



# Post Script

American Legion Springfield ❖ Post 176

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July-August 2019



## From the Desk of the Commander

July and August is the start of American Legion's new year and we have a lot planned.

portunity for you to learn how the Legion operates. Finally, the Nation Legacy Run and National Convention are in late August.

I invite you to attend the Department of Virginia Convention, in July, in Richmond. More convention information can be found at [www.va.legion.org](http://www.va.legion.org).

Most of all, come to our Café for a meal and hang out in our Social Quarters for a drink and a visit.

See you there.

The Department Leadership College, in August, is an excellent op-

For God and Country  
Dennis Madtes  
Commander



## Site Picture

**You are to be commended. We're over 100 percent of our membership goal!**

This level of reengagement is because of Post activities and our commitment to veterans. We want to continue encourage relapsed and potential members to sign up.

The easiest way to renew your membership is on-line. Go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and click the renew button. It is automated, safe, and you do not have to put a letter in the mail or write a check.

**Better yet, get a life membership and you won't have to renew your membership to obtain all the benefits of being a Post member.**

For God and Country First Vice Commander Bob Eidsvoog

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

4 July	Independence Day
13-15 July	Department Convention
27 Jul	End Korean War
2 Aug	Operation Desert Storm
3-5 Aug	AL Leadership College
7 Aug	Purple Heart Day
14 Aug	V-J Day 1945
24-30 Aug	100 <sup>th</sup> American Legion



## From The Ledger Domain

The Dentz Trust fund tasks Post 176 to support charitable organizations, in accordance with the trust terms. In 2019, the Post 176 remitted the donations below. The Dentz Trust donations were approved by the EXCOM, at the EXCOM meeting in May 2019 and by Post members, at the General Membership meeting, on June 4, 2019.

A \$5,000 transaction is not shown because it has not yet been funded. There are ample funds to comply with the approved EXCOM and Post members approved actions. This is the second use of Dentz money.

For God and Country ,  
Jon Taylor, Finance Officer

Fisher House - Fort Belvoir	\$2,500	Army Emergency Relief Fund, Arlington, VA	\$2,500
USO Warrior and Family Center, Fort Belvoir, VA	\$2,500	Air Force Aid Society, Arlington, VA	\$2,500
Hope for the Warriors, Springfield, VA	\$2,500	Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, Arlington, VA	\$2,500
Child Welfare Fund, American Legion, Indianapolis, IN	\$2,500	Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Annapolis, MD	\$2,500



## Sons of American Legion

The squadron has elected new officers. Please welcome our new officers and congratulate Bryan Steele on again being our Commander.

The Sons are hosting its third Annual Pig Roast, on 28 September. Stop by with the family. Pre-event tickets are \$25; at the door, tickets are \$30. You can purchase tickets at the bar, through a SAL officer, or by contacting Tyler Vanice, at [SALAdjutant@post176.org](mailto:SALAdjutant@post176.org).

The latest squadron information is on the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/squadron176](http://www.facebook.com/squadron176).

On 11 May, William Wolfe completed his Eagle Scout Project, Living History at the Post, where reenactors, in period attire, presented period public objects, history, and stories.

Early in this year, the Sons started a scholarship for local high school seniors. We are proud to announce **Griffin During, from West Springfield High School, is this year's \$1,000 scholarship winner.**

Immediate Past Commander, Tyler Vanice, was elected District Commander for a second year. Marty Pfeifer and Mike Wolfe were elected District Vice Commanders and Kevin Gaddis as District Sergeant-at-Arms. Our squadron is becoming more engaged within our community

We are always looking for more participation at events and meetings. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 PM, in the Game Room.

The 2018-2019 membership goal was 118. As of late May, we have 113 members. Thanks to everyone who had renewed, transferred, or had joined. It is never too late to pay your dues. Without your dues, we will be unable to do the events and scholarships we currently do. Please contact us if you have any change in your personal information.

For God and Country,

Bryan Steele, SAL Commander

Bryan Steele SALCommander@post176.org	Commander	Marty Pfeifer SALFirstVice@post176.org	First Vice Commander
Tyler Vanice SALAdjutant@post176.org	Adjutant	Kevin Campbell SALFinance@post176.org	Finance Officer
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Chuck Seward SALSergeant-at-Arms@post176.org	Sergeant-at-Arms	Tyler Vanice SALmembership@post176.org	Membership Chair



# Red Cross Blood Drive

In Honor of Comrade Joe Finch

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

1:30 PM to 7:30 PM

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 at the American Legion in Springfield (sponsor code above) on **August 13, 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:



## 18th Annual Springfield Bridge Walk

### Join Us!!!

#### 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Springfield Bridge Walk

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Gather at 7:00PM (FEDEX Parking Lot)

Intersection of Bland St. & Amherst Ave. Springfield, VA

**7:30 PM Walk Across Veteran's Bridge**



2019 DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA  
AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY LEADERSHIP COLLEGE



**Acknowledging Our Past & Preparing for the Next Century**

August 2-4, 2019

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel

Richmond-Midlothian, Richmond, Virginia

<http://valegion.org/>

- ◆ For new American Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion members.
- ◆ For new Post/Unit/Squadron and District Officers and Committee Chairman.
- ◆ For new or current Virginia American Legion Riders.
- ◆ For any member interested in the current changes and updates in our programs.
- ◆ For members who has never attended the Leadership College.

## 2019 Virginia State Convention



July 12-14, 2019

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel

Richmond- Midlothian

1021 Kroger Center Blvd

Richmond, VA 23235

Register by July 1, 2019

Information and Registration

<http://valegion.org/>

**SEE POST 176 E-NEWS for Additional Information**



*Unprofane Riders Car Show*

August 3, 2019

Post 176

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

May and June were a busy time for the Riders. We went to Honor Flights to meet and greet veterans from all over the country. Post Riders attended Poker Runs to raise money for charities. On Memorial Day weekend, Riders attended ceremonies and events every day. The last Saturday of each month, the Riders and their family members help clean and maintain the Disabled Veterans Memorial, in Washington, D.C.

In July, our Chapter members will attend the second Virginia State Legacy Run. This will be a three-night, four-day event, July 18 through July 21, with overnight stays in Colonial Heights, Newport News, and

## Post 176 Riders



Lynchburg, Virginia. We will ride 200-plus miles on Friday and Saturday, with stops at Legion Posts along the way, to

raise money for the Legacy Fund.

In September, we will host the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Legion Rider State Rally. Riders from all over the state will be coming for this three-day event, September 20-22. We plan for this to be the best Rally yet.

If you ride a motorcycle, come join a great group of guys and gals riding to support veterans and the community and having fun doing it. We meet the first Tuesday of every month in the game room at 6:00 PM.

For God and Country,

Craig Hendrickson  
Post 176 Riders

## 100<sup>th</sup> National Convention



23 - 29 August 2019

### Reservation and Registration

NLT 1 August 2019 at Virginia Dept HQ

<http://valegion.org/> Up coming events for registration for and information

## Post 176 Baseball



American Legion Baseball Coach Vaxmonsky has again fielded an excellent team.

Several key players back from last year's District 17 champions have returned. There are also new players who achieved distinction on their high school teams.

We have high hopes for our team and would like to have your support by attending some games.

For God and Country,

Jon Taylor Post 176  
Baseball Rep

Coach: Rick Boddie (703) 922-7293  
Manager: Al Vaxmonsky (703) 866-4863

## The American Legion Springfield Post 176 2019 American Legion Baseball

Date	Day	Time	Field Location	Post	
July 2	Tue	7:00 AM	Lee H.S.	129	TC Williams, Justice
July 4	Thu	10:00 AM	Legion All-Star Game		Waters Field, Vienna
July 6	Sat	7:00 AM	Fairfax, H.S.	177	Fairfax, Robinson
July 7	Sun	3:00 PM	TBD	24	Hayfield, West Potomac, Mt Vernon
July 9	Tue	7:00 AM	Langley H.S.	270	McLean, Langley, Herndon
July 11	Thu	7:00 AM	Wakefield, H.S.	139	Washington & Lee, Yorktown, Wakefield
July 13	Sat	7:00 AM	Lee H.S.	180	Oakton, Madison, South Lakes
July 14-19					Reserved for Make-up Games
July 20-27			District Tournament		Fields TBD
July 29 - Aug 2			State Tournament		Lynchburg, VA
Aug 7-11			Mid-Atlantic Regional		Tournament at Asheboro, NC
Aug 14-20			World Series		Tournament at Shelby, NC





# Legion Auxiliary 176

## Girls State update

The girls are all registered and have now had their Orientation, which was held May 5, 2019, at Post 177. Maudie Price stood in for Floy Lipscomb. The girls were excited to be going to Girls State. We started with six Delegates from three schools and now have eight Delegates. On June 16 Longwood University, in Farmville, VA will be invaded by a hoard of teenage girls from across the state. In the evening of June 22, it will be over.

At the end of our year, let us remember our departed members: Patricia Ragen, Eleanor Williams, Mildred Layne, and Mary Steele. There will be no meeting for the Auxiliary in July or August. The next meeting will be in September.

## Floy Lipscomb

OFFICE	NAME	OFFICE	NAME
President	Stephanie Dabbe	Chaplain	Rebecca Campbell
Vice President		Sergeant-At-Arms	Mary Siwik
Secretary	Floy Lipscomb	Membership	
Treasurer	Coleen Austin	Historian	Rita Newbegin



## BOYS STATE UPDATE

This year, Post 176 sponsored twenty-five students for Boys State. **Boy's State will** cost the the Post \$11,875. Our sponsored students were recommended by Thomas Jefferson, Lake Braddock, West Springfield, Edison, and Lee high schools.

Floyd Kline, Murray Rupert, James Martin and I interviewed the students. Many thanks to our selection committee

**The boys will depart for Radford University on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16, 2019, from Fairfax Post 177.** They will return on Saturday with a better understanding of how our state and local government systems work. The goal is that participants acquire the leadership skills that will serve them well into the future. For God and Country,

Marty Pfeifer  
Second Vice Commander



## Ft Belvoir Military Retiree Council Meetings

Aug 15, 2019 9:00 AM  
Oct 17, 2019 9:00 AM  
Dec 12, 2019 9:00 AM  
SOSA REC CTR

Ft Belvoir  
Retiree Appreciation Day  
Sep 20, 2019  
8:00 AM till 3:30 PM

## July-August 2019 PostScript

Editor: Mack Brooks  
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Web Master	Cribbage	Karaoke	House Committee Chairman

Hours  
of

Tier-1  
Lounge

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

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

Sunday

Warrior  
Café

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

Sunday  
8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Friday Night  
Dinner



US Department of Veterans Affairs  
Hot Line



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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	Marty Pfeifer	SecondVice@Post176.org
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Civil Air Patrol	William Eliason	dc045.natcapwing.org

Put Your Love of Dogs



Warrior Canine Connection is seeking puppy parents/puppy sitters to help raise, care for, and support service dogs that will go on to serve service members and veterans.

Volunteers must be 18 years or older to be eligible for this important role.

For more information  
puppyparent@warriorcanineconnectin.org



Post  
Vet Yoga

7:00 PM every Monday

Come for one hour of great exercise for improving your mental and physical well being.

6520 Amherst Ave  
Springfield, VA 22150

# POST 176 EVENTS SCHEDULE

## July 2019: Independence Month

2	6:00 PM	Legion Riders Meeting
	7:30 PM	General Membership Meeting
3	7:00 PM	Bridge
4	All Day	Independence Day
9	7:00 PM	Sons of The American Legion Meeting
11	7:00 PM	Cribbage
12 - 14	ALL DAY	2018 Virginia Department Convention
13	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast
16	7:00 PM	EXCOM
17	7:00 PM	Bridge
18	7:00 PM	Cribbage
19 - 21	All Day	Inaugural Virginia Legacy Run
25	7:00 PM	Cribbage

## August 2019: Sons of The American Legion Month

1	7:00 PM	Cribbage
2 - 4	All Day	American Legion Virginia Leadership College
6	6:00 PM	Legion Riders Meeting
	7:30 PM	General Membership Meeting
7	7:00 PM	Bridge
8	7:00 PM	Cribbage
13	1:30 PM	BLOOD DRIVE
	7:30 PM	
13	7:00 PM	Sons of The American Legion Meeting
21	7:00 PM	Bridge
15	7:00 PM	Cribbage
20	7:00 PM	EXCOM
22	7:00 PM	Cribbage
29	7:00 PM	Cribbage
24 - 30	All Day	100th National Convention; Indiana, IN

## September 2019: American Legion Riders Month

3	6:00 PM	Legion Riders Meeting Riders Meeting
	7:30 PM	General Membership & Auxiliary Meeting

## Tier-1 Lounge

### KARAOKE

Joe Clay

8:30 PM until Closing

Saturday, July 13, 2019  
 Saturday, July 27, 2019  
 Saturday, August 10, 2019  
 Saturday, August 24, 2019

## Banquet Hall Events

### *Oktoberfest*

King Park German Band  
 Post Banquet Hall  
 October 11, 2019  
 6:00PM-8:00PM  
 \$25



## Sons of The American Legion Pig Roast

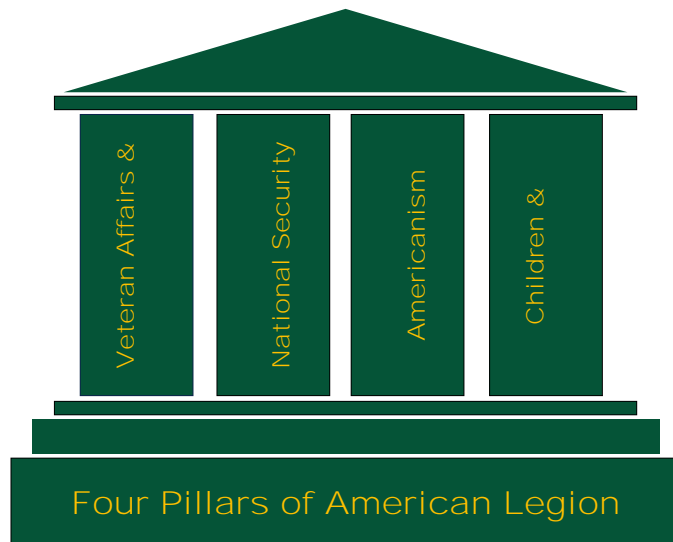
September 28, 2019  
 10:00 AM 2:00 PM  
 \$25.00 Pre-event  
 \$30.00 at Door



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