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American Legion Post 1976

Summer 2022

NEWSLETTER





Post 1976 Officers

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Adjutant: Dan Vigano

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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Commander's Corner

Dear Fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders:

Welcome to summer 2022! We are keeping everyone in our thoughts and prayers.

Installation of officers will be performed on June 14, 2022, at 7 p.m. and the slate is as follows:

Commander: Gretchen Trujillo

1st Vice: Jeremy Powell

2nd Vice: Vacant

3rd Vice: Lance Kent

Finance Officer: Tom Ritchie

Service Officer: Dorothy Viganò

Chaplain: Paul McComb

Historian: Robert Plaughter

Sergeant-at-Arms: Vacant

Adjutant: Dan Viganò

Our Legion Family Breakfasts are all-you-can-eat, dine-in only, and are on the third Sunday every month from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; the cost is \$10.00. This event is open to the public. We thank our volunteers from the SAL, Legion, and Auxiliary for their continued support. We have a very strong SAL as they are the backbone for the breakfast. Tennessee, Red, and Tom Uglietta perform all shopping activities and food preparation in advance of the breakfast. They arrive at the post in the wee hours of the morning to have everything ready to go by 9:00 a.m. Thank you SAL!

Upcoming General Membership meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.—June 14, July 12, and Aug. 9, 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. Please use the Suggestion Box for suggestions and/or complaints. Verbal ideas and complaints in the

social quarters fall on deaf ears and do not constitute valid suggestions. Complaints need to be signed and dated. Please sign suggestions if you would like to hear the outcome of your idea.

We are in the process of planning a Legion Family Fun Day and are playing with ideas of what we can do. Our post is in need of a day where we can get together and have a great time. We've discussed having a BBQ, playing corn hole, having a dunking tank, and having fun activities for kids.

Honorable Mentions: Thank you, Lance Kent, for organizing Texas Hold em' and Trivia. These have been very successful and everyone has lots of fun.

Thank you Tom Uglietta, Red, Tennessee, and Scott Pratt for taking the lead on the Legion Family Breakfast. Thank you servers—Dorothy Viganò, Sharon Ogle, and Megan Thum—for your help. Thank you Mike Trujillo, Lance Kent, and Susan Dudding for being our cleanup crew. Stephanie Kern, thank you for keeping the cleanup crew in line and helping us. Please forgive me if I left anyone off as it wasn't intentional.

For God and Country,

Gretchen Trujillo, Commander

1st Vice's Report

Believe it or not, it is already time to start thinking about renewing your Legion membership for 2023! Membership cards will be arriving in the next couple of weeks, and we will have more information coming soon about this year's Early Bird party and some new recruiting incentives. It also isn't too late to renew your membership for 2022 if you haven't already. There are still some of our members who have not renewed yet for this year. MyLegion.org is the easiest and fastest way to renew, but you can still drop your dues off at the post.

For new members applying to join, please remember to have them fill out their application completely. I received quite a few incomplete applications—some not even indicating the

applicant's branch or dates of service. We also need a copy of their DD214 or ID card to verify their eligibility for the Legion. I don't know the handwriting of everyone in the post, so simply writing in a recruiter's name isn't enough. The recruiter information is important for recognizing members who help grow our ranks and bring in new members, but it is not an "honor system" to vouch for someone's eligibility. Remember, membership and recruiting is everyone's responsibility! Thanks for all that you do and for being a part of Post 1976.

Jeremy Powell, 1st Vice Commander

2nd Vice's Report

Even though the position is "vacant," we are still trying to fulfill the responsibilities of Second Vice.

This season of Texas Hold 'em has two weeks remaining to qualify for the quarterly tournament on June 25th. The remaining dates are June 10th and 17th. You must play in two weekly tournaments to qualify for the quarterly tournament. The quarterly tournament will be June 25th, sign ups to start at 2 p.m. and the tournament will begin at 3 p.m.

Tuesday Night Trivia will still be the third Tuesday of every month. The next three will be June 21, July 19, and August 16.

Karaoke has returned to the post. Karaoke night will be the third Saturday of every month. Next three will be June 18th, July 16th, and August 20th.

Come on out and enjoy the fun!

Lance Kent (temp fill in for Second Vice)

3rd Vice's Report

It has come to the attention of the House Committee and Executive Board that the level of noise within the social quarters has become excessive. The main reason is the loudness of some conversations that occur. I do understand that either watching a game on TV or playing the

video slot machines there is a moment of excitement or disappointment. However, the level of noise goes beyond that. As you have noticed, the signs have been placed out as a reminder to keep the volume of the conversations down.

It also has been noticed that the use of the many variants of the "F-bomb" have been not just being said but shouted out loud. The use of the above word is forbidden according to the Post house rules. Please keep the tongue in check.

Another cause of this is the adjustment of the volume of the jukebox or TV. The bartender is in charge of the volume control. Unless you are given explicit permission to adjust the volume of either the jukebox or TV, do not take it upon yourself to adjust the volume.

Please, be respectful to your fellow Legion members and the Post itself.

Lance Kent, 3rd Vice Commander

Finance Officer's Report

No report this quarter.

Tom Ritchie, Finance Officer

Chaplain's Report

Blessings to you, your family, the American Legion Family, veterans, and our military this summer. I hope this summer brings you relaxation and time with friends and family! While summer brings holidays and may bring vacation time, it can also be a busy time. Take care of yourself. Given the chance, please check on your fellow veterans as well.

America's birthday started on July 4, 1776. America was founded as a nation under God. The signers of the Declaration of Independence intended the document to officiate the separation between America and Great Britain. They based the Declaration upon a greater foundational belief that God, or as written in the Declaration "Creator," was the source for irrevocable rights.

Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration, also believed "God who gave us life gave us liberty." Happy 4th of July, comrades.

I pray for your health, happiness, and faith. Take care of each other.

I had the opportunity to join the Stafford Riders for their Spring Bike Blessing event on Saturday morning, 26MAR 2022.

The Stafford Riders, including Don and Laura, were wonderful hosts and made me feel welcome.



Post 1976 Chaplain Paul McComb (center) joined the Stafford Riders for their Spring Bike Blessing on March 26, 2022.

Blessings,

Paul McComb, Chaplain

Service Officer's Report

Lost your DD-214? The National Archives will now email you a copy!

I've worked with numerous veterans that have misplaced, lost, or need to replace their DD-214/discharge record. It has been a slow and painful process.

Due to Covid-19, the National Archives located in St. Louis was way behind in fulfilling requests. In the past you would have to fax the request in, but during the pandemic they shut the fax off and veterans had to snail mail the request.

Today, they are taking requests online and it will be emailed directly to you! You must have an email in order to receive your document. If you do not have an email, you can use mine (just let me know to look out for it) and I will print it off and leave it with the bartender on duty. To order your DD-214, go to:

<https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html>

Need help? Want to use my email? Give me a call at (703) 898-6627.

Dorothy Hennessey Vigano, Service Officer
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Historian's Report

No report this quarter.

Robert Plaughter, Historian

Club Manager's Report

No report this quarter.

Diane Ramsey, Club Manager

American Legion Auxiliary Report

Hello Dear Members!

We continue to be busy beavers since our last update. Our membership drive went exceedingly well as we hit our goal of 122 members. Once again, I need to thank Karen McDaniel for stepping up and managing a process that is not easy. My hope is we continue this momentum and beat our goal next year!!

I am also extremely pleased to announce that for the first time in years, we have a full roster of officers helping to guide and manage our Auxiliary in the coming year. The officers were voted in at our last meeting and are as follows:

President – Pam McCarthy
First Vice – Karen McDaniel
Second Vice – Joyce Landry
Treasurer – Laura Werner

Secretary – Sharon Ogle
Chaplain – Susan Dudding
Historian – Patty George
Sgt At Arms – Megan Hayes-Thum

Hopefully, you have received a letter regarding our annual Poppy Drive. I would like to say a huge thank you to Sharon Ogle and Megan Thum for doing so much of the heavy lifting for this drive as well as all the volunteers that came out to help put the mailing together. For those of you who have donated already, thank you so very much. If you have not yet donated, please do so. As you know, it means a great deal.

As promised, Craft Day is back. We will be making Patriotic themed garland wreaths. It will be held on June 18th between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. We invite anyone that is interested to attend. Please let Joyce Landry know if you'd like to join us...I hope you do!

With the summer months upon us, please note that we will not have our regularly scheduled meeting in June or July. Having said that though, we will be making another delivery to Martinsburg's Food Pantry as well as delivering two birthday baskets to two female residents at the Armed Forces Retirement Center in Washington, DC. They are turning 101 and 102, respectively. Just amazing. Happy birthday, ladies. We will also be attending the 2022 Department Convention, which will be held July 13-17 at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel.

Lastly, I'd like to thank everyone that volunteered and/or supported the Auxiliary this past year. I am proud to be associated with such kind and amazing people. I hope everyone enjoys the summer. Stay safe!!!

Pam McCarthy, Auxiliary President

Sons of the American Legion Report

Summer is almost here, and it is actually getting very warm outside.

The 2022 membership year is just about over. Our Squadron has a total renewal count of 112 members for the 2022 membership year. That's just over our Dept goal of 110 members for our Post 1976 SAL Squadron. Thank you all for helping us achieve and even surpass our Dept goal. If you still haven't yet renewed, and need to get your 2022 membership card, please get your renewal in. The renewal cost is still \$30 for SAL members. Dual members pay only the State membership cost of \$15 for their dual SAL membership. 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.

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 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 by other Legion and Auxiliary members to distribute the breakfast plates and clean up after the breakfast is over. This is a 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. Our Post is proud to turn 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 the majority of members participating 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 just before 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

Hey, it's beginning to get hot outside now—time to get our bikes out and get in some rides!

Here are some recent efforts we've been involved in:

Our 2022 ThunderBash was a success. We had vendors set up in the parking lot and Ol' Blue BBQ provided pork sandwiches. The band Shirkaday played throughout the afternoon, and a nice little mild Rock and Country solo band, Eddie Pocky, played in the evening.

Our chapter also took its annual trip to Bedford, VA June 4-5 to visit the DDAY Memorial. It was a very enjoyable and scenic route along Skyline Drive. We also visited the Bedford Boys Tribute Center for their presentation of the Bedford Boys story on DDAY.

We will be looking into things to do at the Post as additional fundraisers. With much warmer weather moving in, let's get out and ride. RIDE SAFE!

Mike Trujillo, ALR Director



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Karaoke



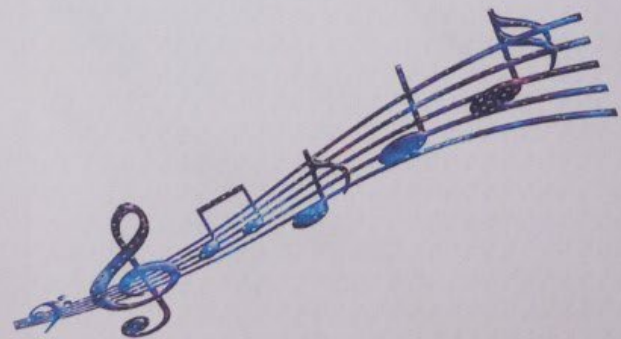
Night

**Includes food
and surprises!**

3rd Saturday of

Every Month

Starts at 7pm



~ June 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2  SAL Meeting 7 pm	3	4
5	6	7 House Committee Meeting 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	8	9 	10 Texas Hold Em' 7 p.m.	11
12	13	14 General Membership Meeting 7 pm (Installation of Officers) Flag Day	15	16  ALR Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Texas Hold Em' 7 p.m.	18 Craft Day 12:30-2:30 p.m. Karaoke 7 p.m.
19 Father's Day All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	20	21 First day of Summer Trivia Night 7 p.m.	22	23 	24	25 Texas Hold Em' Quarterly Tournament
26	27	28	29	30 		

~ July 2022 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Independence Day	5 House Committee Meeting 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	6	7 SAL Meeting 7 pm 	8	9
10	11	12 General Membership Meeting 7 pm	13	14 	15	16 Karaoke 7 p.m.
17 All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	18	19 Trivia Night 7 p.m.	20	21 ALR Meeting 7:00 pm 	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30
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~ August 2022 ~

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