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# Winter 2018 NEWSLETTER





## Officers' Call

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#### MEETINGS:

Executive Board: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m.

General Membership: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

House Committee: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

### SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 1976 (SAL)

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### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 1976

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

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When I was diagnosed with cancer;

A friend said “I can't believe you have cancer.” I felt alienated and alone.

A second friend said “There are treatments as bad as the disease itself.” I felt scared and confused.

My third friend said “Maybe God is disciplining you for something you did.” I felt guilty and ashamed.

My fourth friend told me “All things work together for the good.” I felt anger.

Then friends came, held my hand, and said “I care. I am here. I want to help you through this.” **I felt loved.**

*Gary Wilson*

(Plagiarized from “VICTORY IN THE VALLEY” by Linda Mae Richardson.)

### **Commander's Corner**

Dear fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders:

I highly encourage everyone to attend our General Membership meetings which occur on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. You will learn about upcoming events, as well as old and new business.

The Annandale Cannon is at M&M Auto Shop and is being worked on by the boy scouts. The wheels are being refurbished at Calimer's Wheel Shop in Waynesboro, PA. They will call when the wheels are complete.

Please welcome our new Second Vice Greg Sarine and our Webmaster Zachary Wood. We are all looking forward to working with you.

The Legion Family Breakfast continues to be a huge success. Thank you Tennessee, Red, and Scott Pratt as they do all of the shopping, food preparation, and most of the cooking. We have outstanding volunteers to set up, serve, and cleanup. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

We participated in the Taste of Annandale led by our Service Officer, Dorothy Vigano. We gave out free cotton candy and popcorn while we handed out information to the public about the American Legion and what we do. Remember that membership is everyone's responsibility. I carry membership applications with me.

The American Legion Riders, ALR, took dinner to Leewood Nursing Home. Thank you Red, Tennessee, and Billy Q for cooking the turkeys and ham and Riders for delivering and serving food.

The Veteran's Day Ceremony was performed in conjunction with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). It was a pleasure working with Lynn Maines, DAR, in coordinating this major event. We worked with Mike Moser, Cemetery Director, from the Annandale United Methodist Church and we had a larger turnout than usual as this occurred between church services. It was wonderful seeing all the new faces. The color guard was Boy Scout troop 150 and we were honored to have them. It was an honor having Barbara Huff, DAR, as our guest speaker and she spoke about Vietnam POWs whom she interviewed.

Thank you, Patricia and Andy Ness, for your generosity in preparing and serving Thanksgiving meals to our members.

Our Christmas Party will be on 12/15/2018 from 5 p.m.–8 p.m. We are having potluck so please bring a dish. The post will provide meat dishes. There will also be a “White Elephant” gift exchange, not to exceed \$20.00. Bring a gift if you would like to participate.

Thank you,

*Gretchen Trujillo, Commander*

### **1st Vice’s Report**

Membership is going well. We are at (LAST) report 66.3%. If you know anybody that would be a good member, send them our way.

Thank you,

*Eugene Kimbrell (aka Cornbread), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
Commander*

### **2nd Vice’s Report**

*No report this quarter.*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice’s Report**

Not much to report for the period: we are getting estimates to replace the entire flooring in the post; the early bird party was a good time for all who attended; your bar shift managers were taken out to dinner and all enjoyed it and want to thank the excom and membership for thinking of them. I especially want to extend my sincere thanks to all of our managers for their continued support of the post and the excellent jobs that you do every day. I want to wish all of our membership a safe and joyful holiday season and thank you for your support.

*Tom Ritchie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander*

### **Finance Officer’s Report**

Here is an overview of financial status for the period of Aug-Oct 2018: Net income for the period was \$37,790; bank account balances as of

October 31, 2018 totaled \$262,268; our mortgage balance was reduced to \$196,143 as of October 31, 2018.

*Frank Buckley, Finance Officer*

### **Chaplain’s Report**

Post Everlasting: Joe Sadote

Sick call:

\* Laurie Turner

\* Rosie Smith

*Gretchen Trujillo, Commander*

### **Service Officer’s Report**

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for you to order your DD-214: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>.

NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Veterans and the next of kin of a deceased veteran may now use the online record system to request military personnel files, health care records, and replacement medals.

You will need to fax a signed release form separately to NPRC to complete the transaction. This form will be automatically generated and just needs to be printed, signed, and faxed to them.

If you need assistance with ordering your records, please feel free to contact me directly at (703) 898- 6627.

*Dorothy Hennessey Vigano, Service Officer*  
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(703) 898-6627

### **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 e-mailed to you instead of receiving it by mail, please e-mail 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 to 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**

This Fall marked the end of several ongoing projects by our Auxiliary members. The last of our ditty bags/backpacks were distributed. Some of these went to veterans who attended the June sock hop and the last of the 35 went to residents of Brightwood Senior Center who were at the recent Veterans Day celebration. Many thanks to Pam Barnes for the sewing project, and to our members who contributed comfort items and filled them.

We have collected over 250 2019 calendars and they will be used in Christmas packages given to patients at the Washington VAM Medical Center, as well as those put in our ditty bags. Thanks to our members and special help from the Annandale Womens' Club.

Our Quilts of Valor project was started a few years ago, with special help from Pam Barnes, April Sayers, and past president Kay Rutkowski. We had leftover quilting material and this was

given to a Winchester Quilting Group at Fall Conference. They are starting their QofV project and were grateful to have our leftovers!

Thank you to Rosa and Joyce for shopping and delivering school supplies to Braddock Elementary and North Springfield Elementary. The schools are so grateful. Sharon O. and Joyce will be contacting schools for entries in the Americanism essay contest. This year's essay subject is "How can we address and prevent Veteran homelessness in our communities?" I will be working with Lake Braddock, Annandale, and Thomas Jefferson High Schools for Girls State delegates.

Our Auxiliary has a start in their Adopt a Platoon project. Deborah Fraser has located a group in Cuba. She is getting together a package for 54 active duty military members for Christmas.



Thanks to our Auxiliary members (pictured above) who volunteered for some "deep cleaning" at our Post home on Nov. 3rd. James Kimbrell and Micki Welsh missed the picture taking! We ran out of time and energy but had a good time doing it.

The annual Legion family Christmas party is Dec. 15th, 5-8 p.m.; it will be a potluck dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share; ham will be provided. The sign-up sheet is near the Post entrance door. Christmas music and karaoke will follow. White elephant gift exchange for those who wish to participate, \$20 limit.

We are planning a Valentine's Day dinner for February 16th. We hope to have steak as we did



last year, but if not, it will be an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner. Will need helpers!

At our regular meeting on Monday Dec. 10th, we will be decorating and putting up the Christmas tree. Need lots of hands for this. We will also draw a name from those who paid their Aux. dues by Nov. 30th, and their dues will be paid for 2020. Our current dues paid membership is at 86; Your dues will be delinquent as of Jan. 1st.—don't forget! Welcome to new members, Joan Christensen, Debbie and Veronica Heitzer.

Our meetings are the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m.—all are welcome. We want you to continue to help us serve our veterans and military, children, and community. Wishing you a blessed holiday season and Happy New Year!

*Karen McDaniel, Auxiliary President*  
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### **Sons of the American Legion Report**

Well, Winter is not here just yet, but we have had some cold days that sure make us feel like Ol' Man Winter had done got here! Leaves are beginning to pile up, and as soon as they are raked up, we will be shoveling snow!

The 2019 membership renewal program is in full swing for the Post 1976 SAL Squadron. At the current time, the Squadron has processed 58 renewals or new members for the 2019 session; our Department goal for 2010 is 107; so we are over 50% at this time. The Early Bird celebration on October 20 was an enjoyable occasion; many of you SAL members participated in that party. But the end of the year is fast approaching, and you will need to have a 2019 membership card to enter the Post home after the New Year. So please get your renewal in before the end of December. 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 provide the waiting renewals to me when I come into the Post home for meetings or just to

visit, which I will then process and provide a 2019 membership card for the member renewing; most likely it will be mailed to you unless you are a frequent member that I can hand it to.

Let's do it SAL Squadron Members! Let's reach 100% of our Dept. goal this year.

The SAL meeting is scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, so the December meeting will be December 6, 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. Please schedule this meeting in your calendar, and hopefully we will see you there.

See you at the December meeting.

*Mike Trujillo, SAL 1st Vice*

### **American Legion Riders**

Well it's cold outside and old man winter is right around the corner. The riders had a great summer and as far as I know everyone made it through unharmed. Well we did have 1 that got pulled out in front of but he is fine and the bike is being repaired. If you stow them away for the winter be sure and wrap it up tight and warm.



We did go to Leewood again this year and fed the residents. Everyone had a great time and the residents really enjoyed the food. The WW2 vet in the picture said “It was the best DAMN meal I’ve had since I’ve been here.”

We are going to Bethesda again to feed the troops there Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>; all are welcome to come help us. This is always a great time. And the troops really enjoy it.

We are already planning next year’s events and as always we could use volunteers so if you have a few minutes or hours, or would just like to maybe cook or bring some food to one of the events, that would be much appreciated.

Well that’s it for now so ride safe; keep it standing up; see you out in the wind.

*Eugene Kimbrell (aka Cornbread),  
ALR Director*



Dick George presenting a check to Ms. Barbara for comfort items at Richmond VA Medical Center.

## Legion Youth Programs Update

In the Spring 2018 newsletter volunteers were solicited 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. Our Post will not be participating in the Oratorical Contest, Junior Sports Shooting Program, or Legion Baseball for the 2018/2019 cycle because no one has volunteered to lead or support standing up these programs.

*Frank Buckley, Finance Officer*



**Post 1976**



***Annual  
Christmas Party***

**Saturday**

**December 15, 2018**

**5 – 8 pm**

**Meat provided**

**Bring a Dish to Share**

**Dish Sign-Up Sheet at Post**

**Music/Karaoke**



# ~ December 2018 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> DAR Meeting 10-12
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> \$3 Sandwiches	<b>5</b> House Committee Meeting 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7pm Free lunch	<b>6</b> SAL Meeting 6:30pm 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	<b>11</b> General Membership Meeting 7pm \$3 Sandwiches	<b>12</b> Free lunch	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Post Christmas Party 5 pm Karaoke 8 pm
<b>16</b> Post Family Breakfast 9am – 1pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> \$3 Sandwiches	<b>19</b> Free lunch	<b>20</b> ALR Meeting 7:00pm 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>				





# ~ January 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>  \$3 Sandwiches	<b>2</b> House Committee Meeting 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7pm Free lunch	<b>3</b> SAL Meeting 6:30pm 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> General Membership Meeting 7pm \$3 Sandwiches	<b>9</b> Free lunch	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> Human Trafficking Awareness	<b>12</b> DAR Meeting 10-12
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	<b>15</b> \$3 Sandwiches	<b>16</b> Free lunch	<b>17</b>  ALR Meeting 7:00pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Post Family Breakfast 9am - 1pm	<b>21</b> MLK Day	<b>22</b> \$3 Sandwiches	<b>23</b> Free lunch	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Karaoke 8pm
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> \$3 Sandwiches	<b>30</b> Free lunch	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>	

# ~ February 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> DAR Meeting 10-12
<b>3</b> Super Bowl	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> \$3 Sandwiches	<b>6</b> House Committee Meeting 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7pm Free lunch	<b>7</b> SAL Meeting 6:30pm 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	<b>12</b> General Membership Meeting 7pm \$3 Sandwiches	<b>13</b> Free lunch	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Auxiliary Dinner 5-7:30 pm
<b>17</b> Post Family Breakfast 9am - 1pm	<b>18</b> President's Day	<b>19</b> \$3 Sandwiches	<b>20</b> Free lunch	<b>21</b> ALR Meeting 7:00pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Karaoke 8 pm
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> \$3 Sandwiches	<b>27</b> Free lunch	<b>28</b> 	<b>Notes:</b>	

# ~ March 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> DAR Meeting 10-12
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> \$3 Sandwiches	<b>6</b> House Committee Meeting 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7pm Free lunch	<b>7</b> SAL Meeting 6:30pm 	<b>8</b> International Women's Day	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>11</b> Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	<b>12</b> General Membership Meeting 7pm \$3 Sandwiches	<b>13</b> Free lunch	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Post Family Breakfast 9am - 1pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> \$3 Sandwiches	<b>20</b> Spring Begins Free lunch	<b>21</b> ALR Meeting 7:00pm 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Karaoke 8pm
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