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Post 1976 Officers

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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.

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President: Tom Uglietta; TomUg@verizon.net

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Sergeant at Arms: Scott Pratt

Historian: Doug Oneill

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MEETINGS: 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

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

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1st Vice President (Membership): Vacant

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Chaplain: Susan Dudding; Susan.dudding@yahoo.com

Historian: Vacant

Sgt. At Arms: Vacant

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

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Website Manager: Vacant

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Commander's Corner

We are keeping everyone in our thoughts and prayers. The Virginia governor began expanding the number of people allowed inside and outdoors for public socializing. We are all very excited to return to some form of “normalcy.”

The post is running two daily shifts again—right now from 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. We are open later for meetings. We are looking into the return of normal club hours of 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

We conducted our Memorial Day Ceremony at the Annandale cannon, and it was a great success. Greg Commons, retired USMC, was the guest speaker and talked about his son who was killed during “Operation Anaconda.” It was very moving.

The installation of new officers will be held on Tuesday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. Commander Jim Glassman, Commander District 17, will be performing our installation. This night is very special because the Auxiliary and SAL will also be installed.

The next General Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m. It is highly encouraged that our members join us at these meetings as this is a great forum to address issues, bring up ideas, and discuss legion business. The Executive Board and House Committee need your support.

For God and Country,

Gretchen Trujillo, Commander

1st Vice's Report

No report this quarter.

Jeremy Powell, 1st Vice Commander

2nd Vice's Report

The 1st Quarterly Texas Hold ‘em tournament was held on April 4th. We had 9 participants. The Top 4 were:

1st: Lance Kent
2nd: Susan Bodnar
3rd: Denise Cook
4th: Chris Wypych

The next series of weekly tournaments will start back up on Friday, June 4th. Signups begin at 7 p.m. with a tournament start of 7:30 p.m. To qualify for the quarterly tournament, you must play in only two weekly tournaments. Please contact me for further information.

The monthly Trivia night is the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Laura Werner and Patti George won the last two monthly trivia nights (March and April) and Karen McDaniel and Pat Blackmore won February. Form a team of two and test your mental prowess.

We are continually looking to plan for more Legion events as more and more of the Covid-19 restrictions are being eased. Future events include Movie Night, Karaoke, bands, and much more. Stay tuned for further developments.

Lance Kent, 2nd Vice Commander

3rd Vice's Report

Well here we are at the end of this \$%\$# pandemic (HOPEFULLY), so we can get back to some kind of normality. I want to personally thank all the staff for all the work you ladies put in so we could open when we did and be able to stay open—THANK YOU SO MUCH. Now with that said, let's get this sucker rocking.

There is something I want to say to the membership: It doesn't matter if you don't like someone or not. If you are inside the Post at the same time they are, we don't need all the *&*&^%&^ stirring. If you can't say anything nice about someone, don't say anything at all about them. Keep your personal feelings and arguments

OUT of the Post. Do not make any weird noises toward or at anyone. If this stuff continues, you will be asked to leave. Rant over.

*Eugene Kimbrell (aka Cornbread)
3rd Vice Commander*

Finance Officer's Report

As of April 30, 2021: Net Income for the year 2021 is +\$57,401.43; current assets are \$318,956.91; and mortgage balance is \$17,177.04.

Frank Buckley, Finance Officer

Chaplain's Report

The Declaration of Independence reflects that all people are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. My prayer as we celebrate the Fourth of July is that we value these Rights and use them to do good, and to build havens of God's peace in our own hearts, families, churches, American Legion posts, and communities. Let us be thankful for policemen, firemen, medical staff, and our military personnel who are on the frontlines through all kinds of crises. Protect them, we pray, and give them the strength, fortitude, hope, and courage to continue to serve. Pray for our fellow veterans and the American Legion. Happy Independence Day!

Paul McComb, Chaplain

Service Officer's Report

Now that we are moving past Covid restrictions, I wanted to remind the Post of benefits that are available to you.

The Department of Defense has expanded commissary, exchange and morale, welfare, and recreation retail eligibility to:

- Purple Heart recipients
- Former prisoners of war
- All veterans with service-connected disabilities
- Individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible veterans

under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

The DoD, VA, and the Department of Homeland Security are collaborating to implement the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018 for those who will be eligible for this benefit effective Jan. 1, 2020.

Facilities like these will be open to the newly eligible patrons:

- Commissaries*
- Military service exchanges
- Golf courses
- Bowling centers
- Recreational lodging
- RV campgrounds
- Movie theaters

*DoD is required to charge a small fee to new users who are eligible solely under the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018, to cover any increase in costs to the U.S. Treasury for processing commercial credit and debit cards.

Dorothy Hennessey Vigano, Service Officer
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Historian's Report

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

Club Manager's Report

Masks are no longer required at Post 1976, though they can still be worn if you feel more comfortable doing so.

Diane Ramsey, Club Manager

American Legion Auxiliary Report

Hello members! I hope everyone is in good health and staying safe. It's my pleasure to share with

you some of the things we've been up to as well as things we are planning for the coming months.

*We purchased and delivered food for Martinsburg, WV, veterans food pantry along with donations from Riders. We intend to continue to support this great cause.

*We are planning to Adopt-A-Platoon in the Middle East, in which we will be purchasing comfort and care items to ship overseas. This project will begin soon.

*The Auxiliary will also begin meeting and writing cards and letters to veterans in need of such support and words of comfort.

*As a fundraising effort, we are going to prepare Sweets and Treats bags to sell at the Post to generate funds to help meet the needs of veterans—so be on the lookout!

*We also provided \$300 in donations to each of the five local VAs.

*Our Auxiliary ladies have been meeting once a month for a craft event wherein we can enjoy each other's company and do some creative projects. It's been a wonderful thing and very uplifting.

*On Saturday, May 21, the Auxiliary gathered for our annual poppy mailing. We folded, stuffed, and mailed 650 poppy letters to our members. It was a great deal of work, but so much fun!

Lastly, at the General Membership meeting on June 8th we will be installing the 2021–22 officers. I hope to see as many members as possible. We do have vacancies and are in need, so if you'd like to help us in the coming year, we would be grateful. Our officers are as follows:

Pam McCarthy – President
Vacant – First Vice
Joyce Landry – Second Vice
Laura Werner – Treasurer
Sharon Ogle – Secretary
Susan Dudding – Chaplain
Vacant – Historian
Vacant – Sgt at Arms

I would like to say a big Thank You to all the members who have worked hard this year to keep us going despite the pandemic.

These are extraordinary times, but we carry on and will continue to do so to support each other and our beloved veterans.

Please stay safe.

Pam McCarthy, Auxiliary President

Sons of the American Legion Report

Well, it is getting nice and warm now, so Summer must be right around the corner! We are also now out of the Covid-19 restriction protocols. On May 28, Governor Northam removed the mask mandate in Virginia, with few exceptions.

The Legion is open, and many functions have restarted—bringing our Post virtually back to normal. SAL hosted a St. Patty's Dinner again this year, and it turned out to be a great success—with many members taking advantage of the corned beef and cabbage or Irish stew dinner offered, in carry-out boxes due to the Covid protocol. Though many members chose to have their dinner in the Post, which was also acceptable.

The monthly Trivia Contest has started back up, and SAL cooked chicken wings during the May Trivia Contest, which was on the third Tuesday of the month. SAL will continue to provide that delicious food offering during each month's Trivia Contest, so come out and enjoy participation with members of the Post and join in the Trivia Contest also.

Squadron 1976 is just about finished with our 2021 membership program. At the current time, the Squadron has processed 103 renewals or new members for the 2021 year. Our Department goal for 2021 is 117; so, we are a bit behind in meeting our goal. It is understandable that many members are still leery about getting out in public, even if the vaccinations are now available, and many citizens have taken advantage of that offer; some folks still prefer to avoid getting totally back to

normal. But if you are interested in visiting our Post and would like to renew for the 2021 Squadron year, please get your renewal in soon!

The renewal cost is still \$30 for SAL members. Dual members pay only the state membership cost of \$15 for their dual SAL membership. So please help us meet our goal, or at least get close to it.

The SAL meeting is scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. You can join in person or via Zoom. Details for each meeting will go out in an email before the meeting. The June meeting will be on Thursday, June 3.

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.

I hope to see you at the June meeting, and please stay safe.

Mike Trujillo, SAL 1st Vice

American Legion Riders Report

Hey y'all we made it to summer, this spring has been a weird one. So if you haven't rode any, be sure and do all your safety checks (i.e., lights, tires and tire pressure, all fluid levels). We are going to Bedford Va. June 5th; we had 10 rooms blocked at the Days Inn and all of them were booked until Karen had to cancel because of a family matter so only had to give one back. Thanks everyone that is going, and let's go have a great ride and time together!

Thunderbash went very well. We want to thank our rider Doc (aka Jim Larmour) and staff of Lamour Chiropractic's for the very generous donation they raised from donations from his patients. Thanks for all the work put in.



We did a couple of ride bys for some WWII vets, one of which was a 101 years young. The other was only 97.



We are also going to Shanksville on September 11 this year; we have 9 rooms blocked at the Econo Lodge Summerset Pa. If you would like to go with us, please see a rider for info.

*Eugene Kimbrell (aka Cornbread),
ALR Director*

American Legion Post 1976 Shelter House Community Service Project

On May 1st, 2021, the American Legion Post 1976 and the Justice High School boys lacrosse team completed a joint community service project. We helped clean and organize the Artemis House storage area.



The Artemis House is part of Shelter House Inc. Shelter House could not continue to do the work that it does without the incredible donations and support from the Fairfax community. The goal at Artemis House is to provide their clients and their families who have fallen victim to domestic and sexual violence, human trafficking, and/or stalking with a safe and comforting space to stay as they transition into a life of safety and self-sufficiency. Cleaning and organizing this space gives the Artemis House staff an opportunity to store the needed supplies that support our clients as they begin a new life's journey.



The Shelter House Inc. director of development, Ms Nurjan Ahmedova, thanked the volunteers: “On behalf of Shelter House family and those we serve, thank you for all your hard work and dedication to making this project a success. Our team loved meeting and working with you. Your energy and perseverance are invigorating!”



American Legion Post 1976 Chaplain Paul McComb (far right) and Coach Robale Namen (red shirt), alongside members of the Justice High School boys lacrosse team

Ms Ahmedova added, “A special thanks to the American Legion (Annandale) for your continued support of our mission. Shelter House served 27 veterans from April 2020 to April 2021.”

Paul McComb, Chaplain

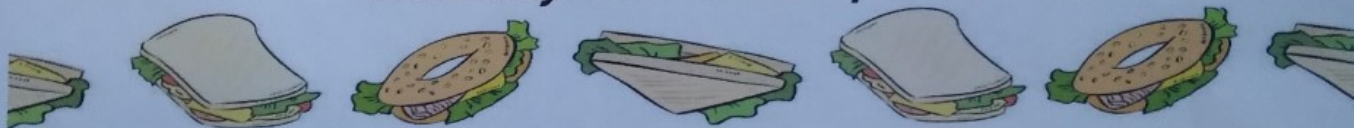


SANDWICHES ARE BACK!!!

Every Tuesday–Starting in June

Specialty sandwiches made each week by Patricia

Tuesday June 2nd Special



*Turkey & Provolone
With Pickle & Chips*



\$3.00



~ June 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <div>House Committee Meeting 6:30</div> <div>Executive Board Meeting 7 pm</div>	2	3 <div>SAL Meeting 7 pm</div>	4 <div>Texas Hold 'Em Signups 7 p.m. Tournament Start 7:30 p.m.</div>	5
6	7	8 <div>Installation of Officers 7 pm</div>	9	10	11	12
13	14 Flag Day	15 Trivia Night 7 p.m.	16	17 <div>ALR Meeting 7:00 pm</div>	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	\$3 Sandwiches every Tuesday!		

~ July 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
\$3 Sandwiches every Tuesday!				1 SAL Meeting 7 pm	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6 House Committee Meeting 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 General Membership Meeting 7 pm	14	15 ALR Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17
18	19	20 Trivia Night 7 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

~ August 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 House Committee Meeting 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	4	5 SAL Meeting 7 pm	6	7
8	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	10 General Membership Meeting 7 pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Trivia Night 7 p.m.	18	19 ALR Meeting 7:00 pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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