



# Post Script

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## From the Desk of the Commander

I am incredibly proud of you.

Everywhere I turn, someone is saying great things about

Post 176. The weekend of September 21-23 was a good example.

Post 176 volunteered to host the Virginia Department Motorcycle Riders Rally. More than 120 bikers and others gathered for a great

time. The Auxiliary, the Sons, and the Riders, joined hands to make it an event to remember. Thank you!

There are many more great things to come. See you at the Post.

For God and Country

Dennis Madtes  
Post Commander



## Site Picture

Renewals for 2019 are in full swing.

Our goal was to be at 55% renewals by 3 October. We are at 63%. Good for us. There are still more than 400 members who need to renew. JUST DO IT!

Renew today and your membership will extend until December 31, 2019. No need to wait until the end of the calendar year. The easiest way in the world to renew your membership and keep current is online. All you need is your membership number and your last name. Go to [www.legion/renew.org](http://www.legion/renew.org) and renew. This is actually the best way to renew. It is automated and you do not have to put a letter in the mail or write a check.

For God and Country,

Bob Eidsvoog  
First Vice Commander

## Voting Day November 6, 2018

### What's Happening at the Post?

Post 176 publishes a weekly email newsletter that will keep you up to date on Post 176 happenings. If you are not getting the e-newsletter, it means we don't have your email address.

To get on our emailing list. Go to <http://post176.org/> and click on the subscribe box and fill out the form. In the "Organization" box, put in Legionnaire, Sons, Auxiliary, or Friend. Then click on the "SUBSCRIBE" button.

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## Important Dates

4 Nov	End Daylight Saving Time
6 Nov	Election Day
11 Nov	Veterans Day
22 Nov	Thanksgiving Day
2 Dec	Hanukkah Begins
7 Dec	Pearl Harbor Day
25 Dec	Christmas
31 Dec	New Years Eve

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# Sons of The American Legion

I want to thank everyone who attended the Son's Second Annual Pig Roast. We had over 120 American Legion Riders and over 80 hungry guests! Among our guests were Department Commander, Thomas Queck; Detachment Commander, Jeff Lee; Detachment Vice Commander, Victor Graulau; SAL leading National Candidate, Clint Bolt; and 17<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Tommy Powell.

As with many large events, success does not belong to one person alone but to many. Kevin Campbell, the squadron's Historian, was Chair for the Pig Roast Committee and did most of the work. There is not enough praise to recognize him and his committee. I also would like to thank the volunteers who helped over the long week-end. We worked together on a shared goal and achieved success.

I'd be remiss if I didn't thank our Post Commander, Dennis Madtes, for hosting and sponsoring such a fantastic State Rally, and the Legion Riders, led by Tammy Coon, for allowing the Sons to participate.

The SAL and Riders helped find items to donate to the Silent Auctions and Raffles on Friday and Saturday. I want to thank all businesses who contributed and supported our community and veterans. Some donors did not want to be mentioned, so the donor list is as follows. American Legion Post 176 thanks you for your support.

- American Legion Post 176                      Hilton of Springfield                      Homewood Suites of Springfield
- George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association                      Patriot Harley
- George Washington's Mount Vernon                      White Iron Beach Resort                      Ms. Linda Steinholtz



Tyler Vanice, Tom Queck, Jeff Lee, Dennis Madtes, William Wolfe

For God and Country

Tyler Vanice  
Seventeenth District SAL Commander,  
Children and Youth Committee Chairman,  
Detachment of Virginia



Tyler Vanice presents \$500 campaign check to Clint Bolt, on behalf of Squadron 176 for his campaign with Detachment Commander, Jeff Lee



## Legion Auxiliary 176

Thank you for attending Auxiliary meetings. Our meetings will be at 7:30 PM, on the first Tuesday of the month, except for November. The meeting will be on the second Tuesday. The first Tuesday in November is VOTING day and we are supporting voting on election day.

In Memory of our Auxiliary Sister Patricia Ragen, who went to her heavenly home August 4, 2018. Patricia joined the American Legion Auxiliary in 1994 and remained a member until her passing. She was 81 years old. Internment took place August 10, 2018 at Mount Comfort Cemetery in Alexandria, VA with Post 176 Commander, Dennis Madtes officiating. Her son, Danny Ragen, is an active member of the Sons of The American Legion.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with Patricia's family.**

Maudie Price  
President

OFFICE	NAME	OFFICE	NAME
President	Maudie Price	Chaplain	Rebecca Campbell
Vice President	Mildred Layne	Sergeant-At-Arms/Asst	Mary Siwik/Hazel Babler
Secretary	Floy Lipscomb	Membership	Mary Steele
Treasurer	Coleen Austin	Historian	Rita Newbegin



# Red Cross Blood Drive

in Honor of Comrade Joe Finch

Tuesday, October 9, 2018



Go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

**Put in sponsor Code "AMERICANLEGION176VA" in the search box**

To talk to a live person, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (option 3). Tell the representative you want to donate blood at the American Legion in Springfield (sponsor code above) on **December 11, 2018**.

**If you can't make an appointment, come anyway. There are always open spots.**

Contact: Theron Patrick (BloodDrive@post176.org). Next Scheduled Blood **2019** Drive:

**Feb 12      April 9      June 11      Aug 13      Oct 8      Dec 10**



## Post 176 Riders: From the Post Commander

Great job, Post 176! You all did an outstanding job planning and executing the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual American Legion Riders VA Rally! It has been quite some time since our Post did something like this. Our General Manager, Bob Eidsvoog, and his outstanding staff were incredible. The Riders, planning many of the weekend events around the main focus of the Virginia ALR State Rally, the SAL (Sons) setting up a most delicious Pig Roast and handing outside drink sales, and dozens of volunteers to include four Soldiers from BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) made this a smooth weekend. Take time to thank the staff, the Riders, the Sons, and the ladies Auxiliary for their tremendous support. Post 176 staff provided a wonderful buffet breakfast for \$10.00.

For God and Country,  
Tammy Coon, Director, American Legion Riders  
Post 176 Springfield



## Historian

Post 176 will be hosting its Centennial Celebration for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Legion on Friday, March 15, 2019 and Saturday, March 16, 2019. As the largest American Legion Post in the Commonwealth of Virginia, we should be able to put on a great event.

Help us celebrate the organization that gave us the GI bill, pushed for the Department of Veterans Affairs, pushed for education benefits **veteran's children and so many other critical benefits** for those who served. We can really use volunteers to make these events a success.

For God and Country

Bob Loach  
Post 176 Historian  
Historian@post176.org.



## SAL Fall Craft Show

Sunday, November 18, 2018

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

American Legion Post 176  
6520 Amherst Avenue  
Springfield, VA 22150



## Post Officers & Event Managers 2017-2018

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**You Don't need a Sleigh to take your**  
 Santa Baby to the  
**Classic Christmas**  
**Dinner**  
 7 December 2018



### Chaplain's Corner

Greetings Legionnaires,

This Fall, let us give thanks for the Constitutional Republic that our God, through providence, has given us. As Legionnaires, we are at the helm of supporting and maintaining this blessing, November and December are our election day, Veterans Armistice Day, American Education & Family week, Pearl Harbor Day, and our most holy days, Christmas & Hanukkah.

Going into the Holy Season let us not forget the Patriot Pastors who took up the "Great Awakening" revival to unify the Colonies to become "One Nation under God." Our Founders took guidance from pastors known as "The Black Robed Regiment." They were so named by the British, who despised them more than the Founding Fathers. From the pulpit came the principles in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

In Christ's name, Amen. For God and Country

Janet Prall, Chaplain, American Legion Post 176



# US Department of Veterans Affairs Hot Line

Hours  
of

## Warrior Café

Breakfast & Lunch  
Monday - Saturday  
7:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Sunday  
8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Friday Night Dinner

## Tier-1 Lounge

Monday-Thursday  
11:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday - Saturday  
11:30 AM - 1:00 AM

Sunday



## Post 176



### YOUTH & CHILDREN'S

Boy Scouts	Troop 1344	Troop1344.org
Boys State	Marty Pfeifer	boysstate@post176.org
Girls State	Floy Lipscom	Auxiliary
Baseball	Jon Taylor	financeofficer@post176.org
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Law Enforcement Oratorical	Second Vice	vapost176@cox.net
Civil Air Patrol	William Eliason	dc045.natcapwing.org

## Youth & Family Help



**ECHO - Ecumenical Community Helping Others**

**7205 Old Keen Mill Road  
Springfield, VA22150  
703-565-7972**

**<https://www.echo-inc.org/>  
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**6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310  
703-971-1991  
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Connects Virginia's veterans and their families to federal and state benefits, support, quality care, and recognition they have earned.

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Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

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# Department Commander Tom Queck 17<sup>th</sup> District Veterans Day Eve Dinner



On November 10, 2018, Springfield Post 176 will host the Department of Virginia Commander for a Veterans Day Eve Dinner.

**This will be the Commander's official Veterans Day and visit on behalf of the Department of Virginia to Arlington National Cemetery.** Seventeenth District American Legion members and family are invited to attend the dinner honoring the Department Commander, at Springfield Post 176, on November 10, 2018.

- ◆ 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Social Hour (Cash Bar)
- ◆ 7:00 PM - Dinner (\$25)

**The dinner will celebrate National Commander Brett P. Reistad's election to head the American Legion.** Join us in wishing him safe travels as the National Commander.

You have the choice of Prime Rib or Salmon, including salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, and dessert. There will be a Veterans Day cake.

You can pay by check. Make checks payable to: 17<sup>th</sup> District American Legion and mail to:

District Commander Tommy Powell  
1623 Woodmoor Lane  
McLean, VA 22101-5160

Tickets Purchased in Advanced are \$25.00 each

Tickets Purchased at the Door are \$30.00 each

Legion Formal Wear



## Post 176 Boys State

American Legion Boys State was founded in 1935. It is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for US high school students.

Boys State students become part of the operation of local, county and state government. They learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments.

Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs. This year Post 176 sponsored 14 **boys for the program, which started on Father's Day** and was conducted at Radford University.

For God and Country  
Marty Pfeifer  
2nd Vice Commander



## Veterans Day Celebration

Post 176

November 11, 2018

11:00 AM



# POST 176 EVENTS SCHEDULE

## November 2018: Veterans Month

1	7:00 PM	Cribbage
4	1:00 pm	Tailgate Redskins vs Falcons Event Manager: Legion
6	All Day	Election Day Go Vote!
6	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Legion Riders Meeting Sons of The American Legion Meeting
7	7:00 PM	Bridge
8	7:00 PM	Cribbage
10	8:00 AM 6:30 PM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast Department Commanders Dinner Post 176 <b>(Formal Wear)</b>
11	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Buccaneers Event Manager Auxiliary
11	11:00 AM	Joint VFW/AL Veterans Day Ceremony <b>(Formal Wear)</b>
13	7:30 PM	General Membership and Auxiliary Meeting
15	7:00 PM	Cribbage
17	1:00 PM	Ch 353 Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting
18	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	SAL Fall Craft Show
18	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Texans Event Manager Riders
20	7:00 PM	EXCOM
21	7:00 PM	Bridge
22	4:00 PM	Thanksgiving Dinner (TBD)
22	7:00 PM	Cribbage
24	10:00 PM	PR Planning Meeting

## December 2018: Freedom Month

4	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Riders Meeting General Membership and Auxiliary Meeting
5	7:00 PM	Bridge
6	5:30 PM	Christmas Dinner
8	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast
9	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Giants Event Manager: SAL
11	1:30 PM - 7:30 PM 7:00 PM	Blood Drive Sons of The American Legion Meeting
13	7:00 PM	Cribbage
15	1:00 PM	Ch 353 Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting
16	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Jaguars Event Manager: Legion
18	7:00 PM	EXCOM
19	7:00 PM	Bridge
20	7:00 PM	Cribbage
23	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Titans Event Manager: Auxiliary
<b>25</b>	<b>Christmas</b>	<b>Post 176 Closed</b>
30	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Eagles Event Manager: Riders
31	4:00 PM	New Years Eve Gala/Karaoke T-One Lounge Event Manager: Bob Sylvia
<b>1 Jan</b>	<b>New Years</b>	<b>Post 176 Closed</b>

## Tier-1 Lounge

### KARAOKE

Joe Clay

8:30 PM until Closing

Nov 10, 2018

Nov 24, 2018

Dec 8, 2018

Dec 22, 2018

New Years Eve Gala

Dec 31, 2018

Events



### TAILGATES

Nov 4, 2018

Redskins vs Falcons  
Event Manager: Legion

Nov 11, 2018

Redskins vs Buccaneers  
Event Manager: Auxiliary

Nov 18, 2018

Redskins vs Texans  
Event Manager: Riders

Dec 9, 2018

Redskins vs Giants  
Event Manager: SAL

Dec 16, 2018

Redskins vs Jaguars  
Event Manager: Legion

Dec 23, 2018

Redskins vs Titans  
Event Manager: Auxiliary

Dec 30, 2018

Redskins vs Eagles  
Event Manager: Riders

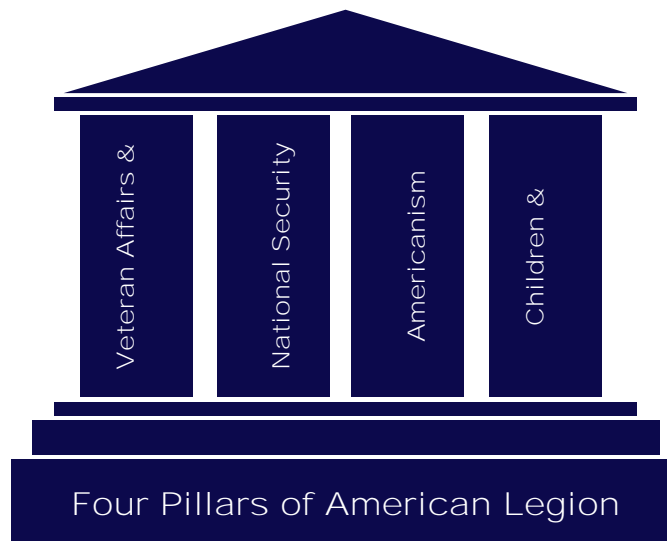


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