



Post Script

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From the Desk of the Commander

Wow! January 2020 is here already! I am excited about the year ahead. There are so many great things to look forward to. Come join us at our social events. Volunteer and get involved in making a difference in the lives of youth in our area. Reach out and help a Veteran in need. All are more than worthy causes. Thank you for all you do to make a difference. Read through this newsletter. Keep it close at hand for information about upcoming events. Most of all, come to our Café for a meal, hang out in our Social Quarters, and visit and enjoy our new games. See you there!

For God and Country.



Site Picture

A lot has happened over the past year. Over 75% of our members have renewed their membership. Membership is important to who we are and what we do. Congress has passed a resolution to extend Legion membership to all veterans who have served from December 7, 1941, to the present. President Trump has signed the resolution into law. Now, these veterans can join a veteran-serving organization.

There has been lots of changes at the Post: A new area for the dumpsters, a new area for outdoor activities, and an outdoor storage CONEX box. We plan to expand the Tier-1 Lounge to provide more space for charitable gaming. New Market-Grover Entertainment has offered to financially support to the expansion.

The American Legion Centennial Plus One 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

❖ Post CENTENNIAL + ONE March 14, 2020 ❖

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://www.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

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 20	Martin Luther King, Jr Day
Jan 27	U.S.—Vietnam Cease Fire
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 17	Presidents' Day
Feb 22	Washington's Birthday
Feb 23	Flag raised on Iwo Jima

POST 176 CENTENNIAL + ONE CELEBRATION



Post Historian

In less than three months, Post 176 will be celebrating the ‘100th anniversary plus One’ of the American Legion. The night of Saturday, 14 March 2020 will be the major celebration of the 100th anniversary plus One of the American Legion with dining, dancing, a guest speaker and an evening of comradeship.

For God and Country Bob Loach, Historian



From the Ledger Domain

Time flies when you are having fun. Well over two-thirds of Post Membership has renewed their membership. Membership is probably our fifth most important Pillar and provides a foundation of who we are and what we do for Community, State and Nation.

You may have heard about the **Legion’s Resolution to extend membership to veterans who have served from December 7, 1941.** The resolution passed and anyone who served in the military at least one day of active duty is eligible to join the American Legion.

Great changes continue to happen to our Post. The National Office of the American Legion asked us to

provide space for a program called Tele-Health. This program is a joint venture with the Veterans Administration and Philips Corp. Philips will provide equipment to allow veterans to conduct a doctor visit within our Post home.

Our plan to expand the Tier I Lounge is on hold because we have other issues to address. Our storage capability has improved with us acquiring a CONEX. We will be building a new garden shed for our lawn equipment.

New Market-Grover Entertainment has provided financial support to us recently in an effort to increase revenues.

On a personal note, many of you know Bob Eidsvoog was diagnosed with cancer and has been receiv-

ing treatment at INOVA Schar cancer center. The treatment will end in January, at which time the doctors will assess his situation. He thanks you for your prayers and well wishes. Prayers works and he is encouraged by the outpouring of support. Bob is still fighting and believe that he will win this fight.

The American Legion (TAL) 100th + One Year is here making it very important that we encourage members to renew early to show our support for the historical significance of TAL and all it has done for Veterans and their families.

For God and Country
Jon Taylor
Finance Officer



Legion Auxiliary 176

The next Auxiliary meeting will be on January 7, 2020. The Post Auxiliary donated toys to the Red Cross to be distributed to children at Walter Reed National Medical Center. Special thanks to Auxiliary member, Rita Newbegin, for making this happen!

I wish everyone a safe and happy New Year and thanks for the assistance we have received.
For God and Country, Stephanie Dabbe, President

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



Red Cross Blood Drive



in Honor of Comrade Joe Finch

Tuesday, February 11, 2020; 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 **February 11, 2020**
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



Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteer judges, timers, escorts, and others for the Post's January 2020 Oratorical Contest. Contact me at Second-Vice@post176.org. James Martin is assisting me with Boys State. Volunteers are also needed for Junior Shooting Sports & Youth Cadet Law Enforcement. The American Legion has developed guidance to help you in all these endeavors.

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 encourage you to pay your dues if you have not renewed for 2020. If you are unsure, contact me **or any Post officer. We'd be glad to assist.**

Please mail checks to:

American Legion Post 176
S.A.L. Membership Chair
6520 Amherst Ave
Springfield, VA 22150

At last year's 48th National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion, in Indianapolis, increasing the national per capita dues was discussed. National dues haven't increased since 1982.

This is a well needed change. We need a thriving and sustaining organization and that can only be accomplished if we work together and have the resources. This motion was passed and will go into effect June 2020. Dues across the country will increase in 2020 - 2021. We will discuss membership dues at the January 14th meeting and vote at the February 11th meeting for the motion to take effect in the following year.

The plan is to increase membership dues to \$35.00 for regular members, \$30.00 for dual members, and \$20.00 for youth members. A survey of other squadrons in our district shows we are on the low end for annual dues and the increase would bring us in line with our counterparts.

We are encouraging participation by our members to join us in this discussion and voting on this topic.

For God and Country,
Tyler Vanice
Squadron Adjutant

Department of Virginia
Spring Conference



Feb 28 — Mar 2, 2020

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

**New Years
Candlelight Dinner**

January 17, 2020

6:00 PM

In the Elegant Banquet Hall



Lobster Tail/Steak \$25

Entertainment GMU Mason Arts Productions

Community Welcome



Post 176

Tier-1 Lounge
January 25, 2020

\$8.00

Contest Judging begins at 4:00 PM

**Valentine Day
Recognition Dinner**



February 14, 2020

Post 176

5:30 PM

Community Welcome



ALR continues to have successful tail-gates. 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 2020. We're always looking for new members.

Get the word out.

For God and Country, Craig Hendrickson
Director

Post 176 Legion Riders

President's Day Parade

February 17, 2020

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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 2 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 2, 2020
 Charles P. Buettner, 17th District Chaplain
 American Legion Post 177
 3939 Oak Street
 Fairfax, VA 22030
 703-868-0580; 703-273-2250; cbuettner@verizon.net



Post 176 Service Officer

Thanks to our VA&R budget, we were able to help three low income families for the Thanksgiving holiday. We delivered turkey baskets with potatoes, vegetables and desserts to the Murray, Johnson, and Morales families (with a total of six dependent children).

For Christmas, the Post and Auxiliary provide stipends and gifts for veterans who cannot afford to buy presents for their children. Families who receive stipends are vetted by the Service Officer.

Ali Nikolai
 Service Officer





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
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



Post 176



YOUTH & CHILDREN'S

Boy Scouts	Troop 1344	Troop1344.org
Boys State	Marty Pfeifer	SecondVice@post176.org
Girls State	Floy Lipscom	Auxiliary
Baseball	Jon Taylor	financeofficer@post176.org
Sea Scout Ship 1176	Chairman 1st Mate Adair Petty	Paul.a.petty2.civ@gmail.mil
Cadet Law Enforcement		
Oratorical	MartyPfeifer	SecondVice@post 176.org
Civil Air Patrol	Lt Col William Eliason	dc045.natcapwing.org



American Legion Auxiliary Virginia Girls State will be held on the campus of Longwood University, Farmville, VA, June 21-27, 2020. ALA Unit 176 has sent six girls in the past. Candidates must be rising seniors (juniors) selected from Edison, Lee, or West Springfield High Schools. 17th District arranges for

bus transportation to and from Girls State. Our Auxiliary pays the girl's \$375 registration and \$50 transportation fees. The girls learn about Virginia's government by being divided into "cities" and electing their governing officers from among their peers.

For God and Country, Floy Lipscom



Virginia Department of Veteran Services (VDS)

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 2020: New Years Month

1	Closed All Day	Enjoy the Holiday
2	7:00 PM	Cribbage
7	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Legion Riders Meeting General Membership and Auxiliary Meetings
8	7:00 PM	Bridge
11	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast
14	7:00 PM	Sons of The American Legion Meeting / EXCOM
15	7:00 pm	Bridge
16	7:00 PM	Cribbage
17	6:00 PM	New Year Candlelight Dinner/Dance
18	1:00 PM	Chapter 353 Military Order of The Purple Heart Meeting
20	12:00 PM	District Renewal Phone Blast
21	7:00 pm	EXCOM
23	7:00 pm	Cribbage
25	4:00 PM	Chili Cook Off
30	7:00 PM	Centennial Planning Meeting

February 2020: Americanism Month

2	10:30 AM	Four Chaplains Memorial Post 177
2	6:00 PM	The Super Bowl LIV Event Manager will be Post 176 House Committee See E-News
4	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Legion Riders Meeting General Membership and Auxiliary Meetings
5	7:00 PM	Bridge
6	7:00 PM	Cribbage
8	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces breakfast
11	1:30 PM	Blood Drive
11	7:00 PM	Sons of The American Legion Meeting
13	7:00 PM	Cribbage
14	5:30 PM	Valentines Day Dinner
15	1:00 PM	Chapter 353 Military Order of The Purple Heart Meeting
17	All Day	Presidents Day Parade / Legion Riders Participate
18	7:00 PM	EXCOM
19	7:00 PM	Bridge
20	7:00 PM	Cribbage
Feb 28 - Mar 2	All Day	Department Spring Conference

March 2020: Community Service Month

14	5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Centennial + One Social Hour Centennial + One Celebration and Dance
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Tier-1 Lounge Events

KARAOKE

Joe Clay
8:30 PM until Closing

Jan 11, 2020
Jan 25, 2020
Feb 08, 2020
Feb 22, 2020
Mar 07, 2020
Mar 21, 2020



Special Thanks

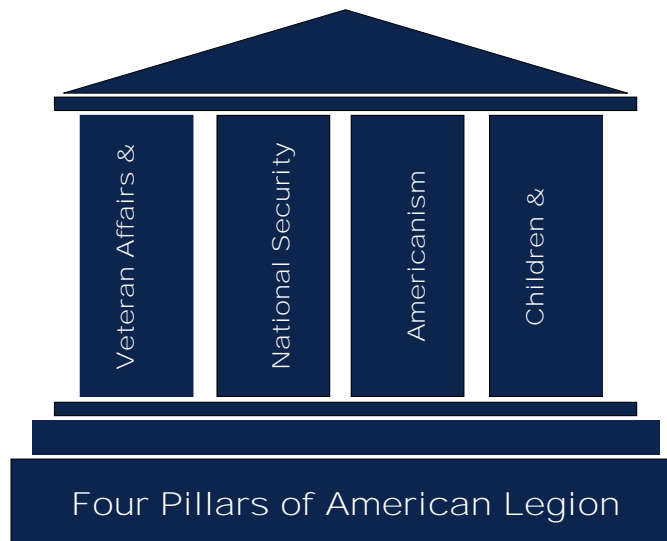
to
Bob Sylvia
for Donating His
Time & Cooking Skill
for 2019 Tailgates
Car Shows. Etc.



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