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NEWSLETTER





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Post 1976 Officers

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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

President: Tom Uglietta; TomUg@verizon.net

1st Vice (Membership): Mike Trujillo
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Historian: Doug Oneill

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MEETINGS: 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 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, SAL, and Riders (aka Legion Family):

It is with tremendous sadness that I report that our beloved comrade, father, brother, and friend has moved to the Post Everlasting. Eugene "Cornbread" Kimbrell passed away on Veterans Day and our hearts are broken. Veterans Day has a new meaning as Cornbread was very patriotic and was present at all Memorial Day functions as well as Veterans Day. A huge void exists in all of our hearts as a result of his loss. R.I.P our very dear friend and brother. Please bear with us as we go through the grieving process.



Cornbread and son James



Cornbread Kimbrell

We celebrated Veterans Day on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at the Annandale United Methodist Church by planting American flags on veterans' grave sites, and led a ceremony by the cannon in Annandale. Our guest speaker was Major General Taylor and we would love to have him back as he is an outstanding speaker.



Charlie Banning and Dorothy Vigano performing Color Guard at the AUMC



Paul McComb and Gretchen Trujillo



Lance Kent, Gretchen Trujillo, and Major General Taylor

Our Legion Family Breakfasts are all-you-can-eat, dine-in only, on the third Sunday every month from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00.

The updated Constitution and By-Laws are being emailed with this quarterly newsletter and they will be posted on our website for your review and comments. They will be discussed at the January General Membership meeting.

The next General Membership meeting is Tuesday December 14 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. Complaining in the “social quarters” falls on deaf ears and does not constitute valid suggestions.

Honorable Mentions: Thank you American Legion for participating in Toys for Tots—Joyce Landry and team for shopping and making this a successful effort. Thank you, Tom Uglietta, Red, Tennessee, and Scott Pratt for taking the lead on the Legion Family Breakfast. Thank you servers, Dorothy Vigano and Sharon Ogle, for your help. Thank you Mike Trujillo and Lance Kent for being our cleanup crew. Please forgive me if I left anyone off as it wasn’t intentional.

Sharon Ogle, thank you for preparing the sign-up sheet for our Christmas party.

Laura Werner, thank you for taking orders for White House Ornaments this year.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. Please be safe over the holiday season.

Please welcome Lance Kent, 3rd Vice; Dick George, Sargent-at-Arms; and our Adjutant, Dan Vigano. Thank you all for volunteering for these positions. We have openings for 2nd Vice and Historian. We have someone performing the duties of Finance Officer. If anyone is interested in one of the above positions, please let us know.

For God and Country,

Gretchen Trujillo, Commander

1st Vice’s Report

The Post is doing well in meeting our membership milestones. Thank you to all of our members that have already renewed! Our latest goal for 2022 membership was 75% by December 1st, but we actually hit that mark in mid-October. Now we are in our final push. If you haven't renewed your membership for next year yet, please do so as soon as possible. You can either pay and renew online at www.MyLegion.org if you have registered for an account, or you can drop off your dues to the bartender. Our members are the lifeblood of our Legion. I'm hopeful that we can all continue to serve and socialize together in 2022 and we can all help to recruit new members and transfers to keep our Post going strong!

Paying Respects at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Several members of Post 1976 were able to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to honor our fallen by laying flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. For 100 years, only the elite members of the Old Guard, Presidents, Vice Presidents, and senior Cabinet officials were able to approach the Tomb, lay wreaths, and pay tribute. That changed on November 9th and 10th,

when members of the public were allowed to lay flowers for the first time.



Post 1976 Legionnaire Billy Timmons pays his respects at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Post 1976 was represented by Legionnaire Billy Timmons, Chaplin Paul McComb, First Vice Commander Jeremy Powell, SAL member Marc Tolbert, and Auxiliary members Joyce Landry and Mary Shoemaker. If you also participated in the ceremony, please let us know and consider sending any pictures you may have. It is not expected that an event like this will take place again in any of our lifetimes, and we would like to preserve the memories of this tribute for future members and for the history of Post 1976.

Jeremy Powell, 1st Vice Commander

2nd Vice's Report

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

3rd Vice's Report

The lights are on and our doors are open. Nothing else to report.

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

“Over and Out”

Finance Officer's Report

As of October 31, 2021: Net Income for the year 2021 is +\$149,272.45 and current assets are

\$389,715.77. Our mortgage was paid off in September 2021.

Frank Buckley, Finance Officer

Chaplain's Report

The Christmas holidays provide an opportunity to learn from the Bible's Christmas story.

The Bible states, "Fear not! Do not be afraid!" The angel spoke these words to Zachariah, to Mary, to Joseph, and finally to a group of shepherds on a hillside near Bethlehem.

- ❖ "Do not be afraid; for behold I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

A Savior comes to rescue people in danger, preserve those who are threatened by harm, and protect his people from the troubles that surround them. That's what saviors do! That's what Jesus came to do for us. Celebrate because God has sent a Savior to us—Jesus Christ. He is the One who will never leave us or forsake us. The Savior is God's gift to us.

- ❖ The Bible states, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink...Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

The winter holidays, Christmas, and New Year's Eve provide us a chance to celebrate holidays with friends, family and community; while remembering those not with us (either separated by distance or by time).

On New Year's Eve, it is almost inevitable that you will hear (and possibly try to sing) "Auld Lang Syne," a song whose melody is synonymous with the new year (and the theme of change more broadly) in the English-speaking world, despite nearly incomprehensible syntax and vocabulary. The phrase "auld lang syne" is not recognizable to English speakers because it is not an English

phrase, it's from 18th century Scots. Translated literally it means "old long since," but the meaning is more like "old times" or "the olden days." Let's remember our fond memories, family, and friends.

- ❖ Should auld acquaintance be forgot And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot And days of auld lang syne?
- ❖ For auld lang syne, my dear; For auld lang syne. We'll take a cup o' kindness yet; For days of auld lang syne.

So during the holidays may you enjoy time with friends and family, increase doing things that bring you health and happiness, give cheerfully, take care of each other, recall fond memories of 2021, and look forward to 2022.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Paul McComb, Chaplain

Service Officer's Report

The Northern Virginia Veterans Association and the Dulles Area Transportation Association have been awarded federal funding for a joint project to provide veterans who are disabled or over age 65 transportation to Covid-19 vaccination appointments. The program offers round-trip, no-cost taxi service to Covid-19 vaccination appointments for eligible veterans, including those who need wheelchair-accessible transportation. The program has expanded and now offers free transportation to medical appointments. This includes rides to appointments at the VA Hospital in Washington, DC.

Veterans who live in the following areas may be eligible for this program: Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William.

Need a ride? Call the NOVA Veterans Association at (703) 659-0788 or email info@novavets.org.

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

No report this quarter.

Diane Ramsey, Club Manager

American Legion Auxiliary Report

Hello members! I hope everyone is in good health and preparing to enjoy the upcoming holidays!

The Auxiliary has had a very busy quarter and I'm pleased to report our most recent activities. We always enjoy spending time together while working for our veterans and our community.

We were able to purchase wheelchair and rollator bags for our veterans at the Armed Forces Retirement Home. We were grateful for the support and donations from the Legion and SAL. We also collected and donated assorted cards for the residents for Christmas as well as birthday cards and calendars.

We purchased twin-size air mattresses for the Shelter House and delivered them. We again were grateful for the support and donations from the Legion, SAL, and Riders.

We collected and delivered canned goods for both ACCA and Mission Food Bank.

Our Auxiliary ladies continue to meet once a month for a craft event wherein we can enjoy each other's company and do some creative projects. Please be on the lookout for an email with the next event. We would love to see more faces!

We are still in need of both officers and more volunteers. First, we are currently seeking a First Vice, Historian, and a Sergeant at Arms. I am asking our members to please consider becoming an officer. We do need you. Second, we are in need of more volunteers. If you can't commit to being an officer, please consider volunteering.

There are no set hours and you can pick and choose from a variety of events we will have coming in 2022!

I would absolutely be remiss if I didn't offer a huge public thank you to Joyce Landry, Sharon Ogle, and Karen McDaniel. They really stepped in this year to assist the Auxiliary in getting things done. Thank you so much ladies!

These continue to be extraordinary times, but I ask that we continue to care for and support each other and our beloved veterans.

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. God Bless You and Keep You.

Pam McCarthy, Auxiliary President

Sons of the American Legion Report

All right, Fall is now here; but we are enjoying some nice warm days even though we have had a few days dipping below the freeze point recently. We expect to have many more cold days in the near future, so enjoy the warm weather before Winter rolls in.

Our Post seems to be beyond the Covid-19 virus infections at this time, but the Delta virus is still prevalent in many locations throughout the country, so we are still being careful in keeping our Post clean and accessible. Currently, we are operating under our normal schedule. Hope that will continue to be the situation for the future.

The 2022 Membership year is in full swing, and the Squadron has already received 53 member renewals for the 2022 year. That's a great accomplishment for our Post 1976 SAL Squadron, considering the restrictions we have been under for more than a year!

The renewal cost is still \$30 for SAL members. Dual members pay only the state membership cost of \$15 for their dual SAL membership. If you would like to renew for 2022, 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 2022 membership card for the member renewing; it will be mailed to you unless you are a frequent member that I can hand it to.

So please get your renewal in timely, preferably before New Year's Day 2022.

The Post is continuing with the monthly trivia contests, on the third Tuesday of the month. SAL also cooks chicken wings and hot dogs on the day of the trivia contest, with service beginning about 6:00 p.m. So, come out to the Post and enjoy a great wing or hot dog snack, and also participate in the humorous trivia contest, and have lots of fun answering some of the Jeopardy-style questions Lance comes up with to throw out to the participants.

SAL participates with other Post functions in donations to veterans events and supports many veterans activities. Recently, SAL has provided donations to Fort Belvoir veterans in financial need over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. SAL has also provided donations and toys to the Toys for Tots program, which delivers many toys to young kids for Christmas.

SAL also participates in the monthly Legion breakfast, held on the third Sunday of the month. SAL members do most of the cooking and are assisted with other Legion and Auxiliary members to distribute the breakfast plates and clean up after the breakfast is over. This is a very fun occasion we can be proud of in our Post/Squadron; and the number of folks who come out for the Legion breakfast is very significant. We are extremely proud of turning out this breakfast each month.

The SAL meeting is scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, at 7:00 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.

The Squadron now has a significant number of members who participate in person at the monthly

meetings; but we also understand that some folks would rather participate remotely, so participation in the SAL meetings can be accessed using Zoom connectivity on your home computer. If you so desire to join us in the monthly meeting through Zoom, please respond to a message we will be sending out to all Squadron SAL members a day or so before the meeting, and we will send you a Zoom invite to the meeting.

So please place the SAL meetings in your calendar, and hopefully you will join us for the next meeting.

Remember to be careful and stay safe.

For God and Country,

Mike Trujillo, SAL 1st Vice

American Legion Riders Report

As you have all read above in the Commander's report, we are sad to report that our Chapter 1976 Legion Riders director Eugene "Cornbread" Kimbrell passed on to Post Everlasting on Veterans Day:



Cornbread supported so many veterans' activities that our Post was involved in; we will miss him and are going through our grieving process now.

Rest In Peace Brother.

As far as the events our chapter has been involved in, here are the current efforts we have accomplished:

Donations have been provided to the Legion Riders chapter by the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, and the Riders themselves, for the Toys for Tots organization. Our chapter Riders were able to purchase two carloads of toys and delivered them to the Quantico Museum, in a motorcycle escort provided by the Stafford American Legion Riders, for distribution to many needy families for Christmas gifts to their children.

The Riders have received donations from all the Post functions for gift cards that are provided to needy service families for Christmas expenses. Combined with the Riders' donations, we were able to purchase 10 gift cards at \$300 apiece; and on behalf of the Riders, Commander Gretchen Trujillo presented them to Sergeant Ina Scisco from Ft. Belvoir on Nov. 17th for distribution to these service families:



Mike Trujillo, Gretchen Trujillo, Ina Scisco, and Dick George

We were thrilled to greet members from the Culpepper Legion, who came out to visit our Post on Nov. 7th. They brought many jars of pickles, from mild to very hot levels. Those were passed out to Riders who attended this function. We enjoyed them tremendously, and it was a good celebration with our Sisters and Brothers from Culpepper.

We will be looking into things to do at the Post as additional fundraisers. And even though cooler weather is moving in, let's get out and ride when we can.

Mike Trujillo, ALR Assistant Director

September Flag Retirement Ceremony

Pictures from the Boy Scouts flag retirement ceremony held September 25th, 2021, submitted by Lance Kent and Paul McComb.



Annandale Legion Post 1976

Christmas Party

Saturday,

December 18th - 5pm

Pot Luck Dinner

(sign up sheet by front door)

*Wear your favorite
Ugly Sweater or holiday hat*

50/50 & Raffle Prizes

Jello Shooters

White Elephant gift exchange

\$25 limit

Exchange will start at 7pm



Celebration of Life



January 8th, 2022

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

American Legion Post 1976

4206 Daniels Avenue

Annandale, Virginia 22003

~ December 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 SAL Meeting 7 pm	3	4 DAR Meeting 10-12
5	6	7 House Committee Meeting 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 General Membership Meeting 7 pm	15	16 ALR Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18 Legion Christmas Party 5 p.m.
19 All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	20	21 Trivia Night 7 p.m.	22	23	24	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

~ January 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 DAR Meeting 10-12 New Year's Day
2	3	4 House Committee Meeting 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	5	6 SAL Meeting 7 pm	7	8 Celebration of Life for Cornbread 1-4 p.m.
9	10 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	11 General Membership Meeting 7 pm	12	13	14	15
16 All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	17 Martin Luther King Day	18 Trivia Night 7 p.m.	19	20 ALR Meeting 7:00 pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

~ February 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 House Committee Meeting 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	2 Groundhog Day	3 SAL Meeting 7 pm	4	5 DAR Meeting 10-12
6	7	8 General Membership Meeting 7 pm	9	10	11	12
13	14 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm Valentine's Day	15 Trivia Night 7 p.m.	16	17 ALR Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19
20 All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	21 Presidents Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					