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Summer 2019 NEWSLETTER





Post 1976 Officers

POST 1976 LEGION OFFICERS 2019-2020

Commander: Gretchen Trujillo
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1st Vice Cdr. (Membership): Eugene Kimbrell
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Adjutant: Christine Langin

MEETINGS:

Executive Board: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.
General Membership: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.
House Committee: 1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 1976

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.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 1976

President: Vacant

1st Vice President (Membership): Rosa Ketterling
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Treasurer: Patti George
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Chaplain: Joyce Landry
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Historian: Susan Dudding
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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:

Election of 2019-2020 officers occurred on May 14, 2019. Thank you Nominating Committee and to those who came to vote. The legion officers are:

Commander: Gretchen Trujillo
First Vice: Eugene "Cornbread" Kimbrell
Second Vice: Lance Kent
Third Vice: Tom Ritchie
Finance: Frank Buckley
Service Officer: Dorothy Vigano
Historian: Vacant
Chaplain: Vacant
Adjutant: Christine Langin

Greg Sarine is moving away in a couple of months. Greg, thank you for being our second vice and for all the support that you provided. We will miss you. Please come and see us whenever you can.

One thing that I want to start doing is sending monthly updates to members for whom I have email addresses. I am thinking of a catchy title for it. If you would like to receive monthly updates then send your email address to me at thegretch61@verizon.net.

It is highly encouraged that you attend our General Membership meetings which occur on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 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.

The refurbishing of the Annandale Cannon is complete. Thank you Boy Scouts, M&M Auto Shop, and Danny Sampson for your hard work and diligence on this endeavor. Below are some pictures of the cannon.



Photo by: Eugene "Cornbread" Kimbrell

A special thank you to Cornbread who performed a lot of "behind the scenes" activities including making arrangements to bring the cannon home by cleaning the island, organizing a group to retrieve the cannon, requesting the police to provide road blocks, and legion rider escorts. Job well done!



Photo by: Gretchen Trujillo (pictured left to right: Mike Trujillo, Jerry Boyer, Doug O'Neill, Cornbread Kimbrell, Greg Sarine, Tommy Kemp, Lance Kent, Dee Dee Lafferty, Patsy Ducker, and the Annandale Police Department)

The Memorial Day Ceremony occurred On May 27, 2019, at the island where we rededicated our gorgeous, refurbished cannon. This event was open to the public and fifty people attended. Our special guest, Penny Gross, spoke on how honored she is about having the cannon. The boy scouts, who put in over 200 hours, attended and spoke to the audience about the privilege it was to help rebuild the cannon. Thank you boy scouts for your hard work and dedication to this project. Thanks to everyone who attended the ceremony.



Pictured left to right: Frank Buckley, parents of boy scouts, Penny Gross, Gretchen Trujillo, Dorothy Vigano, Karen McDaniel, Tom Ritchie. Back row: Boy Scouts, Dorothy Langin, and a marine.

Our legion family breakfast is open to the public and takes place on the third Sunday of every month. Please come see us. 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. Thank you,

Gretchen Trujillo, Commander

1st Vice's Report

Membership is doing ok. I came up a little short of the target this time, will try and get us to 100% this coming year. The reason I say this coming year is the membership drive will start soon. The 2020 cards will also be here before we know it. Once again we will run the early bird until September 30th so be sure to get your dues paid early to get the stamp. FREE DRINKS FOR EARLY BIRDS.

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

2nd Vice's Report

No report this quarter.

Lance Kent, 2nd Vice Commander

3rd Vice's Report

First, let me start off by saying I was disappointed that not very many members showed up to vote this year for elected officers to run your Post. Hope we do better next year. The Post is running very good: the amount we owe on the Post is getting down to a manageable sum; the club manager and bartenders continue to do a super job. Many thanks to the regulars who come in on a daily basis—many to mention but you know who you are.

Tom Ritchie, 3rd Vice Commander

Finance Officer's Report

Here is an overview of financial status for the period of February through April 2019: net income for the period was -\$14,430.36; current assets totaled \$244,797 as of April 30 and our mortgage balance was reduced to \$158,392 as of April 30. Of note, we reduced the mortgage balance by \$20,981 during this period by paying an additional \$5,000 in principal payments each month.

Frank Buckley, Finance Officer

Chaplain's Report

Sick Call: John Rogers

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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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

I would like to say thank you to all of our volunteers; we have so many and we are grateful. If you see someone volunteering, please say thank you.

I would like to tell you a little about our Executive Committee:

Our Commander is Gretchen Trujillo and she is our first woman Commander. She is learning the ropes and doing a good job. Thank you, Gretchen.

1st Vice Commander is Eugene Kimbrel AKA Cornbread; he is our membership chairman and was very instrumental in helping get the cannon back. Thank you, Cornbread.

2nd Vice Commander is Greg Sarine; he is new but also moving to Florida—good luck Greg. Thank you, Greg.

3rd Vice Commander is Tom Ritchie; he has been with the American Legion Post 1976 for about 30 years, many of his years spent as an officer. He is head of the House Committee and is very good to all of our employees. Thank you, Tom.

Frank Buckley is our Finance Officer. He helps me with the finance report and other things. Thank you, Frank.

Sergeant of Arms is Terry Mosher and does flag retirement ceremonies for us. Thank you, Terry.

Service Officer is Dorothy Vigano and she helps many veterans with just about anything you can think of. She is very resourceful and can get DD214s and medical records and she can help you fill out just about any kind of paperwork for whatever you need. Thank you, Dorothy.

Adjutant is Christine Langin; she takes notes and can type really fast. Thank you, Christine.

This is a really good Executive Board and they care about our post. They too are volunteers so if you see any of them, say thanks.

Tuesdays are \$3 sandwich days and Wednesdays are free lunch days. Thursday night is Queen of Hearts. Karaoke is the 4th Saturday night of the month. Breakfast is the 3rd Sunday of the month.

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.

Diane Ramsey, Club Manager

American Legion Auxiliary Report

At our May meeting, the following officers were elected for the 2019-2020 year:

President: Vacant
1st Vice/Membership: Rosa Ketterling
2nd Vice/Ways & Means: Joyce Landry
Chaplain: Joyce Landry
Secretary: Sharon Ogle
Treasurer: Patti George
Historian: Susan Dudding
Sgt. At Arms: Patricia Ness

Yes, folks, you read this right. This is my last article as president of Unit 1976 and you will be operating without a president. Membership and programs will continue. Correspondence will be sent to our secretary. Membership will be handled by Rosa. Finances by our wonderful Treasurer, Patti. We are very fortunate to have a good group of leaders. The officers will be installed at a joint installation with the Legion on Tuesday, June 18th, 7 p.m.

We do not have a meeting in July. Our next meeting will be Monday, Aug. 12th, 7 p.m. This will be an organizational meeting for the new year—very important to have you there. Our new officers need the support of all members. The Auxiliary meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Thank you to Joyce, Sharon, and judges of the Americanism Essay contest. We were able to forward two essays from students at Annandale High School. We are sponsoring 14 delegates to Girls State at Longwood University June 16-22 from Lake Braddock, Annandale HS, and Thomas Jefferson. Continued appreciation to the Annandale Womens Club, SAL Squadron 1976, and our Legion for their financial support. Deb Fraser has been “in training” and will be taking over the Girls State program next year.

Thank you to members who have supported our Veterans Affairs & Rehab program with their donations of comfort items for the Washington VAMC. Joyce Landry has organized the donations, and also did the shopping for the women veterans baby shower. Thanks to the Legion for giving us an additional \$300 to spend. It bought a lot of diapers! Also, big thank you to the “Living with Cancer” group that gave us handknit baby blankets. They were a big hit with the new mothers. Joyce has agreed to chair the VA&R program next year.

The Auxiliary recently sent poppies and asked for donations to our Poppy Fund. The response by our Legion family is very encouraging. Thank you so much! This money is used 100% to support veterans. Deb Fraser headed up this program and will continue to be our Poppy Chairman.

We have many members who step forward to help our Legion, SAL, and Riders with dinners and whatever activity they are doing. You know who they are!

A warm welcome to our newest member, Pam McCarthy. Pam has been helping with “waitressing” as a guest, and she is so happy to finally be a bona fide member of the Auxiliary.

There are many of you to thank for helping complete my years as president. I will still be here. If I forgot to thank you, I thank you now, my friends at American Legion Post 1976.

For God and Country.

Karen McDaniel, Auxiliary President
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Sons of the American Legion Report

It's getting hot now, so Summer must be right around the corner! Beach weather is here for the next several months. Enjoy the sunny warm weather.

Squadron 1976 is just about finished with our 2019 membership program. At the current time, the Squadron has processed 105 renewals or new members for the 2019 year. Our Department goal for 2019 is 107; so we just need a couple more renewals to make our goal. So if you haven't yet renewed, please get your renewal in soon. Just two more renewals needed folks!

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.

So if you haven't renewed for 2019, help us reach our Dept. goal for another 100% year of achievement.

SAL does a great job of assisting in providing the monthly Legion family breakfast on the third Sunday of each month, helping the Auxiliary and Legion in providing a great breakfast to our members; it is also open to the public. Come on in and participate with our Legion members for a

delicious meal, and socialize with the large group of members who show up each month.

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. 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.

See you at the next meeting.

Mike Trujillo, SAL 1st Vice

American Legion Riders

First I want to thank everybody who volunteered to help us with our Thunder Bash. Everybody seemed to have a great time, and we did make a little bit of money to donate to Final Salute; we are also donating to the Rockwood American Legion to help them with a memorial they are building in the Town of Rockwood.

Now for the rest of the story, the HOT summer months are upon us. So please stay safe out there riding around here; with the heat comes more tourists and more traffic, which increases the heat. Stay hydrated—most of us 'aint Sprang Chickins anymore.

Thanks to the riders that came out and escorted the cannon back home. It went very smooth and with all the strong backs wasn't that hard to put back in its spot. Very special thank you to Mr. Tim Cole for letting us use his truck and trailer for the move—you done good Tim, thank you so much. The cannon looks GREAT. Another special thanks out to Roy for setting the restoration up.

Coming up we have the ride to Shanksville to visit the Flight 93 memorial—on June 22nd. We usually try to leave around 0900 (9 AM), although I will not be going this year because Joyce, James (aka Biscuit), and myself will be in N.C. so I will leave the KSU time to Mike T and Dick George. Once again, you DO NOT have to ride a motorcycle to

go with us (ANYWHERE WE GO)—so if you've never been you should think about going. It's not that far a drive and you will enjoy it. Even if you don't want to stay overnight it's a great day trip. Although there are plenty of hotels in Summerset, PA. That's really close to the memorial and to the Rockwood American Legion (our host). See Mike T or Dick for more info.

We will start planning our end of the year BBQ at the next meeting, which is June 20th, so I would like to have a room full of Riders there. Mike T will be conducting the meeting (he needs all the help he can get)—I'm joking brother, you got this. We will have the BBQ sometime in September. I've been asked a few times when and where is the next ride for the riders. So if anybody would like to step up and put us one together, you're more than welcome. I am looking into putting one together to go to Woodstock for a day, or you could stay overnight if you would like; the camping would be primitive, although there is an old house there I love it, it was built in the 1800s. Yes sisters, it has inside plumbing. Will let you know if it works out.

That's all from Cornbread. Ride safe and don't forget we meet the 3rd Thursday of every month.

*Eugene Kimbrell (aka Cornbread),
ALR Director*

Seniors Helping Seniors Transportation Program

Over 50? Live in Annandale or Springfield? Get a ride or volunteer!

Are you over 50 years of age and are no longer able to drive? The Shepherd's Center of Annandale Springfield (SCAS) may be able to help. Volunteer drivers transport adults 50 and above to medical, dental, therapy, or any medically related facilities from their homes to the appointments and back home during the week, and shopping and baking on the weekends. This service is available free of charge to all people over 50 years of age residing in Annandale or Springfield, VA.

The Shepherd's Center is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that helps older adults continue to live independently. We also host monthly luncheons with interesting speakers or entertainers.

If you are interested in learning more about our services or interested in becoming a volunteer driver please contact our office between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at 703-941-1419.

~ June 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px;">House Committee Meeting 6:30 pm</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin: 5px;">Executive Board Meeting 7 pm</div> \$3 Sandwiches	5 Free lunch	6 Queen of Hearts 8pm	7	8
9	10	11 Spiced Shrimp \$3 Sandwiches	12 Free lunch	13 Queen of Hearts 8pm	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Post Family Breakfast 9am – 1pm</div>	17	18 Installation of Officers 7pm \$3 Sandwiches	19 Free lunch	20 Queen of Hearts 8pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">ALR Meeting 7:00pm</div>	21	22 <small>Summer Solstice</small> Karaoke 8pm
23	24	25 \$3 Sandwiches	26 Free lunch	27 Queen of Hearts 8pm	28	29
30	Notes:					

~ July 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 House Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 7 pm \$3 Sandwiches	3 Free lunch	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9 Spiced Shrimp General Membership Meeting 7pm \$3 Sandwiches	10 Free lunch	11 Queen of Hearts 8pm	12	13
14	15	16 \$3 Sandwiches	17 Free lunch	18 Queen of Hearts 8pm ALR Meeting 7:00pm	19	20
21 Post Family Breakfast 9am – 1pm	22	23 \$3 Sandwiches	24 Free lunch	25 Queen of Hearts 8pm	26	27 Karaoke 8pm
28	29	30 \$3 Sandwiches	31 Free lunch	Notes:		

~ August 2019 ~

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

~ September 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">House Committee Meeting 6:30 pm</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Executive Board Meeting 7 pm</div> \$3 Sandwiches	4 Free lunch	5 Queen of Hearts 8pm	6	7
8	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Auxiliary Meeting 7pm</div>	10 Spiced Shrimp General Membership Meeting 7pm \$3 Sandwiches	11 Patriot Day 9/11 Free lunch	12 Queen of Hearts 8pm	13	14
15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">Post Family Breakfast 9am – 1pm</div>	16	17 \$3 Sandwiches	18 Free lunch	19 Queen of Hearts 8pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;">ALR Meeting 7:00pm</div>	20	21
22	23 Fall Begins	24 \$3 Sandwiches	25 Free lunch	26 Queen of Hearts 8pm	27	28 Karaoke 8pm
29	30	Notes:				