



# Post Script

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## From the Commander's Desk

I hope everyone had a good summer. Here at Post 176 we have been working to improve the facility. By the time you read this article, our **air conditioning system will have been repaired. I know it's been hot in the social quarters this summer.** We rented two large portable A/C units but they are not the same as our regular system. We had been waiting for a part that needed to be made at the Trane factory. COVID-19 has disrupted the "just in time" supply chain for many things and unfortunately, the part we needed was part of this disruption.

We are also updating our Information Technology systems. We have hired a contractor to get our network up to present standards which will allow the staff and our dedicated group of volunteers to work more efficiently either at the post or remotely. Our phone system will also be greatly improved. We hope to have this work completed by the beginning of September.

As we move into September, we will begin our tailgates. Each member group of the Legion family will host games of the Washington Football Team. The Riders, Sons, and Auxiliary will be using their talent to make the tailgates a memorable experience. Join us and root for the WFT or your favorite team. There will be good food, drink, and fun for everyone.

Please check the Post 176 calendar on our website for the latest information on activities and events. I look forward to seeing you soon.

For God and Country,

Marty Pfeifer

Commander

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### 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 either, 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

SEP 2	Japan Surrenders
SEP 6	Labor Day
SEP 15	Yom Kippur Begins
SEP 17	POW-MIA Recognition Day
SEP 18	U.S. Air Force Birthday (1947)
OCT 11	Columbus Day
OCT 13	U.S. Navy Birthday (1775)
OCT 28	National First Responders Day
OCT 31	Halloween



## First Vice Commander's Report

Membership will always be the lifeblood of The American Legion and to our Post – Post 176. Moreover, it is the key and foundation to our Post's mission success.

The membership renewal cycle began July 1, 2021, and to date, we have had over 900 members renew. While this seems like a large number, we still need renewal for approximately 600 of our members. Everyone is encouraged to renew online at [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org), which is the easiest and fastest method.

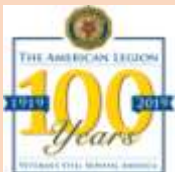
Post 176's and the American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation, and volunteerism. Two people who embody this concept are Dennis Madtes and Pat Peterson. Both of these members work tirelessly processing our Post membership every day, whether it be renewals, transfers, or processing new members. They work hard behind the scenes to keep our Post thriving, not to mention their responsiveness to our members having trouble with their membership.

In closing, if you have not renewed your Post membership, please do so as soon as possible. The annual Early Bird Dinner is Wednesday, October 6, 2021, and those members, and their spouses, with a 2022 card, eat for free. Pay your dues before October 6 and enjoy a free meal on Post 176!

For God and Country,  
Kevin Gaddis  
1st Vice Commander

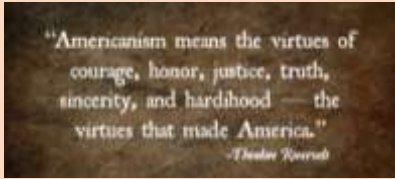
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## General Manager's Report



Summer is coming to a close and Post 176 is looking forward to the Fall months here in Northern Virginia. During the Summer we have been busy making needed repairs to the Post Home to include the roof and installing an air conditioning coil to an HVAC unit on the roof. Several upgrades in the kitchen include 2 new freezers and a new 5 pot coffee maker. We have been fortunate to host several active-duty events to include 2 promotions, a retirement, and several team building exercises. Soldiers from the 12<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion at Ft. Belvoir will be using the Post Home for meetings and other events going forward. The Post has entered into a contract with Orkin Pest Control to eradicate rodents and insects that have taken up residence in sections of the building. This will be an ongoing effort though the Fall and are anxious to be rid of these intruders. Finally, going forward through the Fall and Winter the Post **is always in need of volunteers so if you're available please contact me or Mike Farabaugh** (SecondVice@post176.org) for opportunities to help out. Thanks to all.

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



# Third Vice Commander's Report

Hello from the desk of the newly installed 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

In this new position I am learning vast nuances, along with discovering a few landmines! It is a continued learning experience, but great people are providing valuable advice.

The Post is a member of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. As your spokesperson, we have a seat at the Veterans Committee table. With both their Chair and me being new to our positions, **we're learning together our roles in the Bridge Walk. Stay tuned for updates.**

September and October itinerary (more information can be found on the [Post 176 Calendar](#)):

9/5- **Sonny's Famous Fish Fry was a huge success! Proceeds will support veterans in need.**

9/11 –20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony in remembrance of the terrorist attacks. Join us at the flag island, weather permitting, to honor and remember those who died, and support **America's veterans engaged in the war on terrorism. Time is 12:00 noon at the Flagpole.**

9/12 –First tailgate this football season, hosted by the Auxiliary with an Italian theme, including a limited supply of hotdogs and hamburgers. See the schedule for tailgates and by whom they are hosted.

9/18 - SAL Pig Roast, 11:00 – 4:00. \$20/advance and \$25/door, including a celebration of the Air Force's birthday.

10/13 – Navy birthday celebration. No carrier landings on the tables, at least until the Commander has left the building!

10/30 – Auxiliary Halloween costume contest in the Social Quarters.

For God and Country,  
 Matt Kedrick  
 3rd Vice Commander

 <p><b>US Department of Veterans Affairs          Crisis Hot Line          1-800-273-8522,</b></p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Post 176</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>YOUTH &amp; CHILDREN'S</b></p> 		
	Boy Scouts	Troop 1344	Troop1344.org
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	Girls State	Floy Lipscom	Auxiliary
	Baseball	Albert Vaxmonsky	Manager
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	Youth Cadet Law Enforcement	WJ Leonard	wjlvfw1@aol.com
	Civil Air Patrol	Lt Col William Eliason	dc045.natcapwing.org
	Junior Shooting Sports	<b>OPEN</b>	
	Oratorical	<b>OPEN</b>	

## VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

Through our VA&R funds and collaboration with Virginia Veteran and Family Support, 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 wheel chair and ramp access for a disabled elderly couple. We are accepting donations for help with ramp construction).

In addition, we're continuing to help veterans with disability benefits and claims, and 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. Times are Wednesday and Friday from 2:00-4:00 PM. To make an appointment, please contact [VSOgroup@post176.org](mailto:VSOgroup@post176.org).

For God and Country,  
Ali Nikolai  
Service Officer

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### **Chaplain's Corner** My Brother and Sister Legionnaires:



As the Book of Ecclesiastes states: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. (Ecc 3:1)

As we send our kids back to school, close our pools, breakout our jackets, and gather to watch football games, let us remember all those members who can't be with us: those who are deployed; those in our Veterans Homes; those in the hospital; and those who are shut-in for various reasons.

Reach out to them and let them know they are not forgotten. A kind word from a friend, especially during times of stress, can mean so much. They were there when our nation needed them. Let us be there when they need us.

You are my eyes and ears to our members. When you see someone in need, please let me know. I am also interested in you and how you're doing. Drop me a line anytime and let me know how you are.

For God, Country, and Family,  
Rev. Mr. Mark F. Arbeen  
Post 176 Chaplain  
[Chaplain@post176.org](mailto:Chaplain@post176.org)

# Sons of The American Legion



SAL Squadron 176 has remained strong and active in 2021, with numerous activities and attendances throughout the year. Some Legion related events the Squadron participated in include: Four Chaplains Memorial, Department Spring Conference, 17th District Meeting, and the National Convention this August.

Local activities included: Hosting the Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby in May, sponsored Post 162's Poker Run, and the upcoming 6th Annual Pig Roast on Sept 18th.

We will also host multiple NFL Tailgates throughout the season, please review the calendar of events. Many of our members frequent various local squadrons such as; Post 180, Post 28, Post 162, and even 284 Colonial Heights. The Squadron meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month between September and May at 1900 in the Atlas room. Membership dues for the 2022 calendar year are now due at \$35, and can be paid directly in the Social Quarters.



**Jay Rodriguez**

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## *American Legion Post 176 Legion Riders*



Your Riders have been active!

We rode to the Chapter installation at American Legion Post 8 in South Boston, Virginia.

The Riders participated in Jill's House Ride. Jill's House is a non-profit Christian organization that provides short-term, overnight respite care for the parents of intellectually disabled children between the ages of 6 and 17.

We represented Post 176 in The American Legion In-State Legacy Ride, helping to raise over \$40,000.00 for children of fallen and seriously disabled U.S. Military Veterans.

Gettysburg Bike week celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary from July 8<sup>th</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Bikes and Breakfast is a monthly event held in Clifton, Virginia. All motorcycles are welcome, but this is an opportunity to show off or be in awe of vintage and classic bikes.

American Legion Post 150 had their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Poker Run on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern in Herndon. This was an approximately 100-mile ride throughout Loudoun County.

Check out our Facebook page (16) American Legion

**Craig Hendrickson,**



Post 176  
Early Bird  
Membership Dinner

*Wednesday, October 6, 2021*



The dinner will be held in the Post Banquet Hall from **5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. It is free for anyone with 2022 paid up membership; Legionnaire, Son's, or Auxiliary and spouse or partner. So pay up and eat for free!

This years menu is Chicken Parmesan with linguine and garlic bread.

Please contact the membership team for more information at [FirstVice@post176.org](mailto:FirstVice@post176.org).



In Honor of  
Comrade Joe Finch  
**Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**1:30 PM to 7:30 P**

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 12, 2021. Due to Red Cross COVID regulations you must make an appointment. No walk ins are permitted.

Please contact Theron Patrick ([BloodDrive@post176.org](mailto:BloodDrive@post176.org)) any questions. Next Drive December 14th

**CONGRATULATIONS to  
THERON PATRICK**

For receipt of the American Red Cross Outstanding Service Award. **Under Theron’s guidance, Post 176** was recognized as an extraordinary Blood Program Partner collecting over 453 units of blood during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Volunteer Opportunities at Post 176**

Post 176 has ample opportunities for volunteers. If you're interested in supporting veterans and have a little free time, please contact Mike Farabaugh to discuss where your talents could best be put to use. Mike can be reached at [SecondVice@post176.org](mailto:SecondVice@post176.org).

We look forward to hearing from you.



Karaoke

**DJ Joe Clay**

taking requests

Sep 11 & 25

Oct 9 & 23

7:00 PM until Closing

Banquet Hall Events

Please contact the Banquet Manager at [events@post176.org](mailto:events@post176.org) for information on renting the hall for your special event.

Charitable Gaming:

Generally 10:00 AM until Social Quarters closing.



Greetings from Susan Hedrick, the newly-installed Auxiliary President. I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer. Thank you team members, for volunteering your time, so the Auxiliary can be successful in reaching future goals!

As part of the American Legion Family, the Auxiliary has been able to partner in Post events, frequently assisting with set-up, food line service, and Poppy distribution, with proceeds going to the VA&R fund.

These are the events thus far include:

- Flag Retirement ceremony.
- Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Independence Day Picnic.
- **Sonny’s Fish Fry.**
- **Delivery of “thank you” flowers to past District President Ardella Locket and District Secretary Edna Eagle, for the installation of Unit 176 officers.**

Members may attend the October meeting at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of the month in one of the following ways: In person in the Atlas Room; Virtually (phone or video) (425) 436-6379, code 3597571#, Online meeting ID: sueva48, join online <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/sueva48>

Commander Marty Pfeifer will be addressing remarks to the Auxiliary members.

**We will host four Tailgates (see schedule in 3rd Vice’s section), in addition to participation in the following events:**

- 9/26 – District meeting, 1:00, at Post 177.
- 9/11 – 20th Anniversary 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony.
- 9/18 – SAL Pig Roast.
- 10/30 – Halloween costume contest.

Outreach Post events:

Meeting with Auxiliary leadership from Unit 1976 and Unit 24 to collaborate on future events. Met with the new District President, Sandra Price, at Unit 177. Attendance as an alternate at the National Convention of The American Legion & Auxiliary.

Susan Hedrick, Auxiliary President

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



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](http://VirginiaDVS), 6564 Loisdale Ct, Springfield, VA 22150 703-417-9090



6<sup>th</sup> 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

[www.facebook.com/Squadron176](http://www.facebook.com/Squadron176)



SATURDAY \*\*\*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 18

\*\*\*\*\* 11 AM—4 PM





# 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 Event Calendar

September 2021			October 2021		
1	7:00 PM	Bridge	2	4:00 PM	Oktoberfest
2	7:00 PM	Cribbage	5	6:00 PM	Legion Riders Meeting
6	7:00 PM	Line Dancing	5	7:00 PM	General Meeting
7	6:00 PM	Riders Meeting	5	7:00 PM	Auxiliary Meetings
7	7:00 PM	General Membership	6	5:00 PM	Early Bird Dinner
7	7:00 PM	Auxiliary Meetings	6	7:00 PM	Bridge
9	7:00 PM	Cribbage	7	7:00 PM	Cribbage
11	8:00 AM	Special Forces Breakfast	9	8:00 AM	Special Forces Breakfast
13	7:00 PM	Line Dancing	11	7:00 PM	Line Dancing
14	7:00 PM	Sons of The American Legion Meeting	12	12:00 PM	Blood Drive
15	7:00 PM	Bridge	12	7:00 PM	Sons of the American Legion Meeting
16	7:00 PM	Cribbage	14	7:00 PM	Cribbage
18	1:00 PM	SONs Pig Roast	18	7:00 PM	Line Dancing
20	7:00 PM	Line Dancing	19	7:00 PM	EXCOM
21	7:00 PM	EXCOM	20	7:00 PM	Bridge
23	7:00 PM	Cribbage	21	7:00 PM	Cribbage
21	7:00 PM	Line Dancing	25	7:00 PM	Line Dancing
30	7:00 PM	Cribbage	28	7:00 PM	Cribbage

### Don't forget Sunday Tailgates

#### Warrior Café

serving  
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

##### \*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**

## Post 176 Officer's & Event Managers 2021 - 2022

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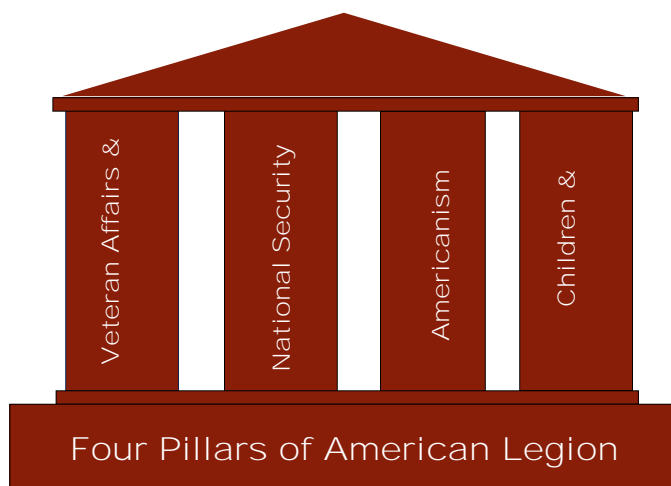
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