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From the Desk of the Commander



November and December is here and Wow! The biggest news on the horizon is the opening of Project ATLAS, at our Post, on November 6, 2019.

Project ATLAS is a joint venture between the Veterans Administration Medical Center and the American Legion to strategically place offsite offices for veterans to video conference their doctor, instead of driving to the doctor's office at the Medical Center.

Philips Healthcare is providing the equipment and upgrades to our

building to house this effort.

Our Post Veterans Day Ceremony, led by the VFW, will be on November 11, at 11:00 AM.

Join us! Read this newsletter and keep it close at hand for information about upcoming events.

Most of all, come to our Café for a meal and hang out in our Social Quarters for a drink and a visit and enjoy our new games. See you there.

For God and Country,
Dennis Madtes
Post Commander



Site Picture

Membership renewals for 2020 are in full swing. Our goal was to be at 55% renewals by November 3, 2019. Good for you. We are already at 65%. There are more than 450 members who need to renew. **Renew today and your membership will extend until December 31, 2020. Don't wait until the end of the calendar year.**

The easiest way to renew your membership and keep current is online. All you need is your membership number and last name. Go to www.legion/renew.org. It's automated and you do not have to use the mail or write a check.

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

What's Happening?

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

3 Nov	Daylight Saving Time Ends
5 Nov	Election Day
11 Nov	Veterans Day
28 Nov	Thanksgiving Day
7 Dec	Pearl Harbor Day
23 Dec	Hanukkah Begins
25 Dec	Christmas
31 Dec	New Years Eve



Telehealth Room in Post 176

The Veterans Administration recently teamed up with Phillips, VFW, and the American Legion to provide equipment for remote telehealth exam rooms. The project, dubbed Atlas, will enable Veterans to conduct virtual appointments with VA care teams and specialists. The first American Legion Room will be in American Legion Post 176, Springfield VA. The room will be open to veterans by appointment. This is a significant action to aid and support our fellow veterans.

This room will be in the upstairs conference room. The schedule is yet to be determined; however, little conflict is expected. All costs are covered by the Veterans Administration, Phillips, and American Legion National. Times and details to follow.

American Legion Post 176 Classic Christmas Holidays



Kings Park

40-Piece Concert Band & High Winds Flute Choir
and

Fabulous Holiday Buffet
December 13, 2019
\$20.00



COMMUNITY
WELCOME

POST 176 is a Tobacco Free Post



FROM THE LEDGER DOMAIN

Just a few words on our financial situation, as we approach year's end. Our revenue from the Warrior Café, Tier 1 Lounge, hall rentals, charitable gaming activities, and special events, such as car shows and tailgates, provide us with sufficient positive cash flow to fund the many improvements being made to our post. We are able to maintain reserve funds sufficient to fund surprises: plumbing problem, upgrading kitchen equipment, etc. As we move forward, our goal is to maintain and improve our internal controls.

Jon Taylor, Finance Officer



Red Cross Blood Drive



in Honor of Comrade Joe Finch

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

1:30PM to 7:30PM

Go to www.redcrossblood.org

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 **December 10, 2019**

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

Post Contact: Theron Patrick (BloodDrive@post176.org). Scheduled **Blood 2020** drives:

February 11 April 14 June 9 August 11 October 13 December 8



Sons of The American Legion

The 3rd Annual Pig Roast went better than expected. Thanks everyone who attended and supported our American Legion programs and the Sons who worked the event. We would also like to thank the contributors who helped make this event a success: Hilton Springfield, Grover Gaming, Hard Times Café, and Glory Days.

We would also like to thank the volunteers and the American Legion Family for helping us throughout the event. We hope to see many of you again next year.

In September, Paul Kaepfel was appointed the Squadron Chaplain. We would like to remind everyone that our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 PM, in the game room, except November the meeting will be on Nov 19, at 7:00 PM. Check event schedule.

Membership is important. Renew your Sons membership. As of the end of September, only 31 of 120 members had renewed. Please include your current **email and phone, so we can update our records. Let's start the year off strong!**

We hope you enjoy the holiday season.

For God and Country

Tyler Vanice
Adjutant



Squadron Commander Bryan Steele (Left) & National Commander Clint Bolt (Right), at Third Annual Pig Roast

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Post 176 American Legion Riders

A note from our Post 176 Director, Your Legion Riders have taken advantage nice weather and participated in a Tank Farm Open House (Americans in Wartime Museum), United We Roll (formally Rattle the Runway), a Baltimore Clean Up, The Ocean City Bikefest, Visited a 98-year-Old WWII Veteran, and the Virginia State Rally.

Riders have made monetary donations to Honor Flight Patriotic Blankets fund and Wreaths Across America. Riders have also voted to adopt the Alexandria National Cemetery WAA event this year as a volunteer activity.

Dennis Madtes, our Commander and Assistant Director of the Post 176 Riders, accepted a position as Director of the Northern Region American Legion Riders.

Director	Craig Hendrickson	Road Captain	Mark Hammond
Assistant Director	Dennis W. Madtes	Sergeant-at- Arms	Dennis Jones
Treasurer	Don Strawder	Chaplain	Janet Prall
Adjutant	Laura Wages		

Youth Education Programs Need HELP!

Post 176 needs help to support our youth programs. Consider the following areas: Oratorical, Junior Shooting Sports, Youth Law Cadet, and Essay Contest.

The Legion has guide lines and information to help you in providing the necessary guidance to area youth. If you have time and talents in any of these areas, please send an email to ThirdVice@Post176.org or contact Paul Kaepfel, at the next General Membership Meeting.

Department Commander A. B. Brown 17th District Veterans Day Eve Dinner

Sunday, November 10, 2019; 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

On November 10, 2019, 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 visit and official visit on behalf of the Department of Virginia to Arlington National Cemetery.**

Members of the 17th District American Legion family are invited to attend the dinner, at Springfield Post 176, on November 10, 2019.

- ◆ 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Social Hour (Cash Bar)
- ◆ 7:00 PM - Dinner (\$25.00)

You have the choice of Prime Rib or Salmon, with salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, and dessert. There **will be a Veterans' Day cake. The dinner will celebrate Past National Commander Brett Reistad's successful year as head of the American Legion.** Join us in thanking him for serving as National Commander. You can pay by check. Make checks payable to: 17th District American Legion and mail to:

Tommy Powell
1623 Woodmoor Lane
McLean, VA 22101-5160

Tickets Purchased in Advanced are \$25.00 each



Post Veterans Day Celebration
November 11, 2018
11:00 AM



Legion Auxiliary 176

Unit 176 is pleased to announce our new Vice President is Susan Hedrick. She is a real asset to our Unit. The General Membership Meeting is being moved to November 12 to accommodate **Election Day. Don't forget to vote.**

Prior to our November meeting at 6:30 PM, we will hold a Poppy Service to honor our dear friends, Mary Steele, Mildred Layne, and Eleanor Williams who have been called to the High Command in the Sky. We will hold our regular meeting following the Poppy Service.

Our Unit's first tailgate is October 6. Washington is playing New England. Our other tailgate dates are October 20, December 1, and December 15. The starting time for tailgates is 1:00 PM. Join us for a great time. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with our Legion Family and working together towards common goals.

For God and Country, Stephanie Dabbe, President

OFFICE	NAME	OFFICE	NAME
President	Stephanie Dabbe	Chaplain	Vacant
Vice President	Susan Hedrick	Sergeant-at-Arms	Mary Siwik
Secretary	Floy Lipscomb	Membership	Coleen Austin (Temp)
Treasurer	Coleen Austin	Historian	Rita Newbegin

Hours of

Warrior Café

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

Sunday
8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Friday Night
Dinner
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Tier-1 Lounge

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

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

Sunday
12:00 PM - 9:00 PM



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YOUTH & CHILDREN'S

Boy Scouts	Troop 1344	Troop1344.org
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Youth and Family Help



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Virginia Department of Veterans Services

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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POST 176 EVENTS SCHEDULE

November 2019: Veterans Month

3	1:00 pm	Tailgate Redskins - Bills EM: SAL
5	All Day	Election Day
6	7:00 PM	Bridge
7	7:00 PM	Cribbage
10	6:00 PM	Department Commanders Dinner Post 176 FORMAL WEAR
11	11:00 AM	Veterans Day Celebration Joint VFW/AL w VFW Lead FORMAL WEAR
12	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Legion Riders General Membership and Auxiliary meetings
14	7:00 PM	Cribbage
16	8:00 AM 1:00 PM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast Chapter. 353 Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting
19	7:00 PM	EXCOM and Sons of The American Legion meetings
20	7:00 PM	Bridge
21	7:00 PM	Cribbage
28	5:00 PM	Thanksgiving Dinner
28	7:00 PM	Cribbage
30	10:00 PM	PR Planning Meeting

December 2019: Freedom Month

1	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Carolina EM Auxiliary
3	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Legion Riders Meeting General Membership and Auxiliary Meetings
4	7:00 PM	Bridge
5	7:00 PM	Cribbage
7	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast
10	1:30 PM 7:30 PM	Blood Drive Sons of The American Legion meeting
13	5:30 PM	Classic Christmas Dinner With Kings Park Concert Band
14	ALL DAY	Wreaths Across America
15	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Philadelphia EM: Auxiliary
17	7:00 PM	EXCOM
18	7:00 PM	Bridge
19	7:00 PM	Cribbage
22	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Giants EM Legion
25	All Day	Christmas - Post 176 Closed
29	1:00 PM	Tailgate Redskins vs Dallas EM Riders
31	4:00 PM	New Years Eve Gala/KARAOKE T-One Lounge
24	7:00 PM	Cribbage
25 - 27	All Day	VA Fall Conference Double Tree Hotel Williamsburg VA

January 2020: New Year Month

1	All Day	New Years Day - Post 176 Closed
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Tier-1

KARAOKE

Joe Clay

8:30 PM until Closing

Saturday, Nov 16, 2019

Saturday, Nov 30, 2019

Saturday, Dec 14, 2019

Saturday, Dec 28, 2019



Thanksgiving at the Post

Nov 28, 2019

5:00 PM-Til

Turkey Furnished

Pot Luck

Bring a Dish to Share

New Years Eve Gala

DEC 31, 2019

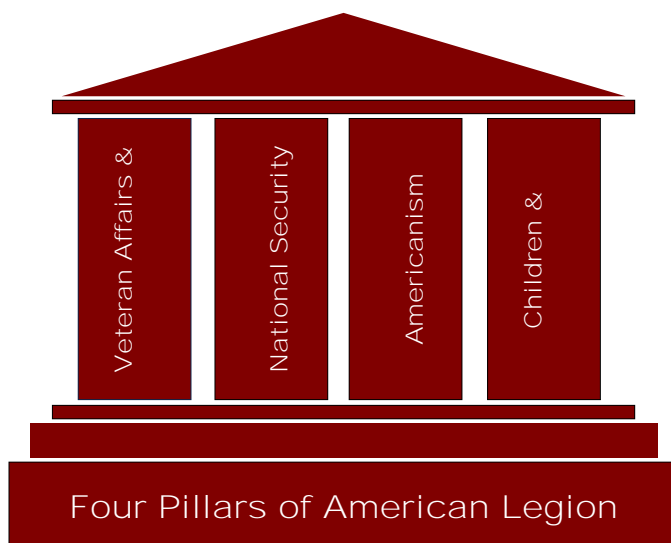




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