



Post Scripts

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Commander's Call

Christmas and New Year's Eve are behind us and we're into the eighth year of this new millennium-seems like only yesterday we were making a big deal of the 2000's and Y2K.

I hope that everyone had a very nice Christmas but that you kept the reason for the season in mind while enjoying it with family and friends. May 2008 also be prosperous for you and yours! It's hard to believe this is the seventh month of the Legion Year. Time flies whether you're having fun or not, I guess!. December has been a short month for this column (only 19 days as I write this) and because it wasn't filled with as many activities as in past months.

Tailgate 12/2: A smaller but just as boisterous crowd watched the Skins lose to the Bills in the waning minutes.

Bingo 12/3: Fifty-nine players came out to try to win \$5700. According to 3rd Vice Commander Stu Bailey we cleared \$914-thank goodness for the pull tab sales!

General Membership Meeting 12/4: Minutes will be posted on the bulletin board for interested members to read.

Post Script Team 12/5: The December issue was sorted, folded, stapled, labeled and mailed under the able leadership of Comrade Tony Dzierski. Again this month the Team experienced a shortage of volunteers.

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Jeffrey C. McKay Supervisor, Lee District

Jeffrey C. McKay was elected Lee District Supervisor in November 2007. As Supervisor, he governs a district of more than 100,000 residents in a county of over one million residents.

Supervisor McKay is a life-long resident of Lee District, born and reared on the Route One corridor. He has a long history of local civic involvement.

Before his successful race for the Lee District seat, Supervisor McKay was chief of staff for former Lee District Supervisor Dana Kauffman. He held that position from 1996 through 2007.

Supervisor McKay is a sworn Reserve Deputy Sheriff for Fairfax County, a member of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force (the task force that kept Mount Vernon Hospital from closing), and a former board member of United Communities Ministries (UCM) and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Committee on Re-apportionment.

Supervisor Jeff McKay earned a B.A. in Public Administration from James Madison University and is a graduate of the Sorenson Institute of Political Leadership at the University

of Virginia.

He lives in the Groveton section of Lee District and is an active member of the Groveton Civic Association, the oldest civic association in Fairfax County. Supervisor McKay, his wife Crystal, and daughter Leann Madison live in the house originally built by his grandparents in the 1950s and since renovated. Miss Vera, a retired racing greyhound, is also part of their family.

American Legion Springfield Post 176 is fortunate that our supervisor has been working and living in our community all of his life and are especially fortunate that he worked with our friend and supervisor, Dana Kauffman, for the last twelve years. This continuity is invaluable as we prepare for the development and revitalization of Springfield. Personally and on behalf of our members, I want to welcome the McKay's to our Post and offer them our full support in all of their endeavors.

Lewis M. Lipscomb
Commander



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MEMBERSHIP

If you were the Post Commander or a member of the Post Membership Team, I'd send in my \$30 renewal for 2008 just so I wouldn't have to read another whining, pleading, cajoling and begging article asking me to renew. It's \$2.50 a month for Pete's sake. I blow that daily for coffee. Thirty dollars is the lowest annual dues of all the veterans' and fraternal organizations I know. And after paying you my dues, I'd pat myself on the back to congratulate myself for having the good sense to be a member of the world's largest veterans' organization. If I never set foot in an American Legion Post, I'd still be proud that my voice is one of the 2.7 million heard annually in Congress on behalf of veterans throughout the nation-members and nonmembers!

I would further send you my \$30 for 2008 before a membership team member has to go into the data base and delete my privilege

to receive the February issue of Post Scripts. We do not delete you totally from the data base because you are a valuable member of the American Legion and we're glutons for punishment – we love to continue spending time and effort in attempt to get you to renew!

First Vice Commander Ray Stone, our Membership Chair, lost his step-mother recently and now is standing vigil with his father who is gravely ill. We of course have sent our condolences and told Ray he must stay in California as long as he's needed. Jeff Harrison, our Membership Administrator, and I are working the membership issue. You can help by sending in your renewal before we institute a telephone call and/or postcard program and start spending to get you back a large portion of the \$9.50 the Post gets to keep out of your \$30! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RE-NEWALS.

THANKS MAUDIE

for your nine plus years service to Post 176, 17th District, Department of Virginia and the 20 and 4 organization! We joined the same year and have worked closely over the years. You weren't just my chaplain during two of my tours; you were my "go to" comrade and consequently were asked to perform many and varied jobs, some of which weren't thought to be jobs for a woman! But you were great at being our JROTC Drill Team

Chair and the JROTC Junior Shooting Sports Chair and our Children and Youth Chair. These are just a few of the committees you've led but they're indicative of your willingness to take on any task. If the Post just had more members with your "can do" attitude I would not be begging for more volunteers. Before this gets too "sappy" and since you aren't dead and aren't leaving our rolls, I'll personally and on behalf of the entire

Springfield Post 176 family, say we'll miss your constant work and physical presence around the Post Home. I know we'll see you from time to time at meetings but I and the Post support you during your performance of the difficult task of settling an estate 700 miles away. If we can help you, just ask. Lew





Sons of The American Legion

Come out to the meetings!:

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:30 PM. We will be discussing the budget and spending for the next S.A.L. year as well. While it is nice to see the same faces each month, it would be even better if we had a few new faces!!

2008 MEMBERSHIP

The 2007 membership year is half over and as of December 14 on target, but we can do better. We are now at 78 members which equates to 65%. If you have not renewed your membership by the time you read this several unfortunate things will occur. First, you will

have lost your ability to use the Lounge and to receive Post Scripts. Second and most importantly, you have lost the comradeship of your fellow members and your support of the many programs that support our veterans and youth. So please take a few moments and renew your membership because 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. While you're at it, don't forget to ask all your friends who qualify to come join us!!!! 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.)

Cans in the Lounge for Children

Also, we are collecting funds for the Childrens Welfare Foundation of the Legion. There are cans in the lounge/bar/club area/social quarters or whatever

we are calling it this month. Just "pocket change" but it adds up. Please just drop in your pocket change. A big THANK YOU to Vice-Commander Bill Hall for his assistance in "hitting folks up" at Tailgates. Thank you to all Sons and our supporters who have Assisted in Carrying on for God and Country through their hard work this year. Thank you to Bill H, Art, Bill S., Tim, Ted, Stu, George, and Especially our Hardworking Membership Chair, Past Commander Terry! Happy New Year to all!!
Chip Byers,
SAL Commander

THE 4-1-1-DO NOT CALL

People who signed up for the Do-Not-Call registry in 2003 are nearing the registry's five-year time limit, after which your number can again be used by solicitors.

You can register or register your number(s) at any time, ensuring an additional five years of protection from telemarketers. Up to three personal numbers per person can be registered at any one time.

You have two options: (1) Call the National Do-Not-Call Registry at 1-888-382-

1222 and follow the automated directions or (2) Go online to www.donotcall.gov and click on "register a phone number". If you register online, you must provide an e-mail address through which you will receive an email that must be responded to within 72 hours.

Hoax emails are abundant. Per the Federal Trade Commission no phone numbers can be removed from the Do-Not-Call list until the five year time limit is reached in June 2008.

FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Reminder!! On Sunday, February 3rd, 2008, the 17th District will celebrate the annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service at Post 176. This celebration is to honor the four brave Chaplains that gave their lives on February 3rd, 1943, when the USAT Dorchester was tragically sunk. Of the 902 young men on board, only 230 survived. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by the heroic Four Chaplains who, in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood.

Guest speaker for this service will be announced in the next edition of Post Scripts or Emailed.

The program will start at 9:00 AM, with breakfast being available immediately following the service. Price of the breakfast is \$6.00. Everyone is invited to attend.

John Sawyer, Post Chaplain

“**Commander’s Call**” continued

Pearl Harbor Remembrance 12/7:

To honor the victims of December 7th, 1941 at Pearl Harbor I lowered our flags to half staff at sunrise and raised them again at sunset.

Friday Night 12/7: Floy and I enjoyed Charlie’s pork chop dinner and then went to the lounge for karaoke with Jeff McGee. Don’t forget that if you don’t have a taste for the featured Friday entrée, our GM always has three cuts of steak available for your dinning pleasure. (Charles is the cook.)

Bingo Machine O-J-T 12/8: Our old bingo machine finally went “belly up”. A used replacement at \$5K was purchased. Four callers met with the machine company’s rep for some on-the-job training for about an hour and a half.

Christmas Party 12/8: The large hall has never been more beautifully decorated than for our annual Christmas Party which we held from 5:30 until 11 p.m. About 80 members and guests enjoyed steamship round and chicken and danced to the great sounds from the 2-4-U Group. And I mean danced-the floor was constantly full. Most revelers stayed until 11!

Sunday Breakfast 12/9: Approximately 100 enjoyed our monthly “all you care to eat” breakfast. And for the first time in months expenses did not exceed revenues. I saw a couple of new faces on volunteers and want to thank all who helped make the breakfast work.

Children and Youth Christmas Party 12/9: Bob Brown’s Puppets performed for the kids. Several legionnaires were on hand to include Mike Siwik who performed as Santa Claus. The Auxiliary put on the event so I’ll not write more. Please see their report.

Home Depot Christmas Party 12/9: This evening I stopped by to thank party organizers for adding

tremendously to our large ballroom decorations. This is main reason our hall looked so great the evening before.

NASA Tribute to Wounded Soldiers 12/10: WRAMC bussed recovering servicemen and women to view the audiovisual show presented by several NASA astronauts at the AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center in Silver Spring.

Freedom Team Salute 12/12: After working by telephone and e-mail for two and a half months with Michelle Ripple and Barbara Foelber, who run the program funded by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA) to find and commemorate Army veterans, I finally met them. They joined me at the Post for a working lunch. If you’ve carefully read earlier issues of Post Scripts, you know the nitty-gritty of the program and what each Army veteran will receive as a token of thanks for your service. This isn’t for retirees. By this I mean a different DA Program sends the Army Retiree Pin to eligible retirees. Every soldier who ever served will be honored with the Army Pin if they are found. On 8 January 2008 at our GMM, Ms Ripple and Ms Foelber will be our guests to make a presentation.

Inauguration of Lee District Supervisor 12/12: Newly elected Jeffery McKay, the former Chief of Staff for Dana Kauffman, was sworn in at the FFX County Government between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Supervisor McKay is our supervisor (the Post’s) and as such I expressed our congratulations and pledged our support to him and his staff and to Lee District. He’ll host an Open House on 26 January 2008 at the Government Center on Franconia Road between 2 and 4 p.m.

Friday Night 12/14: Crab legs were the featured entrée and kara-

oke with Joe Clay was the upstairs entertainment. Floy and I enjoyed a steak and the packed house in the lounge. I hope the crowd in the lounge is indicative that more and more of you are realizing there is a bargain and good entertainment to be had here at the Post Home.

VA Hospital Visit 12/17: Floy and I, with Comrades W.J. Leonard and Tony Dzierski took the Northern Virginia Chorale to D.C.’s VA Medical Center so the Chorale could entertain the Nursing Home patients. Earlier, about 9 a.m. Comrades Jones with a couple of others of the Legion family passed out gifts to the same patients.

Blood Drive 12/18: Joe Finch our chairman for years conducted another successful drive. But beware! I was unable to donate because I was one day short of my required number of days between donations even though it had been 118 days. It’s a long boring story but the difference has to do with giving “double reds” several times a year. Klaus Dahlke can tell you the same story.

Please keep the men and women who serve our country in your thoughts and prayer. Their sacrifices each day help us to continue to enjoy our freedoms and our democratic way of life. Pray especially for our warriors in Afghanistan and Iraq that God brings them home to loved ones safely and whole.

For God and Country
Lewis Lipscomb, Commander



Terry D. Johnson, 1949 - 2007

by Past Commander Dick Vatter

It is our sad duty to report that on October 27, 2007, Past Post 176 Commander Terry D. Johnson was called from our midst, and has gone to report to the Commander of us all.

Born July 20, 1949 in Davenport, Iowa, he was the son of Annimae Rannels Johnson and the late Melvin Johnson.

Terry served in the U.S. Army for three years. He served in Viet Nam.

He received a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science Degree in Computer Systems at George Mason University.

Terry was a nineteen-year member of Spring-

field American Legion Post 176 where he held many elected and appointed positions including Post Commander in 1994-95. In 2005, members of Springfield Post 176 awarded him an Honorary Life Membership in the Post - the highest award that can be bestowed on an individual at Post level.

While continuing many duties at his home Post, he served the 17th District of the American Legion as vice commander, senior vice commander and commander, 1998-99. Terry also served the American Legion Department of Virginia as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Terry was a life member of VFW Post 7327. He was also a Chef de Gare Passe of Bull Run Voiture 380, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (40 & 8). Terry was a licensed amateur radio operator.

In addition to his Mother, Annimae, Terry is survived by a sister, Sharon Lee Johnson and nephews, Darin and Robert of Modesto, CA. He is also survived by two Aunts, Maxine Orsinger of Glenview, IL and Donna Evans of DeWitt, IA, and many cousins.

And now Terry's wars are done. His struggle and agony of his final week's battle are over. His life is

complete. The son, brother, uncle, soldier, Legionnaire and friend, has taken his leave. Terry Johnson fought for peace, lived in peace and now is at peace. The eerie silence we cannot hear is the sound of emptiness. The Good Soldier has gone home.

Following burial service at Arlington National Cemetery, a Memorial Service and reception was held at Springfield Post 176, on November 28, 2007.

Terry, we salute you. Farewell, to our friend, Legionnaire and comrade.

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

We had a great Blood Drive on 18 December 07. We Collected 46 good units of blood. We had a total of 72 appointments, however, only 47 donors came to the drive.

THANK YOU to all who participated and helped make this such a successful drive. Two of our donors participated in the Double Red Program.

Our next drive is scheduled for 19 February 2008, mark your calendar and come out to support this worthy effort.

Commander Lew Lipscomb won our Dinner For Two drawing that was held at the end of the drive. Thank you for your support Lew and enjoy the dinner for two on any Friday night of your choice at Post 176.

Merry Christmas to all and thank you for your support through the year.

Joe Finch, Chairman,
Blood Drive Program

WAYS AND MEANS UPDATE

First thanks to all the folks that have been contributing to our Weekly Tailgates (when it was an afternoon game). We have had great attendance and fun has been had by all and the flavors of the week were appreciated. I would like to thank the Ways and Means Staff for all their dedication – Special thanks to Sarah, Liz, Jodie, Bill, Janet, Lonnie and Kelly!!!!!!!

**PRE-SUPER BOWL
TAILGATE
3PM –SUNDAY 3 FEB**

Please come and join the last tailgate of the

year -food will be provided by the Ways and Means team (basically the profits of all the tailgates) -- we hope you can make it and we will have a great assortment of food

Game is scheduled to start at 6:18 PM – who know who will be playing????

Pat Peterson,
Chairman, Ways &
Means Program,

Your Club by: Sukie Knarr, GM

Team 176, the Christmas party was GREAT!

Thanks to all for attending and all the wonderful compliments about the Post's decorations. I'm holiday pooped, and I'm sure you are too.... With that said, I'm going to make this a quickie article, because I'm up to my elbows in ribbons and bows and getting ready for Santa to show.

Soup and Sandwich is a regular luncheon item – per your request!

Parking Permits for 2008. (Friday – January 18th 2008 – 6-7 p.m.) The Post will have 13 daily commuter parking slots available for our Post Member's. **Permits will be issued on justified need.** If we have more than 13 applicants, a lottery will be conducted. You need to be a current member in good standing, proof of insurance, local address & registration, name / place of employment and day time / emergency contact and telephone information. Please see me for an application.

Booze Locker Fees are due - \$18.00 for the larger lockers in the lounge and \$16.00 for the hallway lockers. During the month of January, we will be confirming who has what locker and Locksmith Lonnie will be doing his magic with rekeying and removing locks of those who have decided to claim squatter's rights on our empty lockers. Please see the Bartender or myself.

Dinner Theater at the Post will be on Saturday night, **January 26th 2008**. The Thomas A, Edison H.S. Drama Dept. will be presenting "Heaven Help the Taters" with a short pre-show offering. The total run time for the productions will be approximately 45-60 minutes. Dinner is 5:30-7:00 p.m., followed immediately by the production. Menu: Our famous Post 176 Buffet of Roast Beef, mixed Roasted Chicken, mashed taters w/gravy & veggie. Please come out and have some good old fashioned fun, support the kids. Dinner @ \$11.00 Show @ \$6.00 – with all show gate going to the school.

Getaway Vacation (July 11-18th 2008) Tickets for the Post's Condo at Bryce Mountain will be on sale, starting; January 8th – tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00, in the lounge. Proceeds pay the condo-fee and extras go to support Post's programs. Last year's winner and guests had a ball and had great things to say about not only the property but wonderful location and all the things the area had to offer. In short – THIS IS A GREAT VALUE to the WINNER!!!

If I forgot anything – please remind me – I'll make sure it gets in the "Oops" section of next month's article... Please check the Menus and entertainment for the month, come out and enjoy good food and entertainment and have a great time supporting your Post. **Let's have a GREAT January and remember - it's only 3 more months or so until spring!**

THANK YOU ! - Sukie

- Friday Night Dinner Menu - ...for January

**Our house Steaks are always available!
(NY @ \$12.00 & Filet Mignon @ \$16.00)*

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

- 01/04 – (You asked for it) Country Fried Chicken, FF's or mashed taters w/gravy & sweet corn - \$10.00
- 01/11 – (Specialty of the House) NY Steak, baked tater or baked sweet potato w/mixed veggies - \$12.00
- 01/18 – (Your Favorite Catch) Shrimp Cocktail, Baked Crab Cake, baked tater or FF's or baked sweet potato & mixed veggies - \$14.00
- 01/25 – (Porky's Favorite Pig) Pork Loin Roast, mashed taters & green beans - \$10.00
- 01/26 – (**Saturday**) - Please support the Dinner Theater and have a great buffet dinner! See Your Club & Fliers.....

-Please Note: Changes – per your request-

- LUNCH SPECIALS –

Carry out service is available

11 am – 2 pm

(only \$4.00)

- Mon** – Grilled Ham-n-Cheese w/soup of the day
- 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

- available daily -

Hot Sandwich w/soup of the day

Your Regular Menu Favorites Too!

Friday Night Entertainment - in the Club

- 01/04 - Jeff the DJ 01/11 – Karaoke w/Joe
- 01/18 - Karaoke w/Barb 01/25 - Karaoke w/Joe



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>January</p>		1	2	3	4	5
			Bridge	Cribbage	Country Fried Chicken Jeff the DJ	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Bingo	SAL Meeting Aux. Meeting Membership Meeting 7:30 pm		Cribbage	NY Steak Karaoke w/Joe	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday Breakfast 9-11 am	Bingo		Day on the Hill 8:30 am Bridge	Cribbage	Shrimp Cocktail & Baked Crab Cake Parking Permit for 2008 Karaoke w/ Barb	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Bingo		Corporate Meeting 7:30 pm	Cribbage	Pork Loin Roast Karaoke w/Joe	Dinner Theater at the Post
27	28	29	30	31		
	Bingo	Executive Meeting 7:30 pm		Cribbage		

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CORPORATE BOARD REPORT: THE YEAR AHEAD

The primary challenge for the CB this year is the planning of the repair/replacement of post equipment and property as well as a debt reduction or elimination plan. You may ask, how can we spend money for repairs and equipment replacement and reduce debt at the same time? Normally, it may be impossible to do that, but right now the restoration of Springfield is being planned around us and that may be the avenue we need for us to pay off our high debt, remodel our post for the long term, and still have money to fund all the veteran programs we wish to contribute to. As options for lease, or partial land sale are presented to our post, the CB shall review them and then present them to the members, and it is YOU THE MEMBER THAT WILL DECIDE WHAT OPTION ,IF ANY, THAT WILL BE CHOSEN.

I believe we are in a good position to once and for all improve our financial position. If we can achieve this, it will be a great legacy that we will be giving to future generations of veterans at our Post. We at the Corporate Board are excited at the prospect of presenting to you a sound financial way forward. We wish every member and their families the very best in the year ahead.

For God and Country
Rod Carlone, President

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