

News at Post 72 January 2018

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Post 72 Officers

American Legion Post 72 Officers:

*Commander: Claude Davenport
1st Vice Commander: Mike Freeman
2nd Vice Commander: Brent Carter
Adjutant: George Morgan
Finance Officer: Mike Hays
Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard
Sergeant at Arms: Ed Deneale
Chaplain: Steve McLeod
Service Officer: John Bush
Historian: Stan Adamowicz*

Auxiliary Officers:

*President: Donna Webb
Vice President: Laura Riggins
Secretary: Patty Freeman
Treasurer: Patty Freeman
Chaplain: Savannah Christian
Sergeant at Arms: Savannah Christian
Historian: Vacant*

Sons of the American Legion:

*Commander: Ted Kilby
1st Vice Commander: Jules Juliano
2nd Vice Commander:
Adjutant: Clint Bolt
Finance Officer: Clint Bolt
Sergeant at Arms: Steve Ralls
Chaplain:
Service Officer:
Historian:*

American Legion Riders:

*Director: Terrie Harne
Assistant Director: Faye Brewster
Adjutant: Brent Carter
Treasurer: Steve Ralls
Sergeant at Arms: Brian O'Loughlin
Run Coordinator: Brent Carter
Membership Chairman: Steve Ralls
Chaplain: Samuel Jesselson*

American Legion Post 72 Corporation:

*Jim Rankin
Paul Baker
Brian O'Loughlin
Sam Jesselson
Jack Flood*



The Commander's Corner

I hope everyone had very Merry Christmas and a great New Year! Best wishes for a great year. I am looking for some volunteers from the Legion, SAL and Auxiliary membership to fill the standing committees; the Finance Committee, the House Committee and the Sons of the Legion Committee. I would like to have one SAL and one Auxiliary member on each of the committees. I have received some responses from the membership email I sent out, but if you would like to get more information or volunteer, please contact me at my email, commander@legionpost72.org or my cell, 540-270-1442. I will be filling the committee positions by the mid-January.

The property development project is back on track with the Town council approving the requested changes at the last town council meeting. We are moving forward and hope to start turning dirt as soon as the infrastructure plans are finalized. As always, I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received.

The Executive Committee confirmed the appointment of Brian O'Loughlin to fill the remainder of the Board of Directors position vacated by the passing of Comrade Bill Buck. The Committee also confirmed the appointment of Brent Carter to fill the open position of 2nd Vice Commander. Please join me in thanking Brian and Brent for stepping up to support the future of the Post. Finally, the Exec Committee has authorized the professional poring and completion of the new Tiki Bar pad, funded by the Social Quarters reserve funding. The digging of footers and pad were started last month with the final prep taking place the last week of December. I would like to thank Paul Baker for setting up the logistics and all of his personal time to get this ready.

The Post 72 Legion Riders Christmas Party was a fantastic success. If you missed it, you missed some great food and an awesome time. The band, Sonic Suds, provided excellent music. It looks like we will be doing this again soon.

As always, my heartfelt thanks to the Post 72 volunteers who put in their time to help out

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around the post. Their contributions ensure that our Post home remains open for everyone to enjoy.

The Post's All-You-Can-Eat breakfast in the Social Quarters is still a great way to start a Sunday! Come in for breakfast every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm. Enjoy the excellent chow and great fellowship.

Remember to support the other member groups of our Post Home; the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders, Junior Shooters and the Boy Scouts.

I would like to encourage all Post 72 Legionnaire members to attend the monthly business meetings. It is imperative that we conduct our regular business and address any ideas; suggestions or concerns to help our post and organization perform better. The next regular Legion business meeting will be on the Post home on the third Tuesday, 16 January, 2018 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting at the Post home, on the Thursday before the business meeting, 11 January, 2018, at 19:00 hours, (7:00pm).

Never forget that we are all members of the world's greatest brotherhood, we are American Veterans! As your Commander, if there are any questions or suggestions to improve our Post, please contact me at commander@legionpost72.org.

For God and Country

Claude Davenport – Commander



Adjutant's Corner

Thank you ALR for a great Christmas party! If you weren't there, you really missed out on a fun time. Also, the new District 16 Events calendar is now posted in the Social Quarters.

We have two new members approved at the December General Membership Meeting. Please welcome Charles Brooks (AF) and William Miller (Navy) to Post 72.

If you see Brent Carter, be sure to congratulate and thank him for stepping up and becoming our new Post 2nd Vice Commander for Buildings and Grounds. This is an all too important position and one that often goes unappreciated.

Want to help with the Post's mission to our youth? The post needs a volunteer to chair the Americanism Committee as well as a lead for the Oratorical Contest. These efforts are not overly time-consuming and are worthwhile services to our community. See Commander Davenport if interested.

For God and Country

George Morgan – Adjutant



Auxiliary News

We want to thank our volunteers that help all the time. Your efforts are much appreciated by all of us.

Our thoughts and prayers goes out to Patty Freeman's brother who is ill and we all hope that he gets well soon.

Our next breakfast is Sunday, January 14, 2018, and we could use some additional volunteer's help. Our monthly meeting will be held immediately following breakfast.

If you know of anyone else that is ill or needs some assistance, please contact me at the post on 540-347-7740.

For God and Country

Donna Webb – President



Sons of the Legion News

At our December breakfast, we were honored to have SAL Vice Commander of the Western District Jeff Lee, and also Linwood and Rose Moore of Richmond. Rose will be next year's Auxiliary President and Linwood is on the NEC Committee for the SAL. Also in attendance were 16th Vice Commander Robert Yowell, from post 247, Paula Mullins Auxiliary President of Post 247 and John Ward and his wife from Leesburg. John is the former 16th district Commander.

The winners of our annual grocery give away were: 3rd prize went to Deb Larsen, 2nd prize to Joe Leckwar and first prize to Phyllis Church, congratulations to all

SAL member Darryl Lee once again participated in the Wreaths across America, placing them on many veterans' graves. Darryl

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has been doing this every year since it was started. Thanks Darryl

Diana Plott Auxiliary Member of Post 247 and I visited seven veterans on hospital hill on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 and we gave them small gift bags. Many of these veterans do not have any family living nearby, and they really appreciate visitors .

Our next scheduled SAL meeting will be Tuesday, January 2nd. at 7:00 PM. The next SAL breakfast will be January 21, 2018. Along with the breakfast we will be having a 50/50 raffle for Clint Bolt to help with his campaign for National SAL Commander. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and safe New Years For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

As we start off the upcoming New Year in early December Fauquier County High School handmade 2,238 Christmas cards and they were sent to an Air Force Base in Kansas. The Legion Riders are very proud of FHS for once again going above and beyond to help us with our Thank You Card Project.

We will have our next monthly meeting on Jan. 3rd. Our next monthly breakfast is Jan. 28. I would personally like to wish all the Legion Riders a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I would like to thank everyone who volunteers every month, all year long! Without you, we could not do the things we need to do.

We do have some big plans for 2018 so please watch your emails! Pray for all the service men and women who can't be home for Christmas can't be home for the New Years. This time of year is very hard for some people it's not full of Joy and Happiness. Let's remember those who are in need. Bless you all and see you in the New Year!!!!
For God and Country

Terrie Harne – Director, America Legion Riders



BSA Troop 600 & Crew 600

Scout Troop 600: Boy Scouting, one of the traditional membership divisions of the BSA, is

available to boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old; or have completed the 5th grade and are at least 10 years old; or who are 11, but not 18 years old. The program achieves the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness. Scouting helps boys grow, understand self-reliance and the importance of community spirit.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

Allen has successfully completed his Eagle Board of Review on December 14th. His Eagle Project binder and paperwork has been delivered to the National Capital Area Council.

Upcoming Scout Events:

- The troop continues to plan their annual lock in to plan the 2018 activities and summer camp
- The scouts are also planning a road clean up date.

Meeting information: The Scouts general meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday evening of the month, from 1915 – 2030 hours (7:15pm – 8:30pm) upstairs at the Post 72 meeting hall. All boys interested are welcome to join us at any meeting. Any and all guests are asked to check in with a uniformed scouting member upon arrival.

Crew 600:

The Venturing program, which is also a branch of BSA, is for co-ed youth 14 thru 20 years of age. The purpose of Venturing is to provide practical, positive experiences to help mature young people and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adult's leaders. Their activities are mainly focused around high adventure outdoor activities, team building skills, fitness, and citizenship. Those skills are not only learned, but mastered in a way so they are able to teach their skills to others.

Upcoming Venturing Events:

No events planned at this time.

Michelle Hermsdorf – Committee Chair



Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Program

American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program (ALJSSP): The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety

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education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment and competition. Shooters use the .177 caliber air rifle. Both males and females can participate, through Legion sponsorship. Junior Shooting Sports is a three-part program that combines the Basic Marksmanship Course, Qualification Awards and Air Rifle Competition into a well-rounded activity.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

- The Old Dominion Junior Rifle League 2017/2018 season has started, and the Warrenton rifles have set the bar high for the other teams participating.
- December is a short shooting month with the Christmas/New Year holiday. When the shooters get back from the holiday, they will be moving full speed into practice for the upcoming CMP National Postal match and the American Legion National Postal match.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL)

December 2017 Individual Results: 43 shooters participated in the December match. The Warrenton Rifles athletes individual results were: 1st place – Seth 269-8; 2nd Jacob 264-7; 3rd John 262-5; 4th Dylan 254-4; 5th Hunter G 251-3; 6th Ryan 250-7; 9th Gage 237-1; 12th Julia 229-0; 16th Toly 212-1; 21st Alexis 181-3; 28th Brandon 180-1; 32nd Daniel 153-2.

ODJRL December 2017 Team Results: 7 teams participated in the December match. Warrenton Rifles Cobra Team comprised of Seth, Jacob, John & Dylan, placed 1st place with a 1,049-24.

ODJRL October 2017 League Results:

Individual: Ryan 1st place AAE class; Jacob 2nd place AAT class; Dylan 3rd place AAE class; John 4th place AAT class; Hunter G 5th place AAT class; Hunter B C class 1st; Gage 1st place TYRO class; Toly TYRO class 2nd place; Julia TYRO class 2nd place; Brandon TYRO class 3rd; Seth TYRO B class 1st; Daniel TYRO B class 3rd place
Team Results: Ryan, Jacob, Seth, & Dylan – 1st place with a team score of 1038.035.

ODJRL November 2017 League Results:

Individual: Dylan 1st place AAE class; Ryan 2nd AAE class; Jacob 1st place AAT class; John 2nd place AAT class; Hunter G 3rd place AAT class; Gage 2nd place A class; Hunter B 2nd place B class; Alexis 3rd place B class; Seth 1st place

TYRO class; Julia 2nd place TYRO class; Toly 3rd place TYRO class; Brandon 4th place TYRO class; Ian 10th place TYRO class. Team Results: Jacob, Seth, John, & Hunter G – 1st place with a team score of 1060.024.

Qualifications (NRA): The following advancements were made in December 2017: Sharpshooter: Julia & Toly. Expert: Gage. Our congratulations to Julia, Toly and Gage on their personal accomplishment!

Personal High Score: New personal high 3x10 scores were achieved by: Julia 230-0, Gage 258-9, Dan 194-1, Brandon 216-1, & Toly 228-3. New personal high 3x20 scores were achieved by: John 527-12, Dan 367-1, Brandon 369-1, & Toly 440-4. Congratulations to John, Julia, Gage, Dan, Brandon, & Toly on their awesome accomplishments!!

Upcoming Events:

- 6 January: ODJRL match at Post 290
- 20 January: CMP Postal match for Regional Championship
- 27 January: American Legion Postal for National Championship
- 12-14 April 2018: CMP Regional Match, Camp Perry, OH (by invitation)
- 21 April 2018: Dept of Virginia, North Region Championship
- 5 May 2018: Dept of Virginia, State Championship (by invitation)
- 21-23 June 2016: CMP National Championship (by invitation)

Practice Times:

During the regular season, the Post 72 Warrenton Rifles Teams primary practice is on Thursday evenings, 1800-2030hrs in the Legion Hall. Secondary practice is on Wednesday evenings, 1830-2030hrs in the Legion Hall. The Team follows the Fauquier County School calendar. We welcome visitors and the Post family to come by to see the program.

For God and Country,

***Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team
Cadre: Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman,
Lance Davenport, Andy Andrews, JD
Davenport and Bill Gouldthorpe (in
Memorial)***

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Social Quarters / House Committee

I want to thank all the people that help out at the Post, without them we couldn't continue to have a nice place to bring your friends and family.

We also have a very good lunch menu for all to enjoy, so come on in. Also remember we can always use some help during our lunches. It takes all of the volunteers to help keep **your** Social Quarters open and running to be able to give you a nice place to have a little food, drink, & fun.

We have a gun up for raffle from our your Social Quarters, so please take a chance and support us. We will continue to have the other games etc. at your S.Q. like the Hogs, please support them as much as you can, as they are one of the main fund raisers of the Post.

We also will continue with the Sunday breakfast. Remember again we can always use help during lunch, breakfast and our dinners! These breakfasts are hosted by all of our groups within the American Legion, so please come out and eat to show your support. The cost for these breakfasts is still \$7.00 for adults, children twelve and under is unchanged, at \$3.00 each. We always need help for this event if you want it to continue.

A reminder to all that there is no smoking permitted during Friday's dinner and our breakfast hours. During the lunch hours there is smoking at the bar only. Please remember we have Wi-Fi in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is www.legionpost72.org

Paul L. Baker - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman

Articles for the February Newsletter are due by January 25, 2018. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."

Photos from around the Post:



ALR Director Terrie Harne, 2nd from right, receives Christmas "Thank You Cards" from Fauquier High School



ALR Christmas Party