

I take great pleasure in announcing Lawrence (Larry) C. Matthews, Jr. as the American Legion Post 171 Legionnaire of the Year. For those of you who may not have had the pleasure to meet Larry, below is a synopsis of his service in the American Legion and Post 171:

Upon transferring from Post 172 and joining Post 171, Larry's impact, and contributions to Post 171 were immediate. After less than one year at the Post, he became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander and was responsible for putting together all Post events such as our Memorial Day and Veteran's Days celebrations. During his brief tenure at the Post, his resume of positions held and other contributions to the Post have been quite impressive.

FY 2018-19 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

FY 2019-20 Chaplain  
Executive Committee Member  
Editor of the Post Newsletter

FY 2020-21 Chaplain  
Executive Committee Member  
Editor of the Post Newsletter  
Post Rental Agent



During this past Legion Year, Larry also served as the Editor of the Post 171 Newsletter. The Post 171 Newsletter is a quality product, and it is due to Larry Matthews' attention to detail.

In addition to all the above, Larry is also an outstanding Chaplain. Whether offering prayer at events like Memorial Day or Veteran's Day celebrations, or just offering a word of prayer before membership and Executive Committee meetings, his prayers are succinct and very appropriate for the occasion.

Larry has also participated in the Oratorical Contest, Memorial Day program by assisting in placing flags on Veterans' graves, and he is a mainstay on Bingo nights. Larry also has a radio program that he manages which is dedicated to veterans and their lives/issues.

Please join me in congratulating Larry on this well-deserved recognition.

For God and Country,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Mitchell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Frederick D. Mitchell  
Post Commander