



American Legion Post #176
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 American Legion Auxiliary
 Unit #176
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Commander's Message

My Fellow Legionnaires: Welcome to March 2021! It has almost been a year since the pandemic forced us to close our doors. During that time we started a much needed update, and as we progressed more and more updating was needed. We are still doing the remodeling but it is progressing rather slow for the normal reason – financial. We still have our GO FUND ME account open, however, donations are few and far between at this time. We are still in need of financial donations to complete our remodel. I ask and hope all members will make a donation in 2021. I want to thank everyone who's already donated but hope you will continue to spread the word; and if you can help, or you know someone that can help, please do everything you can. Thank you. When we will reopen is still unknown but that date seems to be approaching quicker and quicker. Make checks payable to American Legion Post 176. Again, if you are not financially able to help, you can also help by spreading the word.

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected every family in America, if not the world, one way or another; and the American Legion is no different. On behalf of the American Legion, I would like to extend the deepest condolences to all those who have lost friends and family loved ones during this pandemic.

Out of respect for the families, I will not mention names, but the American Legion as well has lost several of its own to covid. And, we are deeply sorry for your loss. If you would like to share their name on our Facebook page or have their name appear in our next newsletter, please contact someone on the Board or myself, and we will do are best to make it so. Thank you and have a great month and stay safe! And I'll see you are the Post.

Post #176 Commander – Joseph Martinez

1st Vice Commander's Message

Hello Legion Members: I hope you are staying in good health. We are doing good in our membership. Keep the renewals coming in. You can also go on line to renew your membership. Just go to American Legion. org.

Our legion is coming along. We've had a lot of help from members and family members have stepped up and helped out. We still have a lot to do so any donations from friends, family or companies you work for will be appreciated. We have letters we can send out asking for donations. Please see me if you need one.

If you receive a renewal request and have paid already, don't send it again. Just check on line to make sure you have paid.

Stay healthy, and take care of your family. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Our prayers go out to the families of Benny Corona - USAF, David Govea- Army , Joe Lozano – USMC, William R. McMullens – US Army, and Ted Smolenski – US Navy. These Legionnaires will be missed. May they RIP.

Thank you.

Post #176 1st Vice Commander – Manuel Gonzalez

2nd Vice Commander's Message

Hello Fellow Legion Members: I hope everyone had a nice month of February As this CV-19 still lingers upon us, we are still working on the remodeling of the Clubhouse. There is still work to be accomplished in this area. Your donations are greatly appreciated. We have ways to go. No events as yet are scheduled. Let's keep our fingers crossed. Well that's all I have for now. Stay safe and healthy. Have a nice month of March. Hope to see everyone soon!

Post 176 2nd Vice Commander - Jimmy Romero

Director – American Legion Riders Message

Here's some Legion Rider news!!! I am no longer the "President" and Emiliano is no longer the "Vice" President. We are now the Director and Vice Director. They must really be bored up there at "Headquarters"!! Anyway, nothing is going on with the 176 Legion Riders. Just waiting on the weather. Luckily, they haven't made us wear masks while riding.....I guess C-19 doesn't stand a chance at 65 mph in the wind!! Please continue to support the Post and our Clubhouse restoration. It's coming along and soon we will be back at the Post like before. Anything; materials, labor or \$\$\$ is greatly appreciated. Until next month, look twice for bicycles and motorcycles and keep the greasy side down.

Post # 176 Director , Legion Riders – Jay Jakar

Patriot Bingo

It is with sadness that I must share the news that one of our Bingo Committee members has passed on. Ted Smolenski was the bingo caller at our sessions. He was a very dedicated member of our team. He always arrived early to issue the formal sheets for the games that would be played each evening. Ted created the games in a way that ensured that each of the players had an enjoyable evening, whether they won prizes or not. He had a special way of creating an entertaining and an amusing environment for all who attended our bingo games. Ted also co-chaired the Scholarship Committee for the Legion. Ted will be sorely missed.

Bingo Manager, Bob Woodford

Auxiliary President's Message

Hello Auxiliary Members: As this pandemic continues, I pray that our members and their families stay safe and in good health. Please continue to send in your membership renewal dues. I will let you know when we can meet again. Until then, please stay safe.

If you have any questions, and I'm not available, please contact either Carmen Cordero or Margaret Rios.

Unit #176 Auxiliary President – Antonette Valdez

Hall Manager's Report

Although the Post remains closed, we are still "Pencil In" reservations for 2021 in anticipation of our REOPEN. Please call me if you have any questions at 818 720-6343. Thank you.

Post 176 Hall Manager – Noreen Healey

District 20 Chaplain

On February 3, 1943 aboard U.S.A.T. Dorchester were Four Chaplains.

US Army Lt. Clark V. Poling (Reformed Church of America, Alexander D. Goode(Jewish), Joseph P. Washington (Catholic) and George L. Fox (Methodist)

They helped save over 200 soldiers. At the end of their lives, putting aside their differences, they gave up their own lives by giving up their individual life jackets to spare the life of someone else. Before the Dorchester went down, they were seen with their arms linked together praying. I assume it would've been for the safety of their fellow men.

During this time of COVID-19, political unrest, Black Lives Matter, homelessness, mental health, economical discourse, etc. whatever we are experiencing as an individual, State, Nation and World, in The Spirit of The Four Chaplains, everyone's life matters.

In order to be united, we need to put aside our differences so others may survive.

For God and Country, my prayers are being said for each one reading this message.

District 20 Chaplain – Beartrice McGarry



Clubhouse Remodel Photos