



Post Script

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From the Desk of the Commander

Happy New Year and all the best for 2019! There is a lot happening at your Post.

The Facilities Committee is looking at necessary repairs and improvements.

We are looking forward to becoming a tobacco free facility. Our membership team is meeting the

Department's goals. The tailgates have been a huge success and our Service Officer is providing more help than ever before to needy Veterans.

Stop by and visit our post. See you in the Social Quarters.

For God and Country

Dennis Madtes, Post Commander



Site Picture

A lot has happened over the past year. Over two-thirds of our members have renewed their membership. Membership is important to who we are and what we do.

The American Legion is supporting a Congressional resolution to extend Legion membership to veterans who have served from 7 December 1941 to the present. These Soldiers should have an opportunity to join.

There has been lots of change at the Post: new floors in the Café and Banquet Hall and a new LED sign on the flag island. We plan to expand the Tier-1 Lounge. That will provide more space for charitable gaming. New Market-Grover Entertainment has offered to provide financial support to this expansion. Whatever they provide will be a plus.

The American Legion Centennial will soon be here. We encourage members to renew their membership early, to recognize and support what The Legion has done for Veterans and their families.

For God and Country,
Bob Eidsvoog, 1st Vice Commander

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

1 Jan	New Year's Day
21 Jan	Martin Luther King, Jr Day
28 Jan	U.S.—Vietnam Cease Fire
12 Feb	Lincoln's Birthday
14 Feb	Valentine's Day
18 Feb	Washington's Birthday
23 Feb	Flag raised on Iwo Jima

POST 176 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Post Historian

In less than three months, Post 176 will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Legion. The Post will have a casual celebration on the night of 15 March 2019 with a live band with bar food along with the usual Friday night meal in the Warrior Cafe. The night of Saturday, 16 March 2018 will be the major celebration of the 100th anniversary of the American Legion with dining, dancing, a guest speaker and an evening of comradery. For God and Country Bob Loach, Historian@post176.org.



Ledger Domaine

Volunteer

Occasionally, I reach out for volunteer help with Post financial work. That's how Ray Jachorek came to us three years ago.

Ray has been a Godsend. As I complete my seventh year of Post service, I am seeking another person with accounting background, ideally a retiree looking to remain **mentally active**. It's an opportunity to serve and have fun along the way.

I have no plans to end my service, but Father Time will be calling sooner or later and I would like the Post to be ready to continue marching. If you are interested, stop in at the Post or email me at vapost176@cox.net or jntjt@verizon.net or call at (703) 994-5019.

Finance

During 2018, the Post experienced a record level revenue increase from charitable gaming. Hall rentals held strong as well. The increase in funds allows us to improve Post facilities, like

new floors in the Café and main hall, new equipment in the kitchen, and a host upgrades **throughout the building**. We've also paid \$100,000 down on the mortgage.

Recently, revenues have returned to normal, healthy lower levels. We will be prudent spenders going forward. Rest assured, we will remain vigilant **controlling the Post's financial future**.

See you at the post,
For God And Country
Jon Taylor, Finance Officer



Legion Auxiliary 176

The Auxiliary January meeting will be 8 January 2019. The Auxiliary of American Legion Post 176 was honored to donate toys to the Red Cross to distribute during the holiday to children at Walter Reed National Medical Center. Special thanks to Auxiliary member, Rita Newbegin, for making this happen for the kids!

I wish everyone a safe and happy New Year and thanks for all the assistance we have received.

For God and Country, 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, 12 February 2019

1:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Go to 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 at the American Legion in Springfield (sponsor code above) on **12 February 2019**

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

Post Contact: Theron Patrick (BloodDrive@post176.org). Scheduled **Blood 2019** Drives:



Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteer judges, timers, escorts, and others for the Post's January 2019 Oratorical Contest. Contact me at SecondVice@post176.org

James Martin is assisting me with Boys State.

For God and Country,
Mary Pfeifer
Second Vice Commander



Sons of The American Legion

I hope you had a fantastic holiday season. I did. The year is starting off strong. I strongly encourage you to pay your dues, if you have not renewed for 2019. If you are unsure, contact me or any Post officer. We'd be glad to assist.

Have you considered signing up someone up with the nation's greatest patriotic organization? If you have a friend or family member who served, a simple question of **“Have you considered joining The American Legion?”** will go a long way toward planting the seed of joining to your friend. We can help recruit members of the Legion Family, not just Sons of the American Legion.

If someone asks what they get for joining, you can list of reasons at www.legion.org/membership/whyjoin or personal reasons like remembering their loved ones who fought and served for our freedom.

Stay warm and safe this new year.

Tyler Vanice
SAL Commander Post 176
Seventeenth District SAL Commander

Department of Virginia
Spring Conference



1-3 March 2019

Renaissance Portsmouth
Norfolk Waterfront Hotel
425 Water Street Portsmouth, VA 23784
(757) 673-3000

New Years Candlelight Dinner

January 18, 2018

6:00 PM

In the Elegant Banquet Hall



Lobster Tail/Steak \$25



Post 176

Tier-1 Lounge

January 26, 2019

\$8.00

Valentine Day Dinner



15 February 2019

Post 176

\$20.00

5:30 PM

Community Welcome



ALR continues to have successful tailgate parties. This success is due to all who support and participate. Thank you.

We are in the process of identifying rides or events for Calendar Year 2019. We're always looking for new members.

Get the word out.

For God and Country,

Tammy Coon
Director

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Four Chaplains Memorial

The Preamble of The American Legion Constitution, "... to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness..." describes Chaplains Fox, Goode, Poling and Washington's actions, on 3 February 1943, when their ship, the USAT Dorchester sank in the Atlantic. These selfless chaplains gave their life vests to other soldiers, as the ship sank. Our memorial service will be held at Post 177, in Fairfax, VA.



Sunday, 10:00 AM, February 3, 2017

Charles P. Buettner, 17th District Chaplain
 Post 177

3939 Oak Street
 Fairfax, VA 22030

(703) 868-0580; 703-273-2250; cbuettner@verizon.net



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
Sea Scouts	Joel Davis	jdavid515@aolcom
Youth Cadet Law Enforcement	Jim Fisher	WebMaster@Post176.org
Law Enforcement Oratorical	Second Vice	vapost176@cox.net
Civil Air Patrol	William Eliason	dc045.natcapwing.org



American Legion Auxiliary Virginia Girls State will be held on the campus of Longwood University, Farmville, VA, June 16-22, 2019.

ALA Unit 176 has sent six girls in the past. Candidates must be rising seniors (juniors), selected from Edison, Lee, or West Springfield High School. District 17 arranges for bus transportation to and from Girls State. Our Auxiliary pays the girl's \$350 registration and \$50 transportation fees. The girls learn about Virginia's government by being divided into "cities." They elect their governing officers from among their peers.

For God and Country, Floy Lipscom



Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS)

Connects Virginia's veterans and their families to federal and state benefits, support, quality care, and recognition they have earned.

Springfield Benefit Office Service Area

Pentagon, Henderson Hall-Fort Myers, Fort Belvoir, Arlington County, Alexandria-Fairfax Counties, Springfield-Franconia, Lorton, Loudoun, Fredericksburg and surrounding areas.

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

Veterans seen: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

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Story ideas, suggestions, or comments to improve the Post Script

POST 176 EVENTS SCHEDULE

January 2019: New Years Month		
1	Closed All Day	Enjoy the Holiday
2	7:00 PM	Bridge
8	6:00 PM	Legion Riders Meeting
	7:30 PM	General Membership and Auxiliary Meetings
10	7:00 PM	Cribbage
12	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast
15	7:00 PM	Sons of The American Legion Meeting / EXCOM
16	7:00 pm	Bridge
17	7:00 PM	Cribbage
18	6:00 PM	New Year Candlelight Dinner/Dance
19	1:00 PM	CH 353 Military Order of The Purple Heart Meeting
19		District Renewal Phone Blast
22	7:00 pm	EXCOM
24	7:00 pm	Cribbage
26	10:00 PM	Post 176 Planning Meeting
26	4:00 PM	Chili Cook Off
29	7:00 PM	Centennial Planning Meeting

February 2019: Americanism Month		
3	10:30 AM	Four Chaplains Memorial Post 177
3	6:00 PM	The Super Bowl LIII Event Manager will be the Post 176 Legion R. See W-News
5	6:00 PM	Legion Riders Meeting
	7:30 PM	General Membership and Auxiliary Meetings
6	7:00 PM	Bridge
7	7:00 PM	Cribbage
9	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces breakfast
12	1:30 PM	Blood Drive
12	7:00 PM	Sons of The American Legion Meeting
13	7:00 PM	Bridge
14	7:00 PM	Cribbage
14	All Day	Valentines Day
15	5:30 PM	Valentines Day Dinner
16	1:00 PM	Chapter 353 Military Order of The Purple Heart Meeting
18	All Day	Presidents Day Parade / Legion Riders Participate
19	7:00 PM	EXCOM
20	7:00 PM	Bridge
21	7:00 PM	Cribbage

Tier-1 Lounge Events

KARAOKE

Joe Clay
8:30 PM until Closing

Jan 12, 2019
Jan 26, 2019
Feb 9, 2019
Feb 23, 2019
Mar 9, 2019
Mar 16, 2019
Mar 30, 2019



Special thanks to
Bob Sylvia
for
donating his time
and cooking skill for
2018 Tailgates
Car Shows
other events

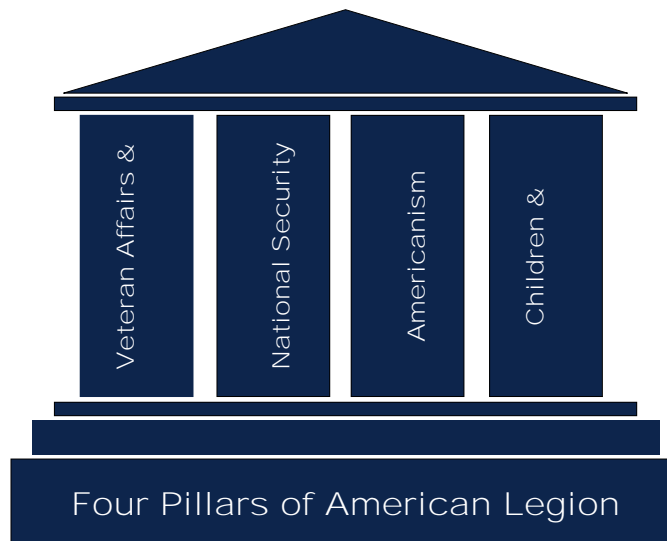


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