



# Post Script

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## From the Desk of the Commander

Welcome to March. I guess that means winter is over!

We had some great Post events at the Post in the past couple of months and the future also looks busy.

A highlight this month will be the opening of Project Atlas: a video VA clinic inside Post 176. It will operate by appointment.

From dinners to Car Shows, we have something for you.

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 are in full swing, Our February 1, 2020, goal was to be at 90%. We are at 93%. Good for us. We can't rest on our laurels. There are over 98 members who haven't renewed. JUST DO IT!

No need to wait. Renew today and your membership will extend to December 31, 2020. 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.org](http://www.legion.org) and click on the renew button. It is safe and it's automated, far easier than writing a check and putting a check in the mail.

For God and Country

Bob Eidsvoog, 1st Vice Commander

## Post 176 Centennial + One Celebration

## 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

8 Mar	Daylight Saving Time Begins
15 Mar	The American Legion Birthday
17 Mar	St. Patrick's Day
19 Mar	Start of Op Iraqi Freedom
6 Apr	US Entry into WWI
10 Apr	Legion Auxiliary Birthday
12 Apr	Easter Sunday
15 Apr	Tax Day

# American Legion post 176 Centennial + One Celebration



## Legacy & Vision

### Centennial + One Celebration

March 14, 2020

Social Hour 5:30 PM until 6:00 PM

### Ceremony Dinner & Dance

6:00 PM until 7:30 PM

6:00 PM-6:30 PM Ceremony

Speaker Bob Loach Historian

Admission \$20.00

Cash Bar

Buffet

Post 176

Casual Legion Dress

American  
Members/



Legion  
Guests/

Music by Nitehawks Swing Band

Celebrating 100 and One years of service to the community, state,  
Historian

The Post has won the second consecutive best history narrative award and, as Historian, I would like to thank those who have made this possible: Comrade Paul Kaepfel provided the Post Script with information on Post activities and Comrade Theron Patrick provided email and web information on what was happening in the post, in real time. Without their dedication, the Post histories would not be doing as well as it has for the last couple of years.

For God and Country, Bob Loach, Post Historian

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## Post 176 Springfield VA Project Atlas



For those who don't know or remember, Project ATLAS is a Veterans Administration and Philips Corporation project to provide equipment and space for veterans to conduct virtual telehealth examinations with remote VA care teams and specialists,

American Legion Post 176, Springfield, VA, is first American Legion Post to receive ATLAS. The room will be open to all veterans by appointment. Your Post is taking this action to aid and support our fellow veterans. More info to come. See E-NEWS

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES

# OPENING JUNE 4, 2020

FORT BELVOIR,



A Great Army Deserves a Great  
**MUSEUM**





# Red Cross Blood Drive

in Honor of Comrade Joe Finch

Tuesday, April 14, 2020  
1:30PM to 7:30PM



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 **April 14, 2020**. **If you can't make an appointment, come anyway.** There are always open spots.

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

June 9      Aug 11      Oct 13      Dec 8

## Service Officer

Thanks to our VA&R budget, we are continuing to help veterans in need. Additionally, we continue to be involved with AmericaServes. We were able to provide funds for two referrals we received to help with rent and work-essential equipment. Besides financial aid, we also provided claims assistance and help with disability benefits to several of our local veterans, including Past Commander Dick Vatter and two Vietnam War veterans now in long-term care. Anyone needing assistance can contact me ([ServiceOfficer@post176.org](mailto:ServiceOfficer@post176.org)) or my associate, Bob White, at [etihwr2@verizon.net](mailto:etihwr2@verizon.net). Bob can also be reached Monday thru Friday from 0900 to 1900 at 240-898-4011 to help with your claim.

For God and Country, Ali Nikolai, Service Officer

## Fort Belvoir Retiree Council Meetings

April 16      June 18      August 20      October 15      December 10

Military Retiree Appreciation Day



The Auxiliary is starting a long term project to provide support to the patients, and their families, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. There is a box in the Social Quarters where donations can be placed. The emphasis is providing items that are not covered in normal medical care. Some of the items are:

Travel size toiletries for men & women (including: Electric shavers and after shave lotion, deodorant, mouthwash (alcohol free), toothpaste & brushes, 2 in 1 shampoo & conditioner)

See E-NEWS for extensive list

Auxiliary Historian Rita Newbegin is leading up the effort and will deliver these donations. If you can provide any of them, please bring them to the Auxiliary meetings at 7:30 PM.

For God and Country      Stephanie Dabbe, President

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



## Sons of the American Legion

Commander Steele resigned to attend other obligations. First Vice Commander, Marty Pfeifer, will lead the squadron, with Jay Rodriguez's assistance. Thanks to Past Commander Steele for his service to the squadron. A few of us attended the January Mid-Winter Conference, the Four Chaplains Memorial Service, at Post No. 177, and the February Spring Conference. Some of us will also attend the S.A.L. District Meeting, on March 15. You are invited.

The Homecoming for National Commander Clint Bolt is on April 17-19, at the Norfolk Waterside Sheraton Hotel, in Norfolk, VA. Having a local National Commander is a great honor. We should support him by attending. More information can be found at [vasons.org](http://vasons.org).

As of January 31, we have 120 members and only 108 renewals or new members. Please renew immediately. If you know anyone who is eligible to join the Sons, sign them up!

For God and Country, Tyler Vanice Adjutant



## From the Ledger Domain

Paying down on the mortgage was discussed at the January General Membership Meeting. A motion was made and passed to modify a previous vote so we pay \$100,000 per year, subject to our cash situation permitting the payment. An immediate payment of \$100,000 was made and another \$100,000 will be made this summer. Our mortgage balance, after the payment just made, is \$253,712.

At the meeting, I informed the members the Dentz Trust money invested with Edward Jones has grown significantly, with the market rise. I proposed we use \$20,000 to make special donations of \$2500 to eight highly rated organizations we supported last year: Fisher House, USO Warrior and Family Center, Hope for the Warriors, American Legion Child Welfare Fund, Army Emergency Relief Fund, Air Force Aid Society, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. The motion passed and the donations have been made.

See you at the post. Jon Taylor, Finance Officer

## Department of Virginia Spring Conference



Feb 28 - March 2, 2019

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

For more information and registration

<https://valegion.org/tools-and-media/calendar/>



## Legion Riders Post 176

I would like to thank the Legion Family members who attended the Riders' tailgates. With your support, we can help veterans and the community. Spring is around the corner and the Riders will have plenty of events. Planning has started on in-state and national Legacy rides. Rolling to Remember, formally Rolling Thunder, will be held 24 May. We will support the Honor Flights, when they begin. If you ride a motorcycle and are looking for a great group of people with whom to ride, join us.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month, in the Café, at 6:00 PM. Check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ALRidersPost176Virginia>.

Craig Hendrickson, Director ALR 176

# 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



# Post 176

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S



Boy Scouts	Troop 1344	Troop1344.org
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Girls State	Floy Lipscom	Auxiliary
Baseball	Jon Taylor	financeofficer@post176.org
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### 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](mailto:puppyparent@warriorcanineconnectin.org)

## Post 176 Easter Buffet



April 12, 2019

\$10.00

8:00AM until 2:00PM



## US Department of Veterans Affairs

Hot Line



## 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

Address: 6564 Loisdale Ct.; Suite 301 Springfield, VA 22150; 703-417-9090

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# POST 176 EVENTS SCHEDULE

## March: Community Service Month

1-2	ALL DAY	Department Spring Conference
3	6:00 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	7:00 AM	Sons of The American Legion Meeting
12	7:00 PM	Cribbage
14	6:00 PM	Centennial + One Celebration Dinner/Dance
17	7:00 PM	EXCOM
18	7:00 pm	Bridge
19	10:00 PM	Job Fair
19	7:00 PM	Cribbage
20	5:30 PM	St Patrick Dinner/Cafe
21	1:00 PM	Chapter 353 Military Order of the Purple Heart
26	7:00 PM	Cribbage

## April: Children and Youth Month

1	7:00 PM	Bridge
2	7:00 PM	Cribbage
4	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast
7	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Legion Riders Meeting General Membership and Auxiliary Meetings
9	7:00 PM	Cribbage
10	5:30 PM	American Legion Auxiliary Dinner/Cafe
12	8:00 AM	Easter Buffet
14	1:30 PM	Blood drive
14	7:00 PM	Sons of The American legion meeting
15	7:00 pm	Bridge
16	7:00 PM	Cribbage
18	1:00 PM	Chapter 353 Military Order of the Purple Heart
21	7:00 PM	EXCOM
23	7:00 PM	Cribbage
30	7:00 PM	Cribbage

## May: Auxiliary Month

8	6:00 PM	Hometown Country Music Festival
10	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Mother's Day Buffet Crusin' Company Car Show

American Legion Post 176 is a Tobacco free Post

## Tier-1 Lounge

### KARAOKE

Joe Clay  
8:30 PM until Closing

Mar 7, 2020

Mar 21, 2020

Apr 11, 2020

Apr 25, 2020



## Hometown Country Music Festival

Country Buffet  
May 8, 2019

### “Stealing the Deal”

\$20.00

6:00PM

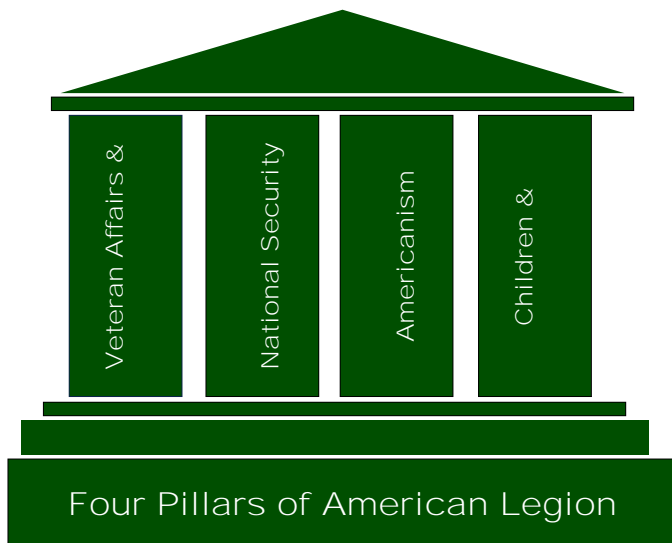
Cash Bar



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