



Post Script

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From The Department of Virginia

Dear Post 176 Family Member,

I would first take the opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Jim Chapman and I am the Department of Virginia Vice Commander for the East. I have also been appointed by the Department of Virginia Internal Affairs Committee as the Chairman of a Post 176 investigation committee along with Bob Sussan and Walt Dallenbach as members.

The Committee has been working with the post leadership for a couple months now in an attempt to resolve issues that have been impeding the post progress and post operation. Remember the intended purpose of a Post Home – American Legion programs and creating a welcoming atmosphere for veterans. It has become quite evident to the Department of Virginia leadership this was not going to work.

As a consequence, the Department of Virginia Executive Committee voted on January 22, 2010 to **suspend** the Springfield Post 176 charter. The suspension results in the removal of all officers and Corporate Board members with the management of the post reverting to a Department Management committee. The Post 176 committees are comprised of the investigation committee as well as select members of Post 176. The General Manager was also dismissed due to financial considerations. We want to make it perfectly clear this action was not a result of known improprieties. These actions do not affect the operation or function of the Sons of the American Legion or the Auxiliary Unit 176.

While this may seem very disruptive and emotionally unsettling, in our opinion this is in the best long term interest of the post and the American Legion. We will do our best to not only maintain operations but to vastly improve them. In that effort, the post needs your help and effort. If you would be willing to serve on a committee or volunteer a little of your time, in your area of expertise or interest, please contact me at your earliest.

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Committee Appointments

Department Appointed Management Committee

James R. Chapman, Department Vice Commander, Chairman

Robert B. Sussan, Commander Post 177

Walter Dallenbach, First District Commander

Americanism

Jerry Mittlebach (Oratorical)

(Volunteers Needed)

Banquet Sales & Marketing

(Volunteers Needed)

Baseball

(Volunteers Needed)

Blood Drive

Joe Finch, Chairman

Maudie Price, Chip Byers

Mary Lucas, Sheri Masey

Mr & Mrs. Ted Oliver

Business & Marketing Planning

John Sawyer, Chairman

(Volunteers Needed)

Chaplain

Charles Buettner

Constitution & ByLaws

Jeff Harrison, Chairman

Dick Vatter

John Sawyer

Finance Committee

George Tesla, Chairman

Bob Eidsvoog

Les Grizzard

Honor Guard

Jim Wright

Les Albers

(Volunteers Needed)

Historical & Post Reports

Maudie Price, Chairperson

Les Grizzard

Bill Durham

Membership

Jeff Harrison, Chairman

(Volunteers Needed)

Newsletter

(Volunteers Needed)

Post Maintenance

Rich Rodriguez, Chairman

(Volunteers Needed)

Service Officer

Ali Nikolai

Social Quarters

Entertainment & Special Activities

(Volunteers Needed)

Social Club House Rules & Regs

Ken Hansen, Chairman

Henry Kowalski

Ray Stone

(Volunteers Needed)

VA & R

Bill Durham

Les Grizzard

(Volunteers Needed)

Youth Progams (Boy's State)

John Benarek, Chairman

Red White

(Volunteers Needed)

F E B R U A R Y

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Queen Of Diamonds	2 General Membership Meeting 7:30PM	3 BRIDGE 6:30-10pm	4 CRIBBAGE 7-10PM	5 Friday Night Dinner "Best Deal inTown" 5:30—8:00 \$ 12.00	6 11 am Regional Oratorical Contest Post 177
7 Four Chaplains Service	8 Queen Of Diamonds	9 SAL Meeting 7:30PM	10	11 CRIBBAGE 7-10PM	12 Friday Night Dinner "Best Deal inTown" 5:30—8:00 \$ 12.00	13
14	15 Queen Of Diamonds	16 Blood Drive 2-7pm	17 BRIDGE 6:30-10pm	18 CRIBBAGE 7-10PM	19 Friday Night Dinner "Best Deal inTown" 5:30—8:00 \$ 12.00	20 SAL Detachment Mid-Winter Conference 9am-1pm
21	22 Queen Of Diamonds	23	24	25 CRIBBAGE 7-10PM	26 Friday Night Dinner "Best Deal inTown" 5:30—8:00 \$ 12.00	27
28	Feb 6th—The Northern Region Oratorical Contest will be held at Fairfax Post 177 at 11am Feb 7th— 17th District Four Chaplains Service will be held at Fairfax Post 177 at 10:30am					

Post Refinancing

As some of you might have heard, the Post had a loan that became due and payable in full on January 21st, 2010 for approximately \$ 500,000.00.

A number of local banks were contacted to determine their interest in refinancing this note on behalf of the post and one local bank contacted the Post with an offer of refinancing.

The offer of refinancing has been accepted and is currently in process. The appraisal of the post property has been completed and most likely by the time this newsletter reaches you the refinanced loan will most likely be in place.

I would like to personally thank those involved in the refinancing effort and we look forward to forming strong banking relationships with the local banking institutions.

For God and Country
 James R. Chapman
 Chairman, Post 176 Management Committee



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Volunteerism

Now, more than ever, we need your help. The American Legion is dedicated to taking care of Veterans, their families and making a difference in the community. We have programs that span from supporting grieving families whose loved one has made the ultimate sacrifice to American Legion Baseball, Boy Scouts, Boys & Girls State and so much more. But these programs cannot exist without the help and dedication of our members.

This is an important crossroad in the History of Post 176. We are in the process of revitalizing the Legion programs and the business of the Post Home. The Lifeblood of the American Legion requires dedicated volunteers. We cannot do it without you. Each one of us has likes and dislikes and some special skills. Please, stop by the post. Let us know what program or activity you can lend a hand with or what you would like to see implemented. We need help from each and every one of you.

So please, come to the post, volunteer some time. The reward is immeasurable.

God Bless America

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