



Post Script

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www.post176.org

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From the Commander's Desk



As the Legion year winds down, activities at Post 176 are going in high gear. Throughout this Post Script, you will find all kinds of activities.

I encourage you to join us when you are able.

We are accepting nominations for officers for the new Executive Committee. We once again met our membership goals. Please help us

complete our reports by submitting your volunteer information to the appropriate Vice Commander: 1st Vice - VA&R; 2nd Vice - Children & Youth; and 3rd Vice – Americanism. Elections will be held at the May General Membership meeting. Come out and vote. We will continue to be COVID compliant, practice social distancing, and wear masks. See you at our Post.

For God and Country,

Dennis W. Madtes, Commander

Site Picture

Membership renewals are in full swing, Our February 1, 2021, goal was 90%. We are already at 93%, with 31 new members. We can't rest on our laurels. More than 102 members haven't renewed their membership. JUST DO IT!

No need to wait. Renew today and your membership will extend to December 31, 2021. 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 and click on the renew button. It is very safe and it's automated, far easier than writing a check and putting it in the mail.

For God and Country,
Marty Pfeifer, 1st Vice Commander

Post 176 American Legion Birthday Celebration

March 12, 2021

What's Happening at the Post?

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

14 Mar	Daylight Saving Time Begins
15 Mar	The American Legion Birthday
17 Mar	St. Patrick's Day
20 Mar	Start of Op Iraqi Freedom
4 Apr	Easter Sunday
6 Apr	US Entry into WWI
10 Apr	Legion Auxiliary Birthday
30 Apr	Arbor Day

American Legion post 176 American Legion Birthday Dinner



Legacy & Vision

American Legion Birthday Dinner

March 12, 2021

Social Hour 5:00 PM

Ceremony 5:15 PM

Dinner After Ceremony

Legion Banquet Hall

Ceremony Dinner & Dance

5:00 PM until

Speaker Bob Loach Historian

Cash Bar

Dinner: Friday Night Cost

Casual Legion Dress

American Legion Members/Guests

Celebrating 102 years of service to the community,

Historian

The Post has won its second consecutive best history narrative award. As Historian, I would like to thank those who have made this possible. Comrade Paul Kaepfel, who provides the Post Script, with information on Post activities; Comrade Theron Patrick, who provides email and web information on what is happening in the Post in real time. Without the dedication of these Post members, the history would not be doing nearly as well as we have in the last couple years.

For God and Country,
Bob Loach
Post Historian



Red Cross Blood Drive



In Honor of Comrade Joe Finch
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
1:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Go to <https://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 13, 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 continues to assist veteran families impacted by COVID. Two of our veterans, including one Post member, lost their jobs and were behind in rent (and in danger of eviction).

Through our VA&R funds and help from the Vietnam Veterans of America, we were able to keep them in good standing with their landlords. Through private donations, we were able to help a third family in the same situation. We also helped a single parent with needed car repairs.

Anyone needing assistance with disability benefits can contact me at serviceofficer@post176.org or the Post 176 VSO at VSOgroup@post176.org.

Jobs at Post 176

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.



Auxiliary Unit 176 hopes you are having a prosperous and safe 2021. We thank everyone who attended our tailgates last year. We appreciate the support. Our Unit has been participating in post activities with safety in mind.

Unit 176 is announcing a new way to attend meetings. We purchased a multidirectional microphone with related equipment, repurposed our old Auxiliary laptop, and will use the television in the Warrior Café, so members can attend meetings from the safety of their homes or in person at the post, while sitting at a safe distance.

Special thanks to Vice President, Susan Hedrick, and her wonderful husband who is a valued American Legion member. They figured out how to make this happen. In closing, please stay safe.

For God and Country,
Stephanie Dabbe
President, Unit 176

OFFICE	NAME	OFFICE	NAME
President	Sephanie Dabbe	Chaplain	Lisa Wolf
Vice President	Susan Hendrick	Sergeant-At-Arms	Mary Siwik's
Secretary	Floy Lipscomb	Membership	Colen Austin
Treasurer	Coleen Austin	Historian	Rita Newbegin



Post 176 Prepares for Legion Year 2021 – 2022 Election

American Legion Post 176 will conduct elections to select officers at the May 2021 General Membership Meeting (GMM). Post 176 members in good-standing are eligible to run for office.

If you are interested in running for a Post 176 office, contact Rex Cunningham 703-505-7344, cunnrexsoc02@yahoo.com or Scott Logan 240-386-9034, sslogan@verizon.net, prior to the April GMM.

After the April 2021 GMM, nominations for offices will be closed.



General Membership Meetings

In accordance with Article XIII of 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 their Annual dues for the applicable year.

ONLY POST 176
LEGION MEMBERS
ARE PERMITTED
TO SPEAK AND VOTE
(Robert's Rules Of Order)



Wear Your Mask



Happy Hour - Wings Every Wednesday

Where: Post 176 - 6520 Amherst Ave, Springfield, VA 22150

When: Every Wednesday Night

Time: 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

What: Eight wings 6.00 on premises, \$7.00 take out orders; soft drinks \$1.00; Beer and other beverages, at the Social Quarters, regular prices



Welcome to ATLAS



ATLAS (Accessing Telehealth through Local Area Stations) is part of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Anywhere-to-Anywhere telehealth initiative, which sets out to better serve the nearly 9 million Veterans who receive care through VA. ATLAS has teamed up with American Legion Post 176, Springfield, Virginia, to enhance underserved Veterans' access to VA health care by offering a convenient location to receive VA care. This new option reduces obstacles, such as long travel times to appointments and poor internet connectivity at home.

VA Video Appointments at Post 176 ATLAS Site

Our ATLAS site provides free, internet broadband access for Veterans to connect to their VA provider by video. During ATLAS appointments, Veterans meet with VA providers through [VA Video Connect](#), VA's secure videoconferencing software.

Clinical Services Offered at Post 176 ATLAS Site

Post 176 ATLAS site is open to all Veterans who are eligible to receive care through the VA health care system. The local VA facility associated with the ATLAS site determines which clinical services their site offers. Clinical services offered by video may include primary care, mental health counseling, clinical pharmacy, nutrition services, social work, and more.

What to Expect at this ATLAS Appointment

When Veterans arrive at the ATLAS site, they will be greeted by an on-site attendant who will guide them to the appointment room and help them check in to their appointment. The attendant can also help veterans troubleshoot basic technical issues. However, the attendants are not VA employees and will not be present once the appointment begins, nor have access to Veterans' medical or personal information.

For a Veteran to attend an appointment at an ATLAS site, the site must be associated with the VA Medical Center (VAMC) in which the Veteran is enrolled for care. Family members who receive care through VA can visit ATLAS sites for select VA appointments. **Those interested in receiving care at an ATLAS site should reach out to the contact listed at this site information.**

American Legion Post 176
6520 Amherst Ave, Springfield, VA 22150
Mon - Fri | 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Fort Belvoir VA Clinic

9300 Dewitt Loop
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5285
Main number: 571-231-2408
Mental health: 571-231-2408

Martinsburg VA Medical Center

510 Butler Avenue
Martinsburg, WV 25405-9990
Main number: 800-817-3807
Mental health: 800-817-3807

Fredericksburg VA Clinic

130 Executive Center Parkway
Fredericksburg, VA 22401-3100
Main number: 540-370-4468
Mental health: 540-370-4468

Washington VA Medical Center

50 Irving Street, Northwest
Washington, DC 20422-0001
Main number: 202-745-8000
Mental health: 202-745-8000 x58127

Fort Meade VA Clinic

2479 5th Street
Fort Meade, MD 20755
Main number: 410-305-5300
Mental Health: 571-231-2408



From the Ledger Domain

Although COVID has impacted us, Post 176 is on solid financial ground.

Last year, we were able to support organizations that help and directly assist veterans, in keeping with our core mission. In December, as part of the USMC Toys for Tots Program, donations were truly impressive.

Manhattan Construction will start using the grassy knoll on Post property as a staging area for constructing the Fairfax County parking garage. We anticipate the construction crews will eat breakfast and lunch at the Warrior Café. In exchange, they have agreed to do work for us, such as power washing the wall and uprooting dead trees on our property. They will also occasionally rent space for planning meetings.

We anticipate modifying Warrior Café prices slightly to keep pace with the rising costs. We are working closely with a CPA/Quickbooks expert to reorganize our accounting systems and banking arrangements. These changes will enable us to better control income and spending. We are confident that soon our tax obligations will be current.

I'd like to thank Carl Simchick for the heavy lifting he's done on this, and Rex Cunningham, Scott Logan, Mike Farabaugh, etc. who have pitched in to help keep operations going and ensuring excellent management controls and safeguarding your funds. We are ready to meet any challenges 2021 brings our way.

Respectfully,

Peter S. Adam

Finance Officer

FREEDOM

Constitution of the American Legion Preamble

For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

to maintain law and order;

to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;

to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

to make right the master of might;

to promote peace and goodwill on earth;

Sons of The American Legion



The Squadron hosted the Detachment of Virginia's Spring Conference live stream, this year. Detachment Officers like Commander Victor Graulau; Vice Commander Tyler Vanice; and others attended. All members are welcome to attend these annual events. The leadership encourages attendance from squadrons throughout the state.

The squadron will be looking for officers for 2021 - 2022. If you are interested in supporting your local squadron and community, by holding a position, please reach out to Tyler Vanice, Nomination Committee Chair, at SALAdjutant@post176.org.

About a third of our members have not yet renewed their Sons of the American Legion membership. **If your membership isn't current, you are not eligible for National programs like the National Emergency Fund. Additionally, if you are or were a Legion Rider, you won't be eligible or are covered by Legion Insurance, if you are injured on a sanctioned ride. Legion Riders must be a current SAL member before renewing their ALR membership.**

We are always looking for new members. Please visit www.post176.org to download an application. We welcome members of all ages, if they meet membership requirements. We look forward to you joining us at our monthly meeting on the second Tuesday, each month, at 7:30 PM.

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



American Legion Riders Post 176

I would like to thank the Legion Family for your support. Without you the Riders could not help veterans and the community. Spring is around the corner and we will be participating in as many events that support veterans and the community as possible. February saw the Riders make several charitable contributions to such organizations as Willing Warriors and Final Salute.

If you ride a motorcycle and are looking for a great group with which to ride, come join us. We meet the first Tuesday of each month, in the game room, at 6:00 PM. Check out our Facebook page, American Legion Riders Post 176 Springfield VA.

Craig Hendrickson
Director ALR 176



Interim General Managers Report

January was another busy month. We continued making essential repairs. The ice machine was repaired fixed. The contractor returned to work on the patio and it is now satisfactory, thanks to Mike Farabaugh for ensuring the work was done properly.

We have begun using Jar Trek, our club management point of sale system for food, beverage, and small games of chance. This is a work in progress and will take some time before we can effectively run this system.

During preventative maintenance on our HVAC system, it was discovered that one of our units needs repairs costing approximately \$1,200.00. These repairs will be performed once the necessary parts are received.

Mike installed a credit and debit card reader in the Social Quarters which can be used to purchase food, beverages, and merchandise.

We will be improving our computer network. Phase I of the project will include new hard and software. We continue to take appointments for Project ATLAS.

There have been a number of meetings and events at the Post

- Wings Wednesday continue. The price has been increased to \$6.00 for in house consumption and \$7.00 dollars for take-out orders.
- Our Saturday, January 30, 2021, annual Chili Cook-off was a great success thanks to Suzie and Matt, the event coordinators.
- **We purchased a new 70” Samsung Smart TV and installed it in the Social Quarters. It is up and ready for member use.**
- Volunteers are needed. We are fortunate when members step forward to volunteer. This saves the Post amount of money. If you know someone who would like to volunteer, get them involved and let the management staff know of their interest.

Thanks to everyone for your calls, text messages, and emails, when I was sick. They were greatly appreciated.

For God and Country,

Marty Pfeifer

Interim General Manager



Sons of the American Legion



DOES YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD SHOW 2020?

If so, your **2020** membership card is EXPIRED and no longer valid. Please pay your Sons of the American Legion dues

If your membership card doesn't look like this
Then you need to renew TODAY!!!



Post Officers & Event Managers 2020-2021

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Chaplain's Corner

Greetings Legionnaires,

We should not forget that God is the judge of nations. He is with us as we congregate to pay tribute to the American Legion on its birthday on its one-hundred and second birthday on March 15.

We rejoice that we are a source of support for our country. Help us, Lord, with Your guidance in the work of our great organization. May our activities be counted among the deeds that please You. We ask for the strength and ability to do the work You set before us. Keep us concerned about the welfare of our community, the safety and pride of our home, and the moral and spiritual values that guide our community.

We ask your blessings upon our members. Our service officer Ali, who has supported so many veterans in need. **Be with us, Lord, in April, when our members and the community celebrate "The Good News" of our Lord and Savior.**

For God and Country,
 Janet Prall
 Chaplain



A Great Army Deserves a Great
MUSEUM
 NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE ARMY

National Museum of the Army

Hours Of Operation

Warrior Café

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

Sunday
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Friday Night Dinner
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

TIER-1 Lounge

Monday - Thursday
11:30 AM - 10:00 PM



Post 176



YOUTH & CHILDREN'S

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@aolcom
Youth Cadet Law Enforcement	WJ Leonard	Law Enforcement Chair
Civil Air Patrol	Lt Col William Eliason	dc045.natcapwing.org

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

<https://warriorcanineconnection.org>

Post 176

Easter Brunch



April 4, 2021

Price TBD

10:00 AM until 2:00 PM



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: SEE WEB SITE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<https://www.dvs.virginia.gov>

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Story ideas, suggestions, or comments to improve the Post Script

POST 176 EVENTS SCHEDULE
March 2021: Community Service Month

2	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Legion Riders Meeting General Membership and Auxiliary Meetings
3	7:00 PM	Bridge
4	7:00 PM	Cribbage
6	12:30 PM	Department of Virginia Spring Conference
9	7:30 AM	Sons of The American Legion Meeting
10	7:00 PM	Bridge
11	7:00 PM	Cribbage
12	5:00 PM	American Legion Birthday Celebration Dinner/Dance
13	8:00 AM	Ranger and Special Forces Breakfast
16	7:00 PM	EXCOM
17	7:00 pm	Bridge
18	7:00 PM	Cribbage
19	5:00 PM	St Patrick Dinner/Cafe
20	1:00 PM	Chapter 353 Military Order of the Purple Heart
25	7:00 PM	Cribbage

April 2021: Children and Youth Month

1	7:00 PM	Cribbage
4	10:00 AM	Easter Brunch
6	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Legion Riders Meeting General Membership and Auxiliary Meetings
7	7:00 PM	Bridge
8	7:00 PM	Cribbage
9	5:00 PM	American Legion Auxiliary Dinner
10	8:00 AM	Ranger & Special Forces Breakfast
13	7:30 PM	Sons of The American Legion meeting
15	7:00 PM	Cribbage
17	1:00 PM	Purple Heart Chapter 353
20	7:00 PM	EXCOM
21	7:00 PM	Bridge
22	7:00 PM	Cribbage
29	7:00 PM	Cribbage

May 2021: Auxiliary Month

9	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Mother's Day Brunch
21	5:00 PM	Kentucky Country Bluegrass Festival Dinner/Country Cooking

THE EPOCH TIMES

Truth and Tradition

<http://www.theepochtimes.com>

Tier-1
Lounge

DJ LIVE

Joe Clay

7:00 PM until Closing

Mar 13, 2021

Mar 27, 2021

See E-News
For Additional dates

Post 176
Job - Zone

July 22, 2021

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

<https://www.jobzoneonline.com>



Kentucky
Country
Bluegrass
Dinner/Shindig

Country Dinner
Like None Other

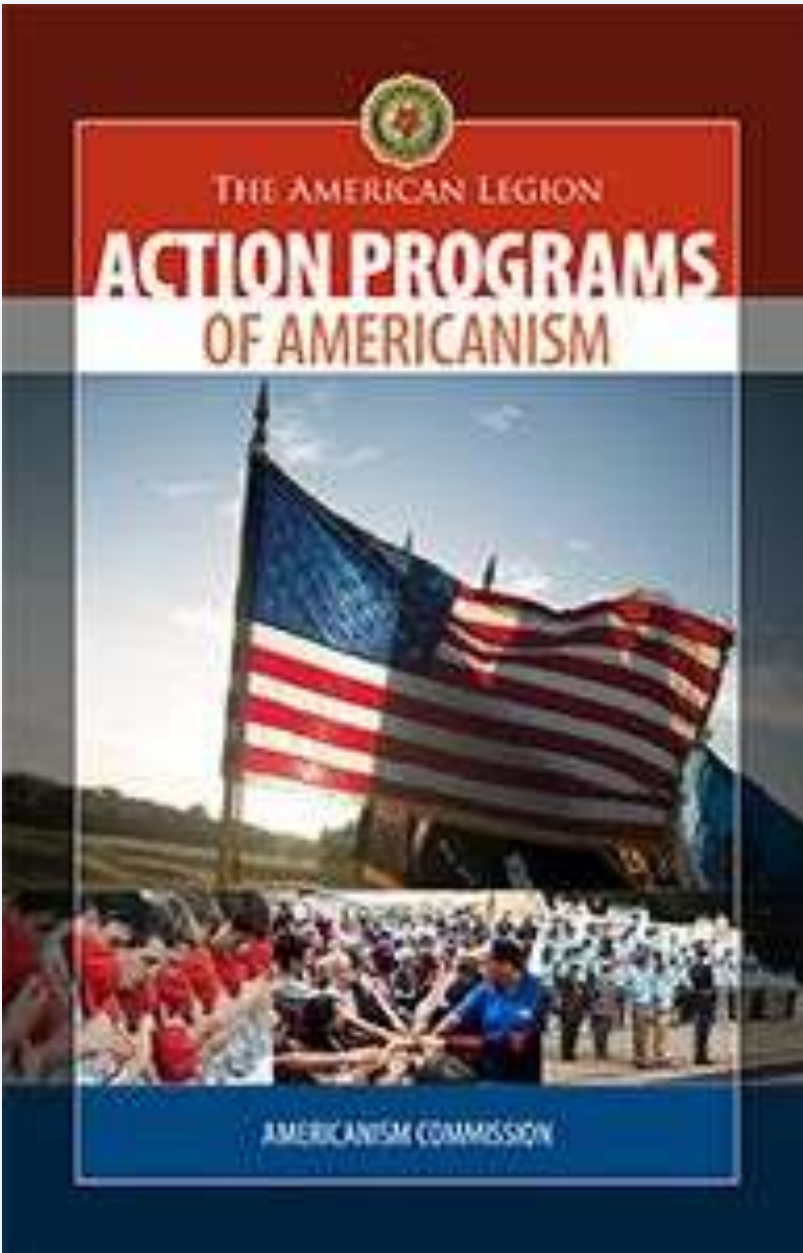
Erica/Sonya

May 21, 2021

5:00PM

Cash Bar

Music by
Legion Arts Production



American Legion AMERICANISM PROGRAMS

1. Operation Comfort Warriors
2. Legion Baseball
3. Legion and Scouting
4. Law Enforcement Program
5. Junior Shooting Sports
6. Boys State and Nation
7. Boys Nation
8. High School Oratorical
A constitutional Speech
Contest
9. Flag Education Program



SCHOOL AND STUDENT PROGRAMS

1. American Legion Scholarship
2. Samsung American Legion Scholarship
3. American Legion School Medal Award
4. American Education Week
5. Veterans in the Classroom
6. Citizenship
 - A. Get Out The Vote
 - B. Citizenship Outreach

For additional information Visit Legion.org or email American@legion.org