



# American Legion Post 290



## Newsletter edited by Siegfried Gates

The Friendliest Place in Virginia!

Post Everlasting Chaplain's Corner	2
ALA Unit 290 News	3
Poppy Craft & Gift Show	4
Legion Riders News	5
AFR Legacy Run	6
Legion Birthday	7
SERVE LOA	8
Nominations for Officers	9
SAL Info Firewood	11
Legion Leadership College 2024	12
Sheriff Shredding	14
Post Highlights Coming Events	15
Calendar	16

Stafford, Virginia

March 2024

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

Greetings!

I want to first thank all who came out for the birthday dinner, it was a huge success and to see everyone come together to support others, is a great thing!

Second, I want to commend the police officers and fire fighters who received awards for their dedication and service. We truly appreciate all those who put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe.

I also want to shout out a big "congrats" to Mike Flanagan, our Legionnaire of the Year for Post 290. He continues to do great things for our legion and our youth. We are extremely proud to call you our "brother".

Please remember to volunteer whenever you can, as we need everyone's help to keep our Legion running. No help is too small. We need all of you to help our fellow veterans and service members thrive!

Also, we need to all pull together and have volunteers to do a kitchen "field day" this month to keep our kitchen up to health code and over all maintenance. The date will be determined at the Executive Board Meeting and will be posted on the Facebook page and website, so please look for them and volunteer.

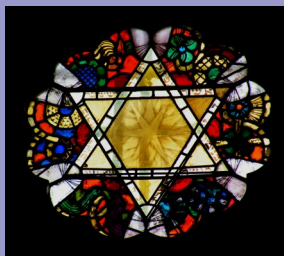
Thanks!

Rick Schultz  
Commander  
American Legion Post 290

### ATTENTION/HEADS-UP ANNEX KEY-HOLDERS

We will be undertaking some work at the Annex to re-key the locks on the front and side doors (Club Entrance). Dates and times will be announced later via Facebook or the web. We will also be changing the code used to arm and disarm the security system for all users. I need everyone who currently has keys to access the Annex to let me know so I can build a new code for the users along with determining how many keys will be needed. Please let me know why access is needed. You can email me at [john4post290@gmail.com](mailto:john4post290@gmail.com). Thanks.  
John Patrick  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

General Alfred M. Gray, USMC, Former Commandant of the Marine Corps,  
March 20, 2024

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

### Don't be an April's Fool (or any other month for that matter)

In light of April Fool's Day, this seems like a good time to talk about foolishness and not just the April 1<sup>st</sup> kind of foolishness (jokes and pranks). Too many people play the fool through the rest of the year also.

What does it mean to be a fool? The Book of Proverbs in the Bible is a good place to start for showing us what it means to be a fool, and it has nothing to do with falling for a joke or a prank. Here is the picture that it gives us:

A fool hates knowledge and despises instruction and takes no pleasure in understanding.  
A fool delights in proclaiming, displaying, and flaunting their folly.  
A fool is wise in their own eyes; their way is the best and only way.  
A fool finds doing wrong as a joke to be played on others.  
A fool is reckless and careless.  
A fool is careless with his or her words and their mouth is their ruin.

To not play the fool is to walk in wisdom. To be wise would be to do pretty much the opposite of what it means to be a fool with one caveat: "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...*" (Proverbs 1:7). This is the first and best way to not play the fool.

The second is this: wisdom shows itself even in the midst of fools. How? "*Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent*" (Proverbs 17:28).

Let us not play the fool by fearing the Lord God and being slow to speak and quick to listen. For it takes wisdom as a legionnaire to uphold and defend the Constitution. It takes wisdom to maintain law and order. It takes wisdom to foster Americanism, inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, to make might the master of might, promote peace, and to safeguard freedom.

Our Post and the Legion will not go far with we play the fool. Let us continue to pursue knowledge, delight in instruction, and seek understanding so that we can continue to foster the values and mission of our Post and the American Legion. Let us spread the wisdom of our mutual devotion to one another and our country by doing right.

### BINNACLE LIST

Mike Robinson is still recovering from knee replacement surgery on Monday, February 19th..

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

Welcome new members Stephanie Cousins, Marie Evans, Sabrina Oakes, Pamela Procell-Flores, Allyson Reilly and transfer members Maria Leydig-Carter and Christine Stevens. We hope you will join us at our monthly meetings held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Club Room. We also welcome you to volunteer in the kitchen on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 4:30 ish to 8:30 ish to serve food to the Bingo players.

Committee Chairs: don't forget to complete your year end reports and give 3 copies to Ginger at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting so she can mail them by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April.

Thank you to Mary Schelin who is coordinating the upcoming Poppy Patch Spring Craft Fair to be held at the Post home on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on the next page in this newsletter. All proceeds will be donated to the MK9s Service Dogs Organization which supports veterans by providing service dogs and training.

Virginia Girls State interviews have been held and students informed of their status. An orientation session for delegates and their parents will be held on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Post. We are sorry to have learned we will only be able to send one delegate per high school due to the smaller size of the 2024 session. Special thanks to Sheri Pierce who works diligently coordinating Virginia Girls State for our Unit.

Our Unit made donations in memory of recently deceased member Charlotte Stevens to the Mountain View Fire Department and in memory of Joyce Thompson to the Breast Cancer Research Fund.

If you know a senior at any Stafford High School, please encourage them to apply for the Unit 290 Scholarship. Information and applications are located on the Post 290 website.

Kitchen news: Our Unit now works the Bingo kitchen on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We would love to have more members join us. 4 hours a month, please consider it! We have a good time and you get to know other members through working side by side to prepare food for the Bingo players. Join us! Kudos to Ginger for continuing her fabulous efforts coordinating and working the kitchen!

Membership news: We are up to 111 members. Help us meet our membership goals by paying your 23/24 dues now. Thank you to members who have already taken care of their membership! Please renew your membership now. Bring your check by Bingo on Wednesdays or Fridays or mail it to Box 125, Stafford, VA 22555.



# POPPY PATCH CRAFT

&

# GIFT SHOW



Hosted by The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 290 & Family

May 4, 2024, from 9:00am – 3:00pm

American Legion Post 290, 1141 Mountain View Road, Fredericksburg, VA

PURCHASE UNIQUE CRAFTS & GIFTS FOR



Mother's Day – Sunday, May 11 and do not forget High School graduations.

Free admission (accepting donations)

Donations will go to - MK9s Service Dogs Organization. MK9s mission is to supply highly trained service dogs to maximize the independence and quality of life for veterans who suffer from mental disabilities such as PTSD. For more information [mk9servicedogs@gmail.com](mailto:mk9servicedogs@gmail.com).



Interested in being a crafter?

6' x 11' space + 8' table + 2 chairs (\$ 30.00)

Email [Marynschelin@yahoo.com](mailto:Marynschelin@yahoo.com)

An application will be sent to you

#### ABOUT THE AUXILIARY

*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.*

## American Legion Riders Chapter 290 News

By Marty Partridge

Happy Spring!

The days are getting warmer and longer, and with that you can expect to see more motorcycles on the road. I'd like to remind everyone to keep an eye out for motorcyclist when driving. Don't get distracted, and be especially mindful and watch for motorcycles when changing lanes and make turns at intersections.

Several Riders attended The American Legion Birthday Dinner on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, and it was a great to see Post members recognized. The 290-Riders were also pleased to present a \$500 donation to the Stafford County Sheriff's Office "Project Lifesaver."

On Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> the Riders will be hosting their Bike Blessing and Dart Tournament at the Post. We'll be serving breakfast from 8-9:30am, Bike Blessings at 10:00am, Registration at 11:00am and the Dart Tournament starts at 12:00pm. We'll also have the kitchen open for lunch. It's open to all members of the Post and the Public, so come on down and check it out. All are welcome.

Finally, we are getting into our Riding season, and look forward to this year's Virginia Legacy Run in June. Please see the "Calling All Stafford American Legion Post 290 Vietnam Veterans" Invitation on the next page of this newsletter

*Keep the rubber-side down!*

Marty Partridge  
ALR-290 Director



Martin Partridge, American Legion Riders Chapter 290, Director, and Post Commander Rick Schultz present Stafford County Sheriff's Office Rep. (SCSO) 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. George Hernandez a combined donation of \$1,000.00 for SCSO Project Lifesaver (<https://projectlifesaver.org>) at the American Legion Birthday Celebration and Ceremonies held at Post 290 on Saturday 16 March, 2024.

Project Lifesaver is a 501c (3) community based, public safety, non-profit organization that provides law enforcement, fire/rescue, and caregivers with a program designed to protect, and when necessary, quickly locate individuals with cognitive disorders who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering.



**Calling all Stafford American Legion Post 290 Vietnam Veterans**

***The 290 Legion Riders cordially invite you to participate in the Vietnam Veterans Pinning Ceremony on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 1200 at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond.***

***The 2024 Virginia Legacy Run will recognize all Vietnam Veteran Riders as Honorary Road Captains. However, you do not need to be a Rider to participate in the Pinning Ceremony.***

**RSVP:** If you would like to participate in the Vietnam Veterans Pinning Ceremony on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, or if you are unable to make it to the ceremony, but interested in being recognized please contact the 290 Rider Director, Marty Partridge, at [vaalr290@gmail.com](mailto:vaalr290@gmail.com) or (703) 910-0788.

**The Virginia Legacy Run** has traditionally focused on **The American Legion Legacy Scholarship**, donating \$121,000 in 2023 alone, and a grand total of \$341,000 over the past six years. Thanks to Legion Riders from across the country, The American Legion Legacy Scholarship has nearly reached its \$20 Million goal, and The American Legion National Headquarters has asked Legion Riders to transition their efforts to support **The American Legion Veterans and Childrens Foundation**.

**The American Legion Veteran and Childrens Foundation** provides vital support for military and veteran parents in unexpected financial crisis and support for service officers in their tireless efforts to obtain care and due benefits and opportunities of disabled veterans and families. The Virginia Legacy Run is on board, and has a goal of \$159,000 for 2024.

**DONATE:** If you would like to make a donation to help the 290 Riders raise funds for The American Legion Veteran and Childrens Foundation, please reach out to 290 Rider Director at [vaalr290@gmail.com](mailto:vaalr290@gmail.com) or (703) 910-0788. Tax deductible donations can be made to the 290 Foundation, and earmarked for the Legacy Run donation.

## American Legion Birthday Celebration

The American Legion was established on March 15, 1919 at Paris, France, by officers and men of the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.). In September 1919, it was chartered by the U.S. Congress. A commemorative birthday party is held every year by Posts around the world. As part of its celebration on Saturday, March 16, Post 290 included awards for LEO of the Year, Fire Fighter of the Year, Legionnaire of the year. Special guests included dinner guest speaker – Mark Stein, Department Vice Commander for the Northern Region, Steve Blackstone, Commander, American Legion 16<sup>th</sup> District, Department of Virginia, 16<sup>th</sup> District Vice Commander Patrick Fox, 16<sup>th</sup> District Adjutant Erin Fox, Stafford County Supervisor Deuntay Diggs - George Washington District, Stafford County Supervisor Monica Gary - Aquia District, Stafford County Supervisor Darrell E. English - Hartwood District, Virginia Delegate Paul V. Milde - 64th District and Virginia Delegate Joshua G. Cole - 65th District.



Post Commander Rick Schultz presents plaque to Stafford County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Deputy First Class Samuel Craig, Stafford Post 290's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year



Post Commander Rick Schultz presents plaque to Stafford County Fire & Rescue (SCFR) Master Technician Ryan M. Peterson, Stafford Post 290's Firefighter/EMT of the Year



Commander Rick Schultz presents Mike Flanagan with Post 290's Legionnaire of the Year award. Mike was also submitted as Post 290's nominee for 16<sup>th</sup> District and Department Legionnaire of the Year,.



Commander Rick Schultz presented Ralph Cooper with a 50 year service citation from the American Legion

American Legion National Headquarters recognized two other Post 290 member for 50 years of membership/service: Julius C. Deats and Robert "Bob" C. Gibbons . Bob served on the Stafford County Board of Supervisors from 1992-2007.

## SERVE Appreciates Post 290

The Post received this letter of thanks from SERVE, commending the Posts donation which enabled thousands of means to be provided for those in need. The donation consisted of 3,848 ponds of food. In addition, 107 families were helped by the Post's Christmas food baskets program.



SERVE  
15 Upton Lane  
Stafford, VA 22554

Dear *Members of American Legion  
Post # 290*

On behalf of the staff, the board and those we serve, we cannot thank you enough for your support!

Your donation of 3848 helped us provide 11544 meals to our families in need! *in last 4 months*

Our food pantry continues to be a vital community need in our neighborhoods. The 400% increase that we saw over the last half of 2023 has not subsided. The numbers of families, individuals, and seniors we serve each day hasn't changed. We have never seen this trend upwards before. Costs of goods, food, gas and rent is just too high for them to manage it all.

Our Founder, Jeri Redman, who remains active at SERVE, saw a need in our community 44 years ago. Today, we are needed more than ever. Many of our neighbors who are considered to be the "working poor", are struggling to provide for their families. They are simply unable to stretch their paychecks to put healthy, nutritious food on their tables.

Money for food is considered a luxury for the people we SERVE.

***We Thank you for your generosity, and for CARING for our neighbors.***

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lee Cheney  
Executive Director



## NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN MAY 2024

### BY MIKE SCULLIN, ADJUTANT

Fellow Legionnaires,

It's that time already for Post 290's Nomination Committee to start putting together a slate of nominations for Post Officer positions to serve the 2024-2025 term. If you have the time, inclination or interest in serving as a Post Officer, I encourage you to submit a nomination or nominations.

Any Post Member in good standing is eligible and encouraged to submit his/her nomination for ANY position, even if an incumbent has expressed an interest in continuing to serve in that position.

Once submitted, the nominations will be added to the 2024-2025 Officers slate, which will be presented to the General Membership at Post 290's April 2024 General Membership meeting. The General Membership will then vote on nominees at the May 2024 General Membership meeting with Officer installations to occur in June 2024. The term of service for Post Officers is June 2024 – June 2025. Two Executive Committee Members' three-year terms will be completed in June 2024, so if elected to one of the Executive Committee Member positions, those terms will end in June 2027.

Here is Post 290's current slate and VACANT positions for 2024-2025

POSITION	CURRENT SLATE of NOMINEES
<b>Commander</b>	Rich Schultz (Incumbent)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander</b>	Lewis Bunch (Incumbent)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander</b>	John Patrick (Incumbent)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander</b>	Patricia "Brandy" Fitzgerald
<b>Adjutant</b>	Mike Scullin (Incumbent)
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Robert Ponzio (Incumbent)
<b>Service Officer</b>	John "Doc" Richey (Incumbent)
<b>Chaplain</b>	Darren King (Incumbent)
<b>Judge Advocate</b>	Garry Briggs (Incumbent)
<b>Historian</b>	VACANT
<b>Public Affairs Officer</b>	VACANT
<b>Sergeant-At-Arms</b>	VACANT
<b>Executive Committee Member (3 year term)</b>	Brian J. "BJ" Payne
<b>Executive Committee Member (3 year term)</b>	Mike Flanagan

**PAO, Historian and Sgt-At-Arms positions are vacant. Anyone interested in submitting a nomination please see me Mike Scullin: 730 -863-5288; [hokiemike@hotmail.com](mailto:hokiemike@hotmail.com)**

Below are position descriptors for Post Officers:

**COMMANDER:** It shall be the duty of the Post Commander to preside over all meetings of the Post and to have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Post, and such officer shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Post. The Post Commander shall approve all orders directing the disbursement of funds and shall make an annual report covering the business of the Post for the year, and recommendations for the ensuing year, which shall be read at the annual meeting and a copy thereof immediately forwarded to the Department Adjutant. The Post Commander is an ex-officio member of all committees.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE COMMANDER:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander shall assist and discharge the duties of the office of Commander in the absence or disability of the Commander, or when called upon, by the Post Commander. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander is responsible for Post membership and shall also render annual reports on membership, or when called upon at a meeting. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander is the Chairman of the Post's Membership Committee.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE COMMANDER:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander shall assist and discharge the duties of the office of Commander in the absence or disability of the Commander and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, or when called upon, by the Post Commander. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander is responsible for oversight of contracted personnel for cleaning of and repairs on Post facilities, as well as scheduling the use of Post facilities and handling rentals of the Post Annex. Please note that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

## Duties (continued)

**3rd VICE COMMANDER:** The 3rd Vice Commander shall assist and discharge the duties of the office of Commander in the absence or disability of the Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander or when called upon, by the Post Commander. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander is Chairman of the Post's Ways and Means Committee – responsible for conducting periodic and regular money making activities conforming to Post policies, all special money making functions sponsored by the Post, and recommendations to the Post Membership for ways and means of accomplishing the two previously-mentioned activities. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander is also Chairman of the Post's Entertainment Committee – charged with the arrangement of social activities, the promotion of Post advantages and the entertainment for Post meetings, such as speakers, music, refreshments, etc.

**ADJUTANT:** The Post Adjutant shall have charge of and keep a full and correct record of all proceedings of the Post, keep such records as the Department and National organizations may require, and under direction of the Commander handle all correspondence of the Post. The Post Adjutant is an ex-officio member of all committees.

**FINANCE OFFICER:** The Finance Officer of the Post shall have charge of all finances and see that they are safely deposited in some local bank or banks and shall report to the Post Membership the conditions of the finances for the Post, with such recommendations as he/she may deem expedient or necessary for raising funds with which to carry on the activities of the Post. The Finance Officer shall be bonded in such sum as shall be fixed by the Post Membership and shall be the Chairman of the Finance Committee. He/she shall keep records of all receipts and expenditures with supporting vouchers, using the suggested forms of National Headquarters, The American Legion.

**SERVICE OFFICER:** The Service Officer shall disseminate such information and instruction as may be helpful in dealing with affairs of disabled veterans, matters concerning the administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs or Adjusted Compensation Law, claims of ex-servicemen against the United States Government.

**CHAPLAIN:** The Chaplain shall be charged with maintaining the spiritual welfare of the Post comrades and will offer divine but non-sectarian service in the event of dedications, funerals, etc., adhere to such ceremonial rituals as are recommended by the National or Department Headquarters from time to time.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** The Judge Advocate's duties shall be to advise the Post Commander of the interpretation or modification of the Post's Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations, and be responsible for an annual financial audit and the Post Responsibility Audit as described in the American Legion Officer's Guide.

**POST HISTORIAN:** The Post Historian shall consolidate the reports call memorial exercises held during his term of office. The Post Historian shall be custodian of such books, manuscripts, pamphlets, and like possessions relating to the Wars belonging to the Post. The Post Historian shall be charged with maintaining individual records and incidents of the Post and duties as may properly pertain to the office as may be determined by the Post Executive Committee.

**POST PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER:** shall be responsible for advancing the visibility of Post 290's programs and activities with all available media (print, social, and radio). Post Public Relations will establish rapport with the local newspapers, radio stations, and work with the webmaster and other social media sources. Post Public Relations will provide articles and photos for publication and dissemination of Post programs and activities.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** The Sergeant-at-Arms shall receive all visitors, take their names, Post Numbers, and purpose of their visit, and pass this information on to the Adjutant for introduction to the membership. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall escort all distinguished guests to the Commander immediately, and may challenge any member for good standing whenever he/she sees fit to do so and shall preserve order at all meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall ensure that the color bearers place the colors in their proper place during the Post meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Post Commander.

### Duties (continued)

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER:** The Post Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the Post's affairs between General Post Membership meetings. The Post Executive Committee shall make recommendations to the General Post Membership and perform such other duties as are specified in the Post's Bylaws.

In conclusion, American Legion Post 290's leadership encourages all members to become actively involved in our Post. Everyone is encouraged to submit a nomination for any and all positions that might interest them.

Please feel to contact me with nominations for inclusion on the 2023-2024 Post Officer slate or to find out more information regarding Officer positions with Post 290.

I can be reached at: [msscullin@gmail.com](mailto:msscullin@gmail.com) or 703-863-5288.

Respectfully,  
Michael Scullin  
Adjutant  
Stafford American Legion Post 290

### 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](http://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](mailto:postsqdnupdates@legion.org)) for processing.

If you have any questions please contact Kevin Mook the National SAL Liaison at [kmook@legion.org](mailto: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](mailto: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



Benefiting **Stafford County Crime Solvers**

# Stafford Shredding

Drive-thru  
style!!!

Join the Stafford County Crime Solvers  
for a safe and secure way to dispose of documents!



**APRIL 6, 2024**  
**9am – 11am (or until full)**  
Stafford County Sheriff's Office  
(1225 Courthouse Rd. Stafford, 22554)

**LIMIT 100lbs PER  
VEHICLE**



Contact **CRIME PREVENTION UNIT** with questions **540-658-4030**

## APRIL 2024 HIGHLIGHTS AT POST 290

### April

April 06 - Shredder Event, Stafford County Sheriff's Office, 0900-1100 or until full  
 April 06 - Legion Riders Breakfast (0800) Bike Blessing (1000) and Dart Tournament (1100)  
 April 08 - Solar Eclipse, 1515hrs, **DO NOT LOOK AT WITH NAKED EYE, USE ONLY APPROVED GOGGLES!**  
 April 15 - Federal Income Tax Due  
 April 22 - April 30 - Passover  
 April 27 - Post 290 Family Day, 1100-1600hrs, ALL are welcome to join the activities

---

## CONSTANT BEARING, DECREASING RANGE (ITEMS ADDED AS THEY COME TO MY ATTENTION)

### May

May 01 - State Income Tax Due  
 May 04 - Auxiliary Poppy Patch Craft and Gift Show, Post Home, 0900-1500  
 May 18 - 16th District Convention, Post 28, 1000hrs  
 May 27 - Memorial Day  
 May 29 - Blood Drive at the Annex

### June

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

### July

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

### August

Aug 02 - 04 - American Legion Leadership College, Double Tree, Midlothian  
 Aug 23 - 29 - American Legion National Convention, New Orleans, Hampton Suites

### October

Oct 09 - Blood Drive at the Annex



**YOUR ELECTED POST  
290 OFFICERS**

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

**CORPORATION OFFICERS**

Michael Flanagan, Chair  
 John Cox, Secretary  
 Brian "B.J." Payne, Director  
 Steve Albertson, Director  
 Lester Wood, Director

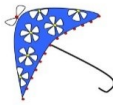


**YOUR AUX UNIT 290  
ELECTED OFFICERS**

President Ginger Brigs  
 Vice Pres Sherilyn Pierce  
 Secretary Marilyn Butters  
 Treasurer Frances Shelton  
 Chaplain Dale Seward  
 Historian Mary Schelin  
 Sgt at Arms Teresa Hardisty

**STAFFORD AMERICAN  
LEGION POST 290**

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



# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Easter Monday	2	3 BINGO	4	5 BINGO Gold Star Spouses Day	6 Shredder Event, 0900-1100 Riders B'fast, Bike Blessing, Dart Tournament
7	8 ALR Monthly Meeting Solar Eclipse, 1515hrs <b>DO NOT VIEW WITHOUT SPECIAL GOGGLES</b>	9 General Members Mtg. - 1930 Eid-al-Fitr	10 BINGO	11	12 BINGO	13
14	15 Income Tax Day	16	17 BINGO	18	19 BINGO	20 Honor Guard Steak Night 1630-1900 Karaoke
21	22 Executive Committee Mtg. 1930 Passover begins Earth Day	23	24 BINGO Arbor Day	25	26 BINGO	27 Post 290 Family Day, 1100-1600
28	29	30 Passover ends	1 BINGO	2	3 BINGO	4