



Post Script

American Legion Springfield ❖ Post 176 6520 Amherst Avenue ❖ Springfield, VA 22150

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July/August 2021

From the Commander's Desk

It is indeed an honor and a privilege to be elected to be your Post Commander for the coming year. I am extremely fortunate to have a talented and dedicated EXCOM to assist me in this endeavor. There are a few members that I would like to recognize for their significant contributions to Post 176 this past year.

Mike Farabaugh our Facilities Manager and Second Vice Commander, continues to keep the post in good repair and assist with events. Mike was also instrumental in keeping our post open during COVID-19 restrictions. Mike's dedication to our post sets an example for others to follow.

Carl Simchick has performed the role of Adjutant and filled in as Finance Officer. He has ensured we are current in filing our taxes and provided informational financial reports to the EXCOM and General Membership. Going forward, Carl will be our Finance Officer and Denise White will assume the duties as our Post Adjutant.

Erica Escobar, our Café and Events Manager, has done an outstanding job managing the café and kitchen staff as well as booking and coordinating events that improve our revenue stream. She works the hours required to get the job done and this is greatly appreciated.

Dennis Madtes, our Past Commander, has provided outstanding leadership for the past three years. Dennis has led the Membership Team to another year of 100% membership at the largest post in the Department of Virginia. He has also been of great assistance to me during my tenure as Interim General Manager during some challenging times. I want to thank Dennis for all he has done for Post 176, and I plan to keep him engaged during the coming year.

At the Installation of the new EXCOM at the June 1, 2021 General Membership meeting, I recommended that we adopt the motto **"Forward Together"** to remind us that every individual is important and that their contributions make a difference.

Post 176 has both a **quantitative** and **qualitative** advantage that we must leverage. We are the largest post by membership in the Department of Virginia and our members are extremely talented. Let's rededicate ourselves in service to others. By serving others, we also serve ourselves.

Thanks! For God and Country, Marty Pfeifer, Commander

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What's Happening at the Post?

Post 176 publishes a weekly email newsletter that will keep you informed of 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.

SUBSCRIBE to Post 176 E-News

Important Dates

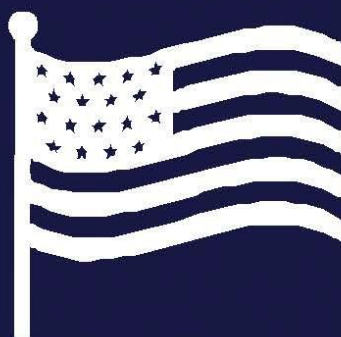
2 JUL	US Army Air Force Corps 1926
4 JUL	Independence Day
27 JUL	Korean War Ends
1 AUG	Armed Forces Day
2 AUG	Operation Desert Shield 1990
2 AUG	Gulf of Tonkin Vietnam 1964
4 AUG	Coast Guard Birthday
7 AUG	Purple Heart Day
15 Aug	V-J Day 1945

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

American Legion
Post 176

\$8.00 per Person

Picnic Style Food



50/50

Door Prizes

DJ Tom Hoefs

On The Patio



3 July 2021

1 PM - 5 PM



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First Vice Commanders Report

You are to be commended. We're over 100 percent of our membership goal! This level of reengagement is because of Post activities and our commitment to veterans. We want to continue encouraging relapsed and potential members to sign up. The easiest way to renew your membership is online. Go to www.legion.org and click the renew button. It is automated, safe, and you do not have to put a letter in the mail or write a check. Better yet, get a lifetime membership and you won't have to renew your membership to obtain all the benefits of being a Post member. Those members who renew by October 1, 2021, will be eligible for the Early Bird Dinner.

For God and Country, Kevin Gaddis, First Vice Commander

Second Vice Commanders Report

Relaxed COVID restrictions allowed American Legion Post 176 to work with a group of youth organizations to begin projects and activities within the Post and Community.

In May, Post 176 and the Son's of The American Legion Post 176 sponsored the Cub Scout's Pinewood Derby which was held on May 15th in the Post parking lot. There were over 20 registered participants that attended as well as additional spectators that arrived to watch the activity.

On June 5th, Boy Scout troop 859 assisted one of its members in earning their Eagle badge as well as provide a great service to Post 176. The Eagle Scout project consists of the troop as well as additional volunteers repainting the Fire Lanes at the Post.

June 14th, Flag Day – American Heritage Girls Troop VA1150 planned and participated in the Flag retirement function at the post.

The Post also sponsored again this year the American Legion Post 176 Baseball team. The schedule is listed in Post Script. Please come out and cheer the team to victory.

With the relaxed restrictions, the post is entertaining additional avenues to participate in additional youth programs as well as continuing with those that we have sponsored and participated in in the past.

For God and Country, Mike Farabaugh, Second Vice Commander

General Manager's Report

Good news: COVID restrictions are finally being relaxed by the Governor! We're making progress on developing an integrated Information Technology system for the post where we will have office computers and the phone system linked to a central server. This will result in better coordination between staff and leadership as we schedule the banquet hall and other Post areas for members and outside organizations to use.

We have the initial application filed with the Commonwealth's ABC board to permanently serve beer and wine outside on the patio. We anticipate final approval during the month of June. Once granted, we will be able to host activities during the summer months and membership will be able to take advantage of this welcomed addition.

A new activity for Mondays is line dancing in the banquet hall from 7:00 – 9:30 PM. Please come out and enjoy yourselves as we grow this exciting opportunity! We have a couple of new staff members to welcome to Post 176; Karla Pfleeger will be working in the Social Quarters tending bar and Kelcy Guevara is a new server working for Erica in the Warrior Café. Please say hello to our new staff. Finally, going forward through this summer the post is always in need of volunteers so if you're available please contact Mike Farabaugh or me for opportunities to help out. Thanks to all.

For God, Country, and Corps, Semper Fidelis, Rick Colvard, General Manager

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION
SPRINGFIELD POST 176
6520 Amherst Ave
SPRINGFIELD, VA 22150**

Date: Mar 30, 2021



Coach: Rick Boddie(703) 922-7293
Coach: Rick McElligott (703) 835-3913

Date	Day	Time	Field Location	Post	(School combinations)
June 29	Tues	7:00	Mann Fld, Alex	123	TC Williams, West Potomac
July 1	Thurs	7:00	Edison H.S.	139	W&L., Yorktown, Wakefield
July 3	Sat	7:00	Langley H.S.	130	Mrshal, Falls Church, G. Mas, Annandale
July 6	Tues	7:00	Lewis H.S..	270	McLean, Langley, Herndon
July 8	Thurs	7:00	Lewis H.S.	270	McLean, Langley, Herndon
July 10	Sat	7:00	Hayfield, H.S.	130	Mrshal, Falls Church, G. Mas, Annandale
July 11	Sun	2:00	Wakefield H.S.	139	W&S, Yorktown, Wakefield
July 13	Tues	7:00	Mann Fld, Alex	123	TC Williams, West Potomac
July 14-16			Reserved for Make-up Games		
July 17-24			District Tournament		Fields (TBD)
July 27-31			State Tournament		Fields (TBD)
Aug 3-7			Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament at Asheboro, NC		
Aug 11-14			World Series Tournament		Shelby, NC

** Scores standings & updates on: <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=albd17>

Warrior Canine Connection

This pioneering organization utilizes a Mission Based Trauma Recovery (MBTR) model to help recovering Warriors reconnect with life, their families, their communities, and life. By interacting with the dogs as they move from puppyhood to training to adult service dogs, Warrior Trainers benefit from a physiological and psychological animal-human connection. As a result of their efforts, Veterans with disabilities receive the finest in trained service dogs.



FOR MORE INFO

**Warrior Canine
Connection**



Red Cross Blood Drive

In Honor of Comrade Joe Finch

Tuesday, August 10th, 2021

1:30 PM to 7:30 PM

For RedCrossBlood

[CLICK HERE](#)



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 **August 10th, 2021**.

Due to Red Cross COVID regulations, you must make an appointment. No walk-ins are permitted.

Post Contact: Theron Patrick (BloodDrive@post176.org).

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

Our post is continuing to assist veterans and transitioning military members with job placement and with VA benefits and services. We also support “America Serves”, a veteran referral service with requests for financial aid. Currently, we’re looking into two requests, one from a client who needs help with medical bills because his wife has been unable to work due to complications after childbirth, and the other from a previously homeless veteran family whose cell phone was turned off and needs help paying their past-due bill. Also, one of our Post members referred a friend who’s had several surgeries in the last few months and now needs an organ transplant. He has four children, and the family set up a go-fund-me to keep them out of bankruptcy. The link is **RHFamily** for anyone who can donate. The post is expanding claims support to our veterans by providing in-person assistance two days a week at the VFW Post 7327. Times are Wednesday and Friday from 2:00-4:00 PM. To make an appointment, please contact VSOgroup@post176.org.

Ali Nikolai, ServiceOfficer@post176.org 301-266-4933 (C)

****Jobs at Post 176****

We want you! Yes, there are jobs at American Legion Post 176. We need volunteers, so do not sit at home. Come and participate in the many activities benefiting the Legion and our Legion Family. See Rick Colvard, General Manager.



Auxiliary News

On Saturday, May 29, 9 am-1 pm a poppy distribution event was held outside the Springfield Giant. There were several volunteers from the Legion family working in shifts passing out Poppy flowers to shoppers. Volunteers explained the red poppy is a sacred symbol to remind us of those who gave their lives for our freedom. On Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, an Auxiliary member read the poem “Flanders Fields” in commemoration of the holiday.

The Auxiliary will be on break for July and August. Meetings will begin again on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The Auxiliary held their installation virtually on June 3, 2021.

For God and Country, Susan Hedrick, President, Unit 176

OFFICE	NAME	OFFICE	NAME
President	Susan Hedrick	Chaplain	Lisa Wolf
Vice President	Kim Palmer	Sergeant-At-Arms	
Secretary	Floy Lipscomb	Membership	Colen Austin
Treasurer	Coleen Austin	Historian	Rita Newbegin

King's Park German Band *Practice*

July 27
7:00 PM till
9:00 PM

Come and have a Dinner
of Tacos or select from our
bar menu with delightful
German Music by a
professional Local Band
all for
your enjoyment.



Café/Social Quarters



**Café is serving a special dinner Fridays
from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM.**

**Or select from the Social Quarters complete
“Bar Menu” 4:00 PM till 8:00 PM all for your
dining pleasure.**

General Membership Meetings

Legion Family members are welcome! Per Article XI of Post 176 By-Laws: While membership meetings are for Post 176 Legionnaires, other members of the Post family may attend as guests. Guests are observers only to the meeting and may not speak or vote on any issue the general membership address. Only Post 176 Legionnaires in good standing have voting privileges. All Post 176 Legionnaires wishing to speak will wait to be acknowledged, then stand, salute the flag, address the podium, salute the flag, and be seated. Unless the Post Commander directs the meeting to be closed to just Post 176 Legionnaires in good standing, the Commander welcomes all members to the General Meeting.



The American Legion Family

Chaplain's Corner



My brother and sister Legionnaires, I am truly humbled to serve you and your families as our Post Chaplain. Being a Chaplain means to be present to you when you need me. Helping you through difficult times, celebrating your joyous occasions, and honoring your service to our Nation is at the core of my service to our Post.

If you need me for an emergency, or just want to chat, please don't hesitate to contact me.

For God, Country, and Family,
Rev. Mr. Mark F. Arbeen
Cell: (703) 597-8564
Chaplin@Post176.org

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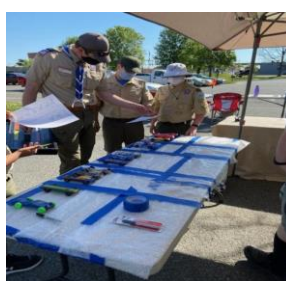
Sons of The American Legion



On 15 May, the squadron sponsored the Boy Scouts of America Colonial District's Pinewood Derby. The event was spearheaded by Kevin Campbell. Throughout the morning and afternoon, historic interpreter and SAL member, Mike Wolfe, had a stand displaying period war paraphernalia.

The Detachment is working on allowing online renewals. We hope to have this implemented during the summer but delays might occur. What this means is that one will be able to renew online without the delays of having multiple people handle and process the information. It will be a lot easier for the members and the organization as a whole. September 18th is the 6th Annual Pig Roast. We hope to see everyone attend. It is an honor to serve in this capacity once again as your Squadron Adjutant and as Detachment Vice Commander.

For God and Country, Tyler Vanice, Adjutant, Detachment Vice Commander



Jason Rodriguez SALCommander@post176.org	Commander/ Membership	Kevan Gaddis SALFirstVice@post176.org	First Vice Commander
Tyler Vanice SALAdjutant@post176.org	Adjutant	Kevin Campbell SALFinance@post176.org	Finance Officer
Erich Pfleeger SALHistorian@post176.org	Historian	Paul Kaepfel SALChaplain.post176.org	Chaplain
Floyd Cline SALSergeant-at-Arms@post176.org	Sergeant-at-Arms	Mike Wolf SALmembership@post176.org	Second Vice commander

Legion Riders

Your Riders have been out in the community. We participated in Poker runs for Post 72 in Warrenton, Willing Warriors retreat in Haymarket, as well as in the Ride to Remember. June will see us participate in the Ride for Jill's House and Virginia In-State Legacy Run. If you ride a motorcycle and are looking for a great group of people to ride with, come join us. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Check out our Facebook page American Legion Riders Post 176 Springfield VA. [Craig Hendrickson, Director ALR 176](#) [\(16\) American Legion Riders Post 176 Springfield, VA](#)

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**American Legion
San Fernando Post 176
Welcomes
Legion Riders
Chapter 176**



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Director - Craig Hendrickson	Assistant Director - Tom Boltik
Adjutant - Laura Wages	Sgt-at-Arms - Bernie Brown
Treasurer - Don Strawder	Road Captain - Dennis Jones
Chaplain - Joel Driscoll	



Post Officers & Event Managers 2021-2022

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Welcome to the

WARRIOR CAFÉ

Please be Seated

We'd like to welcome everyone to our Gold Star café.
Come to the café and enjoy our Warrior Cafe's Team service with a smile and great meals. Come one, come all, a great opportunity to dine with your family and friends.



A Great Army Deserves a Great
MUSEUM



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Marine Corps Museum

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[Marine Corps Museum](#)

Hours Of Operation Warrior Café

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

**Sunday
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Dinner
Monday thru Friday
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Social Quarters

**Monday -Thursday
2:00 PM until 10:00 PM.**

**Friday - 2:00 PM until
12:00 AM (Midnight)**

**Saturday - 11:00 AM
until 12:00 AM
Midnight)**

**Sunday -11.00 AM
until 9:00 PM.**

However, at the discretion
of the bartender on duty, it
may close earlier if there is
not sufficient business

Charitable Gaming:

Generally 10:00 AM until
Social Quarters closing.



Post 176 YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Boy Scouts	Troop 1344	Troop1344.org
Boys State	Marty Pfeifer	boysstate@post176.org
Girls State	Floy Lipscom	Auxiliary
Baseball	Albert Vaxmonsky	Manager
Sea Scouts	Joel Davis	jdavid515@aol.com
Youth Cadet Law Enforcement	WJ Leonard	wjlvfw1@aol.com
Civil Air Patrol	Maj. Luis Aponte	dc045@natcapwg.cap.gov
Junior Shooting Sports	OPEN	
Oratorical	OPEN	

Youth and Family Help



ECHO
Ecumenical Community
Helping Others

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Rd, Springfield, VA

22150

More Info → [ECHO, Inc](#)



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Hot Line
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Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS)

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:**

SEE WEB SITE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

More Info → [VirginiaDVS](#)

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Post Commander: Marty Pfeifer

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/legionpost176>

POST 176 EVENTS SCHEDULE

July 2021 Independence Month

3	1:00 PM	Independence Day Picnic
6	6:00 PM	Legion Riders Meeting
6	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting
7	7:00 PM	Bridge
8	7:00 PM	Cribbage
10	8:00 AM	NCA Range & Special Forces Breakfast
15	7:00 PM	Cribbage
17	1:30 PM	Purple Heart Chapter 353 Lunch
20	7:00 PM	EXCOM Meeting
21	7:00 PM	Bridge
22	10:00 AM	Job Fair Jobzoneonline
22	7:00 PM	Cribbage
27	7:30 PM	Kings Park German Band Rehearsal
29	7:00 PM	Cribbage

August 2021 Sons of The American Legion

1	2:00 PM	Air Force Day
3	6:00 PM	Legion Riders Meeting
3	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting
4	7:00 PM	Bridge Club/U.S. Coast Guard Birthday
5	7:00 PM	Cribbage
6	5:00 PM	Purple Heart Honorarium Dinner
10	1:30 PM	Blood Drive
12	7:00 PM	Cribbage
14	8:00AM	NCA Ranger & Special Forces Breakfast
17	7:00 PM	EXCOM
18	7: 00PM	Bridge
19	7:00 PM	Cribbage
21	1:30 PM	Purple Heart Chapter 353
26	7:00 PM	Cribbage
27	ALL DAY	National Convention Begins

Social Quarters

**Lounge
Events/DJ**

Karaoke

WITH

DJ Joe Clay

With requests

July 10 & 24

Aug 14 & 28

7:00 PM until Closing



**Post 176
Job - Zone**

**JOBS – JOBS
AND
MORE JOBS
ALL**

FOR YOU

July 22, 2021

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

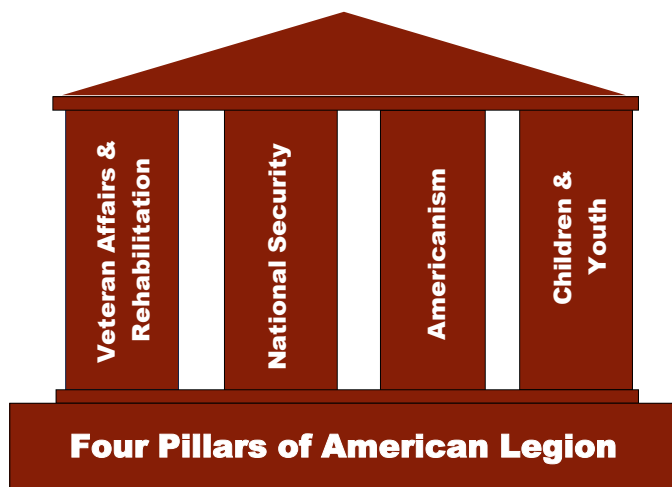
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