



# Post Script

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Sep—Oct 2019



## From the Desk of the Commander

September and October brings a change of weather and lots of activities at your Post.

Also, you should soon begin to see some upgrades to our property and building. Five Legionnaires from your post attended the National Convention in Indianapolis and another five Legionnaire Riders participated in the National Legacy Run. Football tailgates begin in September and all of them begin about 1 pm. We will close out October with the Department Fall Conference in Williamsburg. 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.

For God and Country, Dennis W. Madtes, Commander



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## Site Picture

Today is the first day of the 2020 American Legion Membership year. To avoid all those mailings from the American Legion about renewal, why not renew now?

While your current 2019 membership is good until December 31, 2019, if you renew today, your membership is good until December 31, 2020. Also by renewing now, you will be invited to a FREE Early Bird membership dinner on October 4, 2019 at Post 176. The best and easiest way to renew is to go online to [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew). It is a very safe and secure method to renew your membership. See you around the Post!

For God and Country, Bob Eidsvoog, First Vice Commander

## What's New

You may not be aware but Post 176 publishes a weekly email newsletter. This newsletter will keep you up to date on "WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE POST." If you are not getting the newsletter, it means we don't have your email address. To get on the emailing list, please go to the web page at <http://post176.org/> and click on the subscribe box and fill out the form. In the Organization Box, put in Legionnaire, S.A.L., Auxiliary, or Friend. Then click on **SUBSCRIBE**.

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## Important Dates

2 Sep	Japan Surrenders
2 Sep	Labor Day
11 Sep	Patriot Day
17 Sep	Citizenship Day
21 Sep	POW/MIA Recognition Day
14 Oct	Columbus Day
23 Oct	Beirut Bombing 1983
25 Oct	Grenada Invasion 1983

# Sons of The American Legion


The Detachment Convention in July was well received with a few members of our squadron attending. There is talk at the National level about raising dues across the board for the 2020 year. More information will be shared after the National Convention is held.

Likewise, Tyler Vanice was appointed Children and Youth Chairman again for the Detachment of Virginia. I am sure he will do us proud.


We are holding a Gun Raffle drawing September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, during our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pig Roast event. The winner will receive a gift card valued at \$1,500 for Cabela's. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$30.00. Please visit the Bar Manager on duty to purchase a ticket or see a SAL Officer. Help us raise funds so we can support charities and those in need throughout the year so stop by September 28<sup>th</sup> for a family friendly pig roast and gun raffle.

For God and Country,  
Tyler Vanice  
Post 176  
S.A.L. Adjutant


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Public Welcome  
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Live Music  
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Saturday SEPT. 28<sup>th</sup>  
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3:00 – 7:00 PM  
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American Legion Post 176  
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Tickets  
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\$25 until Aug 28  
\$30 afterwards  
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Tickets available at the Post.  
[www.facebook.com/Squadron176](http://www.facebook.com/Squadron176)

Bryan Steele	Commander	Marty Pfeifer	First Vice Commander
Tyler Vanice	Adjutant	Kevin Campbell	Finance Officer
Michael Wolfe	Historian	Vacant	Chaplain
Chuck Sward	Sergeant-at-Arms	Tyler Vanice	Membership Chair



# Red Cross Blood Drive

in Honor of Comrade Joe Finch

Tuesday, October 8, 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 **October 8, 2019**.

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

Post Contact: Theron Patrick (BloodDrive@post176.org). Scheduled Blood 2018 Drives:

## From the Ledger Domain

## BASEBALL

Our baseball team has completed its season. By most standards, the season would be considered a huge success. With an overall record of 18 wins and 9 losses, a second place finish in the district and winning its first playoff game, they have much to be proud of. Our own expectations for the season were higher resulting in disappointment. However time and perspective will temper this feeling. Our team was excellent again this year and the future is bright.

We are proud of Coach Vaxmonsky, his staff and players for representing the post with superior play and sportsmanship. We are already excited about next year.

See you at the post.

Jon Taylor



2019 American Legion Baseball - Post 176  
Springfield, Virginia  
Top (L-R): Coach Rick Beckie, Kyle Martin, Chris Cable, Calvin Foster, David Georgis, Will Morgan, Manager Al Vaxmonsky  
Middle (L-R): Wayne Romero, Zach King, Evan Thomas, Alec Reilly, Connor Hogan  
Bottom (L-R): Ryan Miles, Kyle Fletcher, Justin Nelson  
(Not in photo: Mike Robinson, Mike Hekt, Kellum Stripling, Sam Freeborne, Jacob Baines, Austin McEligott)

### 3RD VICE COMMANDER NOTES- AMERICANISM

Post 176 need volunteers to work with youth programs. The youth are the future of our country and needs proper guidance in activities promoting a better future for our country. Volunteers are needed in the following activities:

- Junior Shooting Sports
- Oratorical Contest
- Scholarships
- Alumni Youth Support

The American legion has developed support guidance to help you in all of these endeavors.

Email 3rd Vice Commander if you would like to help in any of these youth programs.

ThirdVice@Post176.org Subj: Youth Programs

For God and Country

Paul Kaepfel

3rd Vice Commander





*Willkommen!*

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 176  
Oktoberfest Dinner/Dance**

**Friday October 11, 2019**

**DINNER**

**6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**"Oktoberfest Music"**

**6:30 pm to 8:30 PM**

**Presented By:**

**Kings Park German Band**

\$25.00

\$25.00

**Door Prizes**

**COMMUNITY WELCOME**

**EVENT MANAGERS: JANET & RENEE**

**Service officer**

Our Post Service Officer and VA&R Team are continuing to provide assistance to veteran families as part of the AmericaServes network. Recently, three cases were referred to the Post: One was a Navy veteran out of work for six months and supporting four dependent children. Another was a disabled **Army veteran with a heart condition and a medical discharge who'd been unable to work.** The most recent referral was a female head of household in the process of divorce; she has four children and is struggling with medical bills and household expenses. In addition to any financial aid provided, members of Post 176 helped with food purchases and other basic necessities for these families. Anyone wishing to contribute funds or help with food and groceries should contact the Post Commander (Dennis Madtes) or the Post Service Officer (Ali Nikolai). Ms. Nikolai and her associate, Bob White, also assisted with a Veteran Claims Clinic on Jun 22 in Waldorf, MD. Anyone needing help with claims should contact Ali Nikolai at 301-266-4933 or Bob White at 301-864-3336

**Ft. Belvoir — Retiree Appreciation Day — Sep 20, 2019**

**8:00 AM — Spector Field House for registration and all the displays and light food**  
**13:00 — Barden Education Center for guest speakers.**  
**Retiree Council Meetings Oct 17 and Dec 12, 2019**  
**SOSA Building (White Room)**

# Post Officers & Event Managers 2019-2020

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Welcome to the 2019-2020 Legion year. That means that it is time to renew your membership with us. Please send \$25 to receive your new membership card. If you are a duel member with The Legion, please send \$20 instead. If you are under 18 years of age, please send us \$14. Please make check out "S.A.L. Squadron 176" and in memo write "S.A.L. Renewal". Mail checks to:  
 American Legion Post 176  
 S.A.L. Membership  
 6520 Amherst Ave  
 Springfield, VA 22150

Six Riders participated in the Virginia Legacy Run July 18-20, 2019. We helped Post 177 review thank you cards composed by elementary and middle students from Fauquier County for veterans. July 27<sup>th</sup> Riders helped Post members, Sons and Auxiliary to support the WarFighters Crab and Oyster Feast. Riders participated in the Serving Our Willing Warriors poker run August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We also had a group of riders participating in the National Legacy Run August 18-22<sup>th</sup>. Riders have made monetary donations to the following organizations – Serving Our Willing Warriors, Warrior Canine Connec-



## 2019 Virginia Legion Fall Conference

### October 25-27, 2019

[DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Williamsburg](http://DoubleTree.com)  
 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, Virginia, 23185,  
[valegion.org/Upcoming Events](http://valegion.org/Upcoming Events)



Trophies For: Top 35, Best Paint, Best Engine, Best of Show, 50/50 Raffle and more.

Alcohol, Illegal Substances, Loud Music or Reckless behavior WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

**“100 Car Pile Up Car Show”**  
*9<sup>th</sup> Annual Prince William Cruisers*  
*All Proceeds Benefit Children with Disabilities*  
**ALL VEHICLES WELCOME!**  
*Sunday 29 September 2019 (Rain Date 6 October 2019)*  
*9:00 AM to 3:00 PM*  
*Food outside Burgers/Hot Dogs etc. available from Post 176*  
*Registration is open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and costs \$20.00 per car*  
*Spectators \$3.00, children Under 2 free*

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# 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 in Education PROGRAMS



Boy Scouts	Troop 1344	Troop1344.org
Boys State	Marty Pfeifer	<a href="mailto:boysstate@post176.org">boysstate@post176.org</a>
Girls State	Floy Lipscom	Auxiliary
Baseball	Jon Taylor	<a href="mailto:financeofficer@post176.org">financeofficer@post176.org</a>
Sea Scout Ship 1176	Joel Davis	<a href="mailto:Jdavid5158@aol.com">Jdavid5158@aol.com</a>
Youth Cadet Law Enforcement	Marty Pfeifer	<a href="mailto:SecondVice@Post176.org">SecondVice@Post176.org</a>
Oratorical		
Civil Air Patrol	William T. Eliason	<a href="mailto:dc045@natcapwing.org">dc045@natcapwing.org</a>

### YOUTH AND FAMILY HELP

- ◆ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO)  
7205 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA 22150  
703-565-7972  
<https://www.echo-inc.org/>  
ADMIN@ECHO-INC.ORG
- ◆ KOINONIA  
6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310  
703-971-1991  
<http://koinoniacares.org/>  
INFO@KOINONIACARES.ORG



US Department of Veterans Affairs Hot Line  
855-948-2311



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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 6564 Loisdale Ct., Suite 301  
Monday - Friday Springfield, VA 22150  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Phone 703-417-9090

Veterans seen 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

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# POST 176 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 2019 LEGION RIDERS MONTH

3	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Legion Riders Meeting General Membership/Auxiliary Meetings
4	7:00 PM	Bridge
5	7:00 PM	Cribbage
8	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Philadelphia Event Manager (EM) Sons of The American Legion
10	7:00 PM	Sons of The American Legion Post 176 Meeting
12	7:00 PM	Cribbage
13	5:30—7:30 PM	Patriot Day Dinner Steak or Fish
14	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast
15	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Dallas EM Riders
17	7:00 PM	EXCOM Meeting
18	7:00 PM	Bridge
19	7:00 PM	Cribbage
20	8:00 AM	Ft. Belvoir Retiree Day
21	1:00 PM	CH 353 Military Order of The Purple Heart Meeting
20-23	ALL DAY	8th Annual Legion Riders Virginia Rally
26	7:00 PM	Cribbage
28	3:00—7:00 PM	3rd Annual Sons of The American Legion Pig Roast
29	1:00 pm	Redskins vs Giants EM: Sons of The American legion
29	9:00 —3:00 PM	100 Car Pile Up Show Prince William Cruisers

## OCTOBER 2019 MEMBERSHIP MONTH

1	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Legion Riders Meeting General Membership/Auxiliary Meeting
2	7:00 PM	Bridge
3	7:00 PM	Cribbage
4	5:30 PM	Early Bird Dinner
6	1:00 PM	Tailgate: Redskins vs New England EM: Auxiliary
8	7:00 PM 1:30—7:30 PM	Sons of The American Legion Post 176 Meeting Blood Drive
10	7:00 PM	Cribbage
11	6:00 PM	OKTOBERFEST
12	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast
13	1:00 PM	Redskins vs Miami EM Riders
15	7:00 PM	EXCOM Meeting
16	7:00 PM	Bridge
17	7:00 PM	Cribbage
17	10:00AM—2:00PM	Job Zone Job Fair
19	1:00 PM	CH 353 Military Order of The Purple Heart Meeting
20	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs San Francisco EM Auxiliary
24	7:00 PM	Cribbage
25-27	ALL DAY	VA Fall Conference Double Tree Hotel Williamsburg VA
31	7:00 PM	Cribbage

## TIER-1 LOUNGE

### EVENTS

# KARAOKE

Sep 14, 2019

Sep 28, 2019

Oct 12, 2019

Oct 26, 2019

### TAILGATES

SEE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## PATRIOT DAY DINNER

American Legion

Post 176

Friday

Sep 13, 2019

5:30 to 7:30 PM

## EARLY BIRD DINNER

FRIDAY October 4, 2019

5:30 pm

Did you get your membership card for 2020? If so, come to the Early Bird Dinner and treat yourself to dining in the elegant Banquet Hall with your fellow Legionnaires.



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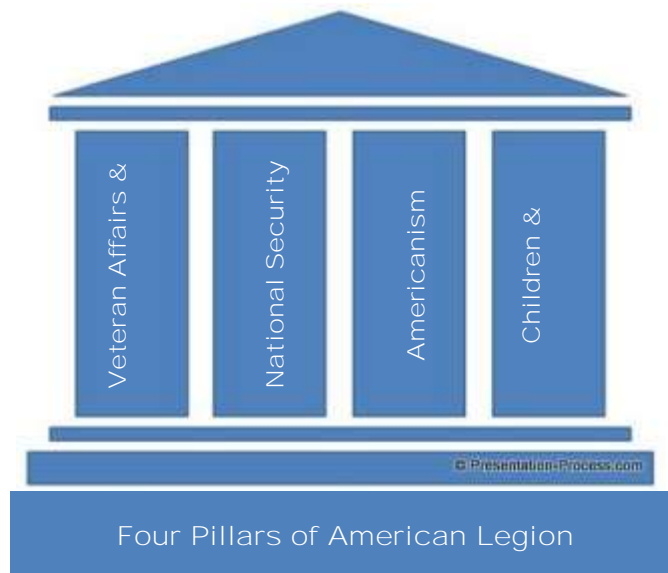


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