



Post Scripts

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Commander's Call

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Members of The American Legion Post 176 Family,

This is our first bi-monthly issue of Post Scripts. Reasons, which I reviewed for the membership at the last two meetings, for switching from monthly to every two months are many but the two major ones are dollars saved (\$900 six times a year) and the lack of volunteers to collate, fold, staple, label and mail each month. At the February GMM, a motion was made to distribute the Post Scripts only electronically, however, as you might expect, the motion did not carry because many members do not have access to the internet and the Post Web Site. I did advise the membership at this meeting that I would ask all of the Legion Family willing to look online at our newsletter to let the Post know their name, address and phone number and their willingness to be taken off of the mailing list. Incidentally, the newsletter is posted on our Web Site the day we receive it from the printer. You do not have to wait two, three, seven days or two weeks to receive it in the mail. With 1500+ members, as long as we publish a newsletter we know we'll have many who will always desire the hard copy via snail mail. And you'll get it! Before committing to not receiving a "hard copy" of the Post Scripts, go online and look at the "color" edition. (www.vapost176.org). If you think you can "live with" reading it on line, send us your name and address by telephone 703.440.0335 or e-mail membership.vapost176@cox.net or mail to P.O. Box 689, Springfield, VA 22150. While you're at it include your telephone number and branch of service (Freedom Team Salute Army Pin-see Jan & Feb issues).

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MEMBERSHIP

Since April's article we increased membership by 2.2% or 37 members (renewals, transfers and new members). Every member counts, but as I wrote months ago, the last 25% are like "pulling eye teeth". We are now 10% short of our 100% goal. That's 170 veterans. We have 188 of you who were members last year ('07) who have not renewed for 2008. And we haven't given up on getting 156 of you back who let your membership lapse at the end of '06. Some of you have not yet been taken off of the newsletter distribution list because quite frankly it's time consuming to do and we're stretched too thin to find a volunteer and time to complete the task. Please look at your membership card at the date in the upper middle; if "2008" is not indicated please submit \$30 and your member number which is also on the card, also in the middle below the "2008" for renewal.

Members, do you have someone, relative or neighbor, son or daughter that you know served at least one day on active duty and who received an honorable discharge? Membership in the American Legion, the world's largest and second oldest veterans' organization, is a great gift anytime during the year. And it is inexpensive! Just \$30! A DD-214 is not the only proof of eligibility. People still serving on active duty simply present an Armed Forces ID card to join. Call the Post at 703.440.0335 to get this great gift for a loved one or neighbor.

Being spread thin with people working membership and having no editor who could take the task and get it done, I have been remiss in not recognizing new and transfer members who have joined the Post since I was installed as Commander. Yes, we sent you a "Letter of Welcome" but did not give your names to our other members. Please accept my belated welcome in the Post Scripts even though I signed the letter we sent earlier. Our new editor had this idea and went to our data base and pulled out the names and got them into this issue of the newsletter.

If you haven't renewed, come to the GMM at 7:30 p.m. on 4 March 2008 and renew in person. This is going to be a very informative and enlightening meeting with the power point presentation of Post Finances to include debt and my 89th American Legion Birthday message.

The Commander

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NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP (2nd Notice)

IAW the Constitution, dated Feb 2002, Article IX, Section 2 a twenty-day notice is hereby given to the membership that a Special Election will be conducted at the 4 March 2008 meeting to fill the vacancy left when the Sergeant-at-Arms (Ron Phillips) resigned on 18 December 2007.

Commander

NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP (2nd Notice)

IAW the C&BL, dated Feb 2002, Article IX, Section 2 a twenty-day (20) notice is hereby given to the membership that a Special Meeting will be conducted on 25 March 2008 at 7 p.m. The meeting's purpose is to receive a briefing from Monument Realty Company. Auxiliary and S.A.L. members are invited to attend, without voice nor vote. In the event a motion is made which requires a vote, have your 2008 membership card.

Commander

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eVetRecs:
Request Copies of Military Personnel Records

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html>



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT
(as prepared by the Commander)

Last month it was sad to report that Comrade Ed Lambert was very ill. It's even sadder this month as he passed away on February 1, 2008. Ed, an 18 year member and Twila, a former General Manager for the Post, were very active around the Post until last year when they moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia. Ed was a Life Member of VFW Post 7327 where he participated in the Saturday morning Brew Crew. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Twila and the rest of the family. Call Twila at 540-564-2999 and send cards to 2825 Brookshire Dr., Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

Rich Tiner and his wife, Jasmine, stopped by the Post on Thursday the 21st and I got to speak briefly with them. Of course Rich is still focused on the Post Home's maintenance requirements. When I got him off of that subject, he reported that he was doing okay. Please keep the Tiner's in your thoughts and prayers while Rich recovers from his illness.

Last month I reported that 48 year member George Panagakos responded "I'll know tomorrow after I see my doctor", to my question "How are you doing?" Well, he wasn't doing well enough apparently because he is back at the Lee-wood Nursing Home at 7120 Braddock Rd, Annandale, VA 22003. He is getting therapy. Your thoughts, prayers and cards would be appreciated.

Jean Tabler, a long time Auxiliary member and leader was hospitalized, I was told, for tests shortly after our Memorial for Seth Butler on 27 January. Since I have been unable to get in touch with her either at the hospital, her residence (Seth's home), or with her personal assistant, Janet Anderson. All I know for sure is that she's been released from the hospital. If any of you are in contact with Jean please contact me. She also needs our thoughts and prayers!

Harry L. Wolbers, III, a 13 year member, died on 25 June 2007 and his burial service was conducted at Arlington National Cemetery on 24 July. Although we learned of Comrade Wolbers death only recently we feel no less a loss and still extend our condolences and prayers to his widow and family.

Lou Crescioli, a 41 year member, lost his wife in January 2008. At least Tony Dzerski was aware of Lou's loss and was able to offer condolences on behalf of the Post at the service and burial at Quantico Cemetery. Lou, please accept these belated condolences.

Les Grizzard, a 24 year member, and Quentin Grizzard, a seven year member, lost their sister, Eloise Grizzard Tuck, on 17 February 2008. She had suffered a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Thomas, two children, three grandchildren and a great grandchild. Les and Quentin, our prayers will be with you and the remainder of your sister's large family- she is survived by three sisters in addition to Les and Quentin.

Lew Lipscomb

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION NIGHT

Annually the Post holds a banquet to recognize all of the Legion Family members' longevity with Springfield Post 176. Have you been a member for 5, 10, 15, 20, ... etc. consecutive years? If so, would you like to receive an American Legion pin which denotes this milestone? If so, please plan to attend our Awards and Recognition Night Banquet on May 18th, 2008.

Please complete the application below and submit it with your check to the Post. (Note: Continuous Years is indicated on the right side of your membership card) (Auxiliary members will be contacted by the Auxiliary President). Additionally, we invite our Charter and Life Members as well as Past Commanders and Past Presidents to be our guests.

I respectfully request that you all notify the Post if you plan to attend and the number of guests that you'll be paying for.

Sunday, May 18th 2008
 Post 176 Main Ballroom
 Cocktails and Appetizers 6:00 p.m.
 Ceremony 7:00 p.m.
 Dinner 8:00 p.m.
 Price: \$15 per person

MENU

Roast Beef with mushroom gravy
 Mixed Baked Chicken
 Red Bliss Mashed Potatoes
 Vegetable Medley
 Assorted Desserts
 Tea (hot & iced) and coffee

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION NIGHT
 (APPLICATION)

I (name) _____
 will be attending at a cost of \$15.

I will be bringing _____ guests at \$15 per guest.
 My check for \$ _____ is enclosed. Please make
 check payable to Post 176 and mail to P.O. Box 689,
 Springfield, VA 22153.

Signature _____

Consecutive Years Pin _____

“**Commanders Call**” continued. . .

Bingo, 1/28: Yours truly called this date and thanks to eight other volunteers the Post profited \$1200 or approximately \$130 per volunteer. Don't some of you feel bad that you're letting twenty Post Members do all of the volunteer work for Bingo each month (same volunteers work every other Monday night.)

ExCom Meeting, 1/29: Although several members were unexcused we had a quorum and got a great deal of business and announcements made between 7:30 and 9:00 p.m. The date for ExCom meeting is listed on the calendar in each issue of the Post Scripts. All members are invited to attend. Minutes will be posted on the bulletin board when prepared.

Post Scripts to Printer, 2/1: Due to Ashley Hanson's resignation as editor, I, with two new volunteers worked feverishly the last week of January to get the Post Scripts to the printer. This happened on the 1st but it actually wasn't printed and delivered to the Post until the 4th. I thank our, to this point, nameless volunteers. They did a great job!

Friday Night Dinner, 2/1: A large crowd turned out for country fried steak and to listen to DJ Jeff McGee in the lounge.

Four Chaplains Service, 2/3: Our large ballroom was the sanctuary for the annual service to remember the four chaplains who gave their life vests to four soldiers whose lives were spared when the US Transport Ship Dorchester was torpedoed in 1943. Our GM and her staff served breakfast following the service to approximately 80 people. This was a 17th District project but John Sawyer was responsible for getting the guest chaplain speaker and the soloist.

Super Bowl XLII Tailgate, 2/3: Last tailgate of the football season was a whopper! And it was free to all. It was an epicurean delight and the Giants won! I want to thank Pat Peterson and all who helped with the slightest thing throughout the season. I can't name all of you but Janet, Dodie, Liz, Pat Patton, Sarah, Bill, Lonnie and Kelly made up his committee and were very instrumental in making all of the tailgates a huge success. My thanks to all – workers and attendees!

CSPARC Meeting,, 2/4: Bill

Hurd represented me at this meeting IOT I could keep another commitment. I hated to have to miss it because Supervisor Jeff McKay was the guest speaker and he spoke about BRAC and the APR process which we, your Post leadership, wrote about in January's Post Scripts. Thanks Bill for attending this meeting.

Post Script Assembly Team, 2/5: Fifteen volunteers spent the morning sorting, folding, stapling and labeling 1800 copies IOT Tony Dzerski could get the issue to the Post Office in the afternoon. Our Springfield members started receiving their issues in their 2/7 mail deliveries. Knowing the issue would not arrive in time to announce our activities in early February I sent an e-mail to 325 of you announcing seven or eight activities which would happen before the Post Scripts for February arrived. More and more of you are getting computers so if you haven't sent the Post your e-mail address and if you desire to receive e-mails announcing 'perishable' information please send the Post your e-mail address. Address is adju-tant.vapost176@cox.net or commander.vapost176@cox.net.

General Membership Meeting, 2/5: From 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. a small crowd heard the Post business, correspondence and announcements for the coming month. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the web and the bulletin board when prepared. As required by the C&BL, I named Bill Hurd chairman of the Nominating Committee. Tony Dzerski and Jim Brado will serve on the committee

Friday Night Dinner, 2/8: Floy and I enjoyed Sukie's seafood dinner-tilapia, baby shrimp, rice pilaf and mixed vegetables with beverages and desserts. Joe Clay was in the lounge with his karaoke machine for everyone's enjoyment.

District 17 Oratorical Contest, 2/9: Two contestants competed for Best Orator in the 17th District between 1 and 3 p.m. Sumit Malek of Thomas Jefferson High School was the winner and David Chooms was runner-up. Post 176 hosted the competition. A crowd of thirty enjoyed hearing four orations on topics related to the U.S. Constitution.

Sunday Breakfast, 2/10: Ninety-nine and three young people enjoyed our breakfast between 9 and 11

a.m. Eight to ten volunteers were supporting by cooking, serving, bussing tables, cleaning and glad handing (me). (NOTE: Due to 17th District Spring Conference here at our Post on 9 March there'll be no breakfast. The next breakfast is 13 April 2008.)

Inter-Service Club Council, 2/11: At this 7:30 a. m. meeting, service clubs heard of road construction/improvement projects in the Springfield area.

Primary Election, 2/12: By working my local precinct I earned 18 hours of community service time for our annual report. Please start preparing your hours to turn in for your volunteer community service time.

Meeting with Supervisor McKay, 2/13: The Corporate Board President and I met with Jeff McKay and his two Land Use experts in order that we can fully brief the membership at the 25 March Special Meeting and to a lesser extent include some of the information in the Briefing Re: Post Finances on 4 March 2008.

Friday Night Dinner, 2/15: Quite a few, to include Floy and me, enjoyed the GM's Friday Night Dinner and Joe Clay in the lounge.

George Washington Birthday Parade, 2/18: Old Town Alexandria and Post 24 hosted what I've been told is the largest parade in the nation to celebrate the event. A large American Legion contingent, including five of the Post 176 Family, marched. As a participant I didn't see how many parade units made up the parade, but I can report thousands of spectators along the parade route who were very appreciative of our service, past and present. Following the parade VIP Participants enjoyed refreshments provided by Post 24. This is an annual event. Please plan to participate on 16 February next year.

Blood Drive, 2/19: Between 2 and 7 p.m., the Post conducted its bi-monthly Blood Drive. I gave my pint and I hope you regulars and possibly others of you will join Joe Finch on 17 April 2008 for the next one. You'll have the satisfaction of "giving the gift of life" and having the chance to win "dinner for two" at one of our Friday Night Dinners and receiving a nice high quality t-shirt.

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Your Club

Super Bowl XLII: Awesome party and a pretty good game was enjoyed by all in the lounge.

Booze Lockers: Lockers are available for rental. \$18.00 for the larger lockers in the lounge and \$16.00 for the hallway lockers. Locker fees are for the calendar year. On (or about) 15 MAR 08 locks will be changed on lockers. Contact Lonnie to coordinate changing your locker locks.

Getaway Vacation (July 11-18th 2008): Tickets for the Post's Condo at Bryce Mountain are on sale in the lounge – tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Proceeds pay the condo-fee and extras go to support Post 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!

04/04/08 (Friday Night): We have a special treat for you in our Social Quarters/Club/Lounge! Jeff McGee and our very own Kenny Rogers (Earl Shiflett) will perform live in the lounge.

4/09/08 (Wed Night) Volunteer Dinner: Spaghetti Dinner by Janet and my staff.

4/11/08 POST 176 Breakfast: 9-11 am, (\$7.00/person)

THANK YOU! - Sukie

St Patrick's Day Special

(3/17/08)

***Corned Beef & Cabbage,
potato, carrots, & cornbread!***

\$6.00 all day!

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

Queen of Hearts: Thursday nights (7pm) in Social Quarters.

Wii Tournament: Scheduled for 3rd Saturday of the month. 1200hrs-1400hrs practice time, 1400hrs-1600hrs bowling, 1600hrs - side matches/teams/playoffs. Limited to 18 year old and up. Bar Manager's decisions are final.

February tournament Hi-Score: Erick 199 (bowling.)

Bingo: Monday's, doors open 5:30pm, games start 7pm.

Cribbage: Thursday's, 7pm.

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

- Friday Night Dinner Menu -

(March/April)

**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.*

02/29/08: Leap Year Dinner and Dance Our famous Ribs and baked mixed chicken. salad bar, dinner roll, assorted desserts, coffee, hot tea or iced tea. \$22.00 advance ticket, \$27.00 at door.

03/07/08: Lasagna, Garlic bread, salad (\$10.00)

03/14/08: Prime rib, baked potato, steamed mixed veggies (\$13.00)

3/17/08: (St. Patrick's Day) MONDAY—Corned Beef & Cabbage, potato, carrots, & cornbread! Available all day, lunch, dinner, & bingo. (\$6.00)

3/21/08: Chicken Marsalis, angel hair pasta, mixed veggies? Salad(\$10.00)

3/28/08: Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes 'n gravy, green beans, apple sauce. (\$10.00)

4/04/08: Southern Comfort Night Country fried chicken, mashed potatoes 'n gravy, green beans. (\$10.00)

4/09/08: Volunteer-Dinner— Spaghetti w/ garlic bread & salad by Janet Buckley and my staff.

04/18/08: Chicken cacciatore, w/ spaghetti, OR Fried Catfish, baked/seasoned Freedom Fries steamed broccoli (\$10.00)

4/25/08: Philly medallion, mashed potato & gravy, mixed veggies. (\$12.00)

5/2: Oriental Night !

~ LUNCH SPECIALS ~

11 am – 2 pm

(only \$4.00) Carry out service is available

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!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2008						1
2	3 Bingo Doors open 5:30pm Line Dance (8pm)	4 General Membership Meeting (1930hrs) Aux Meeting	5 Bridge	6 Cribbage	7 Jeff the DJ 2000hrs	8
9 17th Dist Conf (12:30pm) (No Post Breakfast) (Begin DST)	10 Bingo Doors open 5:30pm Line Dance (8pm)	11 SAL Meeting (1930hrs)	12 NARFE 12-3:30pm DAV (7pm)	13 Cribbage	14 Karaoke w/Joe 2000hrs	15 Wii Tournament (1400hrs) Lounge
16 Children's Bingo Party 1230-1500	17 St Patrick's Day Bingo Doors open 5:30pm Line Dance (8pm)	18	19 Bridge	20 Spring Begins Cribbage	21 Karaoke w/ Barb 2000hrs	22
23 Easter	24 Bingo Doors open 5:30pm Line Dance (8pm)	25 Special GMM (1930hrs)	26 ExCom Meeting (1930hrs)	27 Cribbage Corporate Board Meeting (1930hrs)	28 Karaoke w/Joe 2000hrs	29
30	31 Bingo Line Dance					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2008		1 General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm Aux Meeting	2 Bridge	3	4 Jeff the DJ w/ Earl Shiflett 2000hrs	5
	6	7 Bingo Doors open 5:30pm Line Dance 8pm	8 SAL Meeting 7:30 pm	9 NARFE 12-3pm Volunteer Spaghetti Dinner 1900hrs	10 Cribbage	11 Karaoke w/Joe 2000hrs
13 POST 176 Breakfast 9-11 am (\$7.00)	14 Bingo Doors open 5:30pm Line Dance 8pm	15 TAX DAY	16 Bridge	17 Blood Drive 2:00-6:45pm DAV (7pm) Cribbage	18 Karaoke w/ Barb 2000hrs	19 Wii Tournament 1400hrs
20	21 Bingo Doors open 5:30pm Line Dance 8pm	22 ExCOM Meeting 7:30 pm	23	24 Cribbage CORP Board 1930hrs	25 Karaoke w/Joe 2000hrs	26
27 VFW	28 Bingo Doors open 5:30pm Line Dance 8pm	29	30			

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Again Joe Finch was the “go to” guy and he was assisted by Chip Byers and Janet Buckley and a couple new to assisting during the drive but not new to the Post - a special thanks to Ted (18 year member) and Kathy (a donor and Auxiliary member) Oliver. Thanks to all of you!

Springfield Days, 2/19: The committee held its monthly meeting at the Springfield Mall Office area. 29 May – 1 June 2008 will be the most fun packed, entertaining Springfield Days yet. We’re doing a cookout on Friday night, 30 May. I’d like this to be a Legion Family Event, i.e. volunteers from each element - Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L.

Before you receive another issue of Post Scripts, Saint Patrick’s Day and Easter will have passed. After partaking of Green Beer let’s be careful returning home. And of course let’s remember the religious reason for celebrating Easter while we also do the Easter Baskets for great and grandchildren as well as our children. Happy St Patrick’s Day, Happy Easter and Happy Birthday! Yes, March is the 89th Birthday of the American Legion. At our GMM I’ll have a few words to commemorate the event and the President of the Ladies Auxiliary said that she’d provide the cake.

While servicemen and women are in Afghanistan and Iraq and the rest of the world keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Pray for their safety while in the war zones and their safe return home when their tours are completed. Do what is in your power to support and assist their loved ones here at home.

For God and Country,

Lewis M. “Lew” Lipscomb
Commander, American Legion
Springfield Post 176

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

We had a very good Blood Drive last month collecting 40 good units. Overall we had 70 appointments scheduled. We lost 4 due to low iron and blood pressure problems. The balance of the losses were due to cancellations and no shows. Overall, it was a success and I want to thank everyone for their support. I also want to thank the volunteers who helped to organize and operate the drive. A big thank you goes to Ted and Kathy Oliver who joined our efforts to have a successful operation.

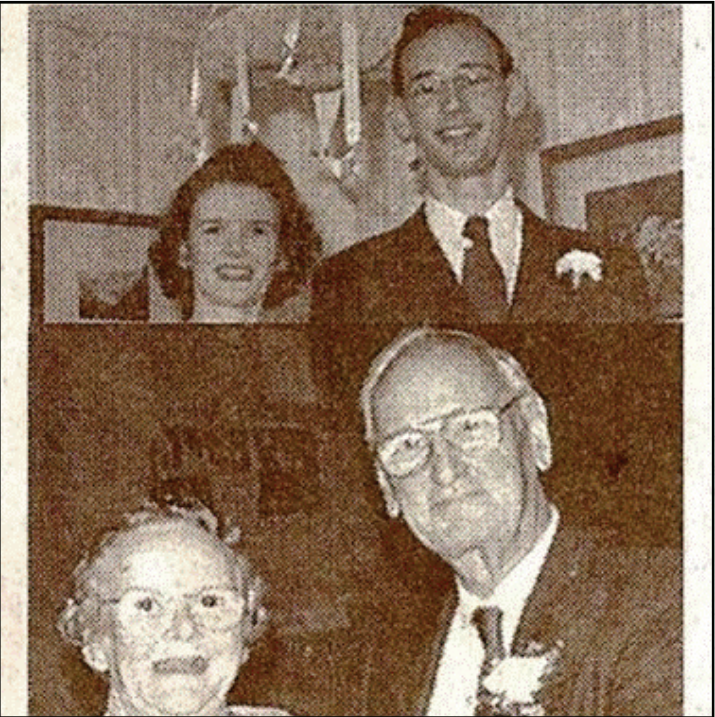
The dinner for two drawing was held and won by Ms Cheryl Holder.

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, 17 April 2008 in the Ballroom at the Post. We will be operating between 2:00 and 7:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, contact Joe Finch at 703-569-1552 or via email at: SEPPL1552@aol.com.

Come out and support this worthy effort.

Thank You.

Joe Finch, Blood Drive Coordinator



Nichols Diamond Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nichols recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Clara Johnson and Ralph Nichols were married on February 1, 1948, in Massachusetts. The couple enjoyed lobster dinners with their family in honor of the day. Family members traveled from North Carolina and Massachusetts to spend time together. They have 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

POST 2/10/08

To all of our new and transfer members*, please accept our belated welcome to The American Legion, Post 176.

July-07	September-07	December-07
A. David Katz	Michael L Wilkins	Damon Chron
James Heiberg	Richard J. Magnum	James R. Nida
Thomas M. Griffiths	Floyd C. Bingham	Alan Kravitz
Hector L. Correa	John Tybursky	Robert A. Pontbriand
Amy MacColeman	Russell P Thurber, II	Thomas W. String
Ava M. Martin	William E Houston	Michael R. De Rosa
Anthony J. Redfern	Paul A Shelton	January-08
John N. Quigley	Jack Scally Jr	Jason L. Bruehl
Dennis R Vaillancourt	Christopher O'Connor	James A. Clark
Jack T Gibson	Mark S. Davis	Thomas A. Dean, III
Howard G DeWolf	Gerald A. Beierschmitt	William M. Hall II
James R. Bertine	John A. Pummell	Jared H. Jalbert
Mark S. Davis	Charles Hall	Christopher Paroskie
Daniel I. Nylen	Ronald B. Beatson	Pat Trunfio
Christian E. Braun	October-07	David N. Wells
Theodore J. Criares	Andrew E. Simko	Tim Stoy
James P. Haffly	Jeffrey Jackson	C.Y. Stoy
Barry M. Mattis	Felipe Mendoza	Arthur W. Ceigersmidt
August-07	November-07	Robert M. Eidsvoog
A. David Katz	Alven M. Gaskins	Stephen Golightly
James Heiberg	Wendy S. Card	William Hayes
Thomas M. Griffiths	Edward L. Butler	Jonathan Peppard
Hector L. Correa	Kay E. Core	February-08
Amy MacColeman	Kareena T. Austin	Andrew P. Knox
Ava M. Martin	Ramon A. Melendez	Jan Eric Lagergren
Anthony J. Redfern	Michael O'Brien	Shannon M. Vanwart
John N. Quigley	Larry Pyos Sr	Joe M. Meraz
Jodie L. Knox	Robert R Beebe	Gerald L. Haddock
Jack T Gibson	Robin M. Schoelerman	Jose F. LeonGuerrero
James R. Bertine	Mark B. Watson	William Lyle
Christian E. Braun	Patrick J. Gallagher	Paul E. Robinson
Theodore J. Criares	Thomas A. Berens	Hubbell Davidson
James P. Haffly	Robert C. Smith	
Barry M. Mattis	Charles A. Bourgeois	
Dennis R Vaillancourt	James D. Chambers	
Howard G DeWolf	Sally J. "Sarah" Pritchett	
Mark S. Davis	John P. Forry	
Daniel I. Nylen	Donald P. Loren	* sorted by month voted in

Welcome!

CORPORATE BOARD REPORT:

AREA PLANNING REVIEW UPDATE, FINANCIAL REVIEW PRESENTED

On the 13th of February, the Commander and I had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Jeff McKay from Fairfax County Lee District for the purpose of obtaining more information concerning the re-development process and how it may affect us here at the Post. We asked questions concerning the process of re-development. To sum up what was presented, I can tell you this:

- A. A special Area Review Process is now happening, it was brought on by BRAC.
- B. The regular Area Plan Review process happens every 18 months.
- C. Out of turn Area Plan Reviews can be submitted any time.

All developers use one of these processes to submit land re-development requests for the county land use meetings that determine whether the re-development will be approved and re-zoned if needed. The county has declared a request for property so a needed county parking garage in Springfield can be built. So far the only developer interested in this whole process is Monument Reality. Jeff McKay has informed us that to date, Monument has not filed a land nomination request. As far as all land owners are concerned, and that includes this post, We are in control of the nomination process and can also have a say in the use of other property re-developments that are in proximity to us. Concerning Eminent Domain, Mr. McKay stated "THERE WILL BE NO EMINENT DOMAIN ON OUR PROPERTY." We would have to abandon our property, and let it go to a condemned condition for that to happen. So we can be assured that we are in control of our future and do what is best to ensure our post here for the long term.

I have referenced an article from the Fairfax Times that talks about this process, please read it.

[\(http://www.fairfaxtimes.com/news/2008/feb/06/brac-planning-spurs-land-use-process/\)](http://www.fairfaxtimes.com/news/2008/feb/06/brac-planning-spurs-land-use-process/)

Speaking of this, I informed you last month that there might be individuals who will try to keep information from you and even invent false information for their own personal gain. Unfortunately I was correct in this prediction. A small group is using our social quarters to make false statements about our post. They are saying that I am trying to sell our post. Let me make this clear, THIS POST IS NOT FOR SALE WITH ANYONE! Read the letter that your Corporate Board has signed. You can be assured of this, your elected corporate board has as its mandate to protect and preserve this property. It will be ALL of us who decide whether we make any changes at this post. It is the boards job to give you the information YOU need to make any decision concerning the status of this post. The corporate board thanks you for your support. We will continue to do the business of the post in the best manner possible.

For God and Country, Rod Carlone
Corporate Board President

HONOR FLIGHTS ARE RETURNING

Last Summer and Fall Post 176 joined 17th District at the WWII Memorial to escort, provide water and just generally help WWII Veterans enjoy their Memorial.

The first two dates for 2008 Honor Flights are 19 April and 3 May 2008. Each of these dates is a Saturday. Plan to meet at the Memorial about 9 a.m. and help out as long as you can. The last bus load last year arrived NLT 2 p.m. or so.

It's a rewarding experience!

Remaining dates are 26 May, 7 June, 2 August, 6 September, 4 October and 1 November.

Reminder, Army Veterans & Servicemen visit:

www.FreedomTeamSalute.com

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**VA Administrative Community Center
Alexandria, Virginia**

6940 South Kings Highway, Suite 208
Alexandria, Virginia

(located behind the shops at Telegraph)

Must apply for appointments:
1-877-328-2621 or 202-745-8577

Service Officer: John Kushner

(Commander's Note: Medical issues are handled. But must have current VA ID Card. If in doubt call number above to insure already an authorized user.)



Sons of The American Legion

Come out to the meetings!

Our meetings are on the Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.. Our next two meetings will be on March 11th and April 8th. At our February meeting, we approved the budget for the next several months but we deferred full approval until more people can come. (The February meeting was on "ice storm night" so not many people came out.) We will continue the budget approval process, and will also be visited by our Detachment Commander (state commander) Scott Williams. Please try to come out to the March (and April) meetings as we will be discussing some very important issues. Also, on March 9th, there will be a meeting of the entire 17th District of the Sons (along with the Legion and the Auxiliary) at our Post home at 1 PM. Please come out and see what happens at the District level. Finally, at the end of March, the Spring Conference of The American Legion/Auxiliary/ and Sons will take place in Virginia Beach. If you are interested, please contact the commander (chipbyers@verizon.net, jbyers@erols.com or 703-256-2276) for more information.

2008 MEMBERSHIP:

The 2007 membership year is coming right along and as of right now (end of February) we are doing GREAT. We are now at 108 members which equates to 90% of our 2008 goal. 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 your 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 Children's 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.

Annual Awards and Membership Dinner:

There will be a joint Legion Family dinner in May. If you have been a member for 5, 10, 15 or any other multiple of 5 years, you are eligible for a membership year's pin to be awarded at the dinner. Check the Legion Commander's article elsewhere in this issue for more details. We will also be going through our list and I will be contacting those of you who are "pin-eligible" soon. Please contact me (Commander) if you have any questions.

Chip Byers,
SAL Commander

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