



Post Script

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From the Desk of the Commander

Change continues to drive how we operate. But, sometimes change is good. We are operating our Social Quarters in the Banquet Hall which allows us to operate almost normally. There are some new faces around the Post as we continue to modernize and make much needed repairs. We will add a DJ instead of Karaoke for weekend evening entertainment. We will have a **Patriot's Day dinner on September 11 and an Early Bird dinner on October 2.** The Early Bird dinner is free to Post 176 family members (Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL) with a 2021 membership card and your spouse / partner is invited to attend with you. Project ATLAS Grand Opening is now scheduled for September 22. See you at our Post. For God and Country, Dennis W. Madtes, Commander



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Important Dates

2 Sep	Japan Surrenders
7 Sep	Labor Day
11 Sep	Patriot Day
17 Sep	Citizenship Day
18 Sep	POW/MIA Recognition Day
27 Sep	Gold Star Mom's Day
12 Oct	Columbus Day
27 Oct	Navy Day

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**.

AUXILIARY



Unit 176 hopes that you had a wonderful summer. Even though we could not have our Poppy Distribution this year, the good news is that contributions to the Poppy Fund are accepted all year round. All of these funds are only used for veterans and active duty military. Due to the Pandemic and our inability to hold elections, the Auxiliary board of Officers will remain in office for the coming 2020-2021 year. I want to thank each of you to continued service. We have been emailing and telephoning each other to keep our spirits up. Our first meeting is scheduled on **September 1, 2020 at 7:30 PM. In closing please stay safe and I can't wait to see you all again.** For God and Country, Stephanie Dabbe, Auxiliary President. Unit 176

Office	Name	Office	Name
President	Stephanie Dabbe	Chaplain	Rebecca Campbell
Vice President	Susan Hedrick	Sergeant-at-Arms	Mary Siwik
Secretary	Floy Lipscomb	Membership	Coleen Austin
Treasurer	Coleen Austin	Historian	Rita Newbegin



Post Activities Update

COVID-19 has delayed the ability of many businesses and contractors to respond in a timely manner to requests for service and repairs.

Mike has been diligent in performing the necessary follow up to ensure requests our requests for service and repairs are completed as soon as possible in a satisfactory manner.

1. The awning has been installed on the patio upstairs.
2. The elevator has been repaired and was inspected in August.
3. Improvements to our Information Technology systems are underway. Jim Fisher and Theron Patrick have conducted an assessment of our existing systems and equipment. Some of our equipment is out of date and no longer suitable for use. Some computers are still running Windows 7 which is no longer supported by Microsoft, posing a security threat. Usernames and passwords will be required to sign on to our system enhancing user accountability and security.
4. Phase 3 operations have begun. We are remaining in the "Big Room" that gives us more space for "social distancing" until bar seating is permitted.
5. We have signed a service contract with JarTrek, our point of sales system provider. This will give us 24/7 assistance and enable us to provide training to users of the system.
6. We are gradually getting groups that have used the post pre-COVID-19 into their schedules. The Cribbage Club and others have returned to the post.
7. We have signed a contract to repair the patio which is leaking into the storage space.

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Sons of The American Legion



I hope all of you are doing well. The Legion year is going to be a slow **start compared to previous years due to Coronavirus, but that doesn't mean you can't renew early. The American Legion is different in that**

our yearly calendar starts in July, and many posts and squadrons prefer members to renew early.

The last half of last year February-June (see what I mean?), was a weird year but we managed to pull through. The Sons ended the year with 154 paid members. Thank you everyone for being a part of the family and we hope to top that number this year.

It gives me great honor to not only serve you as Squadron Adjutant and District Commander but also as Detachment Vice Commander for the Northern Region of Virginia. The Detachment held its elections on July 18 and I was installed as Vice Commander. Our close friend, Victor Graulau from Squadron 28 (previously 162) was installed as Detachment Commander and we hope to have a wonderful year.

As a reminder, the dues have increased starting this year. **Commander Jason Rodriguez is the Membership Chair this year, but I'll be assisting him throughout the year.**

The Sons membership dues are as follow:

\$35.00 Regular Members

\$30.00 Dual Members

\$25.00 Youth Members (under 18)

The Sons are planning on holding its Fourth Annual Pig Roast September 19, 2020. This event will be outside to allow social distancing. We would greatly appreciate your support and welcome you to join us. There will be plenty of food, drinks, and entertainment.

For God and Country, Tyler Vanice, Detachment Adjutant

Jason Rodriguez SALCommander@post176.org	Commander	Marty Pfeifer SALFirstVice@post176.org	First Vice Commander
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Post *Activities* Update continued

8. We have hired new bartenders, Hannah, Karin, and Dee. These new employees have been well received by our members. We also need some full-time bartenders to work when our schoolteachers, Hannah and Dee, return to teaching in September, Please stop in and say hello to them.

For God and Country, Marty Pfeifer, Post 176 General Manager.



Red Cross Blood Drive

in Honor of Comrade Joe Finch

Tuesday, October 13, 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 **October 13, 2020**.

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:

POST 176 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

General Membership Meeting (GMM), 1 st Tuesday of each month	7:00 PM
EXCOM Meeting, 3 rd Tuesday of each month	7:00 PM
Legion Riders Meet, 1 st Tuesday of every month Game Room	6:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting, 1 st Tuesday of each month (September to June) Warrior Café	7:00 PM
Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Meeting, the 2 nd Tuesday of each month (September to June) Game Room	7:00 PM
Monthly National Capitol Area Ranger & Special Forces Breakfast, 2 nd Saturday of each month, except National Holiday Weekends, then breakfast on the 3 rd Saturday	8:00 AM
Bridge Club Meeting, 1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays in Warrior Café	7:00 PM
Cribbage, every Thursday	7:00 PM
Yoga Classes, every Monday, except for federal holidays. Contact sticley.michael@gmail.com for information	7:00 PM-8:00 PM
Purple Heart Chapter 353 - 3 rd Saturday of the month except for July, August and December at 1300 in upstairs meeting room.	1:00 PM
Blood Drive, 2 nd Tuesday every even numbered month.	1:30PM-7:30 PM

General Membership Meetings

In accordance with Article XIII OF the Post 176 By-Laws

General Membership meetings are open to all members in good standing. Members include any **Legionnaire, Auxiliary, Son's of the American Legion** or Rider of the American Legion member of Post 176 or any American Legion Post in good standing.

A member in good standing is defined as one who has paid his/her Annual dues by 1 January of the applicable year.

ONLY MEMBERS ARE PERMITTED TO SPEAK AND VOTE



WEAR YOUR MASK

Some event that are normally conducted inside the Post will be conducted outside in the Patio area, to comply with COVID-19 guidance

American Legion Riders Post 176.

Your Riders are still active during these difficult times. We made a monetary donation to Willing Warriors, a retreat for wounded, ill and disabled veterans to spend time with family and friends located in Haymarket, Va. July 11th saw Riders participate in a poker run for Post 150. July 16-18 saw the Riders participate in the In-State Legacy Run and State Rally. Six Riders took part in the ride and rally with 3 additional Riders joining them at the rally. Charity rides that were postponed in the spring will hopefully return this fall.

Craig Hendrickson, Director ALR 176.



2020 Northern Virginia
Veterans Independent Baseball League
Post 176
Springfield, Virginia



Top (L-R): Coach Rick Boddie, Coach Rick McElligott, Wayne Romero, Mike Weidinger, Connor Hogan, Hunter McElligott, Manager Al Vaxmonsky
Middle (L-R): Joe Weidinger, Liam Post, Tyler Grunzke, Jeff Beavers, Alec Reilly, Coleman Grehawick
Bottom (L-R): Kyle Fletcher, Jacob Baines, Jack O'Grady, Andrew Yoon
(Not in photo: Ryan Miles)

Despite the COVID-19 situation that we face, the Post 176 baseball team participated in the Northern Virginia Veterans Independent Baseball League. Six teams from the 17th District participated. Additional games were held on weekends against teams from Stafford, Spotsylvania, Damascus, Winchester, Martinsburg, Culpepper, and Annapolis.

Our team was comprised of players that attended 6 local high schools (West Springfield, Lake Braddock, South County, R.E. Lee/now John Lewis, Bishop Ireton, and Thomas Jefferson). 12 of the 15 players on the team will be playing on college baseball teams next season.

Our Post 176 Team is the Champion of the Northern Virginia Veterans Independent Baseball League

The Team had to win both of the last two Saturday games against Arlington Post 139 in order to be the champs and they did! * 12-3 in game 1 and * 2-1 in Game 2 - Coach Vax said "We played some of best baseball Saturday."
The team ended the season with a record of 13 wins and 3 losses. Congratulations to the Team.



Post 176 Springfield VA

Project ATLAS



The Grand Opening Has Been Postponed to September 22, 2020

Veterans Affairs and The American Legion have teamed up in a new opportunity called ATLAS (Accessing Telehealth Local Area Stations) to offer VA care in communities where Veterans may face challenges to receiving care from the nearest VA facility, such as long travel times due to heavy traffic.

As part of the innovative ATLAS program, The American Legion Post 176 ATLAS site will be the 1st Post in the U.S. to offer a convenient location to have video appointments with VA providers closer to home – saving travel time and transportation costs! The VA delivers the clinical care, while the Post 176 provides a private appointment room that is fully equipped with the necessary technology to connect remotely with a VA care team.

PATRIOT DAY
DINNER
American Legion
Post 176
Friday
Sep 11, 2020
5:00 to 7:00 PM
50/50 at 7 PM



EARLY BIRD DINNER
FRIDAY October 2, 2021
American Legion Post 176
5:00 to 7:00 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.
50/50 at 7 PM



Halloween Party

With our own
Joey Karaoke
Joe Clay



American Legion Post 176

Springfield, VA 22150

Saturday Oct 31, 2020

Banquet Hall

6:00 PM till ***

\$20.00

50/50
Party Favors



Veterans Service Officer

Despite the current fiscal challenges, we were again able to provide financial support to two veterans in need, one in Chapter 13 bankruptcy and another unable to work due to COVID-19. In addition, we are continuing to help veterans with disability benefits and claims, and with transfers to assisted living homes and long-term care facilities. **We've also received generous donations** from members of our Post and we sincerely want to thank them. Anyone with questions about entitlements or needing to file a claim can contact me (ServiceOfficer@post176.org) or my associate, Bob White at etihwr2@verizon.net, or weekdays from 0900 to 1900 at 240-898-4011.



Ale Nikolai, Service Officer 301-266-4933

Chaplain's Corner



We had just celebrated our most important and distinguished holiday of our Nation. The 4th of July in 1776 was a cornerstone in our history. Not just for our country but for other nations as well. For on that same day institutions of freedom and light were establishing so too was the opposite countering this light. The darkness of the Illuminati (Cabal) was founded in the Eastern hemisphere on **this same date July 4, 1776. As indicated in Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."** Our Legionnaires are always guarded with the full armor of God and continue to support the American Legion's stated preambles of our American Legion's Constitution; Defend the U.S. Constitution, Maintain Law & Order, Foster Americanism, Preserve Memories of our Great Wars, Sense of obligation to our Communities, State, and Nation, Safeguard Justice, Freedom and Democracy and our Devotion to mutual Comradeship are but a few of these preambles. May the blessings be upon our American Legion Post and our members continue as we preserve principles during our upcoming holidays (Citizen Day/Constitution Day, V-J Day, POW/MIA day, Election day, Veterans day and Family week/Thanksgiving day). And, to the current attacks against the U.S., **1 Corinthians 16:13 "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."**

For God and Country, Janet Prall, Chaplain Post 176

11th Annual
Prince William Cruisers'
**'HUNDRED CAR
PILE UP'**



Hosted By
***Springfield American
Legion Post 176***

6520 Amherst Ave
Springfield, VA

Sunday, October 4, 2020

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Rain Date: October 11th

Registration is open from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
and costs \$20.00 per car.

Spectators: \$3.00, Children Under 12 FREE!

Trophies For: Top 40, Best Paint,
Best Engine, Best of Show

In Memory of: *Buddy Turner*

Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle and Music

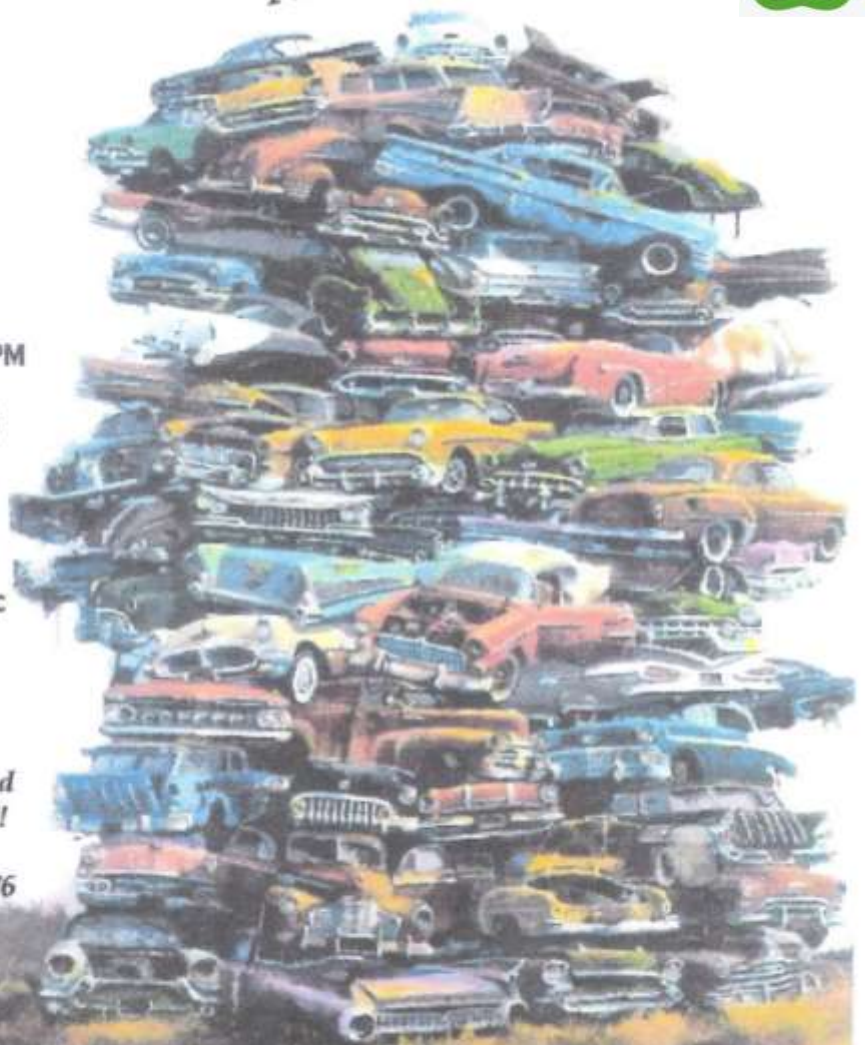
Need more information?

Call Steve: (703) 971-8455

*Alcohol, Illegal Substances, Loud Music and
Reckless Behavior WILL NOT be tolerated!*

Food Provided By American Legion Post 176

CAR SHOW
All Vehicles Welcome!





**4TH ANNUAL
SONS OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION**

**PIG
ROAST**

LOCATION

American Legion Post 176
6520 Amherst Ave
Springfield, VA 22150

TICKETS

\$20 per person
*no presale

DETAILS

Public Welcome
Live Music by The 11th Hour
Masks Required

www.facebook.com/Squadron176



SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 19

11 AM – 4 PM



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Web Master	Cribbage	Karaoke	House Committee Chairman



Date	Time	Event	EM
September 13, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Philadelphia	SAL
September 20, 2020	4:05 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Arizona Cardinals	Auxiliary
September 27, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Cleveland Browns	Riders
October 4, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Baltimore Ravens	Legion
October 11, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Los Angeles Rams	Auxiliary
October 18, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs New York Giants	Riders
October 25, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Dallas Cowboys	SAL
November 1, 2020		Bye	xxxxxx
November 8, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs New York Giants	Auiliary
November 15, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Detroit Lions	Riders
November 22, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Cincinnati Bengals	SAL
December 6, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Pittsburgh Steelers	Riders
December 13, 2020	4:25 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs San Francisco 49ers	Auxiliary
December 20, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Seattle Seahawks	Legion
December 27, 2020	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Carolina Panthers	Legion
January 3, 2021	1:00 pm	Tailgate: Redskins vs Philadelphia	SAL
February 7, 2021		Tailgate: Super Bowl	Post sponsored

Hours of

Warrior Café

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

Sunday
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Friday Night Dinner

Tier-1 Lounge

Sunday-Thursday
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday - Saturday
11:00 AM - 9:00 PM



Post 176 YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Boy Scouts	Troop 1347	Troop1347.org
Boys State	Marty Pfeifer	boysstate@post176.org
Girls State	Floy Lipscom	Auxiliary
Baseball	Dave Connolly	financeofficer@post176.org
Sea Scouts Ship 1176	Joel Davis	jdavid5151@aolcom
Youth Cadet Law Enforcement	WJ Leonard	WJLVFW1@aol.com
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Civil Air Patrol	Lt Col William Eliason	dc045.natcapwing.org

YOUTH AND FAMILY HELP

- ◆ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO)
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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



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

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Hours of Operation 6564 Loisdale Ct., Suite 301
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Veterans seen 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

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VIRGINIA
COVID-19
COMPLIANT

COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

BE INFORMED:

Know Your Risk During COVID-19

On a scale of 1 to 10, how risky is...

Ranked by physicians from the TMA COVID-19 Task Force and the TMA Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please assume that participants in these activities are following currently recommended safety protocols when possible.



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