



POST SCRIPT

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Commander's Call

After being installed on the 24th of June it's been a whirl wind twenty-six days. But before I give you in chronological order the key events of this reporting period, I want to mention several other things that are on my mind. If I haven't stated it publicly I want to now: I will not do anything as your Commander that is not in your best interest or in the best interest of the Post. Not everything will please everybody but I hope nothing hurts anything more than your feelings and/or your pride. I will lead my (your) ExCom in a way that they employ this same philosophy! But please understand your ExCom is young in experience if not in age! I am, every time I'm in their presence, trying to impart principles and knowledge they need to serve you well. They have not had my nine years of experience nor are they "students of the American Legion Way" which helped me to understand what I was learning as I progressed "thru the chairs" but I have asked them to be

good students of our organization and they each will be to different degrees. At least two are so inexperienced that they did not know they had to bring everything to the ExCom for approval. Fortunately I walked in just as their two person council had implemented a new, but ill advised policy. Secondly, last month I asked a member to stop his destructive actions and asked that I be allowed to lead the organization without his constant interruptions. Since I've learned that I must ask all of you to allow us, your leaders, to lead the Post without having to stop and chide you about doing something in the name of the Post that you haven't been given the authority to act upon. In other words, members, ExCom and Corporate Board members should not speak for the Post unless the Commander and Corporate Board President have been apprised of the situation/issue and have given you the authority to go out and represent the Post. Thirdly, I am going to try my best to fol-

low the saying "what happens in the Post stays in the Post". The community doesn't have the time or energy to care when we're acting like kids rather than the proud veterans that we are! And finally, our lounge is our place to relax while having the adult beverage of our choice, so please don't use it to talk shop or to loudly discuss Post issues, results of meetings and the like to the detriment of interfering with another comrade's ability to relax. Now that those things have been said I'll give you the highlights of what your Post leadership has been doing since 24 June.

Prior to installation I gave you the obligatory twenty day notice that a Special General Membership Meeting would be held on 26 June to hear a briefing from Monument Realty regarding their plans in conjunction with Fairfax County to develop a portion of Springfield. All of our family was invited but only thirty people attended.

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Bridge Walk

The Annual BRIDGE WALK (from FedEx Kinko to Post 176) is scheduled for 28 August. Start time will probably be 7 pm with the normal food and ice cream vendor at the Post. This is enough info to mark your calendar! Our color Guard with the VFW's will lead the way. Additional info will be announced via e-mail or at 7 August GMM.

August Military History:

- 8/1-Air Force Day
- 8/2-Invasion of Kuwait "Operation Desert Shield" 1990
- 8/4-US Coast Guard Established in 1970
- 8/4-Vietnam War, Gulf of Tonkin 1964
- 8/7-Purple Heart Medal Established in 1782
- 8/14-Japan Surrendered Ending WWII and National Navajo Code Talkers Day
- 8/16-National Airborne Day
- 8/19-National Aviation Day

Post 176 Officers

Commander.....Lew Lipscomb
1st Vice.....Ray Stone
2nd Vice.....George Tesla
3rd Vice.....Stu Bailey
Finance Officer.....Robert Cable
Chaplain.....Maudie Price
Sgt-At-Arms.....Ron Phillips
Adjutant.....Rex Buckley
Service Officer.....Ali Nikolai
Historian.....Ralph Nichols

Executive Committee

Committeeman 1yr.. .Klaus Dahlke
Committeeman 2yr..Election 7 Aug
Committeeman 3yr.....Ken Hanson

Corporate Board

President 1yr.....Rod Carlone
Member 2yr.....Rich Tiner
Member 3yr.....Dennis Stokowski

Unit 176 Auxiliary Officers

President.....Marty McGrail
Vice President.....Janet Buckley
Secretary.....Debra Weimer
Treasurer.....Andrea Sutherland
Chaplain.....Jere Vatter
Historian.....Mable Sanderson
Sgt-At-Arms.....Raheleh Faziollah
Asst. Sgt-At Arms.....Hazel Babler

Squadron 176 Officers

Commander.....Chip Byers
Vice Cmdr.....Eric Boyer
Chaplain.....Art Childers
Adjutant.....VACANT
Sgt-At-Arms.....Tim Dioquino
Finance Officer.....Bill Swaner
Membership.....Vacant

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Auxiliary Unit 176 News

EARLY BIRD DUES

Have you heard a familiar bird sing recently? Our Unit's Early Bird has returned to remind all members that the time has come to pay our 2008 dues. To date, Auxiliary dues remain at \$20 per person for the upcoming year. Janet Buckley is the point-of-contact for 2008 dues payments. Checks should be mailed to her at: 6955 Banchory Court, Alexandria, VA 22315. If you have any questions, please call Janet at (703) 719-7647.

RECIPE SUBMISSIONS

Sister, can you spare your favorite recipes? As you may recall, our Unit is making a cookbook. Copies of these cookbooks will be sold as a fund raiser for the Auxiliary. To make this cookbook a success, we need five (5), or more, recipes from as many of our members as possible. These recipes could be family favorites passed down through the years, or great kitchen projects to involve your children or grandchildren on a rainy day. Please type or print your recipes, proof for errors, and e-mail or mail your submissions to Marty McGrail. Marty's e-mail address is: Marty@mcgrail.com. Her home address is: 5620 Flag Run Drive, Springfield, VA 22151.

OPEN COMMITTEES

As we begin the 2007-2008 Auxiliary Year, our Unit has several committee vacancies. It's through our committees that the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is accomplished. Unit 176 needs your support in volunteering to chair committees, vol-

unteering to serve on committees, and volunteering to provide additional support as needed. If you would like further information, or specific committee vacancies, please contact Marty McGrail at (703) 451-9150. Thank you in advance for your service.

Janet Buckley, 1st Vice

Post 176 Lady of the Year:

At the 86th Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary of the Department of Virginia held July 12 – 15, 2007 in Falls Church, Virginia (at the Parkview Marriott Hotel) Mary Siwik was honored as our Lady of the Year for '06 – '07. Mary, with her husband Mike, completed many projects to assist and honor the children of our Post members and those in the Springfield Community. She held Halloween, Christmas and Easter parties just to name several of her many Children and Youth Programs. Congratulations Mary! Without tireless workers like you we couldn't complete our programs.

from Commander
Lew Lipscomb

MEET OUR ADJUTANT:

After our July GMM two individuals responded to my request for an Adjutant. After interviewing Rex C. Buckley on Sunday, July 8, and working with him that same afternoon on the computer, I decided he would be an excellent choice for the Adjutant position. Rex is a native of Charlestown, West Virginia and graduated from West Virginia University where he met his lovely wife Janet, who is the Auxiliary's Vice President. They currently reside in Alexandria. Rex served from 1968 – 1972 on active duty with the United States Navy. He spent a year of that time serving in Vietnam. Upon release from his active duty obligation he served the

next 23 years in the U.S. Naval Reserves. Simultaneous with his Reserve duty and currently, Rex works for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency as a GS-14. The Adjutant is like the "first sergeant" of a infantry company or the secretary of a civilian organization. In other words the Adjutant's duties are administrative. His main function is to maintain the minutes of GMM and ExCom meetings. Welcome aboard Rex! I'm certainly glad you joined the team. (Note: The other member who volunteered to serve I already knew well enough to know that his strengths were in the financial arena so I'll have him help the Post in a financial capacity.)

Corporate Board Report:

Post employees make the difference..

In every business, the difference between success and failure rests on the performance of the employees. It is no different for our business here at Post 176. As I stated in last month's article, the turn-around of our business here at Post the last six months has been great. We saw a revenue and cost savings gain of \$155,900 dollars from the previous six months. The Corporate Board credits our employees with this sweeping performance which has brought enhanced service to the members. As a result, the Corporate Board has decided to reward the General Manager with a new contract that will keep her with the Post for at least two more years from this month. We congratulate Sukie Knarr and we are very happy she has chosen to stay with the Post.

The Post has added some new employees who are happy to be with us and committed to serving you the members.

Welcome to:

Ali Ahandour, Christine Fitzgerald, Kim Day Fajardo, Helen Lomonedes, and James O'Shea. They make the difference in the success we plan on having in the Post. You, the members, can count on your corporate board to ensure that all employees are treated fairly and with respect. Remember, you the members are the customers. If you ever have any ideas on how the Post can enhance services, please feel free to pass it along to the General Manager or the Corporate Board. Thanks for your support.

For God and Country
Rod Carlone

Post Scripts Editor Resigns:

Klaus Dahlke, our Post Scripts Editor for the last three plus years resigned with the publication of the July '07 issue. On behalf of the membership and from me personally, I want to thank Klaus for a job well done! Month after month Klaus had to be in the area between the 15th and the 25th in order to receive articles and get them formatted and into the monthly issue ready for printing. It is a very labor intensive job. Klaus and his wife, Betty Ann, need the time saved to focus on their family. Klaus thanks for all you did to make our Post Scripts second best in the State.

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SATURDAY, 4 AUGUST 2007

1230-UNTIL

FOR GOOD FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

(CAMARADERIE)



“Commander’s Call” continued

But this small group was very vocal with their questions which I believe the two Monument representatives answered truthfully. The Corporate Board and Executive Committee desire that the membership be kept fully informed about what is being planned for development in our community so we’ll continue to invite you to read or listen to what’s happening. The Corporate Board has a more lengthy article on this subject.

On 30 June I attended Arlington Post 139’s Installation of Officers. Several other members and former members of Post 176 also attended. Your past commander Jim Kampanos was installed as the Service Officer for Post 139. Marvin Rodney, a 17th District Vice Commander, Post 1976 Commander and our 17th District liaison officer had issued me the invitation since he knew that publication of the event had not reached our Post. This was my first event as your commander to get back out with 17th District and Post 139 leaders in an effort to get back into the swing of things and to get reacquainted with legionnaires I had worked closely with during my tours as commander during ’02 – ’04. Maudie Price and I broke bread and imbibed a few together and enjoyed the event.

On 3 July I conducted my first meeting since June ’04. If I must say so myself I thought it went well. I was particularly proud of my vice commanders who did an excellent job presenting their reports and getting their committee chiefs to give their reports. During the meeting S.A.L. Member Bill Hall was presented with a bar stool with his name engraved on the chair’s plaque for all of his help

around the Post Home. Two primary areas include Bingo and the Sunday Monthly Breakfast. The only criticism I heard about the meeting was that “it was a little long”. Bill did give an acceptance speech which was more than a few words thanking us for his honor. And later during the meeting Bill explained the new “gaming” rules which are complicated. I probably elaborated too much on agenda items but I need and desire that the membership understand the issues, especially if it is something that requires a vote. Too I am too compassionate to cut off a comrade from speaking when he or she has something to say. And as I exhibited during ’02-’04 nothing will be voted until all discussion has been heard.

On 4 July the Post conducted a brief Independence Day Ceremony under our flags in the park. It was attended by 30 or so comrades and friends. Following the ceremony approximately 100 of our American Legion family enjoyed a great cookout up in the lounge. The food was plentiful and the camaraderie was throughout the lounge. I want to thank Sukie Knarr and her staff for the wonderful cookout.

On 7 July I called a Special Meeting of the ExCom for the purpose of discussing if and how much we should donate to the 17th District to help finance the 89th Department of Virginia American Legion Convention. After much discussion which included our relative position within the District, the ExCom voted to give \$2,000 to the 17th District Convention Committee to use to offset convention costs, such as charter bus to get conventioners to and from the Marriot Hotel for the Bar-B-Q held Thursday evening at Post 180 in Vienna and to cover the cost of rooms not

filled by conventioners which were guaranteed by the committee to be rented. The \$2K was very generous but the ExCom also gave me the authority to present another \$1K check during the convention if it was necessary. Although I was not the driving force to give such a generous donation, I hope that 17th District realizes Post 176 wants to put the past year behind us and start the ’07-’08 Legion Year with a clean slate. The second purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the ExCom’s receipt of a letter from our GM and endorsed by the Corporate Board President and relating to the Junior Past Commander. I am still awaiting a letter to close this issue. If I have it by the August GMM on the 7th I’ll discuss the outcome of the special meeting.

On 8 July I attended our monthly breakfast intending to help clear dishes from the tables and generally help where I could but actually spent more time talking with those attending and welcoming others. We had 140 paying customers and people certainly ate all they cared to eat! I took great pains to list the names of all of the volunteers who helped but now I cannot locate the paper. I hope the fact that I got around to meet you and speak to you will get me off the hook at least a little bit for not mentioning all of you by name. One name of a prospective new member (a transfer), Robin Schoelerman, who I met at breakfast has come to the Washington Metro Area from my home state of South Carolina. She’s a former Marine and young (relative to me) which I hope when she actually transfers she will help us attract some younger members because we need fresh, youthful ideas in our organization –from Post level to National level!

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During 12 – 15 July I and quite a few members of our Post attended the Department Convention. I attended virtually every hour of the core meetings and work and your Chaplain, Maudie Price, worked many hours to help with registration and other things the Convention Committee was tasked to accomplish and attended meetings when she could. Thanks Maudie! And I thank my ExCom members for attending and participating in many of the convention sessions. At least 12 of our family attended the Bar-B-Q at Post 180 on Thursday night which was the social event which kicked off the convention. This is the first time since the early eighties that the Convention has been held in Northern Virginia and it won't be the last because we (17th District) are sponsoring it again next year. Unfortunately too many Districts did not attend because it is too far to drive even though I and other Post 176 members have driven to Roanoke and Virginia Beach to attend things in those areas. I hope that your Ex-

Com members had their appetites whetted enough to attend other District and Department meetings, conferences and conventions in the future. From my perspective the convention was a successful one. Except for the second best newsletter, Post 176 did not receive any awards worthy of note but if we do not receive one next year it won't be from lack of trying or due to not conducting our programs.

On 19 July I attended a Springfield Chamber of Commerce Mixer and attempted to network with about 40 other members. My purpose is to let members of the community know we're about more than beer, bingo and baseball (none of which are bad in moderation). The community needs to know us for our programs and community service activities which are significant when you remember we and our Color Guard participate in the parade and bridge walk and the like. I found that when I dug deep I could network with the sign guy, the video producer and the realtor. And I had an invitation to speak

at the Springfield Golf and Country Club by an individual who collects WWII memorabilia (Ben Migliaccio, 703.256.0173 ext 53281 if you have such collector's items for sale). These two hours were well spent because 40 people now know a little more about us.

Most days out of the 26 in this reporting period I have been in the Post trying to get things done or interrupting people from making their own rules and the like. Several days I showed moral support by attending meetings that were the primary action of the Corporate Board. I am a bingo caller for the Post so that has taken time.

Please join me as I try to be a comrade in the truest sense of the meaning of the word to you, my comrades.

Please indulge me for the length of this article. There so little time to do so many things!

For God and Country,
Lewis "Lew" Lipscomb, Cmdr

THE AUGUST POST SCRIPTS:

This issue of our newsletter has a different look and perhaps a different focus and slant in the articles. Why? We have a new Editor, Ashley Hanson, who is experienced with the publication of documents such as our Post Scripts even though her knowledge doesn't include the same computer program previous editors used. And the Post has a different Commander and Executive Committee. As your commander my articles will not be like articles in our newsletter over the last months or couple of years. I want the newsletter to be more informative, in other words, I want you to know what your Post has

been doing the previous reporting period and what I, your ExCom and other Post members have been and are accomplishing in the future. Prior to my installation on June 24th there was info in the newsletter that major cost cutting was needed with some discussion about perhaps going to a bi-monthly publication which would cut printing and mailing costs in half but I fear it might decrease the informative nature of the newsletter because we don't often have information about upcoming events two months in advance. (For example info about the annual Bridge Walk to be conducted on 28 August is not yet public and it will happen within the next 30 days and our Post will again be the host.) I'm going to

bring an idea or two to the ExCom on the 24th of July as ways to cut cost without cutting out an issue. We have already researched various alternatives Printers' costs and mailing costs are only increasing and Bulk mail is the most inexpensive way which is how we mail it. So although 12 issues of Post Scripts cost \$6 per member per year, we'll continue and try to implement something to reduce costs, but continue to publish 12 issues per year.





Sons Of The American Legion

No Meeting in August:

As usual, there will be no meeting of the Squadron in August. We look forward to seeing everybody at 7:30 PM on September 11 (Patriots Day) as we begin the new year of meetings.

Boy Scouts:

The scouts of Troop 1344 have just ended a busy season with many activities including summer camp in Pennsylvania. The camp had to end early due to illness in several other troops (our guys were just fine) but the boys who went had a wonderful time and earned an average of 3.5 Merit Badges each. Great work guys!!

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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. Your commander got many ideas for new things we might try as a squadron. The convention will occur in Falls Church again next year

and I hope more of our squadron members will be able to attend. Our area is fortunate to be the home of the New Detachment Commander, Scott Williams (who has visited our squadron several times while he was Northern Region Vice Commander) from Purcellville in Loudoun County and new Northern Region Vice-Commander Dave Gledhill from our own Seventeenth District brother Squadron 177 in Fairfax. We can expect to see Dave visiting us occasionally and Scott has promised at least one visit over the next year. Let us be supportive of them in their endeavors over the next year.

2008 MEMBERSHIP :

The new membership year is underway, but off to a slow start. We finished 2007 Membership with only 71%. 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 by continuing to get new members (we did great last year), but also bring back

those who have lapsed. (Most of the "shortage" for 2007 was through non-renewals.) We need your energy, time, and yes a little of your money to carry on the many great programs we support in the Legion family, especially the Children and Youth Program and various Veteran's Programs. We need your support through membership and volunteerism to make them happen. (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.)

White House Ornaments-Christmas In July!!

The 2007 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. for a Total of



Chaplain Report by Maudie Price

Greetings Legionnaires,

I have been busy at our Department Convention held in Falls Church, Va. from July 12-15. I served as Chaplain for 2 sessions. As a member of the Registration Committee, I served several shifts. On the Friday Night Entertainment Committee, I served 2 hours of selling tickets and explaining the rules of the game. On the Golf Committee I helped fill the bags for handouts to 88 golfers. Thanks to our Commander Lew, the ExCom and many of our Legion family for working, registering and attending. Post 176 gave support to the North's

first Department Convention in 20 years.

My phone call to Gina concerning her Father Walter "Butch" Welch advised that he is in Sleepy Hollow Manor House in Annandale at phone number 703.256.7000. I sent a get-well card to Comrade Angelo Anelli. His wife fell and is recovering at home. Comrade William M. McDowell was laid to rest in Arlington in January. We were honored with his wife Comrade Carolyn McDowell and family at our July 4th Picnic. This was her first time to come to the post. Some years back I had visited our Comrade and

this made it easier for Carolyn to want to visit with us. I called and sent a get-well card to our Comrade Curt Ross. He had surgery which will require on-going treatments according to his wife. Comrade Herbert Markle's wife told me that our Comrade and she have been in Chicago for additional tests. His condition is very weak and needs improvement. The additional evaluation will take place in September. Some of our Legion family is scheduled to go to Legion College in the early part of August. In the later part of August many of us will go to our National Convention in Reno. I am honored to

go and represent the Department of Virginia as a delegate.

I am grateful to Past Chaplain Al Cockrell for assistance with our prayer this month. "Almighty God we look to you for guidance, love and understanding when working with our fellow comrades for our American Legion Programs. We thank you for the shower of grace which allows us the realization that only you can keep our motives pure during the deliberations of our Post 176 daily affairs. Keep us humble as we remember the price of freedom and those who are still in harm's way."

AMEN

Fairfax County Violation Lifted by Rich Tiner

The County issued a notice of a serious zoning violation to the Post Corporate Board on 18th October 2006. The violation was due to our former General Manager/Commander unlawfully clearing the Post Buffer Zone of many trees and

failing to keep the zone clear of debris and over growth. The violation involved; a) clearing the buffer zone and b) planting 65 trees of specific types and variety..

The post developed a two step bid and got a minimum of five bids for

each step, from responsible bidders. The clearing contract was awarded to Ryan's Landscaping for \$5,950 on 28th Dec. 06 and completed in January 2007. The trees contract was awarded to Merrifield Nursery on 23 January for \$8,500 and completed on 30th May 2007. Fifty gator bags at a cost

of \$1,325 were installed to water the trees.

The County inspected and approved the corrective action and signed a release to the Corporate Board President the week of 11 July 07. A big job was completed. Now the job remains to keep the trees watered and the Buffer Zone clean.

Trespassing and Damage to Legion Gates

The Legion has experienced serious and continuing problems with trespassers and vandalism of our gates. The property has been posted. We have made many police reports and had the police

survey our property and regularly monitor the property. We have repaired and replaced gates at considerable cost to the Post. We also wrote a letter to Springfield Toyota seeking their assis-

tance. Collectively we seem to have things under control and have not had a problem for the past 60 days. We are currently painting the gates and shed to improve the appearance of the post prop-

erty.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h1>August</h1>			1 Bridge	2 Cribbage	3 Pork Tenderloin Karaoke w/Joe	4	
	5	6 Bingo	7 General Membership Mtg. 7:30 pm	8	9 Cribbage	10 Big Crab Ball Karaoke w/Joe	11
	12 Breakfast 9-11am, \$6.00	13 Bingo	14	15 Bridge	16 Cribbage	17 Prime Rib Karaoke w/Babs	18
	19	20 Bingo	21 EXCOMM Mtg. 7:30 pm	22	23 Cribbage	24 Steak & Lobster Karaoke w/Joe	25
	26	27 Corporate Board Mtg. 7:30 pm Bingo	28	29	30 Cribbage	31 Grilled Shrimp & NY Steak Karaoke w/Babs	

THE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE is **BACK** and ready for some great events. We have participants from all units of the Post. On the committee is Pat Peterson and Liz Woodard from the Post, Bill Hall from the SAL and Sarah O'Donnell, Dodie Meyer and Janet Buckley from the Auxiliary. Plus numerous other volunteers.

We are looking forward to **TAILGATE** parties with a new flair. We will always have hamburgers and hot dogs as well as the flavor of the week (for example-against Arizona we will have side dishes with a Mexican Cuisine flavor)-There will be snacks for the game and the main course will be at half time-Flavor of the game will be listed in the Post Script-Bring a dish to share with your friends!!!

Mark your calendar-Jeff McGee is coming back on Friday 21 September-It will be like the good old days-Jeff will be the DJ and stand by for some serious dancing!!! Get to the Post early-it will be Packed

PIG roast is planned for 14 October

Any assistance or suggestions will be appreciated
Pat Peterson

Another successful year is behind us with and for our Juniors for 2006-2007

We took 1st place for Juniors in Department and District for 2006-2007. ... Our Juniors received a citation from McGuire Hospital for their services.

Kaci Wertz and Cassie Dahlke attended the Department Convention this year and received their awards in front of the all the assembled Department Units. Both were elected and sworn in as Department Officers. They also had a great time at the Convention.

Kaci Wertz, was awarded the Junior Volunteer Of The Year Award for 2006-2007 at the recent Department Convention in Falls Church. Cassie Dahlke was last year's recipient of this honor for 2005-2006 Auxiliary year. Cassie was awarded Department Junior Member of the Year for

2006-2007. These Junior Volunteer and Junior Member of the Year awards are an honor to receive. Kaci Wertz, Cassie Dahlke, Cassidy Knarr and Brittney Ledford received at least 6 or 7 Patches in the Junior Patch Program this year as well. For Department, our Juniors were the only ones from our Post to receive an award on the Auxiliary side

We hope our Juniors continue to work on their patches and also attend District Conferences, Department Conventions, and continue making things and do projects for our Veterans in the hospitals. We are very proud of our Juniors. Keep up the good work girls.

Betty Ann Dahlke
Juniors Chairman for Unit 176

2008 MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

National sent out your 2008 dues notice in mid to late June advising you to remit to the Post \$25 for 2008. About 250 of you have sent in your checks and your cards are being processed and will be mailed out to you soon.

National's dues notice shorted the Post \$5 because we increased our dues to \$30 in February 2007 in order to cover National's \$4.50 increase earlier.

If you have not sent in your 2008 dues please send \$30 which is the correct amount which was duly passed by the membership in February and has been published in recent issues of the Post Scripts.

If you remitted \$25 and would send or personally drop off \$5 to

cover the remaining cost of your dues please do so. Thank you!

Ray Stone, 1st Vice

NOTICE TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Our bi-monthly blood drive is scheduled for 21 August between 2 and 7 p.m. Please call or e-mail Joe Finch at 703.569.1552 and Sepp11552@aol.com for an appointment. After the last drop of blood has been drawn, a drawing will be held for two free Friday night dinners. Only blood donor's names will be entered in the drawing and of course you do not have to hang around for the drawing, we'll send you your two tickets!

George Tesla, 2nd Vice

Letter from Manchester Lakes Senior Apartment Community.....

Dear Commander Taborek & Members of American Legion Post 176. On behalf of Manchester Lakes Senior Apartment Community, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for the wonderful and generous donation of our beautiful new American Flag for our senior apartment community. Our new flag is displayed in front of our main business office building and is an inspiration to all staff and community members that reside here. An announcement has been made to all of the Manchester Lakes residents and family members to let them know of your organization's wonderful contribution to our community. Again, thank you for your wonderful gift. We are extremely grateful for our new flag that fly's proudly here at Manchester Lakes!

Betty H. Glaze
Manchester Lakes Management Staff

Your Club

by: Sukie Knarr, GM

Team 176, well, guess what.... Yep, things continue to grow and get better. Every time I go to the mailbox and see 176's membership renewals rolling in and old friends coming in to re-up, it feels great. Keep up the good work!

BAD NEWS / GOOD NEWS

– the other day our ancient Hot Water Heater decided to 'blow taps'. Good news is, it's fixed with quality grade commercial equipment and I was able to find a *Friendly Plumber* who was willing to save the Post a couple of grand on the job.... Yea!!!!

4th of July was a great success – lots of food, fun, friends, members and guests, the Lounge was packed. What a wonderful way 176 celebrated America's birthday – guess we'll just have to make it bigger and better next year.... Another wonderful thing that continues to happen with our earlier extended hours of operations is the number of our more Senior Vets coming in to enjoy their Club, have lunch and meet with their friends. Your Club is here for your enjoyment, please feel free to bring your friends and guests, play cards, shuffle board or just sit and enjoy good conversation – Post 176 is yours (the members) to use from 0900 'til our evening closing.

CRAB FEAST – mark your calendar – SEPTEMBER 9, 2007 – 1 p.m. 'til 5 p.m. with live entertainment by the Wild Card Band. We will also have Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn Bread, Slaw – ALL the fix'n's and all for the wee price of \$35.00 pp. Tickets are on sale now in the Lounge and drink

tickets are available too for your convenience. Beer/Wine@ \$2.00 – Soda @ \$1.00. Kids special.

Back by Popular Demand – '*Jeff the DJ*' will be featured in the Lounge, Friday, Sept 21, 2007 – come early and plan to stay late – I am told that a good time will be had by all!!!

QUEEN of HEARTS is getting **BIGGER!** Remember – this is a progressive pot for Post 176 members only! The more you play the bigger the seed pot grows - well for that matter – everything grows!

Kevin and Sandy O'Shea – Mmm mmm good – what better way to say thanks for the tasty and abundant TEXAS meal you all threw on for the Post Friday Night Dinner group. Anybody else care to throw their apron in the ring?

My political statement of the year (or the closest we'll get to one) – we (you) have a wonderful and active new board of officers and committee chairs. **PLEASE** – try to take that extra step to get involved with *Your Club's* upcoming parties and events. Call, stop by, send a note or E-Mail to Commander Lew or Ways and Means Chair, Pat Peterson.... They'll be really glad to hear from you – besides – it's only a few hours of your time, something to do that you and your friends can put your hands and name on – and besides that – **you will not be left to 'sink or swim'**, I'll always be there to help you along the way to 176's success (*just like you have been there for me*).

Let's have a GREAT New 176 Year! Thanks, Sukie

- Friday Night Dinner Menu -

...for August

**Our house Steak Dinner is always available!*

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

Aug 03 – '*Down Home Night*' Pork Tenderloin, stuffing, mashed taters, gravy & veggie \$12.00

Aug 10 – '*Wanna get Crabby*' Big Crab Ball (1lb) w/ baked tater or f-fries & veggie \$16.00

Aug 17 – '*You asked for it*' Prime Rib, mashed taters (gravy) & mixed veggies \$16.00

Aug 24 – '*Surf and Turf*' Steak and Lobster, baked tater & mixed veggies \$18.00

Aug 31 – '*Mini Surf-n-Turf*' Grilled Shrimp (6) & NY Steak, green beans, baked tater or f-fries \$16.00

(It's always GREAT to serve the greatest - YOU!)

- LUNCH SPECIALS -

11 am – 2 pm

(only \$4.00)

Mon – Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/garlic bread

Tues – BBQ Pork w/FF & Cole Slaw

Wed – Meat Loaf, Mashed Taters, Veggies and Roll

Thur – Butterfly Shrimp, Cole Slaw & FF's

Fri – Fried Tilapia, Cole Slaw & FF's

- Also available daily -

Cold Plate: Tuna or Chicken Salad, Fruit, Cucumber & Cole Slaw

Friday Night Entertainment - in the Club

8/3 – Karaoke & Dancin' w/Joe Clay

8/10 – Karaoke & Dancin' w/ Joe Clay

8/17 – Karaoke with Barb (*Babs*)

8/24 – Karaoke & Dancin' w/Joe Clay

8/31 – Karaoke with Barb (*Babs*)

(Suggestions for entertainment are always Welcome!)

ENJOY!

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