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Spring 2019 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.

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 1976
(SAL)

Commander: Patrick McDonald
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MEETINGS: 1st Thursday of the month, 8:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 1976

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MEETINGS: 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

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

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Commander's Corner

Dear fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders:

On behalf of Annandale Post we welcome Betty O'Connor from Lorton Legion Post 162. Unfortunately Lorton burned down on January 26th. Dear Lorton, Annandale Legion and the Annandale Fire Department are on standby if and when you need our help.

Please welcome our new Adjutant, Christine Langin. It is an honor to have you serve on our board.

Please 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. This is a forum in which to raise your questions and concerns.

Legion elections are coming up in May. The Nominating Committee members are Billy Timmons, Diane Ramsey, and Dorothy Vigano. Please contact one of the committee members if you are interested in running for an office. This is a great opportunity for any legionnaire who has never held an office as it is a great learning experience.

The Annandale Cannon is at M&M Auto Shop and the boy scouts have completed their part. The wheels are completed and are at M&M and will be installed when the cannon is finished. Pictured

below is one of the wheels being loaded in to Cornbread's pickup truck in Pennsylvania.



Photo by Gretchen Trujillo

Below is a picture of the cannon before work was done.



Photo by Gretchen Trujillo

Below is a picture as the work is progressing.



Photo by Gretchen Trujillo

And on the next page is a picture of the Legion Riders presenting Betty Ann Wilson with the

American Flag, at the General Membership Meeting, in honor of Gary Wilson.



Pictured left to right: Cornbread Kimbrell, Betty Wilson, Joyce Landry, and Dick George.
(Photo by Gretchen Trujillo)

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 clean up. Thanks to everyone for your continued support. We set our record at 136 breakfasts on Sunday, February 17, 2019.

Thank you, Susan Dudding and Micki Welsh, for coordinating the successful Super Bowl party. Thank you, Auxiliary, for organizing the Valentine's Day party. Quite a few folks attended both events and a great time was had by all.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Trujillo, Commander

1st Vice's Report

Membership is strong and going good at this time. As of the last report we are at 90.7%. We only need like 7 more new members or some that haven't renewed to renew and we will be at the target for the year. We've had some new transfers come in, so if you see any of them please welcome them in to the post. As always if you know of any Veterans that do not have a home post invite them

in to meet with our folks they may just find a home. Thank you,

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

2nd Vice's Report

No report this quarter.

Greg Sarine, 2nd Vice Commander

3rd Vice's Report

No report this quarter.

Tom Ritchie, 3rd Vice Commander

Finance Officer's Report

Here is an overview of the financial status for the period of November 2018 through January 2019: net income for the period was \$32,026; current assets totaled \$255,834 as of January 31, 2019; and our mortgage balance was reduced to \$179,373 as of January 31, 2019. Of note, we moved \$75,000 into a 24-month 3.0% APY certificate of deposit with Navy Federal Credit Union in December 2018.

Frank Buckley, Finance Officer

Chaplain's Report

Post Everlasting: Gary Wilson
Sick Call: Carol Keating

Please keep everyone in your prayers.

Gretchen Trujillo, Commander

Service Officer's Report

No report this quarter.

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

No report this quarter.

Christine Langin, Adjutant

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 to use the hall, please call me at 703-408-9123. Please note, if you use our hall, you MUST purchase our beverages.

Please do not bring your unwanted items to the post, goodwill is close by in Annandale.

Diane Ramsey, Club Manager

American Legion Auxiliary Report

Thanks to all who supported our Valentine's spaghetti dinner. Many hands helped and special thanks to chef Patti, the sous-chefs, waitresses, and Martha for the kitchen help. Sorry we couldn't do the steak dinner but we hope to co-host a steak dinner with the SAL, possibly in early May.

The Auxiliary Year, for reporting purposes, ends soon and reports are due to Department on April 15th. We have a new year-end Consolidated Report also that we need to submit. We are asking our members to let us know about any work they

have done in our programs, especially to help veterans, children, and youth.

The winner of the drawing for our early bird membership was Joyce Landry. She will have her dues paid for the 2019-2020 year.

At our March 11th meeting, we will discuss the logistics in a poppy mail-out to all Legion family members. The money we raise this way goes into our poppy fund. This fund MUST be used to directly aid veterans. It is what we use to help our five veterans medical centers: Washington, DC; Martinsburg, WV; Salem; McGuire (Richmond); and Hampton. We will be purchasing baby shower things for women veterans at Washington VAMC on May 16.

Deb Fraser is learning the procedures on the Girls State program and has volunteered to be our Chairman next year. I have been doing this for 25 years, and although it has been very rewarding working with our schools and their outstanding students, it is time to gratefully turn it over. We are once again sending nine delegates, June 16-22 at Longwood University, from Thomas Jefferson, Annandale, and Lake Braddock high schools. Thank you to Annandale Womens Club and our SAL and Legion for their financial help.

In April, we will have nominations for officers for the 2019-2020 year. Advance notice: I cannot remain as your president. Please think about your involvement and commitment in being an Auxiliary member and possibly being an officer. Elections will be at the May meeting and Installation in June.

Karen McDaniel, Auxiliary President
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Sons of the American Legion Report

Well, Winter is almost over, but we just had another snow day, followed by 60 degree weather which melted it all immediately! Warm days like this will become more normal as Ol' Man Winter heads farther North.

American Legion Riders

The 2019 membership renewal program is heading for the final turn for the Post 1976 SAL Squadron. At the current time, the Squadron has processed 91 renewals or new members for the 2019 session. Our Department goal for 2019 is 107; so we are getting close. So if you haven't yet renewed, please get your renewal in soon. 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 our Dept. goal for another 100% year of achievement.

SAL is sponsoring a St. Patty's Day dinner again this year. We are having it the day before Sunday March 17, St. Patty's Day, because that Sunday is the scheduled Legion breakfast, which has been very popular—and SAL would like to celebrate both days with the Legion members. The St. Patty's Dinner will be comprised of your choice of Corned Beef and Cabbage, or Shepherd's Pie; both very delicious meals. Hope you come on out, enjoy St. Patty's Day Dinner, and participate with our Legion members.

The SAL meeting is scheduled for the first Thursday of each Month. Since Thursday is also the very entertaining Queen of Hearts evening at the Post, the SAL meeting starts very soon after the Queen of Hearts program is completed; usually about 8:15 p.m. 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 March meeting.

Mike Trujillo, SAL 1st Vice

Ok the weather is changing for the better, and makes it a lot more comfortable riding. If you've had your bike stored away for the winter you need to do your safety checks before just jumping on and riding. We are going to have the Thunder Bash again this year. It looks like it may be the last time we can call it Thunder Bash. But hoping that they will work the political issues out and Rolling Thunder continues. If not we will just come up with another name for our fundraiser. And again this year we will depend on volunteers to make it happen; the signup sheet will be out soon. Thanks in advance.

In June we will be going back up to Shanksville, PA, to pay our respects to Flight 93. We are looking at the weekend of June 22nd to do this, but we still have to get with our host at the Rockwood Legion to nail everything down. We will get all the info out as soon as we know for sure as to the time and where to stay. Everyone is more than welcome to come along and enjoy this time with us.

The group put together some care packages to send down range to some support troops that are over across the pond (thanks Julie for the info). We did receive a thank you card from the unit. It is on the wall at the post.

Thanks,

*Eugene Kimbrell (aka Cornbread),
ALR Director*

American Legion Post 1976

St. Patrick's Day Celebration 2019

*50/50
Raffle*

*Bottle
of
Cheer
Raffles*

Date: March 16, 2019 (Saturday)

Dinner: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Menu





Corned Beef & Cabbage - \$12.00

-OR-

Sheppard's Pie w/ Beer Bread - \$10.00

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~ March 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 DAR Meeting 10-12
3	4	5 \$3 Sandwiches	6 House Committee Meeting 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7pm Free lunch	7 SAL Meeting 8:15 pm 	8 International Women's Day	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	12 General Membership Meeting 7pm \$3 Sandwiches	13 Free lunch	14 	15	16 St. Patrick's Day Meal 1-5 p.m.
17 Post Family Breakfast 9am - 1pm	18	19 \$3 Sandwiches	20 Spring Begins Free lunch	21 ALR Meeting 7:00pm 	22	23 Karaoke 8pm
24	25	26 \$3 Sandwiches	27 Free lunch	28 	29	30
31	Notes:					

~ April 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 \$3 Sandwiches	3 Free lunch House Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	4  SAL Meeting 8:15 pm	5	6 DAR Meeting 10-12
7 World Health Day	8 Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	9 General Membership Meeting 7pm \$3 Sandwiches	10 Free lunch	11 	12	13
14	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	16 \$3 Sandwiches	17 Free lunch	18  ALR Meeting 7:00pm	19 Good Friday	20
21 Easter Post Family Breakfast 9am – 1pm	22 Earth Day	23 \$3 Sandwiches	24 Administrative Professionals Day Free lunch	25 	26 Arbor Day	27 Karaoke 8pm
28	29	30 \$3 Sandwiches	Notes:			

~ May 2019 ~

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