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From the Commander's Desk

As we enter the "Holiday Season", please remember those less fortunate. This time of year presents an opportunity for personal reflection, and I encourage everyone to celebrate our accomplishments of the past year and strive to improve the lives of veterans.

Thanks to Karla Pfleeger for volunteering as editor of the Post Script bi-monthly newsletter. For up-to-date information on Post 176 events and programs, please subscribe to the weekly blast E-news email or go to <http://post176.org/> to discover all that we offer.

I am pleased to report our IT improvements are substantially complete and significant improvements have been made to our telecom system, allowing our dedicated staff and volunteers to improve their productivity, making their jobs easier to accomplish.

During the past 10 months, we have invested over \$100,000.00 in repairs and improvements to our aging facility. We now have service contracts that both reduce the cost of repairs and have them performed quickly.

The operational tempo at Post 176 is extremely high. In the month of October, we had approximately 45 events and meetings on our electronic calendar. Other organizations are requesting use of our facilities after losing access to their previous locations.

Banquet and Café Manager, Erica Escobar, continues to do an outstanding job booking events which provide the post with needed revenue to fund our programs and essential repairs. Please thank Erica and her staff when you see them!

A search committee is being formed to hire a full-time General Manager. In the interim, Finance Officer Carl Simchick will assume the duties of GM, assisted by myself and Mike Farabaugh.

In closing, remember our motto, "**Forward Together**". We are a volunteer organization serving veterans and everyone's contributions are valued.

Thanks!

Marty Pfeifer

Commander, Post 176

We Want to Keep You Updated on What's Happening at Your Post

Post 176 publishes a weekly E-News newsletter keeping you informed of what's happening at your Post. If you are not receiving it, it means we do not have your current 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

NOV 2	Election Day
NOV 7	Daylight Saving Time Ends
NOV 10	USMC Established 1775
NOV 10	AL Auxiliary Birthday
NOV 11	Veterans Day
NOV 25	Thanksgiving Day
NOV 28	Hanukkah Begins
DEC 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
DEC 25	Christmas Day
DEC 31	New Year's Eve



First Vice Commander's Report

Post 176's and the American Legion's success depends entirely on active our membership, participation, and volunteerism. Our membership renewal and transfers are going strong. We are currently are over 70% of our Departmental goal with over 1000 members who have renewed. We have a very diversified group of veterans from many different conflicts. Besides our 274 Paid-up For Life members, here are some interesting statistics to consider our veteran membership:

- ◆ We have 19 World War II Veterans
- ◆ We have 75 Korean War Veterans
- ◆ 645 Vietnam Veterans
- ◆ 427 Persian Gulf War Veterans
- ◆ 304 Veterans from other conflicts

The LEGION Act was signed into law on July 30, 2019. This crucial legislation means anyone who served honorably since Dec. 7, 1941, can join the American Legion. It is important to note, the LEGION Act not only expands membership eligibility for the Legion, but also for the Sons of The American Legion. So any son or grandson of an eligible Legionnaire, whether living or deceased, can join the Sons program.

In closing, our Early Bird Dinner was a great success. We had over 100 members attend. Thanks to those who attended, and thanks especially to the staff that prepared the dinner and made it successful. Thank you.

For God and Country,
Kevin Gaddis
1st Vice Commander
FirstVice@Post176.org

Membership Renewal Site Picture

2022 membership renewals are in full swing. Our goal was to be at 75% renewal by November 3, 2021. Good for you. We are already at 74%. There are more than 245 members who need to **renew. Renew today and your membership will extend until December 31, 2022. 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,
Marty Pfeifer, Commander

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

Through our VA&R funds, we've been able to assist our veterans with financial aid and referral services. We received several referrals from Unite Us (AmericaServes) for transportation to medical appointments, mental health services, Covid-related issues, and wheelchair and ramp access for a disabled elderly couple. In addition, **we're continuing to help veterans with disability benefits and claims**, as well as corrections to military service records. The Post is expanding claims support to our veterans by providing in-person assistance two days a week at the VFW Post 177.

The VA&R team also provided support to the D.C. VA Medical Center through collections of comfort items (T-shirts, white socks, etc.) for hospitalized veterans, and distribution of other donations from the Post. We will continue to help low-income families for the Thanksgiving holiday, and our Post and Auxiliary will again provide stipends and gifts for our veterans at Christmas. Thanks to all for your generous support. Anyone with questions about entitlements can contact me at ServiceOfficer@post176.org, or my two assistants (Kay Croll and Patrick Mills) at VSOgroup@Post176.org.

For God and Country,
Ali Nikolai
Service Officer



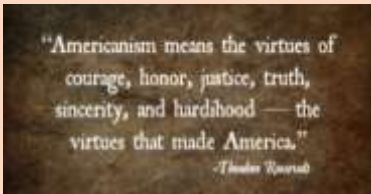
American Legion
Post 176
December 2, 2021
10:00 AM Till 2:00 PM



The Springfield, Virginia event will be held as both IN-PERSON (10:00 AM to 2:00 PM EST) and VIRTUAL (11:00 AM to 2:00 PM EST).

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST is reserved for Military Veterans, Family and/or candidates who have active security clearances.

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM EST is open to all job seekers which includes Active, Retired, Reservists, and National Guard.



Third Vice Commander's Report

Hello from the desk of the 3rd Vice Commander, Matt Hedrick. I want to thank all of our members, volunteers, and staff who support the Post and its programs to help our veterans. Please refer to the [Post 176 Calendar](#) located on our website for upcoming events.

For God and Country,
 Matt Hedrick
 3rd Vice Commander
ThirdVice@Post176.org



Post 176 YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Boy Scouts	Troop 1344	Troop1344.org	Youth Cadet Law Enforcement	WJ Leonard	wjlvfw1@aol.com
Boys State	Marty Pfeifer	boysstate@post176.org	Civil Air Patrol	Lt Col William Eliason	dc045.natcapwing.org
Girls State	Floy Lipscom	Auxiliary	Junior Shooting	OPEN	
Baseball	Albert Vaxmonsky	Manager	Oratorical	OPEN	
Sea Scouts	Joel Davis	jdavid515@aol.com			



Chaplain's Corner

My Brother and Sister Legionnaires:

The month of November is also the Month of the Veteran. On November 11, we celebrate **Veteran's Day**. However, how many of us know that November 11 is also called **Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in our Allies' countries?** It marks the end of World War I, November 11, 1918 (the 11th Hour on the 11th Day of the 11th Month). So, while the day honors us, the current veterans, let us also remember those who have gone before us, especially those Legionnaires who passed away in the past year. We will remember them at our November General Membership Meeting.

Semper Fi to our Marine Legionnaires who are celebrating the Birthday of the Marine Corps on November 10th.

In addition to Veterans Day, our nation celebrates Thanksgiving Day on November 25th. Before watching the parades, football games, and sitting down to a nice turkey dinner, spend some time in prayer, thanking God for all the blessings in your life, and for those who standing the watch, and not able to come home to friends and family this year.

December brings us several faith-based holidays, including Hannukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. I pray that no matter what you celebrate, that you find it peaceful and full of good cheer.

For God, Country, and Family,

Rev. Mr. Mark F. Arbeen

Post 176 Chaplain

Chaplain@post176.org



Sons of The American Legion



The Sons Fourth Annual Pig Roast occurred on September 18, 2021 with great success. Please renew your membership with the Sons at your earliest convenience. You can drop off your dues at the post or you can mail them to us. Please remember dues are \$35 for regular members, \$30 for dual members, and \$20 for youth members. We hope you enjoy the holiday season.

For God and Country,



Jason Rodriguez, SAL Commander
 Jay Rodriguez
 Commander, SAL 176



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American Legion Post 176 Legion Riders

Your Riders have been active!



Your Legion Riders have taken advantage of nice weather and enjoyed multiple rides, including Tail of the Dragon, Ocean City Bike Fest, The Virginia ALR State Rally, and Bikes and Breakfast in Clifton. We look forward to participating in Honor Flights in November.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Riders' first tailgate of the season a success. We look forward to providing three more tailgates.

For God and Country,

Craig Hendrickson

Director, ALR 176

ALRDirector@post176.org



In Honor of Comrade Joe Finch
 Tuesday, December 13, 2020
 1:30 PM to 7:30 PM



If interested in signing up, please 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 December 13, 2021. Due to Red Cross COVID regulations you must make an appointment. No walk ins are permitted.

Plan ahead some upcoming Blood Drive Dates include:

Feb 8, 2022 Apr 12, 2022 Jun 14, 2022 Aug 9, 2022 Oct 11, 2022 Dec 13, 2022

Please contact Theron Patrick (BloodDrive@post176.org) any questions.



Say Hello to the “Cash Team” (CT)



Since August 2020, a group of volunteers have come to Post 176 each morning to collect cash from the gaming machines, verify the bar staff’s cash register and restock the gaming kiosk. Known as the “Cash Team,” they provide two person control while cash is collected and distributed inside the social quarters, keeping our charitable gaming activities viable.

Recent CT Volunteers: Karla Pfleeger, Erich Pfleeger, Roy Burton, Charlie Kimmey, Stephanie Miller, Andre Lindsay, Martie Soper, Shannon Hensley and Dean Camarella
 Original Team Members: Rex Cunningham, Mike Farabaugh, Scott Logan, Jack Moar, Ben Johnson, and Dave Lewis. Record keeping for all Post financial activities is provided by Carl Simchick, Mike Farabaugh and Tony Esteve.

THANKS to all for being a part of the team!

Rex Cunningham, Team Lead, 2YrMember-at-large@post176.org

Coming Soon!!

2021 White House ornaments
 will be for sale in the social quarters.
 These make beautiful, historical gifts!



US Department of Veterans Affairs
 Crisis Hot Line
 1-800-273-8522, Press1

Banquet Hall Events

Please contact the Banquet Manager at events@post176.org for information on renting the hall for your special event.

Charitable Gaming:
 Generally 10:00 AM until
 Social Quarters closing.



American Legion Post 176
presents a

“Classic Christmas Holiday”

Come join us for some old time
Christmas Music and a
Fabulous Holiday Dinner



December 10, 2021

\$15.00 per person

Please contact Event Manager, Matt Hedrick

ThirdVice@Post176.org





American Legion Post 176 Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary was founded during the National Convention of the American Legion in 1909. The Auxiliary has **grown to be the world's largest women's patriot service organization. Over 8,000 local units** have been established in the United States as well as seven foreign units across the world.

Some of the things you can participate in as a member include educating school children about our nation's flag, assembling care packages to send to our troops, and volunteering at local VA medical centers.

To join online go to www.ALAforVeterans.org or fill out the new member application which may be mailed to the Auxiliary Membership Chair, American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, VA 22150, or hand deliver to the Warrior Cafe (1st floor) or the Social Quarters (2nd floor) at the Post. The cost of joining is \$33.00.

At Post 176 the Auxiliary hosts tailgates during the football season as a money maker to provide for Veterans and support programs of the Legion.

The Auxiliary wishes you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Susan Hedrick,
Auxiliary President
AuxiliaryPresident@Post176.org

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



Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Pentagon, Henderson Hall-Fort Myers, Fort Belvoir, Arlington County, Alexandria-Fairfax Counties, Springfield-Franconia, Lorton, Loudoun, Fredericksburg and surrounding areas. Please see the web site for more information. VirginiaDVS , 6564 Loisdale Ct, Springfield, VA 22150 703-417-9090



THANKSGIVING DAY

American Legion Post 176

6520 Amherst Ave

Springfield, VA 22150

November 25, 2021



1:00 PM

Join us for Pot Luck

Turkey with all the trimmings



Please contact Event Manager, Matt Hedrick, ThirdVice@Post176.org

Warrior Café

serving
Breakfast & Lunch
Monday – Saturday
7:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Dinner
Friday
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Social Quarters

*Hours of Operation
Monday to 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.

*Bartender on duty may close earlier if there is **not sufficient business**

WASHINGTON

FOOTBALL TEAM, EST. 1932

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	Time (ET)	Event Managers
SUNDAY	SEPT 12	Los Angeles Chargers	1:00 PM	SAL
THURSDAY	SEP 16	New York Giants	8:20 PM	NO TAILGATE
SUNDAY	SEP 28	Buffalo Bills	1:00 PM	RIDERS
SUNDAY	OCT 3	Atlanta Falcons	1:00 PM	AUXILIARY
SUNDAY	OCT 10	New Orleans Saints	1:00 PM	LEGION
SUNDAY	OCT 17	Kansas City Chiefs	1:00 PM	SAL
SUNDAY	OCT 24	Green Bay Packers	1:00 PM	RIDERS
SUNDAY	OCT 31	Denver Broncos	4:25 PM	SAL
SUNDAY	NOV 14	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	1:00 PM	SAL
SUNDAY	NOV 21	Carolina Panthers	1:00 PM	RIDERS
MONDAY	NOV 29	Seattle Seahawks	8:15 PM	NO TAILGATE
SUNDAY	DEC 5	Las Vegas Raiders	4:05 PM	AUXILIARY
SUNDAY	DEC 12	Dallas Cowboys	1:00 PM	SAL
SUNDAY	DEC 16 OR 19 TBD	Philadelphia Eagles	TBD	LEGION
SUNDAY	DEC 26	Dallas Cowboys	8:20 PM	NO TAILGATE
SUNDAY	JAN 2	Philadelphia Eagles	1:00 PM	AUXILIARY
SUNDAY	Jan 9	New York Giants	1:00 PM	RIDERS

What will the next name be: Presidents, Brigade, RedHogs, Washington Football Team, Commanders, Armada, Defenders, RedWolves. Make your best guess while enjoying the Game on one of the many TV's located in the Social Quarters.

Come Enjoy The Game with us

Post 176 Officer's & Event Managers 2021 - 2022

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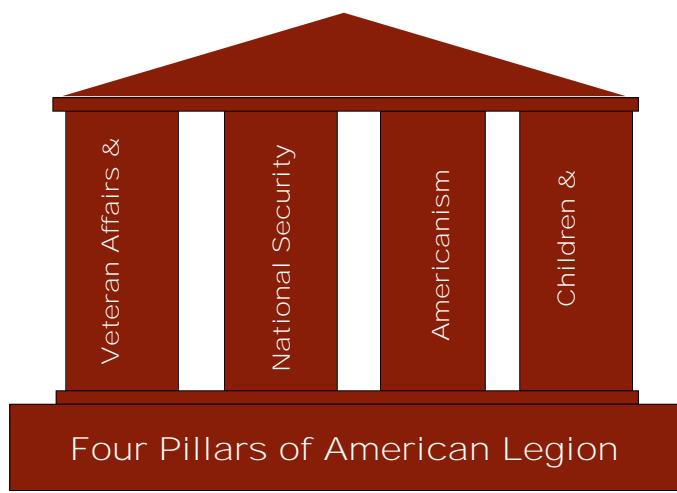
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