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NEWSLETTER





Officers' Call

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MEETINGS:

Executive Board: 1st Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m.

General Membership: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

House Committee: 1st Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

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MEETINGS

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MEETINGS: 2nd Monday of the month, 7 p.m. except June, July (no meeting)

Commander's Corner

Dear fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders:

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. In my opinion, it flew by way too fast.

First of all, Roy McCracken stepped down from his office as Post Commander, due to unforeseen circumstances. Roy served as Commander at our post for seven years, and dedicated a lot of his time to our Post Home and many functions. While Roy was Commander, he established the Legion Family Breakfast, and its legacy lives on—the third Sunday of each month. He arranged bus trips to Arlington Cemetery for Wreaths Across America; arranged for various bands to perform at legion functions; and arranged bus trips to and from hockey and baseball games, to mention a few things. Thank you, Roy, for your support over the years.

I am in the process of becoming acclimated to the office as Commander. I have a lot to learn and am blessed by having such a fabulous group of people on the Exec Board to keep me straight. I am enjoying working with the Auxiliary, SAL, Riders, and the DAR. I love our legion family and we are a great team.

We are in the process of transitioning First Vice membership duties from me to Eugene (Cornbread) Kimbrell. He will do a great job. Once he gets in the swing of things he will give you updates on membership.

We have the following positions available on the Executive Board:

- Second Vice
- Chaplain
- Historian

Prerequisites are that you must be a Legionnaire, be a member of Post 1976, and a member in good standing.

Please see me or any member on the Exec Board if you are interested.

I highly encourage everyone to attend our General Membership meetings, which occur on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

At our next General Membership meeting, we are having a guest speaker. I don't want to rain on Karen McDaniel's parade so please read on.

Thank you,

Gretchen Trujillo, Commander

1st Vice's Report

Well I'm learning the system, thanks to Gretchen! Membership is going well—I don't have the numbers in front of me right now, but I think we are at like 85 to 90%. You have until September 30th to get in on the early bird. This year's early bird party—on Oct. 20—is going to be BIG with live music, food, and drinks so get those dues in.

*Eugene Kimbrell (aka Cornbread), 1st Vice
Commander*

2nd Vice's Report

*This position is currently vacant. Please contact
the Post for more information.*

3rd Vice's Report

Nothing exciting happening at the legion lately, which is good news from the third vice. Many repairs have been done to the building over the past month, and our falcon machines and pull tabs are continuing to exceed expectations. Bartenders and the Club Manager continue to do a great job. A heartfelt thank you to our regulars who support the post daily; reminder to drop in Wednesdays for free lunch—normally 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tom Ritchie, 3rd Vice Commander

Finance Officer's Report

Here is an overview of financial status for the period of May-July 2018: Net income for the period was \$3,146; bank account balances as of July 31, 2018, totaled \$245,523; our mortgage balance was reduced to \$212,746 as of July 31, 2018.

Frank Buckley, Finance Officer

Chaplain's Report

Please keep Diane Ramsey's mother in your prayers.

Post Everlasting: Sam Long; Max Neuman

Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school. –Albert Einstein

Gretchen Trujillo, Commander

Service Officer's Report

Since 1999, the Department of Veterans Affairs has been required to provide nursing home services to veterans who qualify for VA health care and have a service-connected disability rating of 70 percent or higher. In addition, veterans who are considered unemployable and have a disability rating of 60 percent or higher are also eligible. VA provides this care through short- or long-term nursing home facilities, respite care, community living centers on VA hospital grounds, private assisted living facilities, and state veterans homes.

More than 120 VA medical centers now oversee a Medical Foster Home program in their regions, and VA has actively promoted the program within its health system. If you or someone you know qualifies and needs this assistance, please contact me at 703-898-6627.

Dorothy Hennessey Vigano, Service Officer
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Historian's Report

This position is currently vacant. Please contact the Post for more information.

Adjutant's Report

This position is currently vacant. Please contact the Post for more information.

Club Manager's Report

Tuesdays are \$3.00 sandwich days and Wednesdays are free lunch days.

We have many volunteers here and I would like to thank you all for everything you do.

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you instead of receiving it by mail, please email Patti George at georgepjw@aol.com.

Did you know? If you are a member of American Legion Post 1976, you can use the Tom Weston hall free of charge. You must be a member for six months before you can use it. If you would like use the hall, please call me at 703-408-9123. Please note, if you use our hall, you MUST purchase our beverages.

Diane Ramsey, Club Manager

American Legion Auxiliary Report

You may have heard that Unit 1976 was awarded the Dr. Kate Waller Barrett trophy at the convention in July. This is given to the outstanding unit in Virginia for 2018. There are other units that perhaps merited it more than us, but it shows that we are diligent in our reporting and our work is recognized. Very proud of all our members for contributing to our success.



*Unit 1976
President Karen
McDaniel
receiving the
Dr. Kate Waller
Barrett plaque
from
Department
President
Cheryl Shine at
the Department
convention, July
15, 2018, Dulles
Hilton Herndon,
VA. This is an
annual award to
the outstanding
Auxiliary Unit
in Virginia.*

Currently, please help us collect school supplies for two local elementary schools: Braddock and North Springfield and the Give 10 to Education program. Our teachers are buying many things for their students out of their own pockets.

If you have any 2019 calendars, we need to give them to veterans at the Washington VAMC in their Christmas packages, a District 17 project.

The unit is going to move forward with the Adopt a Platoon project. We will have to decide at what level we want to be involved.

The Legion is going to have a booth at the Taste of Annandale, Oct. 13th. We would like Auxiliary members to help and do public relations for our Post.

I have promised help to the Legion in re-establishing the Oratorical contest. I am hoping that our Auxiliary members can serve as ushers, timekeeper, and escorts. Our Commander Gretchen Trujillo will be chairman. If we get participation from high school students, our local Post contest will be in early January.

Our next meeting will be the 2nd Monday in September—the 10th—at 7 p.m. All are welcome to help us get a good start on this new Auxiliary year.

GIRLS STATE/GIRLS NATION

Each year, the Auxiliary sponsors girls from Thomas Jefferson, Annandale, and Lake Braddock as delegates to Girls State. This week-long event, with emphasis on government and citizenship, was held at Longwood University on June 17-23. We sent 11 girls with the financial help of the Annandale Womens Club, our Legion, SAL, and Riders.

Sophia Lombardi from Lake Braddock was selected to be one of two to represent Virginia at Girls Nation in July. She will be a guest speaker at the September Legion meeting here at our Post and will talk about her experiences. Please attend this **meeting Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.**

Auxiliary Membership

Thanks to members who have already paid their 2019 dues of \$30.00. If you pay your dues by Sept. 30, you will be included in the Legion Early Bird Day on Oct. 20. You do not have to wait to get your renewal notice from National. Just send your dues payable to ALA Unit 1976 to the Post Home. The Auxiliary also will have a drawing at our Dec. meeting from all who have paid through Nov. 30 and the winner will have her

dues paid for the following year, 2020, by the Auxiliary. You may pay your dues online direct to National, www.alaforveterans.org. They are also taking renewals by phone, (315) 569-4500. The advantage of this is you can pay by credit card, and by phone you can pay for other members besides yourself. Our official end of year membership was at 140 and we received special recognition for meeting the June 1st 100%+ deadline. A warm welcome to our newest members, Anna Putzer and junior member Christine Peck.

Karen McDaniel, Auxiliary President
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Sons of the American Legion Report

Well, Summer is almost in our rearview mirror, but we will have to bear a few more hot days before we have to get our sweatshirts and jackets out of the attic.

The 2018 membership year has completed, and we have exactly met our Department goal of 105 renewals. That's great going for our Post 1976 SAL Squadron! We are starting our 2019 membership year, and have already received 20 member renewals for the 2019 Early Bird season. The Early Bird period lasts until September 30, 2018. The Post will sponsor an Early Bird celebration on October 20, 2018, where all Early Bird members will enjoy Free Beverages throughout the day! The Post will be serving free food that night, as part of the Early Bird celebration. So get your renewal in, and join the party on Saturday, October 20th! The renewal cost is still \$30 for SAL members. Dual members pay only the State Membership cost of \$12 for their dual SAL membership. If you would like to renew for 2019, you can place your renewal request in an envelope addressed to Mike T, with the \$30 renewal fee. The bartender on duty will pin the renewal on the bulletin board, which I will pick up, and then provide a 2019 membership card for the member renewing; either I will mail it to you or place it in an envelope on the bulletin board for your retrieval.

The SAL meeting is being rescheduled for September; it is normally scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, but this September, we will have the SAL meeting on the second Thursday, September 13, 2018. We would like to hear any recommendations for events or any other worthwhile endeavors that we can undertake during the year which would benefit the Post. Let's get a big group here for the September meeting. Hope to see a lot of you there.

See you at the September meeting.

Mike Trujillo, SAL 1st Vice

American Legion Riders

The Riders had a GREAT summer; as I write this I don't know of any issues anybody had.

We had a very successful Thunder Bash thanks to Roy and all the volunteers for making it such a GREAT day. We did ride up to the Flight 93 memorial in Shanksville, PA, to visit and pay our respects to the HEROS on that flight. And thanks to our Riders brothers and sisters from the Rockwood American Legion for having us and showing us a great time. And yes we are already working with them on next year's ride—again ALL are welcome to go with us, you DO NOT have to be on a Bike.

I regret to have to say this but the Riders BBQ for this year has been cancelled, due to my lack of planning. I apologize to everyone that was looking forward to it. It will be BACK next year.

But with it being Fall the leaves are turning and hopefully we will have good color this year what with all the rain one never knows. But get out there and enjoy the cooler temps and ride safe!

Thanks again,

*Eugene Kimbrell (aka Cornbread),
ALR Director*

Legion Youth Programs Update

In the Spring 2018 newsletter (6 months ago), an article was included to solicit volunteers to support our Post getting more involved in American Legion youth oriented programs such as the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program, Oratorical Contest, Junior Sports Shooting Program, and Legion Baseball. Gretchen Trujillo has volunteered to lead the effort to re-institute Post 1976's involvement in the Oratorical Contest and Terry Mosher has volunteered to lead efforts to establish our involvement in the Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program (YCLEP). We are still seeking a Legionnaire to lead the Junior Sports Shooting Program—please contact any member of the Executive Committee to get things started. We are also in need of volunteers (any member of Legion, Sons, or Auxiliary) to help execute the Oratorical

Contest and Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program. Please contact Gretchen Trujillo (Oratorical) or Terry Mosher (YCLEP) if you can help.

Frank Buckley, Finance Officer

Boys State Update

Our Post (Legion, Riders, and Sons) sponsored six boys for this year's Boys State held at Radford University. Thank you for supporting Boys State and the outstanding young men who will one day be the leaders in our communities and country.

One of our delegates, Thomas Longuillo (grandson of Tom Longuillo), gave an outstanding overview of his Boys State experience during the August 14, 2018, Post 1976 General Membership Meeting.

In addition, here is the positive feedback I received from another of our delegates, George Sandy: "Throughout the duration of my experience at Boys State, I was able to experience meeting a variety of people from across the state of Virginia. As the week progressed, I was able to get to know some of my fellow citizens and understand their home life. I became close friends with a guy who lives in the southern part of Virginia, who told me that he wakes up before dusk to complete his chores. In his family, all his morning chores must be completed before he can be granted the privilege of eating breakfast. Being at Boys State made me realize that I am very blessed to live the life that I live. While I was at Boys State I knew that I wanted to join the Boys State Chorus and did so on the second day. On the third day of being at Boys State, I was asked to be a part of a men's octet and we sang Ave Maria on graduation day. Two days before the nationalist's party nominee election I decided to run for party chairman of the nationalist party within Maury City. I won because I did something my competitors did not do, which was to go around shaking everyone's hand. I ran for chairman of the nationalist party within Maury City because I wanted to put in the most effort, so I could get the most of my time at Boys State. I enjoyed the speakers that took the time to talk to us, I noted that the best of the speakers we had included the crowd instead of just lecturing them. At the end of my week at Boys State I learned multiple valuable lessons, such as the importance of being organized, being on time, and always having a pen handy. One of my greatest accomplishments at Boys State was that I was a major influence in helping one of my fellow citizens from my city to be elected Lt. Governor at large. He appreciated

what I did for him, and told me that he couldn't have won without me. I believe my experience at Boys State to have been a life changing experience that left an impression on me that will last a life time. I would like to thank my legion post for sponsoring me and allowing me to attend such an amazing program such as Boys State."

Frank Buckley, Finance Officer

~ September 2018 ~

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16 Post Family Breakfast 9am – 1pm	17	18 \$3 Sandwiches	19 Free lunch	20 ALR Meeting 7:00pm 	21	22 Karaoke 8pm
23	24	25 \$3 Sandwiches	26 Free lunch	27 	28	29
30 Last day to submit dues to be an Early Bird	Notes:					

~ October 2018 ~

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~ November 2018 ~

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