 at 1:00 PM – 4 Chaplain Service at the Post.**

Sunday 2/3/19 is the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the Dorchester. The 4 Chaplains who exhibited "service not self" during that sinking are recognized each year by The American Legion. This is the first time our Post has decided to hold

an open to the public event. Please make time to attend.

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Junior Shooter Report

On January 12, 2019 Madison Marksman, sponsored by American Legion Post 157 competed in the CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) held at Eastern View H.S. in Culpeper, VA.

Our four contestants finished as follows:

Individual Sporter	
13 th Stephanie Walrond	483 -5X
28 th Elizabeth Miller	432-3X
60 th Marcus Miller	228-1X
61 st Ian Barb	226-3X

Team Sporter
Our team finished 9th out of 20 teams entered.
Legion Post 72 finished 3rd, 5th, and 16th.
Legion Post 290 finished 11th and 14th.
Legion Post 320 finished 13th and 18th.
This was strictly an Air Rifle Sporter Match.

Respectfully submitted,
William E. Walthall

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12/27/18 – Executive Committee Meeting  
summary and recommendations  
Meeting called to order at 19:00 quorum present.  
Review of status of ABC license.  
Exhaust fan to be ordered soon. Metal door for Armory has been ordered from MWP.

Mike Fisher: display case follow-ups. 1. Riders to donate funds for plaques (each one costs \$120) 2. List of names on paper. Recommends Past Commanders to start with and notable Legionnaires. 3. Engraving of initial plates is included in cost; each one is \$2 after that. Vendor for Plaques is Rangeland. There will be a small sign that case is in memory of Jane and Richard Walrond. Need thank you letters to Glen Aylor and Mike's Glass.

Mike also reported talking to the VA State Trooper about the abandoned car – Sherry contacted about what we needed to do to remove. Mike is renting the hall 12/31 – donation to ALR to clean afterward in lieu of security deposit. Mike also reported that a group of Madison Businessmen have \$800 to donate to a wounded warrior living in Madison County. Discussion revealed that we, the Post, do not know of anyone, it was suggested that James Webb might, Mark Farmer to call him.

Gene Brockman – membership. 85% goal is 111, we have sent in 108, has one, needs 2 before Sat to hope to have in Richmond in time.

Bill Walthall – Shooters. There is a write up on the board. No practice this week and next. CMP air rifle completion coming up. The storage room is cold, going to install insulation panels on outside walls. Dehumidifier bars in safes, need additional outlets and shelving. Also complemented Newsletter.

Mark Farmer reports audit completed, everything looks good. The ABC license (beer only) in process at State ABC, hard copy and checked misplaced.

David Lewis: can get rifle from CMP for c. \$1,250 if we are doing a raffle for 2019. David to research further.

Discussed 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner issued – has been resolved.

Scoutie suggestion to give Certificate of Appreciation to Vince Falter for his work on past raffles and the donation of prizes. Would like presented at 1/8/19 meeting. After discussion, carried by consensus. Sherry to handle. Meeting adjourned

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MADISON AMERICAN LEGION POST 157
MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes January 8,
2019

Meeting called to order at 19:00 by JAG Mark Farmer (Commander unable to attend due to illness, 1st Vice delayed by work & traffic, there being no 2nd Vice, JAG presided.)

Opening Protocol Observed.

Quorum Present (attendance signatures attached to official copy), Minutes of the previous meeting accepted without change.

Guests and prospective new members: no guests and no prospective/new members.

Committee Reports

- Finance Officer's Report attached to official copy of minutes. Available funds: \$30,785.84
- Membership (Gene Brockman) 111 members, target was 85%
- Financial Audit (Mark Farmer) – Complete, books are in order. Any issues found have been corrected.

Building & Grounds

- Rentals (Sherry Brockman) Jan 27, 2019

The abandoned red car was removed by D&G towing from Culpeper before New Years Eve at no cost to the Post.

- Display Cases (Mike Fisher) Completed. Time to get started on the Plaques.

- Storage Room – Metal door ordered.
- ALR – Having an eating meeting 1/11/19. Breakfasts resume 1/26/19.
- SAL Gerry Stephenson – Meet tomorrow night (1/9/19) at 7PM, going over budget, membership goal is 20 members, at 60%; modifying Constitution & Bylaws to eliminate Executive Committee, adding new members will be voted upon..

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Randall (Scoutie) Lillard repeated the executive committee recommendation for Certificate of Appreciation for Vince Falter. Certificate is ready, just needs Commander's signature and then will deliver to Vince since he declined to attend meeting to receive.

- Plaque for Jimmy Fox's 50 years is ready, but presentation postponed pending receipt of certificate from National. for the Greaves Memorial. Gerry was directed to contact Commander Beeler with information to make arrangements.
- Discussion of charging standard cleaning fee for rentals and reducing security deposit accordingly. Tabled as research is needed to establish cost, frequency, etc.
- Question as to holding a 2019 Rifle Raffle, since Vince will not be donating one, David Lewis researched purchase from CMP-approx. \$1,250 includes case etc. Delivery 2-3 weeks.
- Four Chaplains (2/3) Jimmy Fox motion to show video at open house. W. Durrer second. Time set to 1 PM on 2/2/19 as to not compete with Super Bowl Sunday or Post 74's event. Motion carried.
- The \$800 reported earlier is no longer available.
- Boys State/Girls State/Jr. Law Cadet programs - Gerry Stephenson reported that it is time to start the process for this year. The school needs to be contacted, and interviews held. Price for Boys State is \$400 per student attending. Gerry volunteered to chair committee. No motion necessary as this is standard Legion program.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

- 9 PM President giving a speech this evening.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The being no further business to come before the meeting, the Chaplain will lead us in a closing prayer.

Please remain standing and in place until meeting is adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30.

NEW BUSINESS

- MS Fry contacted Gerry about presenting a commendation from the Board of Supervisors

A WORD FROM THE ADJUTANT:

Going forward, we have an opportunity to make this Post more a part of the community. To make local Veterans aware that we are here. Maybe even follow our mission statement to provide fellowship, comradeship and support to each other and the Veterans in the community.

The only way we can do that is by working together for the Good of the Legion – abiding by the motto “Service, not Self” as shown by the 4 Army Chaplains we are about to remember.

Please come to the 2/2/19 event at 1 pm.

And when we announce the members and family only Fish Fry – please come. You will not be asked to work your butt off, maybe help lighten the load for the members who host it when it comes time to put things away afterward.

It actually is disappointing to see only the same faces at these events. We love seeing ya'll, but we'd like new (to us) faces.

Sherry Brockman

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Each month, I would like to see a short article from the others members of The Legion Family. This month, I had a nice write-up of the shooting program to include.

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Legion Events

Today **Tuesday, January 22** [Print](#) [Week](#) [Month](#) [Agenda](#)

Friday, January 25
5:30pm [Set up](#)

Saturday, January 26
7:00am [Breakfast](#)
8:00am [Culpeper National Cemetery's wreath clean-up is scheduled for January 26, 2019 at 8am.](#)

Sunday, January 27
12:00pm [Rented](#)

Monday, January 28
7:00pm [Executive Committee meeting](#)

Saturday, February 2
[4 Chaplains](#)

Tuesday, February 5
6:30pm [Social time](#)
7:00pm [Legion Monthly Membership Meeting](#)

Saturday, February 9
[Tentative](#)

Wednesday, February 13
6:30pm [Social for both](#)
7:00pm [Auxiliary Meeting](#)
7:00pm [Sons of the AL MEETINGS](#)

Saturday, February 16
[Tentative](#)

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York