



# 16<sup>th</sup> District Vice Commander

## 2020 JUNE Report

Reporting Period	29 FEB 2020 to 31 MAY 2020
<b>Vice Commander Mat Matyuf</b>	<b>AL Riders</b> <b>Blood Donor</b> <b>Constitution &amp; By-Laws</b> <b>Foreign Relations</b> <b>JROTC</b> <b>Junior Shooting Sports</b> <b>Legislative</b> <b>National Security</b> <b>Oratorical</b>
Summary of activities during reporting period:	<p><b>Blood Donor: District Chair- Ziggy Levison Post 247</b> No Report</p> <p><b>Constitution &amp; By-Laws: District Chair- John Hess Post 290</b> No Report</p> <p><b>Foreign Relations: District Chair- Charles King Post 293</b> No Report</p> <p><b>JROTC: District Chair- Danny Goolsby Post 330</b> No Report--- Events Cancelled The Virginia American Legion supports Jr Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program by hosting drill team competitions at the District, Region and Department (State) levels. The High School ROTC drill teams compete in several different categories for the “General Colin Powell Trophy.”</p> <p><b>Junior Shooting Sports: District Chair- Vacant</b> No Report--- Events Cancelled The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment and competition. Shooters use the .177 caliber air rifle. Both males and females can participate, through Legion sponsorship; disabled youth are encouraged to join, as competitive shooting is a sport that creates an equal playing field for all competitors. Contact your local Legion post, Sons of The American Legion squadron or Auxiliary unit for information about affiliating as a club or individual.</p> <p>Junior Shooting Sports is a three-part program that combines the Basic Marksmanship Course, Qualification Awards and Air Rifle Competition into a well-rounded activity.</p> <p><b>Legislative: District Chair- Michael Wilson Post 72</b> No Report--- This committee promotes the Legion’s official legislative mandates, disseminates monthly legislative updates, organizes and promotes proactive grassroots</p>

lobbying activities, and establishes and maintains liaisons with elected officials and their staffs. Voter education is a critical element of the electoral process, and posts are permitted to host town hall meetings, put on “meet the candidate” nights and allow candidates to address post meetings, district conferences or state conventions. Candidates may participate as long as invitations are extended to all candidates, affording them equal opportunity to participate. The American Legion cannot endorse or oppose any candidate, even if the candidate is a Legionnaire and Post member.

Day on the Hill held on 15 JAN 2020

Policy papers can be accessed at:

<https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/jointleadership-council-veterans-service-organizations-2>

**National Security: District Chair- Vacant**

This committee is tasked to supervise and coordinate District activities aimed at seeking to secure peace for the citizens of the United States through National and Homeland Security. Through educational programs, provide an opportunity for citizens and the youth of Virginia to learn about law enforcement responsibilities and training from various city, county, state and federal agencies. Committee responsibilities include supervision of the administration of the ROTC and National Guard Recognition Program and the Blood Donor Program.

**Oratorical: District Chair- Terri Puckett Post 34**

**No Report--- Events Cancelled**

Each year the American Legion sponsors its National High School Oratorical Contest. This contest provides your students an excellent opportunity to improve their research, writing and oration skills plus gain a greater appreciation for one of our country’s cornerstone documents, the United States Constitution. This is a national competition with the top national orator receiving an \$18,000 scholarship for college.

Local contests are conducted in December or January. Top orators advance to district and regional competitions with the very best orators advancing to the state-level contest in March. In addition to awards and scholarships earned at lower levels, scholarships awarded at the state level include \$1,100 for first place and \$600 for students finishing second or third.

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