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Commander's Call

Dear Legionnaires, Ladies and Sons 21 August 2008
Fortunately I have never been accused of being apathetic, which is an adjective meaning "devoid of or insensible to feeling or emotion". I have strong feelings and often express/show many emotions when the subject involves the American Legion and its many programs and/or Springfield Post 176. The noun "apathy" means "lack of concern, indifference." Too many of you, our 1589 members, aren't concerned and act indifferent when it comes to your American Legion Post, our home and our programs. The entire operation is ours! And we all support it in various ways: (1) pay dues, (2) attend meetings, (3) give monetary donations, (4) work on programs, (5) attend social functions, (6) frequent the social quarters, (7) attend our Friday Night Dinners and (8) provide cogent and relevant discussion on issues the Post must consider. Except for (4) your support isn't volunteerism. Volunteerism has decreased tremendously at the Post. At bingo we need ten volunteers each Monday night; at Sunday's monthly breakfast we need at least ten with two of them skilled: cook and omelet maker (Betsy and Dennis Egan were the best!) Outside on the grass and grounds, the more volunteers we have the merrier and the faster the job is done! Please get involved in all facets/activities of your Post. Participate at meetings, know what's involved in our negotiations with Monument Realty, volunteer to help with our major activities which require volunteers: bingo, 2nd Sunday breakfast and building and grounds. If these involve too strenuous an effort, call the Chaplain and volunteer to attend our service when we send a member to Post Everlasting. Give some time to help with Membership. Ken Hanson has helped tremendously recently to get 2009 cards to 800 plus of you who have renewed. The other 790 of you could support Membership greatly by renewing your membership prior to 15 December 2008 and recruiting a new member. If you're doing all you're capable of thanks. Keep doing it. If you can do or give more, please do! Call me at 703.866.4919 or e-mail me at commander.vapost176@cox.net.

I would love to see you at the General Membership and ExCom meetings these two months. But if not, please make a special effort to attend our annual picnic with VFW Post 7327, our Patriot Day Ceremony on 9/11 and the Pig Roast. Details are elsewhere in this issue.

PSAT,6/27: Volunteers met at 11 a.m. and worked hard to collate, fold, staple and label the July/August issue of Post Scripts. They jokingly (I hope) said I cracked a mean whip. I thank all who helped and want to especially thank S.A.L. Commander Chip Byers

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Ft Belvoir Retired Activities and Widow/Widowers Day

The annual Ft Belvoir Retired Activities Day and Widow/Widowers Day is scheduled for September 20, 2008 at the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Building 226 from 0900 to 1400.

During the morning Speakers include Colonel Blixt the new Garrison Commander, Colonel Callahan the new CO of Dewitt Army Hospital, Mr Brad Snyder, President Emeritus of the Armed Forces Services Corporation (AFSC) of America, and Stu Williams of our Northern Virginia MOAA Chapter.

Colonels Blixt and Callahan respectively, will present information on BRAC and Ft Belvoir's new joint services hospital under construction at Ft Belvoir. Mr Snyder's presentation "Understanding Your Benefits" will address Survivor Benefit Plan, Tricare, Combat-Related Special Pay, Veteran's Administration, and Social Security benefits. Mr. Williams will present on state and national MOA initiatives.

Dewitt Army Hospital will provide a health fair with information targeted for retirees and their spouses. Representatives from your Northern VA MOA chapter, local Chapters of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars and American Legion will be available to provide information on their activities. A veteran's service officer will also be available to discuss VA claims. The VA will have literature available on its programs to include the VA's War Related Injury and Illness Center will be available.

Author: Dan Franklin, Member, Belvoir Retiree Council

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NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

Legion Hall Meetings (same as town hall meeting) will be held on 16 September and 21 October 2008. Members of the Corporate Board and Executive Committee will be available between 6 and 8 p.m. to answer questions and discuss our dealings with Monument Realty Co., Inc. Drop in if you'd like to participate. Stay for as long as you like. No one except the Post leadership has to stay the full two hours. Everything will be informal except the information being provided. Authors: Commander & President

NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

IAW the C&BL, dated Feb 2002, Article IX, Section 2 a twenty-day (20) notice is hereby given to the membership that an election to fill the Historian position will be conducted on 7 October 2008 at the 7:30 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

Membership

As of today, Aug 21, 2008, the 2009 Post membership roles stand at 989. Our goal for this year, as established by the Department of Virginia, is 1591. So that equates to just over 62% for the year...well done by all who have renewed to date! For those who have not yet renewed, please send in your 2009 dues as soon as you can. The Post goal for this year is to exceed our 2008 final role by 3%...which equates to 48 new members. So far we have signed up 16 new members, which means that you need to beat the bushes to find (or enlist) 32 more new members for your Post!

Also, let me take this opportunity to say thanks to Janet Buckley, Bob Smith, and especially Ken Hanson for their help processing our 2009 renewals...great work folks! Finally, I'd like to recognize a few of our members for reaching the following "Continuous Years" milestones: 50 – John Baker, James Jones, and Ralph Nichols; 40 – John Mills; 30 – Edward Baker, Gordon Conklin, Thomas Cox, Tony Dzierski, Eugene Hammonds, Bill Krueger, Edward Lopez, and John Sutton; 20 – 30 members; 10 – 41 members. Due to the numbers in the last two milestones I do not have the space to individually name everyone but hope to include all names in an end-of-year wrap-up. Thank you all for your loyalty to The American Legion and its programs!

PATRIOT DAY REMEMBRANCE, 9/11 at 7 p.m.

Come to the Post Home to help remember the terrible terrorist attacks and the three thousand plus lives they took. Light refreshments will follow.

Boy Scout Troop 1344 Report

June/July/August 2008

By: Joe Hall, Troop 1344 Historian

Wow! Who can believe that the summer flew by so fast? Maybe it's because we were a busy bunch of guys this summer. We kicked off our summer by heading off to Goshen Boy Scout Camp.

Summer Camp was simply AWESOME this year. The Troop stayed at Goshen Scout Reservation's Camp Olmsted. Camp Olmsted is located around 450-acre Lake Merriweather. Thomas Jefferson once called this area the "Garden of Eden of the United States." We had our meals at Olmsted's dining hall. We also got to sleep in two-man tents with cots.

We had 24 scouts and 8 adult leaders attend. After a bit of a rainy start the rest of the week was perfect. Swimming, sailing, kayaking and just plain old good fun was had by all. We even managed to get some "work" in. The Scouts attempted 116 merit badges and actually completed 97 (22 of which were Eagle-required)! Ten of our first year scouts received the Chesimus 1st Year Scout Awards. Micheal D. led the scouts in a 6 hour conservation project that completed his final requirements for the Paul Bunyun Award! Sam H. also earned his Paul Bunyun Award by teaching the Totin' Chip to a new camp counselor and clearing the Viewing Rock hiking trail. Well done guys! We also had one Kayaking BSA Award and 5 Totin' Chip Awards.



The Troop also came away with the "Honor Oar" for having a "Class A" campsite! We snuck off with the Oar and had it engraved and sent back to Camp Olmsted! Con-

gratulations to all especially SPL Hellier (Ramrod) and Olmstead PRIDE Team Leader Berkowitz.(Frick).

In July we held a fundraiser at the Burke Wal-Mart. We washed cars for a donation. Most of the guys that participated were hoping to raise money for our high adventure



trip next year. We are going to Sea Base in Florida where we will do sea exploring on a tall ship! It's going to be a blast and it's a good thing that we raised \$700 at our car wash. Better yet, Wal-Mart matched our earnings so the Troop managed to come away with \$1,400 for a days worth of soap, suds and fun. This is a picture of one of the ships from Sea Base.

August was a quite month for the Troop. Most of the scouts were with their families off on vacation so we didn't have a Troop outing for August. Now, sadly, we are all preparing once again for the start of school. But we'll keep dreaming about that sailing ship!!!

Until next time, this is Joe Hall, Historian for BSA Troop 1344, saying, "do something every day that you don't want to do; this is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain."

- Mark Twain

MONTHLY BREAKFAST: (14 SEPTEMBER & 12 OCTOBER)

In July and August the Post let our breakfast patrons down by not having enough volunteers to conduct the breakfast. If the volunteers had been attending the Department Convention or the Department's Leadership College that would help to answer why they weren't available, but they were not at either American Legion gathering. At the 19 Aug ExCom Meeting it was voted to have our breakfasts again with sufficient cooks and volunteers. Those of you who enjoy our breakfasts please give us a chance to regain your trust and confidence by coming back to breakfast between 9 and 11 a.m. on these two Sundays. Thank you!

Author: Commander

The memorial service for Ralph and Shorty Gladmon will be September 7, 2008, to begin at 3 p.m. at Post 85, 919 Kansas St Arlington, VA 22201 All are invited to attend. There will be time for those who wish to speak to do so but we ask that the remarks be kept short. Refreshments will be served following the service.

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for getting them to the Post Office prior to 4 p.m. If, while speaking of the Sons of the American Legion, you refer to them as "SAL" (like the nickname for Salvatore) please try to stop! They should be S.A.L. or Sons of the American Legion. Calling them SAL is a bad habit many of us have adopted!

General Membership Meeting, 7/1:

Minutes are posted on the bulletin board.

Independence Day, 7/4: An 11:30 a.m. ceremony was followed by a cookout. Approximately 100 enjoyed the festivities.

Interview of Guest Speaker(s), 7/8: I met and talked with two members of the Virginia Defense Force and found a Guest Speaker for our September GMM.

Legion Service for Billy L. Stone, 7/8: Several of the Legion and VFW Families attended our service at Demaine Funeral Home to honor our longtime comrade in both organizations.

Department Convention, 7/10-13: Four Post 176 members got their money's worth (we hit our golf balls more than any other foursome) during the golf tournament at Penderbrook Golf Course on Thursday and then our golfers and many others of the Post Family enjoyed the Bar-B-Q dinner at Vienna's Post 180. Relatively speaking, then many of our Family attended the business portion of the convention Friday and Saturday and two of stayed until the end of Sunday's business. Noteworthy is the fact that Springfield Post 176 won the Americanism Plaque indicating that our Post had the best Americanism Program in the Department of Virginia. With it came a Certificate of Distinguished Service presented from National's Americanism Commission. I won't name all of the Chairpersons and Coaches and Committee Members here since I recognized you at our July GMM.

Monthly Breakfast, 7/10: Volunteers were not at the Department Convention with me nor were they at the Post to support the monthly breakfast. I talked with the GM and 3rd Vice to insure the August Breakfast happened but... (pls see 8/10 entry below)

Joint ExCom/Corp Board meeting,

7/22: At joint meeting each group after joint discussions, voted in separate ballots to voice our support for Monument Realty's (MR) Nomination of a portion

of our property (rear parking lot and no portion of our building) at the upcoming meetings (see below). This action binds the Post in no way other than to continue to negotiate with MR, Lee District and Fairfax County. The membership must vote at some point in the future.

Armistice Day Commemoration, 7/27:

Again this year I was asked to narrate the Missing In Action Ceremony during the ceremonies at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in D.C.

Land Use Planning Committee, 7/28:

This Fairfax County Group approved Monument Realty's (MR) Nomination to develop land from the Methodist Church east to Springfield Blvd. Approximately eight Legionnaires and Auxiliary members attended. Rod Carlone and I both spoke in favor of MR's development concept but made it clear to all that nothing had been signed with MR nor voted on by the membership.

Land Use Planning Committee, 7/29:

This Lee District Committee met and approved Monument Realty's (MR) Nomination to develop land south of Old Keene Mill from Spring St east to Springfield Blvd (same area described above). I was only Legionnaire in our leadership structure in attendance. As I did the evening before I pointed out we approved what MR desires to develop but before we signed anything our membership were required to approve.

Legion Baseball, 7/31: I watched our Post 176 Team come from behind and beat Arlington Post 139 eight to 7 in 10 innings. (see article elsewhere)

Friday Night Dinner and DJ, 8/1: I enjoyed the 'Rage'n Cajun' fare offered in the small dining room and dropped back by to enjoy the DJ after the ball game (below) but not too many others attended dinner or the entertainment in the lounge afterwards. If your reason(s) wasn't the economy, high gas prices and/or summer vacations but related to either the menu or the entertainment please advise the GM. Menu items and price as well as the choice of Disc Jockey can be changed.

Legion Baseball, 8/1: I watched Post 176 lose by one run in the championship game to Annandale Post 1976. (see article elsewhere).

Legion Service for Art LeClair, 8/3:

Chaplain Buettner and I performed our funeral service for Comrade Art LeClair who died on 25 July. Comrades Dziarski,

Byers, Ross, Cortez, McCarron and S.A.L. Commander Byers were in attendance. Thank you, Comrade Kurt Lauer for performing as the Color Guard.

General Membership Meeting, 8/5:

COL (Ret) Frank Morris and his wife, Martha, were presented Freedom Team Salute pins and certificates honoring Frank's 28 year career in the U.S. Army and Martha's support to her husband and the Army during his career. Their son Allen and granddaughter Jessica were in attendance. Two other children live out of state. The major business discussed was the 28 and 29 July meetings re: Monument Realty's nomination of part of our property for development. (please see referenced paragraphs above.)

Leadership College, 8/8-10: I, along with Bill Hurd (Fin Off) and Bob Smith (3rd Vice) attended Department's Family Leadership college over this weekend. Much was learned.

Monthly Breakfast, 8/10: I was in Richmond at Leadership College and even though I coordinated with the appropriate breakfast leader and provided phone numbers for volunteers prior to departing, the breakfast had to be cancelled due to the lack of an onsite leader and a sufficient number of volunteers. I'm sorry to those of you who used your gasoline to drive over expecting breakfast only to find us closed.

Color Guards' Performance, 8/10: Les Albers and his Post 176 Color Guard (Kurt Lauer, Mike Wolfe and Richard presented the Colors at the 100th birthday party for veteran COL (Ret) Walters at the Church in Alexandria.

PDC/NEC ROB R. GORDON, 8/11:

was interred at Quantico. I appreciate Chip Byers and Jimmy Jones attending and representing Post 176.

17th District Organizational Meet-

ing, 8/17: Subject was held at Post 130 in Falls Church between 1 and 2:30 p.m. Goals and objectives for the '08 - '09 year were given to the Post Commanders and District Committee Chairs. Our District Vice Commander who is to be the liaison with Post 176 is Gordon Holsinger. If you see him in the Post Home introduce yourself and ask if you can help him. We were advised that to meet our next membership goal we had to have 50% of 1591 members to Department by 3 September 2008. We met our

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35% goal (557 members on time, 6 Aug). The Department Membership Chair said National set these dates and he couldn't do anything about them. They're pretty tight for an almost 1600 member Post.

Service men and women still fight the War on Terror in Afghanistan and in IRAQ. Please continue to pray for their safety and quick return to U.S. soil.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,

LEWIS "LEW" M. LIPSCOMB
COMMANDER
SPRINGFIELD POST 176
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Blood Drive Report

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS - We had a GREAT drive in August, collecting 50 good units of blood.

Thank you to all who donated the gift of life.? Our summer drive is usually not our best drive, however, this time we had 53 donors come out to support this worthy effort. Another record event for Post 176. Our previous high collection was 46 units. Again, thanks to all who donated and a very big THANKS to the Post 176 staff and members who helped to organize and operate the drive. Our next drive is scheduled for 21 October 2008.

Contact Joe Finch at 703-569-1552 or email Joe at SEPPL1552@aol.com to schedule an appointment.

Joe Finch

Comfort Items for Veterans' Hospital:

Unit 176 Auxiliary will be collecting T-SHIRTS (Lg/XLg), BOXER SHORTS and WHITE SOX for use of our hospitalized veterans. We will depend, in great part, on your generosity to make this a successful program. For those of you who are "shopping phobic", we are more than willing to accept any cash donations and do the shopping for you. A Collection Center will be set up at the Post home where you can deliver donations.

Thank you in advance for your support of your fellow veterans.

Mary Siwik
Unit 176 VA&R

You can reach me at 703-451-5254 if you have any questions on the above. Thank you.

Greetings from your Ways and Means Committee:

Our Big Event for the upcoming months is the annual **PIG ROAST** – Once again we have Dwayne Isom and his family returning to cook our main course, to include "The Pig", as well as the usual assortment of hamburgers, hot dogs, ribs, chicken and all the fixin's. The Pig Roast was a HUGE success last year and we look forward to more of the same this year.

In addition – the Redskins play the Eagles at 1PM --

PIG ROAST – 5 OCTOBER – 12PM – 3PM

COST: Adults = \$15, Children under 12 = \$7

Advance Tickets only – purchase at the social quarters, or from a Ways and Means Committee member

NOTE: Due to the success of our member renewals to date (Aug 21, 08), the membership office will raffle off one set of tickets (2x) for one dollar per "raffle" ticket – tickets may be purchased at the lounge. Last day to purchase your raffle ticket for this drawing is Sep 20th! In addition, the membership office is sponsoring two tickets for each of the following continuous years categories – 50, 30, 20, 10 – that will be provided free of charge to the 1st member in each category to contact the Post and sign up with the GM (Sukie Knarr). It is very important that you provide a day and time when you made contact with Sukie. The rationale for no free tickets for the 40-year category is that there was only one member in the 40-year group who had renewed prior to this writing (8/21/08) and that member resides in TX. But if John Mills decides to travel to visit our Post for this event, then by all means – the tickets are on the membership office! Again, for all other year groups...first come – first served! In addition – your Ways and Means Committee is making plans for the upcoming tailgate season – WE NEED YOUR HELP so PLEASE feel free to volunteer and assist at one of the "tailgate" events -- **We need all of the help we can get for set-up and clean-up!**

We plan to have the food ready NLT the 2d Qtr of the game – in other words, hamburgers and hot dogs ready to be consumed – AND PLEASE feel free to bring any dishes that you may want to share with other Tailgaters –

Tailgate dates for Sep-Oct

14 Sep - 1PM vs. **Saints**

21 Sep - 1PM vs. **Cardinals**

28 Sep - 4PM @ **Cowboys**

5 Oct - 1PM @ **Eagles**

PIG ROAST - buy your pig roast tickets – no cooking upstairs

12 Oct - 1PM vs. **Rams**

19 Oct - 4PM vs. **Browns**

26 Oct - 1PM @ **Lions**

Times subject to change by the NFL and broadcasting affiliates

Please come and join us as we celebrate another winning Redskins' season of comradeship and merriment...and a little tense rivalry from time-to-time! See you all at "Tailgate Sunday", especially Oct 5th as we celebrate the Skins victory over the Eagles!



Sons of The American Legion

MEETINGS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER:

We look forward to seeing everybody at 7:30 PM on September 9 as we begin the new year of meetings. Also, please plan on attending the Legion's September 11th event which is described elsewhere in this month's Post-scripts. Our October meeting will be on Tuesday, October 14th.

2009 MEMBERSHIP:

The new membership year is underway, but off to a slow start. So let us hear from you with your renewals or bring in a new member. Dues are \$25 for Senior Members, \$10 for Junior Members and \$15 for Dual Legion/SAL members. Let's all work to exceed 100% this year.

(Legionnaires: If you are reading this please consider joining as a Dual Member if you qualify. If your Father or any ancestor is a legion member or died subsequent to service which would have qualified him or her to join the Legion, you qualify as do any of your sons, Grandsons, or Stepsons.)

2008 CONVENTION REPORT:

The Sons of the American Legion recently held its annual Detachment of Virginia convention in Falls Church. We had a lot of fun and we learned a lot as we did at the recent Legion College. (I would highly recommend that more of our Squadron members attend Legion college next year.) At the end of October (10/31) the Fall Conference of the Legion Family will take place in Hampton Virginia. Please contact Commander Byers (chip-byers@verizon.net) for more information. Our new Detachment (State Commander) is Linwood Moore of the Colonial Heights Squadron in the Richmond Area. This year, the Vice-Commander for our area of the Commonwealth (Northern Region) is a person who is definitely not worthy but who will, with the support of this squadron (which he very much appreciates), do his best. In case you haven't figured it out, the new Northern Region Vice Commander is yours truly, Squadron Commander Chip Byers. (This means that I might have to be away visiting other squadrons sometimes so you might not see me around quite as much.)

WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS

The 2008 ornaments are for sale and now is a good time to get them in preparation for the Holiday season. See any SAL member or ABC Manager in the lounge. They are the same price as last year (\$17.00) and they make great presents for friends and family. See form on bottom of page. Again these are most exquisite and make fine gifts and collectors items.

Chip Byers, SAL Commander

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Number requested: ____ @ \$17.00 ea.

Total of _____



Your Club by: Sukie Knarr, GM

Team 176, what a wonderful summer we had, beautiful weather and fairly moderate to boot! Now, if we could luck into one of those true Virginia Indian Summers, it would really be icing on the cake.

Business is doing good... we are attracting more Military functions to the post and along with those events – yes – we are gaining some wonderful new Active Military Members. This is really great – and I'm really looking forward to their spouses coming in, getting involved and all of us furthering our efforts for more family oriented activities and entertainment incentives to help our younger families come out and enjoy affordable evening outings and parties.

Our new HVAC equipment is now installed and working great. We are cool!

NEW DOOR KEYS – access cards for the front door will be issued very soon – probably the 2nd or 3rd week of September. Here are the rules: your first card is free to members in good standing with current cards (they will be linked to your membership card). You must visit the Post with your Current Membership Card and sign for your door card. In the event you lose your card, a replacement fee will be charged. Sorry, Access Key Cards will not be mailed – you must personally pick up and sign for your card.

Something New – October 3 in the Lounge, we will be featuring Terry Lee Ryan for your entertainment pleasure. Terry, originally from New Orleans – offers live piano and vocals – and yes – if you are so inclined – everyone is invited to sing along or solo. So, put on your dancing shoes and tune up your voices and come out and enjoy a nifty experience.

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS – OCTOBER 5TH – PIG ROAST! Pat Peterson and his crew are doing it again!!!! Tickets are now on sale in the Lounge..... Be There!

ANNUAL POST CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 19th – tickets will be on sale soon – this will be a Dinner/Dance in the Great Hall..... Mark your calendar!!!

R-U-Ready for a Cook-Off????!!!!.... Yep – it's time for our annual Post Chile Cook Off! November 15th (Saturday 7 pm) – watch for details.... All judging will be impartial and final..... I'm sure we'll round up a couple of prizes for this fun and tasty event.

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Line Dancing/Lessons: Monday nights 8pm~9:30pm, \$4.00 per person, Dining Room, Info: Call Curt Lauer 703-455-6912. **Dancers wanted!**

Bingo: Monday's, doors open 5:00pm, games start 7pm. **Volunteers welcome!**

Cribbage: Thursday's, 7pm.

Bridge: 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm

-Please Note: Changes – per your request-

- LUNCH SPECIALS -
Carry out service is available
11 am – 2 pm
(only \$4.00)

Mon – Chef's/Tuna/Chicken/Ham Salads
Tues – Grilled Cheese w/home made soup
Wed – Meat Loaf w/mashed taters
Thur – Butterfly Shrimp w/FF's
Fri – Beer Battered Cat Fish or Flounder w/ FF's
- available daily -
– New Daily Item –
Hot Sandwich & Soup of the Day
Your Regular Menu Favorites Too!
Enjoy!

Friday Night Entertainment - in the Club

(2000hrs–2400hrs)

– September –

09/05 – Danny Gibbs
09/12 – Karaoke and (??) w/Joe Clay
09/19 – Karaoke with Barb
09/26 – Karaoke and (??) w/Joe Clay

– October –

10/03 – Terry Lee * Piano Bar - New
10/10 – Karaoke and (??) w/Joe Clay
10/17 – Karaoke with Barb
10/24 – Karaoke and (??) w/Joe Clay
10/31 – Karaoke with Barb

(Suggestions are always Welcome!)

ENJOY!



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	1 Labor Day Bingo Doors open 5:00pm	2 V.J Day (1945) General Membership Meeting 1930hrs	3 Bridge	4 Cribbage	5 Fri-N-Dinner Danny Gibbs 2000hrs	6 Honor Flight
7 Grand Parents Day American Legion & VFW Picnic (1230hrs)	8 Bingo Doors open 5:00pm Line Dance 8pm	9 DAV S.A.L MTG 7:30pm	10 NARFE 12-3pm	11 Patriot Day Ceremony (7pm) Cribbage	12 Fri-N-Dinner Karaoke w/Joe 2000hrs	13
14 POST 176 Breakfast 9-11 am (\$7.00) Tailgate 1PM vs. Saints 	15 POW/MIA Recognition Day Bingo Doors open 5:00pm Line Dance 8pm	16 Legion Hall Meeting (6-8pm)	17 Bridge	18 USAF B'day (1947) Cribbage	19 Fri-N-Dinner Karaoke w/ Babs 2000hrs	20
21 Tailgate 1PM vs. Cardinals 	22 Bingo Doors open 5:00pm Line Dance 8pm	23 ExCOM Meeting 1930hrs	24	25 Corp Board ??????? Cribbage	26 Fri-N-Dinner Karaoke w/Joe 2000hrs	27
28 Tailgate 4PM @ Cowboys 	29 Bingo Doors open 5:00pm Line Dance 8pm	30	<h1>September</h1> <h1>2008</h1>			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2008</h1>			1	2	3	4
			Bridge		Fri-N-Dinner Terry Lee Piano Bar 2000hrs	Honor Flight
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Tailgate 1PM @ Eagles  PIG ROAST (12-3pm)	Bingo Doors open 5:00pm Line Dance 8pm	War on Terror Began General Membership Meeting 1930hrs			Fri-N-Dinner Karaoke w/Joe 2000hrs	
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Columbus Day POST 176 Breakfast 9-11 am Tailgate 1PM vs. Rams 	Navy B'day (1775) Bingo Doors open 5:00pm Line Dance 8pm	S.A.L MTG 7:30pm	Bridge		Fri-N-Dinner Karaoke w/ Barb 2000hrs	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Tailgate 4PM vs. Browns 	Bingo Doors open 5:00pm Line Dance 8pm	Blood Drive Legion Hall Meeting (6-8pm)			Fri-N-Dinner Karaoke w/Joe 2000hrs	(22 - 29th AUG, Nat'l Convention Phoenix, AZ)
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Tailgate 1PM @ Lions 	Bingo Doors open 5:00pm Line Dance 8pm	Gold Star Mother's Day ExCOM Meeting 1930hrs			31 Halloween  Karaoke w/ Barb 2000hrs	

Your Club cont...

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TAILGATING – hey, it’s that time of year again....
Get ready! Pat Peterson has posted the Fall Schedule around the Post and in the Lounge.

A **BIG 176 THANKS** goes to Jeff Harrison, Bob Smith, Chaplain Charlie, Art Childers and my dear ‘ol friend Mr. Best – they are my great volunteers of the last two months! Weeding, digging, mowing, cutting, trimming etc., WOW! Well my dear gentlemen, I would like to reward you and your guest of choice, with a free Friday Night Dinner for your graciousness and badly needed efforts to spruce up around the front of the building and Flag Island. You all are GREAT and these gentlemen really worked their fannies off!

->**Remember -Taco Night is back!! (Saturdays 5:30 to 7:00)**
-Tacos are .75 cents each or 3 for \$2.00
-Taco Salad \$3.00

To our wonderful members, thank you for all your continued support and to our many new members, welcome aboard, come out, enjoy Your Post and all the entertainment it offers - and - most important of all – thank you FOR BEING and GETTING INVOLVED!

THANK YOU ! – Sukie

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**Our house Steaks are always available!*

**All dinners include: Salad, Rolls, Coffee, Tea (hot/iced), and assorted deserts.*

--- September ---

- 09/05 – **Chicken Marsala** w/ Angel Hair Pasta & veggie \$11.00
- 09/12 – **Pork Tenderloin** w/ mashed taters, green beans & apple sauce \$11.00
- 09/19 – **Country Fried Steak** w/ mashed taters & corn \$10.00
- 09/26 – **Steamed Crab Legs** (served w/butter) w/ FF’s & Hush Puppies – ½ Pound \$7.00 Full Pound \$12.00

--- October ---

- 10/03 – **Corned Beef and Cabbage** w/ potatoes, carrots & corn bread \$10.00
- 10/10 – **Sorry** – No Friday Night Dinner – Holiday Weekend
- 10/17 – **“Oriental Night”** Thickly sliced Beef (Bulgoki Style) W/ steamed rice & stir fried veggies \$11.00
- 10/24 – **Chicken Cordon Bleu** w/ scallop potatoes & mixed veggies \$12.00
- 10/31 – **Sorry** – No Friday Dinner - Hollween

--- New Steak Features ---

- 6 oz Tender Loin (bacon wrapped) \$9.00
 - 6 oz NY Steak \$9.00
 - 10oz NY Steak \$12.00
- (like all our meals – all the fix’n’s are included)*

Remember – guest chefs are welcome to share their special menu items!!!
Join in on the fun and dining pleasure....
Enjoy!

If you have suggestions for our dinner selections – you would like to see featured – please – feel free to share your ideas – **Thanks – Sukie**

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Auxiliary Unit 176 News

Let me start with a good news, bad news story. First, the bad news.

It was a beautiful day. We, the Siwik's and the Vatter's, were meeting to consolidate the school supplies that we each had collected for our local elementary schools. As I said, "It was a beautiful day." Then disaster struck. I fell down two stair-steps and broke a bone in my right foot, along with a sprained toe on my left foot. Except for the clumsy "Frankenstein" air boot everything is okay. But you may remember that the Vatter's were going to the National Convention in Phoenix, trip is now canceled. This is the second time the Vatter's had to cancel flights this year: Back in April my husband, Dick, had emergency gall bladder surgery the day before our flight to the Bahamas for a two week vacation. We have decided to not schedule any more flights this year.

Now, for the good news. Like I said, "It was a beautiful day." The quantity of school supplies that were gathered was unbelievable. There were pencils, crayons, composition books, pencil boxes, folders, glue sticks and much more. By the time you read this the supplies will have been delivered to Garfield, Lynnbrook and Crestwood. Like I said, "It was a beautiful day." Thanks, Mike and Mary.

Remember, you don't have to wait for a renewal notice from National to renew your membership. Dues are still \$20.00 – please renew early.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you on Tuesday, September 2nd, at our monthly membership meeting. It should be interesting, if for no other reason than to watch me do the "Monster Mash."

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Jere Vatter, President

American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Joint Annual Picnic

At American Legion's Large Hall
On Sunday, 7 September 2008
Starting at 12:30 P.M. and ending when the food runs out
No desserts will be purchased
Please bring a dessert if you'd like!

Children & Youth Corner:

Another successful Back-to-School Basic Supplies Drive by the Post 176 family has been accomplished for the 2008-2009 school year. Over a ton of school supplies with an estimated full retail value of \$5,292.47 has been delivered to 4 Springfield area elementary schools. A big thank you to all who contributed; and a special thanks to Jake & Jere Vatter (and their son), Maudie Price and Mary Siwik who were essential in getting all this assembled and delivered.

Notes: Upcoming Events

26 October (Sunday) - Halloween Party - Prizes for costumes; hotdogs, snacks, etc. Ages toddler thru 10 years. 1 - 3 p.m.

7 December (Sunday) - Winter Festival - Santa & Mrs. Claus; Puppet Master Show. Light lunch and gift bags provided. 1 - 3 p.m.

For God & Country

Mike Siwik

C & Y Committee Coordinator

The Defense Department announced (February 09, 2004) the creation of the [Korean Defense Service Medal \(KDSM\)](#).

The KDSM is a service medal to give special recognition for the sacrifices and contributions made by members of the U.S. armed forces who have served or are serving in the Republic of Korea.

Public Law 107-314 legislated the creation of a new medal to recognize military service in the Republic of Korea and the surrounding waters.

Members of the armed forces authorized the KDSM must have served in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land and water areas.

The KDSM period of eligibility is July 28, 1954, to a future date to be determined by the secretary of defense.

Service members must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility and have been physically deployed in the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days or meet one of the following criteria:

More than 40,000 members of the U.S. armed forces have served in the Republic of Korea or the waters adjacent thereto each year since the signing of the cease-fire agreement in July 1953, which established the Demilitarized Zone. For more than 50 years, U.S. Armed Forces efforts to deter and defend the Korean Peninsula have helped maintain democracy and preserve the indomitable spirit of freedom.



Springfield American Legion Post 176 Baseball

(Another Season Comes to a Close!)

As the 2008 American Legion Baseball season comes to a close, I am proud of our performance and the way that we competed. This year's team returned 10 players. We scouted, recruited, and added 8 players, worked hard, stayed focused, and finished the regular season in fourth place. We went through a tough mid-season stretch and lost 7 of 9 games but finished the season strong winning 8 of the last 12 games. During the district tournament we won our first 2 games to remain in the winner's bracket, before losing to Post 1976. We then beat the regular season first place team (Post 139) for a second time, eliminating them from the tournament. During the regular season we lost to Post 139 the three times we played. In the championship game against Post 1976, we tied the score at 4 runs in the top of the 8th inning, only to give up an unearned run in bottom of the 8th. In the 9th inning, we stranded a runner at second base, when the next two batters flew out to end the game (we lost 5-4). We had another very, very good Legion baseball season and our record of 17 wins and 15 losses reflects that solid performance and play.

Those who watched us, including Commander Lipscomb during our dramatic last two tournament games, know that this team, like many past Springfield Post 176 teams, showed character, heart, and resourcefulness. These fine and talented baseball players also possessed a sense of purpose, and they made the commitment and sacrifice, throughout the summer, to play for our post team. *Despite peer pressure and recruiting attempts from "travel baseball" and "pay-to-play" leagues, they stayed the course and, for the most part, over-achieved!*

I want to recognize our departing players who, because of age limitation, played their last Legion baseball games:

Josh Brown, 2-time team co-captain, 3-time Legion All-Star, our short-stop and #3 hitter. Josh can best be described as both Mr. Hustle and Mr. Baseball. He played with incredible heart and compassion. Josh made just about every play at short-stop look easy, as he fielded many ground balls over the last three years with style and grace. He was responsible for starting many of our defensive double-plays and his bat was always there when you needed that key hit. Over three Legion seasons he batted .330, .330, and .346. Most legion players have a tough time batting .300 just once. This season Josh had a .496 on-base percentage, a .452 slugging percentage, while carrying a .915 fielding percentage in 164 fielding attempts. He was focused, confident, and an all-around leader;

Mike Catherine, a second-year player, played center-field, and was our lead-off hitter for much of the season. Not being able to play his senior year in high school, Mike worked extremely hard to regain his playing form. Mike batted .302, had a .494 on-base percentage, had 19 hits, scored 18 runs, had 14 rbis, and had 5 stolen bases. In fielding, he made 33 putouts and committed only one error. Mike covered a huge portion of the outfield area with his speed and positioning and made some great catches over the season. He has been a solid Legion player;

Ryan Davis, a four-year player, 2-time Legion All-Star, was Mr. Versatility for our team playing in all 32 games. He was a starting pitcher, catcher, infielder, and when needed, played the outfield. Ryan and his family are relocating to Maine where he will be attending college. This season he batted .323 in 99 at bats, had a .504 on-base percentage, 32 hits, 18 rbis, and 2 homeruns. He had 4 wins and 1 save in 9 appearances and 40 innings, with a 2.92 ERA. Ryan had four superior seasons for our Post team, and was a very focused and confident Legion player;

Kevin Quinn, a three player, who will be attending Va Tech, was one of our reliable relief pitchers. A change-of-speed relief specialist with an array of pitches, Kevin was always called on to get the tough outs against good teams. In 11 appearances and 14 innings of relief, he allowed 18 hits, and struck out 4. Kevin always arrived first at the field and was one of the last to leave. He thrived on being at the ballpark and enjoyed the Legion competitive environment;

Andrew Sanders, a three-year player, 2-time team co-captain, 2-time Legion All-Star, Pitcher, infielder and our #4 clean-up hitter. Andrew always seemed to play at his peak during the Legion baseball season. Over three Legion seasons he totaled 12 pitching victories. This season, in 115 at bats, he led the team in batting average (.365), hits (42), rbis (31), and doubles (14). Andrew's pitching record was 5-3, and in 50 innings he allowed 54 hits while striking out 58 batters. His ERA was 3.96. Andrew's last two Legion seasons were outstanding and his pitching and hitting ability will be sorely missed; and

Jon Seidman, a first-year player, Thomas Jefferson H.S. grad, who was eligible to play after attending the University of Virginia. Jon's addition to our roster as a pitcher had a major impact on our team's performance. Jon always drew the starting pitching assignment against our toughest opponent. He was very consistent and a stabilizing force for our pitching staff. Often-times, his performance was key to whether we won or lost. His record was 3-3 with 2 saves. In 57 innings, he allowed 46 hits, struck out 40 batters, and had a 1.90 ERA.

On behalf of the Post and our team, I want to again express appreciation to those who were able to make a donation to support this year's baseball program. Their generosity helped to defray the operating costs and reduced the Post's financial burden in sponsoring our team. Many, many thanks go to: Jim Powell, Richard Mercer, Harold Pavel, Melvin Stahl, George Earnest, David Atha, Maudie Price, William McCarron, Chip Byers and the SAL, John/Sharon Ponton, John/Cynthia Rabiej, Martin Quinn, Ray/Beverly Haller, Dave/Mitzi Olerta, Christine Baldwin, Jim/Margaret Bradshaw, Fred/Donna Ruggles and others that I may have overlooked.

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MONUMENT PROPERTY PROPSAL UPDATE: (PROGRESS IS BEING MADE AT THE COUNTY LEVEL)

The offer that Monument has made to the post is being re-vamped by our post attorney and evaluated at the county level at this time. There are several key issues to resolve involving the exact amount of land to be sold and what the county is willing to allow for a density level if we do sell part of our land. This is important for both parties to resolve for the final price offering. This article is going to deal with these two issues and I am also providing a summation as to what we have that is stated as part of the offering. I will update the summation as things change with it. That way you will have a running contract offering prior to voting on the final offering. Also, all important documents concerning the Monument offer will be posted on a separate bulletin board in the lobby of the Post building. Please take to time to read the updates.

Since the post is NOT considering selling all the land, the area of land for sell would equal roughly 144,000 sq ft minus the post building footage of 10,000 sq ft; and minus 2500 sq ft for post expansion. The land for sale includes the unusable buffer zone, vacant grass land, and parking lot minus the spaces we are keeping, roughly 50. The post is KEEPING the post building, roughly 10,000 sq ft; a 2500 sq ft area for expansion, our Flag grounds, and again post owned parking, roughly 50 spaces. The county garage to be built will also be allocated for our use nights and weekends free. We are offered 31 dollars a square foot. What is not certain yet is the FAR, which is the density multiplier used to tally the final price that monument will pay for. Right now the multiplier is low; it is roughly .50 which means that the final total price Monument would pay for the land stated would be roughly 2 million or less. Soon we are going to have an appraisal done as to our current value so we can compare it to the monument offer. However, Monument is asking the county to increase the density level from .50 to 2.0. What would be the final price difference? The post would receive roughly 8 million dollars with this new Multiplier (FAR) so as you can see the big issue before we vote is to confirm whether or not the county will grant a 2.0 FAR. Also, what is the minimum price we would expect if the county approves an FAR between .50 and 2.0? So as you can see there are still issues to be resolved before we have a final price to vote on.

BREAKING NEWS: The county land use meeting was held on 28 July. At this meeting the county commission voted to nominate monuments request to have the FAR increased to 2.0. This is the highest we have seen in Springfield! This nomination has more steps to go but this is a very big step in our direction as far as pricing goes.

Finally, the Methodist church and their attorney have offered to work with us since they too are considering selling part of their land. Also, it was to good to hear at the county meeting that Monument Realty is cited within our community as a solid firm that produces quality work and can be counted on to complete projects as contracted. I must also warn you that there is an individual going around passing false information and injecting events that have not happened in this process. Although this person has been loudly declaring that I am working "under the table and being bribed by Monument"; I am telling you that I am standing tall for you and working hard to see that you have a fair and honest offer for you to vote on. This man is yelling at me not to sell anything but in same breath tried to push a developer on the corporate board that can help us sell. Again, all of your officers are working for you in the open. Contact me any time for more information.

For God and Country, Rod Carlone; President, Corporate Board

MONUMENT PURCHASE OFFERING HIGHLIGHTS

Land Considered for sale: Buffer Zone, grass lands, VDOT parking spaces minus retained post parking

Land NOT For Sale: Post Building, A 2500 sq ft expansion area, Flag Grounds, Parking for 50 Cars plus night and weekend unlimited FREE parking in the new County parking garage.

Sale Price: Based on recent initial designated FAR nominated by the County: 8 million dollars after parking spaces deduction.

Current post debts: 547,000 mortgage, approx. 200,000 repair and replacement costs.

Monument Offer Value: Post is offered the highest dollar per square foot, and highest density value in our area to date.

Post Gains the following with a sale:

Monument assumes loan on agreement date until closing is complete in roughly 3 years. Post mortgage gets reduced in half, no fees charged on the assumption. 94,000 dollar savings for the 3 years.

Post mortgage paid off.

Post Repair and Replacement will be funded.

Post prices will be reduced for veterans in all areas.

Post trust with all remaining money (roughly 6.5 to 7.0 million dollars) will be established to fund all veteran projects, save for future building replacement when needed, and ensure permanent survival in Springfield.

There are many more advantages that go with a sale of the listed property. Most importantly we are part of a better Springfield and will enhance ourselves with a newly developed Springfield.

For God and Country,
Rod Carlone, Corporate Board President

Chaplain's Report

By Charlie Buettner

Philippians 2: 14 tells us, "Do everything without grumbling or questioning." Do you spend time complaining about what should or could have been? Have you ever been approached by someone who is focused on how bad things are? It is depressing for both the speaker and listener. When you communicate with God, do you find yourself focusing on the negatives? God wants us to focus our spiritual communications with Him in a positive manner. It is important for us to pause and truly consider all that He has given us. By addressing God in a spirit of thanksgiving, praise and worship, we will find that we can close the door to complaining and establish a closer intimacy with our heavenly Father. Carrying this concept into the secular world, our friends and co-workers will be thankful for our positive attitude and positive attitudes are contagious.

I have posted a Phone Tree Notification Sheet on the Post Bulletin Board. If you would like to be notified of Comrades who have died or are ill, please put your name on the list.

As the summer ends, our children and grandchildren will be going back to school. Have you ever considered visiting their class and educating them on some segment of Americanism? Information and items can be found on the American Legion Emblem Sales website www.emblem.legion.org, American Legion: Books/Pamphlets/Education. They have a number of comic books with an accompanying DVD that can be viewed in class by the children. There are also small items for handing out to remind them of the topic discussed. It is a great grassroots way of demonstrating to our youth that our American heritage and ideals are important for all citizens to know.

RECENTLY DEPARTED NOTICE

Comrade James Burns, a 19 year member, passed away suddenly on July 18, 2008. He saw honorable service in the Navy on board the USS Henderson stationed in the Pacific Theater. He was a member of St. Bernadette Church and the Knights of Columbus.

His health had been declining and while visiting his daughter in North Carolina, he passed away. He is survived by a son, two daughters, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Comrade Arthur LeClair, a member for 17 years, passed away on July 25, 2008. Art was a decorated Army officer who served honorably for twenty-six years in Germany during WW2, Korea and Viet Nam. He was proud

of his service and his country and a member of the VFW and Sons of the American Revolution. He had been suffering from a liver ailment when a fall caused him to be hospitalized at the Bethesda Naval Hospital in June. After being released from Bethesda, he went to Greensprings for recuperation where he succumbed to complications from his illness. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter and five grandchildren. On October 22, 2008 at 12:45PM, there will be a Catholic Mass followed by internment at Arlington National Cemetery.

Adjutant Rex Buckley's father-in-law and Janet's father, Clyde Beardsley, passed away unexpectedly on June 28, 2008. He was a Korean War veteran and a long-time member of Marietta, Ohio Post 64.

Comrade Rob Roy Gordon, 72, of Chesterfield, Va., passed away on August 4, 2008. He was a member and Past Commander of American Legion Post 284, Past Commander of 11th District, Past American Legion Department of Virginia Commander and currently was serving as the National Executive Committeeman Department of Virginia. He was also a past Chef de Gare of the 40/8 Voiture 1530. His positive influence on the American Legion will be felt for years to come.

When you see members of Comrades' LeClair, Burns and Buckley family, please extend your condolences to them during this sad time.

Thanks to Les Alpers and the Color Guard for their support at the funerals and the members of the Post who contribute of their time to attend the funeral services and express their condolences to the departed's loved ones.

SICK CALL

-Past Commander Eddie Dentz has been recuperating from a lung ailment and improving daily. According to Les Grizzard, Eddie "looks good and is upbeat". Eddie hopes to go back to the Westminister Health Unit soon. Eddie sends his regards to all but is not up to entertaining visitors at this point. Les will provide us updates on Eddie's condition, which will be posted on the Chaplain's Bulletin Board as they are received.

-Comrade Josephine Harbert returned home from the nursing center following a stroke and is recovering slowly.

-Comrade George Panagakos tells me that he is doing "OK" as long as he stays away from the heat outside. At 96 years, he is still mentally sharp. He was reminiscing about his get together's at McDonalds with Commander Lew and Mike Siwik. He is thankful for a wonderful life and a great wife and son who are always there at his side.

-Dave Jacobson is undergoing radiation and chemo at the VA Hospital in Washington. He has five

more weeks of painful treatment. Dave is having a rough go right now. For all Dave has done for his fellow Comrades, can you spare a few minutes to call him at the VA Hospital after 1PM at 202-518-4439? I know he'd appreciate it. Should you visit him, he is in the Nursing Home Recovery Section, K-Wing, Room 116, bed 1.

-Rich Tiner is still having health issues possibly as a result of the extended cancer treatment. He is taking medication and seeing specialist to determine the problem area that is causing fluid retention but is confident that he will make a recovery. Unfortunately he fell the other day and got pretty banged up. He will try to make it to the Joint American Legion/VFW Luncheon on Sept 7. Please give him a call just to touch base at 703-451-6556.

-Anthony Goodhart, a member of our Post for ten years is gravely ill. He currently resides at Greensprings Village. We ask that you remember him in your prayers.

I want to let you know that our Comrades are appreciative of the cards they received and our prayers.

Please remember to pray for our sick and deceased Comrades, Veterans, Servicemen, Servicewomen and their families. Continue to petition the Lord to intervene in their world to keep them safe, successful in their mission and bring them spiritual peace.

*As the specter of **September 11th** looms on the horizon, we are once again reminded of that terrible day seven years ago when our modern world changed for-*

ever. On this date, let us pause to remember those thousands of United States citizens, both civilians and military, who were murdered by terrorists on our homeland. The challenges facing all the civilized people of the world as they relate to the war on terrorism will not end until these fanatics are brought to justice.

It is in a new group of young American men and women that we have given the charge to bring to justice those who perpetrated and perpetuate this act of terror. They are the new group of patriots that will answer their country's call, train, fight and die, if necessary, for our freedom. We ask God to protect these service personnel and to comfort those families who have lost a loved one in this war on terrorism.

On a final and warm note, we recently received a renewal notice from Mrs. Mason, the wife of Comrade Donald Mason, who returned to the Post Everlasting in 1999. We were unaware that Comrade Mason had died. When we contacted Mrs. Mason, she told us that she had continued to renew the American Legion membership to honor her husband's name, because she believes in what the American Legion stands for and that she is helping veterans in some small way. What a loving wife and loyal supporter of our veterans and our organization's goals!

Please feel free to contact me if you or someone from our Legion family is ill. 703-455-5067.

For God and Country
Charlie Buettner



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I want to thank the leadership of the Post for their unyielding support and commitment to the baseball program, those members and fans who cheered us and provided the inspiration, our superb and very loyal and dedicated coaches, Len Yankosky (18th season) and Rick Davis (7th season), player parents, and lastly the players, "our boys of summer," for their fine play, dedication, character and unyielding commitment.

Lastly, it is with sadness that I announce the departure of Coach Rick Davis. After retiring from the military and spending a couple of years in the private sector, Rick and his family are relocating home to Gorham, Maine, where his son Ryan will be attending college. Rick has done an outstanding job coaching the Post 176 Legion Baseball Team for the last 7 years. His knowledge of baseball, dedication, and "love of the game" are qualities that will be sorely missed. The Post 176 team and I have been very fortunate to have someone as gifted and talented committed to our baseball program. I know that all the past and current members of the 17th District American Legion Baseball Program, our team, and members of the Legion community thank him for his many years of service and wish him the very best in his pursuit of new life challenges.

Al Vaxmonsky, Team Manager, 866-4863

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PIG ROAST - buy your pig roast tickets – no cooking upstairs

12 Oct - 1PM vs. Rams 🐏

19 Oct - 4PM vs. Browns 🦏

26 Oct - 1PM @ Lions 🦁

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