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# AMERICAN LEGION 364, WOODBRIDGE, VIRGINIA

*Providing 60+ years of Service to America's Veterans*

## POST BUILDING UPDATES IN 2025! Bobby Sansale, Finance and Building Maestro

During the Calendar Year 2025 the American Legion Post 364 has initiated a facility update of the Legacy Bar, Game Room, Bathrooms and Hall. This was done for the most part with volunteers and an approximate \$10,000 denotation from Home Depot. We have **updated the bathrooms of the Legion Hall and Legacy Game Room**. We have laid **new flooring in the Legion Hall, Bathrooms, Legacy Bar and Game room**. We have installed, in the Legion Hall, a new accent wall with wood paneling, with **four 65-inch TVs that creates a 130-inch screen** for viewing special sporting events and hall rental events. We have installed, in the new Social Quarter's bar, **nine new 50-inch TVs** making the ability to see sports, and other TV viewing, a better experience. Lastly, we repaved the **parking lot** just outside of the Post entrance.



We are not completed with the upgrades to the American Legion Post 364 in 2026. We have initiated the installation of two new windows; one in the Legacy Lounge and the other in the Legacy Game Room, Drywall in the Legacy Game Room and Legion Hall, painting the Legion Hall, new lighting (donated from the old Applebee's from County) in the Legion Hall, exterior door in the hall and exterior deck, new flooring of the exterior deck, and other actions not yet approved.

I would like to thank those that volunteered their time, those that donated material, and those that put up with the inconvenience during the updating process.

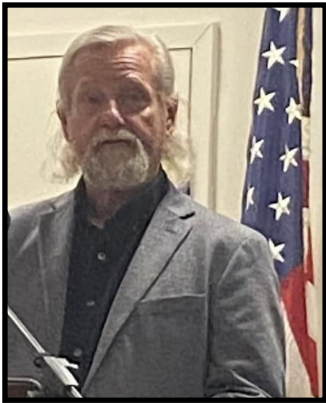
Those that are proud members of this Legion that have not been here in the past year, please take the time to come back and take a tour of the upgrades and ask about future improvements!





## COMMANDER'S CORNER

### Brad "Okie" Shere, Commander



**Dues:**  
**Legion Member: \$45.00**

Now that the holiday season has passed and we settle back into our normal work and retirement rhythms, we can now focus on the new year and opportunities and adventures that await. Post 364 Executive Committee has identified some great opportunities and adventures of our own in 2026 that will make your year better. You will hear more about those adventures as we move forward in the year. Here are some activities that we are planning:

- Spring Clean Up
- Surrounding Woods Project (TBD)
- Paint the post interior walls
- Putt Putt Golf Course
- Remove and relocate the horseshoe pit
- Planned activities on the ball field we lease to Prince William County
- Car/Motorcycle Show
- Golf outing
- Bowling outing
- Much more to come



As you can see we have grand ideas for the Post. If you have some grand ideas, don't hesitate to drop a suggestion in the Suggestion Box at the Post entrance. There are several ways you can make your suggestions heard. The Post Commander hosts a Post General Membership Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for Legion members to help shape the Post's future and share information for the membership. If you want to play a role in shaping the Post's future or if you want up to date information, the General Membership Meeting is where decisions are made, and plans are put in place.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the next General Membership meeting. One of our goals this year at the Friendly Post is to increase the number of members attending the General Membership meetings. I guess you might say that it is one of our New Year's resolutions. If you don't want to attend meetings and be an active member in shepherding our post, then please speak to an Executive Committee member.

Have a great year and we hope to see you volunteering to help make the post what you want it to be.

Brad "Okie" Shere, Commander

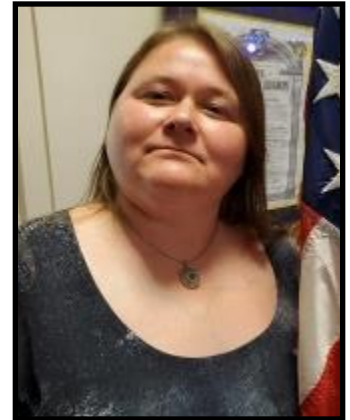
American Legion Post 364

*"The Friendly Post"*



## PRESIDENT'S POINTS Jessica Wangner, President

**Dues:**  
**Auxiliary Member: \$35.00**  
**Junior Member**  
**(to age 17): \$10.00**



As we enter 2026, with all the hopes and dreams of the new year, let's not forget those that are dreaming of food on the table. Approximately 16,000 students (out of about 91,180 students) in Prince William County face food insecurity—which means they may miss one or more meals a day when school is not in session. Many of these students are children of parents currently in the Armed Forces; of veterans; and of disabled veterans. Let's help these children and families have food on the table, all day, everyday.



**January 15th is considered the MLK Jr Day of Service**, and the Auxiliary is kicking off a **Food Drive to benefit ACTS Food Pantry** in Dumfries to help local families and children. This service project will run **through Tuesday, January 20th**, the day after Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is observed.

Our membership and friends have helped us with toy donations for Toys for Tots, Back to School Supplies for teachers and schools, and Pet Food donations for veterinary clinics and animal groups; let's now help those in our area that need a bit of extra help putting nutritious food on their tables.

Aside from the usual canned veggies and fruits; spaghetti; and beans, **here are some ideas** for items that will really help families: evaporated milk; chicken/turkey/veggie broth; peanut butter (sunflower butter or nut-free spreads for those with allergies); jelly; cereal; cooking oil; cooking spray; flour; sugar; infant formula; baby food; toddler food. Look for items that are low fat/low sodium; whole grains; and low sugar.

I will also be shopping for **perishable food** that ACTS also provides to families—such as milk, eggs, ground beef, chicken, etc. If you'd like to donate cash/grocery gift card—please let me know!

I hope to see the collection boxes filled over these next two weeks! Thank you in advance for your support!

Along with the Club Manager, we are coordinating a **Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dinner** for Saturday, February 14th. More information to come and advance tickets will be available soon!



**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 27 at 7pm.**

All members are welcome to be a part of our meetings and to help plan/organize additional 2026 events!



# SQUADRON STATUS

## Andrew Campbell, Squadron Commander



Dues:	
Age 21 & older ...	\$35.00
Age 13 thru 20 ....	\$21.00
Age 12 & under ...	\$16.00
Dual w/Legion....	\$15.00

We are at 75% of our 2025-2026 goal of 120 members! Not yet renewed? Make it your New Year's Resolution to do so! You must show a **2026 membership card** when asked!



**Consider becoming a Dual Member!** If you are a Legion member and also qualify for Sons, then your Son's fees are only \$15 a year! What a deal! We love our "Dual" Members!

It is easy to renew: renew at the bar, by mail, or online ([www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)). If online, you can print out a new card immediately; if renewing at the bar, the paper receipt is your proof of membership until you receive your card.

Also consider attending our **General Membership Meetings**. They are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm ET. This is just prior to the Legionnaires Membership Meetings, so if you are a dual member, you can attend both!



We are currently soliciting ideas for events and activities for 2026, so please come to a meeting or speak to an Officer to propose your idea!



## LEGION OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

### Elected Officers

<b>Commander</b> <a href="mailto:commanderpost364@gmail.com">commanderpost364@gmail.com</a>	Brad "Okie" Shere
<b>1st Vice Commander/ Membership</b>	Donelle Saunders
<b>2nd Vice Commander</b>	Byron "Tank" Cherry
<b>3rd Vice Commander</b>	Natasha Potter
<b>Adjutant</b>	Vic Graulau
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Bobby Sansale
<b>Assistant Finance Officer</b>	Donelle Saunders
<b>Chaplain</b>	Fred Bullock
<b>Judge Advocate</b>	Richard Roy
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	Phil Burnham
<b>Historian</b>	VACANT
<b>Immediate Past Commander</b>	Jon Pittman

### Chairpersons

<b>American Legion Baseball</b>	VACANT
<b>Americanism</b>	Vic Graulau
<b>Athletics Officer</b>	Ciaran "Mac" McAlonan
<b>Audit Committee</b>	Byron "Tank" Cherry
<b>Awards and Recognition</b>	VACANT
<b>Blood Donation</b>	VACANT
<b>Boy Scouts (Troop 1376)</b>	Nathan Warner
<b>Boys State</b>	Fred Bullock
<b>Building/Grounds</b>	Bobby Sansale/Jen Donohue
<b>Children and Youth</b>	VACANT
<b>Constitution &amp; By-Laws</b>	Richard Roy
<b>House Committee Chair</b>	John Crawford
<b>Junior Law Cadet</b>	VACANT
<b>Junior Shooting</b>	Brad "Okie" Shere / Coach: Doug Osborn
<b>Law and Order</b>	VACANT
<b>Legislative</b>	VACANT
<b>National Security</b>	VACANT
<b>Oratorical</b>	VACANT
<b>Post-o-Gram</b>	Jessica Wangner
<b>POW/MIA Ceremony</b>	Vic Graulau
<b>Public Relations</b>	VACANT
<b>Service Officer</b>	Ciaran "Mac" McAlonan
<b>Toys For Tots</b>	Ron Dionne
<b>Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS)</b>	VACANT
<b>Ways and Means</b>	Brad "Okie" Shere

## AUXILIARY OFFICERS

### Elected Officers

<b>President</b> <a href="mailto:presidentunit364@gmail.com">presidentunit364@gmail.com</a>	Jessica Wangner
<b>1st Vice/Membership</b>	Donna Callahan-Pittman
<b>2nd Vice/Ways and Means</b>	Amy Bowser
<b>Secretary</b>	VACANT
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jen Donohue
<b>Chaplain</b>	VACANT
<b>Sergeant-At-Arms</b>	Julie Jennings
<b>Historian</b>	Samantha Wangner

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

### Elected Officers

<b>Squadron Commander</b>	Andrew Campbell
<b>1st Vice/Membership</b>	VACANT
<b>2nd Vice Commander</b>	Steve "Magic" Blackstone
<b>Adjutant</b>	Jim Evans
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Jon Pittman
<b>Chaplain</b>	Fred Bullock
<b>Sergeant-At-Arms</b>	Doug Caskey
<b>Historian</b>	VACANT

## POST STAFF

<b>Club Manager</b> <a href="mailto:clubmgr364@gmail.com">clubmgr364@gmail.com</a>	Jen Donohue
<b>Assistant Club Manager</b>	Heather Chirdon
<b>Lead Bartender</b>	Devon Cartier
<b>Bartender</b>	Charlie Aguero
<b>Bartender</b>	Julie Jennings
<b>Bartender</b>	Lori Supinger
<b>Kitchen Chef</b>	Josh Williams
<b>Post Janitor</b>	Drew Ellerbee



## CHAPLAINS' CORNER

If there is ever a need to contact our Post Chaplains, please use the following contact information or call the Legion at 703-494-4304.

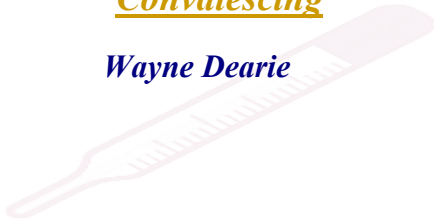
**Legion:** Fred Bullock, [chaplainpost364@gmail.com](mailto:chaplainpost364@gmail.com)

**Auxiliary:** Vacant

**Sons of the American Legion:** Fred Bullock, [chaplainpost364@gmail.com](mailto:chaplainpost364@gmail.com)

### Convalescing

*Wayne Dearie*



### Prayer Requests

*Our troops and Veterans around the world;  
Our police and first responders*



### Post Everlasting

*James W. Lilly*



### Congratulations



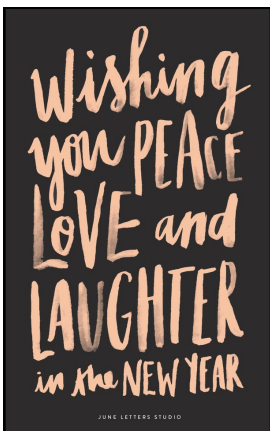
## CHAPLAIN FRED'S CHAT



We were saddened to learn that member **James W. Lilly** joined Post Everlasting back in August. James served in the Air Force, retiring in 1975 as a Senior Master Sergeant after 20 years of service, including two tours in Korea.

*Gracious God, we come before you seeking renewal in the new year. Renew our minds, our hearts, and our spirits. Renew our dedication to the military, veterans, and their families. May we be transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit, leaving behind the old and embracing the new that you have in store for us. May your peace reign in our hearts and in the hearts of all people. Amen*

I wish you a year filled with opportunities, good health, and prosperity. Please let me know if there is anything I, our Officers, or our membership can assist with.





## LEGION MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### Donelle Saunders, 1st Vice Commander/Membership

We are at 85% of our 2026 goal of 1010 members! At the December General Membership meeting, we welcomed two new members and one transfer! This brings our total of memberships to 854! Welcome!



**Your membership dues for 2026 must be renewed as soon as possible! As of January 1, 2026, you must be able to show a 2026 membership card.**

It is easy to renew: renew at the bar, by mail, or online ([www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)). If online, you can print out a new card immediately; if renewing at the bar, the paper receipt is your proof of paying for membership until you receive your card. **Your new card will be behind the bar; just ask the bartender to retrieve it for you. Please notify me or the bartender (upon renewing), if you would like your 2026 card mailed to you.**

**Membership Dues for Post 364 are \$45 for the year. If you have served in federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged; or are still serving, you are eligible to join!**

## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### Donna Callahan-Pittman, 1st Vice President/Membership

Memberships, renewals, and transfers welcomed! Our membership numbers at Department are still showing low—there’s some adjustments our Unit and other Units have to make as some older membership forms were submitted. We have an “official” membership form and when you sign up or transfer, please remember to sign the form! **We must have a signature and either a DD-214 of a deceased eligible military veteran or a current membership number of a Legionnaire that you are qualifying under.**



Get your membership renewal submitted for 2026! You may renew at the bar, by mail, or online ([www.legion-aux.org/renew](http://www.legion-aux.org/renew)). If online, you can print out a new card immediately; if renewing at the bar, the paper receipt is your proof of payment of membership until you receive your card. **Membership cards are located behind the bar. Please let me know if you need it mailed.**



**Auxiliary’s membership requirements also includes the male spouses of female Legionnaires. That’s right - it is not “Ladies” Auxiliary—it is THE Auxiliary!**

The 2025-2026 dues for Auxiliary Unit 364 are as follows:

**Senior (ages 18 and older): \$35**

**Junior (ages 17 and younger): \$10**—Note, Junior Members are eligible for many scholarships!

Please see myself or any Unit officer if you have membership questions.



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# AROUND THE CAMPFIRE BOY SCOUT TROOP 1367

**Nathan Warner, Scoutmaster**



## Troop Happenings

We hope all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

December was a short month for the Scouts. Our first activity of the month the boys participated in was the Antietam National Battlefield Luminary Remembrance. Troop 1367 was tasked in setting up approximately 3000 luminaries in Area 1 of the battlefield for the ceremony. Some of us even braved the night camping at the nearby C&O canal. Thank you to the parents and Scouts that participated!



Our monthly theme was Aviation. The boys learned about aerospace science and flight from one of our Scouts who is also in the AFJROTC. To conclude our aviation lessons, the Troop took a day trip to the National Air & Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.

Before the holiday break, the Troop held its last Court of Honor of the year, where the boys received recognition of their awards and ranks earned the previous quarter. Following, the boys and families were able to participate in our annual holiday gathering.

## January

Our theme is Mathematics for January. The Troop will be working on the Space Exploration merit badge. Our monthly activity will be a day trip to Washington D.C where the Troop will be visiting the National Geographic Museum as well as the Air & Space Museum. We will also be completing the National Capital Area Council History of Scouting Trail (HOST) hike while we are in our nation's capital.



## February

During the month of February, our theme is Music. The Troop will be working on music themed meetings as well as working on the Music merit badge. The monthly activity is our annual merit badge lock-in, where the boys spend the night in the Legion hall and have the opportunity to work on and earn multiple merit badges. The night culminates in an exciting video game battle!



If you know any young men between 11-17 years old who are looking to become part of something challenging and fun, have them come visit Troop 1367 any Wednesday evening starting at 7:15pm. For more information, please contact Scoutmaster Nathan Warner at [nathan.warner180@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.warner180@gmail.com).

## AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE AND AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE PROGRAMS

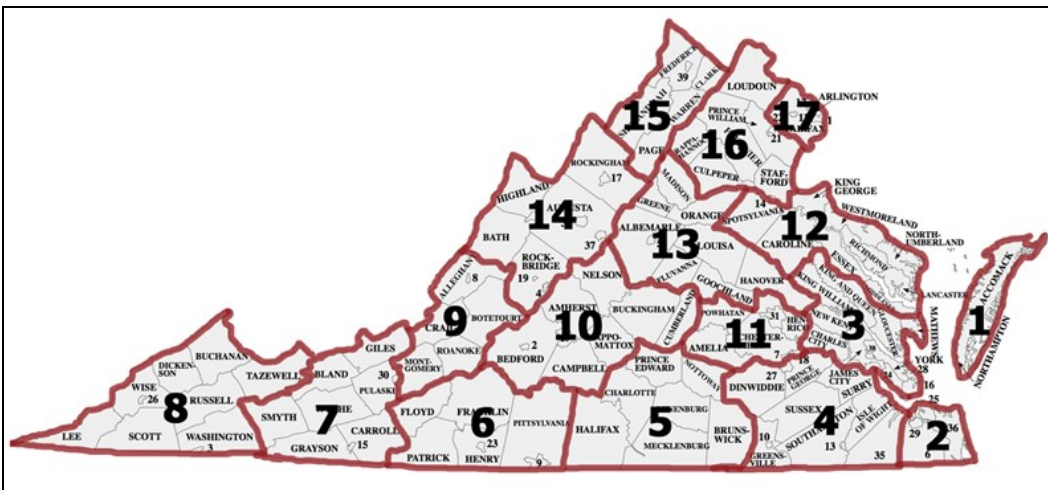
With the start of the new year, we will be sending information to the High School Counselors within our designated high schools regarding Boys and Girls State. High School Juniors and Homeschoolers, are who could be considered Juniors, are eligible to apply and interview for selection from the Legion and Auxiliary into the Boys State and Girls State programs.

Both programs will start on Sunday, June 21 Boys State concludes on Saturday, June 27, while Girls State will end on Friday, June 26th due to program and space constraints. Boys State is held at Radford University and Girls State is held at Longwood University.



**Our Applicants will come from the following schools: Colgan, Freedom, Gar-Field, Hylton, Woodbridge High, and Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School. We also have, for Girls State: Forest Park, Potomac, and Quantico High Schools (from Unit 28).**

These additional schools allow us a couple more coveted Girls State spots for our Unit, but it also brings increased registration costs. This year, registration costs have risen for both programs—Boys State is now \$600 per attendee and Girls State is now \$585 per attendee. The Legion and Auxiliary does provide all funding for the registration costs for their respective programs. If you, or any business/organization would like to contribute to these costs, please see Jessica Wangner.



If you know of any high schoolers in Virginia that would be interested in applying, please provide them these websites  
<https://www.vaboysstate.org/> and  
<https://www.vagirlsstate.org/>.

Each Virginia Legion District has a Registrar that can be emailed if you aren't sure what Post/Unit is sponsoring the high school. For nationwide, each state should have their own website with information on how to apply.

**This is a call out for volunteers to help interview the applicants.** Interviews for both programs will be held on Saturday, March 21 starting at 9:30am with the Boys State applicants. Interviews for Girls State will follow. If there are any Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons members that are interested in interviewing, please contact Jessica Wangner, either at the Post or through email: [jwangner@yahoo.com](mailto:jwangner@yahoo.com). Interviews are relatively easy; all the questions are supplied as well as scoring sheets. Interviews are a wonderful time; with so many bright applicants to interview. Coffee and breakfast donuts/bagels supplied!




**BE THE ONE**

TO **ASK** VETERANS  
IN YOUR LIFE  
HOW THEY ARE DOING

TO **LISTEN** WHEN  
A VETERAN  
NEEDS TO TALK

TO **REACH OUT**  
WHEN A VETERAN  
IS STRUGGLING

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LEGION**

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**It's OK**

to **not be OK.**

to **ask for help.**

to **call.**

 **Veterans  
Crisis Line**  
DIAL 988 then **PRESS 1**

 **Veterans  
Crisis Line**

**1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1**

**There is a 100% Membership Check in effect at the Post! Members must show your 2026 membership card to the bartender on duty and anytime when asked. Electronic pull-tab games, paper pull-tab games, and Bar Bingo are for MEMBERS ONLY! We must comply with Virginia ABC and Virginia Gaming regulations!**

**All Guests (non-members) must be signed in!**



# HEADSPACE CORNHOLE

Every Thursday at 7p at  
American Legion Post 364

## MISSION STATEMENT

OUR MISSION IS TO MAINTAIN A NATIONWIDE CORNHOLE COMMUNITY THAT BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER AND ENJOY A GROWING SPORT. WHILE FOSTERING AN INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR PLAYERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS, WE AIM TO BE A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE GROWTH AND POPULARITY OF CORNHOLE. WE STRIVE TO BE POSITIVE ROLE MODELS IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR DEDICATION TO PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND SUPPORTING VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS, IN HOPES IT LEADS TO POSITIVE CHANGES.

Register Scoreholio

<https://scoreholio.com/cornhole/tournaments>

Search for Post 364

If you are not a Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons member, remember to sign in as a **GUEST**. Inquire about membership!

Bar service and food service available.

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American Legion  
Auxiliary

**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE  
FOR MEMBERSHIP  
IN THE ALA?**

Join us in serving America's  
veterans!

RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN:



- ★ MOTHER
- ★ DAUGHTER
- ★ SISTER
- ★ GRANDMOTHER
- ★ GRANDDAUGHTER
- ★ SELF — FEMALE VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED
- ★ MALE or FEMALE SPOUSE

## Do You Qualify to be a Legion Family member

To Learn More, Contact:

American Legion  
Post 364  
Woodbridge VA 22192

703-494-4304

Eligibility Dates

World War I  
April 6, 1917 – Nov. 11, 1918

World War II – Present  
Dec. 7, 1941 – Present\*

\* if currently serving on active duty today, you are eligible.

Be part of the nation's largest veterans organization!



## Are you a SON?

### We want you!

to be a member of the Sons of The American Legion

### Sons of The American Legion Eligibility

All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World War I, and December 7, 1941, to date, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.



**Taco**  
**Saturdays!**  
**January 3,**  
**17, and 31!**



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**1pm til gone!**  
**One price, all you can**  
**eat!**

**Soup**  
**Saturdays!**  
**January 10**  
**and 24!**



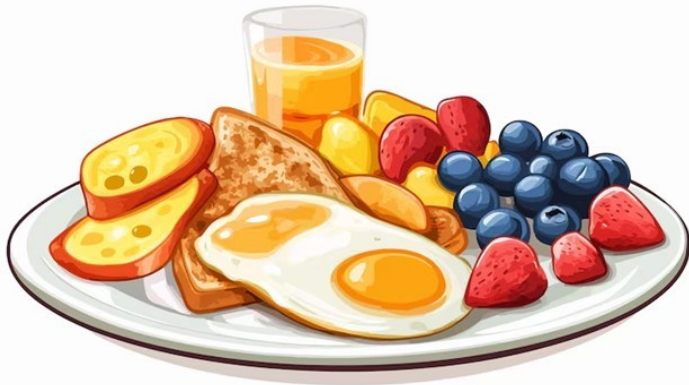
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# Sunday Breakfast!

January 11  
9 to 11am



Delicious Breakfast  
Buffet with Waffle and  
Omelet Stations!

American Legion Post 364

3640 Friendly Post Lane, Woodbridge VA 22192  
Open to Members and Qualified Guests

# Chili Cook-Off

Sunday,  
February 8, 2026



Set up at 2pm ET  
Judging at 3pm ET

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Open to Members and Qualified Guests

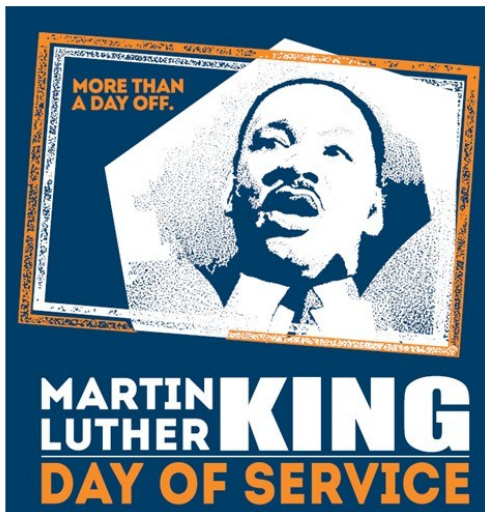


Ruth Anderson  
Jonathan Anderson  
Kyle Armstrong  
Victor Badami  
Stephen Barfield  
Stephen Blackstone  
James Brown  
Roland Burdett  
WilliamCherock  
Mark Clifton  
Eric Cline  
Crystal Collins  
Roger Colon  
Brian Condon  
Patrise Couch  
Gaius Council  
Wayne Dearie  
Donald Ellis  
Brian Fazzone  
Chris Fleming

Robert Frigo  
Michael Geary  
Michael Gourley  
Billy Hall  
Franklin Harford  
Richard Henson  
John Herd  
Patricia Jackson  
Robert Jankovits  
Joshua Kerns  
John Kowal  
Wilson Machin  
Richard Meeker  
Charlie Mells  
Jay Melott  
James Melvin  
Charles Miller  
Jim Mitchell  
Richard Moore  
Franklin Muse

Brian Ogle  
Roger Osgood  
Donald Palmer  
Ronald Peoples  
Richard Porter  
Carlos Rivera-Silva  
Anthony Romano  
John Sincavage  
Joseph Skeelee  
Linwood Smith  
Theodore Spencer  
Ronald Tallent  
Richard Templeton  
James Thiel  
Wayne Walker  
Stephen Wassenberg  
Kenneth Wenzel  
Eric Weston  
Doris Whitfield  
David Wycinsky

January  
birthdays



## Food Drive for ACTS Food Pantry

Bring in unexpired/unopened  
canned and boxed food from  
now until Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>  
Collection Boxes in the Main  
Hallway

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 364

3640 Friendly Post Lane, Woodbridge VA 22192  
For Community Service and Military Support



# A Musical Night *to Remember*

A FUSION OF  
R&B AND JAZZ



LIVE

**JANUARY 17th, 2026**

7 PM • CASUAL ATTIRE

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 364**

**3640 FRIENDLY POST LANE  
WOODBIDGE VA 22192**





Ron Thayer  
Friday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>  
7 to 10



## AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in learning **more about the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons**? Want to know more about being an Officer? Want to make a difference? American Legion College is for you! In year's past Legion College was a 3-day event at a hotel in Williamsburg or outside Richmond. More recently, Department of Virginia is hosting local one-day conferences. This is easier for many of our members with work and family schedules and alleviates travel time and out-of-pocket fees.

Coming up in March, there will be a **Legion College held at Post 176** (Springfield) - very close for our Officers and members to attend. It is from 8am to 5pm (lunch and breaks). Lunch will be available for purchase or bring your own. Registration is needed—some forms are at the bar or ask Commander Shere or President Jessica for information. Carpools would be great!



**Spring Conference** for Virginia is also coming up, the weekend of February 27 through March 1. This year it will be held at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel. All members are welcome to register at \$15 each. Additional fees for joining optional bingo, karaoke, and banquet. Registration forms are [here](#). Please see an Officer if interested.

Not able to travel? Want to learn at your own pace? American Legion has **video training** available that provides knowledge and teaches you the ins-and-outs of the organization: [American Legion Education Institute | The American Legion](#).



There is a wealth of information on the American Legion websites if you want to learn more about a specific piece or function of the Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons. Articles, videos, even podcasts! There is even online **Be the One training** which has been developed with Columbia University

for our members to learn more about interacting and responding with veterans who may be in crisis and suicide prevention. Upcoming training sessions are listed here: [Be The One Training | The American Legion](#). ([www.legion.org/advocacy/be-the-one-training](http://www.legion.org/advocacy/be-the-one-training))



If you have any questions—let us know! We are here to help and encourage everyone to know more about our organizations. We are not just “a bar” - we are service organizations that here to help our military, veterans, and their families.



**STAND UP  
COMEDY  
SHOWCASE**

*Dance Party  
Night*

**8PM UNTIL 11PM  
DANCE MUSIC STARTS AT 8PM  
COMEDY SHOW STARTS AT 9PM**

*American Legion Post 364  
3640 Friendly Post Lane  
Woodbridge, VA 22192*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026**



## TOYS FOR TOTS- THAT'S A WRAP!

Thank you all for your continued support of Toys For Tots! Looks like we had a great year! Thanks to the **Legion, Sons, and Auxiliary** for their shopping and donations. Thank you to **Girl Scouts Troop 618 Elves and Santa (and some Boys Scouts)** for shopping and spreading cheer at the Woodbridge Wal-Mart. Thank you also to the **Nam Knights** who also had a hand in filling the storage pod with toys!





## FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY—FEBRUARY 3

Tuesday, February 3, will mark the 82nd anniversary of the sinking of the United States Transport Ship *Dorchester* and the selfless acts of four Army chaplains aboard. The *Dorchester* tragically sunk on February 3, 1943, while crossing the North Atlantic, transporting troops to an American base in Greenland. A German U-Boat fired a torpedo that struck the ship, killing 672 of the 902 personnel onboard. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by four chaplains of different faiths, who, in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood.



**Reverend George Fox** enlisted in the Army from Vermont the same day his 18-year old son Wyatt enlisted in the Marine Corps. Previously, during World War I, though only 17 years old, Fox had convinced the Army he was actually 18 and enlisted as a medical corps assistant. His courage on the battlefield earned him the Silver Star, the Croix de Guerre, and the Purple Heart. When World War II broke out, he said, "I've got to go. I know from experience what our boys are about to face. They need me." This time, however, he didn't enlist to heal the wounds of the body. As a minister, he was joining the Chaplains Corps to heal the wounds of the soul.

**Reverend Clark V. Poling** was from Ohio and pastoring in New York when World War II threatened world freedom. He was determined to enter the Army, but not as a chaplain. "I'm not going to hide behind the church in some safe office out of the firing line", he told his father. His father, Reverend Daniel Poling knew something of war, having served as a chaplain himself during World War I. He replied, "Don't you know

that chaplains have the highest mortality rate of all? As a chaplain, you'll have the best chance in the world to be killed. You just can't carry a gun to kill anyone yourself." With a new appreciation for the role of the Chaplains Corps, Poling accepted a commission and followed his father's footsteps.

**Rabbi Alexander Goode** also followed in the steps of his father in ministry. His first years of service were in Marion, Indiana; then he moved onto York, Pennsylvania. While studying and preparing to minister to the needs of others, "Alex" joined the National Guard. Ten months before Pearl Harbor, he sought an assignment in the Navy's Chaplains Corps but wasn't initially accepted. When the war was declared, he wanted more than ever to serve the needs of those who went in harms way to defend freedom and human dignity. He chose to do so as a U.S. Army Chaplain.



**Father John P. Washington** was one of seven children in an Irish immigrant family living in the toughest part of Newark, New Jersey. He learned through sheer determination to hold his own in any fight. By the time he was a teenager, he was the leader of the South Twelve Street Gang. Then God called him to the ministry, returning him to the streets of New Jersey to organize sports teams, play ball with the young boys who needed a strong friend to look up to and inspire others with his beautiful hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

**A Four Chaplains Day Ceremony/Event is being planned. We will announce it in the Social Quarters and on Facebook.**



# TAPPING INTO THE THERAPEUTIC VALUE OF CANNABIS FOR VETERANS

By National Commander Dan K. Wiley

Dear American Legion Family members and friends,

Sometimes we measure our advocacy successes in months, or even sessions of Congress. In the case of the recent reclassification of cannabis, it took nearly a decade.

On Dec. 18, I was honored to participate in an Oval Office ceremony where President Trump signed an executive order directing federal agencies to remove outdated barriers to federally approved research into the therapeutic value of cannabis for veterans. The American Legion has called for reclassification of cannabis to recognize it “as a drug with potential medical value” as early as 2016 when it [approved a resolution](#).

Here’s what the executive order means: It lifts the restrictions on large-scale, randomized clinical trials that could lead to solutions for veterans, first responders and others who are facing challenges with PTSD, TBI, sleep disruption, anxiety, depression and chronic pain.

I am so pleased that this obstacle has been set aside. Advances in cannabis research have the potential to lead to solutions that could alleviate these issues, and contribute to reducing suicide risk among veterans. If just one clinical trial yields a solution that can save the life of just one veteran, it will be worth it.

Just think what that will mean to The American Legion’s efforts to prevent suicide as part of our [Be the One mission](#).

As we celebrate this achievement, let’s also be clear about one thing: The American Legion’s support for this executive order does not imply we support the legalization of cannabis for non-medical use. Reclassification does not mean legalization for recreational use, nor does it mandate use of potential clinical options. It simply removes outdated federal barriers to critical research.

Through years of engagement with veterans and clinicians, we have learned how cannabis can be life changing for some individuals. With the signing of this executive order, science-backed solutions can be reached and more veterans’ lives could be saved.

Dan K. Wiley

National Commander

The American Legion

Article from: [legion.org](http://legion.org): [Tapping into the therapeutic value of cannabis for veterans | The American Legion](#)



# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>Post Closed</b>  New Year's Day  	<b>2</b> Bar Menu	<b>3</b> Taco Saturday!
<b>Note: Dinner specials and bar menu are subject to change, based upon vendor availability.</b>						
<b>4</b> Bar Menu Scouts Troop 618  Auxiliary Food Drive Begins!	<b>5</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Burger Night!  Member Appreciation Night!	<b>6</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Spaghetti  SAL ExComm-6:30p  Legion ExComm-7:30p	<b>7</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Steak & Cheese Subs Scouts Troop 1367 —7p Queen of Hearts-8p	<b>8</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Fish Fry  Bar Bingo-6:30p Headspace Cornhole-7p	<b>9</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Bratwurst  Music with Ron Thayer—7-10p	<b>10</b> Sub Vets Meeting-10a  Soup-er Saturday!
<b>11</b> Breakfast 9-11am Bar Menu  USMVMC Meeting-6p Scouts Troop 618	<b>12</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Burger Night!  Cornhole League –7p	<b>13</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Italian Subs  Girl Scouts-5:30p	<b>14</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Reubens  Scouts Troop 1367 —7p Queen of Hearts-8p	<b>15</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Shrimp Baskets  Bar Bingo-6:30p Headspace Cornhole-7p	<b>16</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Pork Chops	<b>17</b> Taco Saturday!  R&B and Jazz Live Music – 7pm
<b>18</b> Bar Menu  Scouts Troop 618	<b>19</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Burger Night!  Cornhole League –7p  Martin Luther King, Jr Day  	<b>20</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p BLTs  SAL Member Meeting-6:30p  Legion Membership Meeting-7:30p Auxiliary Food Drive Ends!	<b>21</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Chicken & Waffles Scouts Troop 1367 —7p Queen of Hearts-8p	<b>22</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p SmashBurgers  Bar Bingo-6:30p Headspace Cornhole-7p	<b>23</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Country Fried Chicken/Steak  Comedy Night 8-11p	<b>24</b> Soup-er Saturday!
<b>25</b> Bar Menu  USMVMC Meeting-6p Scouts Troop 618—7p	<b>26</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Burger Night!  Cornhole League –7p	<b>27</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Beef Tips w/ Noodles  Girl Scouts-5:30p  Auxiliary Membership Meeting-7p	<b>28</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Chicken/ Shrimp Alfredo Scouts Troop 1367 —7p Queen of Hearts-8p	<b>29</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Steak Night  Bar Bingo-6:30p Headspace Cornhole-7p	<b>30</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p Meatloaf	<b>31</b> Taco Saturday!



## February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Bar Menu Scouts Troop 618—7p	<b>2</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Cornhole League –7p	<b>3</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Girl Scouts- 5:30p  SAL ExComm– 6:30p  Legion ExComm-7:30p Four Chaplains Day	<b>4</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Scouts Troop 1367 —7p  Queen of Hearts-8p	<b>5</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Bar Bingo- 6:30p  Headspace Cornhole-7p	<b>6</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA	<b>7</b> Kitchen-TBA  School of Rock Concert
<b>8</b> Chili Cook- Off—2p  USMVMC Meeting-6p  A “Super” Football Game  Scouts Troop 618—7p	<b>9</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Cornhole League –7p	<b>10</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Girl Scouts- 5:30p	<b>11</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Scouts Troop 1367 —7p  Queen of Hearts-8p	<b>12</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Bar Bingo- 6:30p  Headspace Cornhole-7p	<b>13</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA	<b>14</b> Sub Vets Meeting-10a  Kitchen-TBA Sweetheart’s Dinner 6-8p Valentine’s Day  
<b>15</b> Daytona 500 Watch Party & Potluck  Scouts Troop 618	<b>16</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Cornhole League –7p  Presidents’ Day  	<b>17</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Girl Scouts- 5:30p  SAL Member Meeting-6:30p  Legion Membership Meeting-7:30p	<b>18</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Scouts Troop 1367 —7p  Queen of Hearts-8p  Ash Wednesday	<b>19</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Bar Bingo- 6:30p  Headspace Cornhole-7p	<b>20</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Joe Clay Karaoke	<b>21</b> Kitchen-TBA
<b>22</b> Bar Menu  USMVMC Meeting-6p  Scouts Troop 618	<b>23</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Cornhole League –7p	<b>24</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Girl Scouts- 5:30p  Auxiliary Membership Meeting-7p	<b>25</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Scouts Troop 1367 —7p  Queen of Hearts-8p	<b>26</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Bar Bingo- 6:30p  Headspace Cornhole-7p	<b>27</b> Dinner Special: 5:00p – 7:30p TBA  Dept. Spring Conference	<b>28</b> Kitchen-TBA  Dept. Spring Conference

**Note: Dinner specials and bar menu are subject to change, based upon vendor availability.**

Members  
Only!

# Queen of Hearts

Wednesday nights  
Drawing @8pm  
American Legion Post 364



FIND THE QUEEN  
AND WIN!

TICKETS MUST BE  
COMPLETED WITH  
FIRST AND LAST  
NAMES

Chance to Play is \$1 a ticket  
Ticket sales end approx.  
7:45pm prior to the drawing  
of the tickets

## Queen of Hearts Rules As of January 2025

### Guidelines for the "Queen of Hearts" Game as issued by the Division of Charitable Gaming Commission

- Post 364 designates the game as the "Queen of Hearts."
- Tickets are \$1 each. All tickets must have at least 1<sup>st</sup> initial and full last name. Nicknames, abbreviations or numbers are not acceptable forms of a name on a ticket. Only one name per ticket.
- The "Queen of Hearts" will be displayed in the "Main" Social Quarters in a secured case. The drawing will be Wednesdays at 8:15PM. The "Queen of Hearts" tickets are available Monday through Sunday during open hours of the Post until 8PM on Wednesday of the drawing.
- Ticket sales will close at 8PM on Wednesday and the drawing will be at 8:15PM. If the ticket holder is NOT present, they may wish to put a number on the back of their ticket which would be used to pick their card for the drawing. If the Queen is picked no prize other will be awarded.
- The holder of the winning ticket will be awarded as follows: JOKER - \$50.00 ACE OR FACED CARDS \$25.00- \$5 for all other cards.
- If the Queen is picked the holder of the winning ticket will win ALL of the sixty percent (60%). **You DO not have to be present WIN.**
- There will be no other prizes awarded.
- The new amount will be posted on the Queen of Hearts board.
- Once the "Queen of Hearts" is selected, the board will no longer be in play and will be placed in storage with the attached winning tickets for a period of three (3) years. A new board will be placed into play.

The Main Social Quarters clock (behind the Bar) is the Official Clock

  
**HAPPY HOUR**  
Monday through Friday  
3pm to 7pm!

**American Legion Post 364 Phone: 703-494-4304**

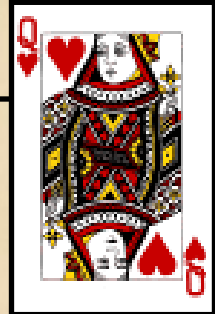


**Club Hours**

	Legacy Lounge	Social Quarters	Kitchen
Monday	TBA	2:00p - 10:00p	3:00p-7:30p
Tuesday	TBA	2:00p - 10:00p	3:00p-7:30p
Wednesday	TBA	2:00p - 10:00p	3:00p-7:30p
Thursday	TBA	2:00p - 10:00p	3:00p-7:30p
Friday	6:00p - 12:00a	12:00p - 12:00a	3:00p-7:30p
Saturday	TBA	12:00p - 10:00p	Taco/Grilling
Sunday	TBA	12:00p - 10:00p	Limited Menu

**Please do not bring in food/beverages from other establishments during our Kitchen Hours.**

**Hours, prices, and items available are subject to change. Follow our Facebook page, sign up for text messaging, and the Commander emails for up-to-date opening, closing, and menu information.**



**Mondays —Cornhole League 7p  
 Tuesdays—Dart League 7:30p  
 Wednesdays—Pool League 6:30p & Queen of Hearts drawing @ 8:00p  
 Thursdays— Bar Bingo 6:30p and Headspace Cornhole 7p**

**Bar Menu**

**Served Mon-Thurs 2-7:30p  
 Friday & Sunday 12-8p**

**Appetizers:**

- Mozzarella Sticks w/Marinara - \$7
- Spring Rolls - \$7
- Potstickers w/Teriyaki Sauce - \$8
- Hush Puppies - \$8
- Jalapeno Poppers - \$9
- Veggie Egg Rolls - \$9
- Southwest Egg Rolls - \$9
- Steak & Cheese Egg Rolls - \$9

**Baskets:**

- French Fries - \$5
- Fries w/Bacon & Cheese - \$7
- Tater Tots - \$6
- Tots w/Bacon & Cheese - \$8
- Onion Rings—\$7

- Chicken Tenders w/Fries - \$9
- Wing Dings w/Fries - \$9
- Butterfly Shrimp w/Fries - \$9

**Grillers & Sandwiches**

- (served with chips)*
- Beef Hot Dog QTR Pounder - \$6
  - Grilled Cheese Sandwich - \$7
  - Grilled Chicken Sandwich - \$9
  - Chicken Patty Sandwich - \$9
  - BLT Sandwich - \$9
  - Hamburger - \$9
  - Cheeseburger - \$10
  - BBQ Brisket Sandwich - \$10
  - Fried Haddock Sandwich—\$11

**Add-ons:**

- Fries - \$2
- Bacon - \$2

Cheese - \$1

Extra patty - \$3

*(all sandwiches served with lettuce & tomato unless otherwise requested)*

**Desserts:**

- Funnel Fries w/Powdered Sugar - \$8
- Molten Chocolate Lava Cake - \$7

**Dinner served Monday through Friday 5pm to 7:30pm**

**Note: Dinner specials and bar menu are subject to change, based upon vendor availability.**

**Effective April 1, 2025, there will be a 2.7% surcharge on credit/debit card purchases. There is also a 20% fee charged on any tabs left open at end of night!**

**Driving Directions to Your Post Home: 3640 Friendly Post Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192**

Take I-95 to Exit 158, Prince William Parkway. Take Prince William Parkway toward Manassas. Past Commuter Lot, bear right onto Caton Hill Road. Turn Right onto Caton Hill Road to Minnieville Road (2nd Stop light). Turn Right onto Minnieville Road. In about 200 yards, turn Left onto Fowke Lane (used car dealership on corner). Turn Left onto Jenny Lane at the Stop sign. In about 100 yards, turn Right onto Friendly Post Lane (1st street on right).

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