

News at Post 72 May 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: Cindy Carter

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

Well it looks like Spring, um oops, Winter, no wait Spring... or is it Winter, nope it is, Spring, I think which is upon us. Hopefully, Spring has finally taken command and pushed Winter out of the picture.

At the April Legionnaire membership meeting, a motion to make the Post building nonsmoking was made. The motion was seconded, opened for discussion, and was passed unanimously. The no smoking policy will take effect on 1 May. Authorized smoking areas will be established for the convenience of our smoking members by the House committee. We will make every effort to provide a comfortable covered area for our smoking members.

Also at the April meeting, the Nomination Committee provide a slate of candidates for the upcoming Post Officer election at the June meeting. The committee's slate of candidates is: Commander - Claude Davenport; 1st Vice Commander - Mike Freeman; 2nd Vice Commander - Brent Carter; Service Officer - John Bush; Chaplin - Steve McLeod; Finance Officer - Cindy Carter; Judge Advocate - Jonathan Lienhard; Sergeant At Arms - Mike Hays. The Historian recommendation is open. At the upcoming 15 May membership meeting, nominations for Post Officers will be taken from the floor. Post Officers elections will be held at the June membership meeting. Newly elected officers will be installed at the July membership meeting.

The property development project infrastructure plans have been accepted by the Town of Warrenton and are expected to be approved by the end of the month. We are still expecting the official start of "breaking ground" this summer. We are moving forward as rapidly as possible. As always, I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received.

As Spring has arrived, we will be tackling several maintenance items and work parties around the Post. We will send out emails and hope you will find a few hours to help out with some of the projects. My heartfelt thanks to the Post 72 volunteers who put in their time to help out around the post. Their contributions ensure

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that our Post home remains open for everyone to enjoy.

Please support the other member groups of our Post Home; the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders, Junior Shooting Sports, and the Boy Scouts.

I invite all Post 72 Legionnaires 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, 15 May, 2018 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting at the Post home, the Thursday before the business meeting, 10 May, 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

A few things to pass on from this month's General Membership Meeting... We have a new member to Post 72 - please welcome Brent Scott (USAF). The post is looking for a ventilation hood to go over the grill out on the patio, as well as fire extinguishers for the kitchen. If you can help source these, please contact Brent Carter, House Committee Chair.

The Post will again be hosting a booth in Warrenton's First Friday events each month beginning in May. These are a lot of fun and great community outreach. If you are interested in helping out, contact George Morgan or Claude Davenport.

George Laing is signing up volunteers to present the annual American Legion awards at local schools. And finally, the membership passed a smoking ban at the Post, except in designated areas, to start 1 May.

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 next breakfast is Sunday, May 08, 2018, and we could use some additional volunteer's help. Our monthly meeting will be held immediately following breakfast. I want to again recognize Brian for cooking breakfasts for the Auxiliary.

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

Thanks to Jules, Brandon, John, and Darryl for helping at our April breakfast. We would like to pass along best wishes to John's wife, who was injured when a tree fell on her about a month ago. John told me of the severe injury she sustained, resulting from being hit by a large oak tree. After spending time in rehab, she is now back home. We hope she gets better soon.

The next SAL breakfast will be Sunday May 20th, 2018. We hope many of you will be able to attend the May and June Breakfasts for the Sons. As you know, one of our members Clint Bolt, will be the SAL national commander next year. For him to perform his duties, he must raise the majority of the money required for his personal travel expenses. We will be donating all the proceeds from the May and June breakfasts to Clint's campaign.

At the May breakfast, we will also have a raffle for a \$50 gift card donated by Glen Rankin for Rankins Hardware. We will also have a raffle at the June breakfast, this is TBD.

There are still a few members that have not renewed their memberships. We really need to get these renewals in, so they can be part of this historic event. There has not been a Virginian selected as the SAL

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National Commander in 30 years. Lets' get everyone on the band wagon.

The next SAL meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday May 1, 2018. SAL members also need to keep in mind, that we have our yearly elections in June, please plan to attend the June meeting.

For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

Wow, Sun. Breakfast was amazing thanks to all that came in and ate and those who helped serviced. It was a beautiful day hope the rest had a great day of riding.

We will be having our next monthly meeting on May 2nd. at 7pm. We are getting ready for the Thank You Card Project all final info: will be given at this month's meeting. Please let as many of your Biker Veteran's groups and supporters know that the dates will be May 18th and 25. Meeting at the McDonalds at 7am for breakfast and lineup for both days.

For anyone that hasn't been at the Post lately maybe you should think about visiting more often. There are a lot of changes within the Post you should really check out! Come in Welcome our new Bar Manager Cathy Rossi and your new bartender. They are planning new lunch specials and she will need input on what everyone likes, so stop in and give the new items a try.

Our next breakfast is May 27th so we may have to ask another group to take over due to it being rolling thunder weekend, still come in and enjoy breakfast if you can.

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 division 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:

- The Troop 600 mulch fundraiser for 2018 was one again a huge success. Thank you to all the scouts, scout parents and everyone that helped out.
- Joshua had his Eagle Board of Review on April 12th, and... congratulations to the newest Troop 600 Eagle Scout. Great job, Joshua!

Upcoming Scout Events:

- The scouts have been invited to join Troop 180 on their canoe trip in early June.

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 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

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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:

- Seven Warrenton Rifles participated in the 2018 Civilian Marksmanship Program, North Eastern Regional Championship. John, Dylan, Jacob, Seth, Gage, Carson and Hunter G. represented the Warrenton Rifles well. At present they are rated 37th in the nation, which is an admirable accomplishment.
- Seth finished 20th overall at the CMP Regional match, winning an individual invitation to the CMP National Championship in June. Congratulation to Seth on an outstanding accomplishment! It looks like the Cobra team (Seth, John, Jacob, Carson & Ryan) has earned a place in the Junior Olympic/CMP National Championship at Camp Perry in June. This will be the 4th year the Warrenton Rifles have earned a spot in the CMP National Championships. Way to go Cobra Team!!
- On Saturday 21 April, Seth, John, Dylan, Hunter, Gage, Ryan, Jacob and Brandon competed in the 2018 Legion Department of Virginia, North Region Championship. The Warrenton Rifles placed first and second teams, earning them positions in the upcoming Department of Virginia State Championship. Individually they achieve 1st thru 6th place. A superior performance by all!!
- On Saturday, 19 May, 2018, the Warrenton Rifles will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner as a fundraiser at the Post home. The Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for kids 11-5, children 4 and under free. Tickets are being sold in advance by team members and in the Social Quarters.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL)

Individual Results: ODJRL season will resume in October 2018.

ODJRL Team Results: ODJRL season will resume in October 2018.

ODJRL February 2018 League Results: ODJRL season will resume in October 2018.

Qualifications (NRA): The following advancements were made in January 2018: NRA Distinguished Expert: Hunter G. Hunter is the 8th Warrenton Rifle to earn the NRA Distinguished Expert. Our congratulation to Hunter on his well-earned accomplishment!

Personal High Score: 3x10: Brandon 227-4, Toly 230-4. 3x20: John 527-14, Gage 496-6, Hunter G 511-12, Alexis 459-5, Toly 449-5. Congratulations to Brandon, Toly, John, Gage, Hunter G, and Alexis on their personal accomplishments.

Upcoming Events:

- 5 May 2018: Dept. of Virginia, State Championship
- 19 May 2018: Warrenton Rifles Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- 21-23 June 2016: CMP National Championship

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, and Bill
Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)**

Social Quarters / House Committee

April 2018 was an exceptionally successful month for your social quarters and saw the introduction of a number of changes that our members have asked us to make over the last several months. Although we bid farewell to Mr. Paul Baker following a successful seven year run as the Social Quarters Manager, we were thrilled to add Ms. Cathy Rossi to our team as the Social Quarters Manager. The addition of a full time manager has quickly elevated service delivery and complemented our bartender and cook, Terrie and Kim, in making the SQ a preferred destination for our members and guests. Changes in the décor and some

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adjustments to our business processes and food service approaches have been rewarded with substantial growth in our Friday Night Steak and Seafood and Sunday Breakfast attendance, and a revitalization of our weekday lunch service, all critical to the Post's ability to support veteran and community service programs in Warrenton. Many of you have taken the opportunity to let your House Committee know what you like and don't like by completing the customer survey forms located in the SQ. Your input has been invaluable in setting the agenda for the house committee and providing Cathy and the team insight into opportunities for improvement. We know this success is only possible with the continued patronage of you, our members and guests and we thank you for the opportunity to serve and are committed to continue to listen to you, our customers! It has been quite a month but there are more member improvements planned for May and beyond.

May will feature a number of updates and changes along with three key events to reward out members for their loyalty and support important post programs. On the management side of the house, we hope to deploy a leased electronic Point of Sale System to replace the current electronic cash register. The proposed system will link our food service, supply chain, and inventory management functions to make sure the SQ is running efficiently and generating the revenue needed to support member and post activities. Thanks to many suggestions from the membership, we will be introducing electronic gaming into the SQ to augment our current Hogs and raffle programs and look forward to improving the member experience with this zero-cost-to-the-post improvement. Finally, we are pleased to announce that by unanimous membership vote, the Post 72 facility, including the SQ will become non-smoking effective May 1, 2018. Our grounds committee is busy looking at options for

a designated smoking area outside of the facility to augment or replace the existing smoking area in the Tiki Bar. Serving all of our customers in a comfortable environment will remain our number one goal.

Patrons will have a number of additional opportunities to enjoy a good meal and support the post in May. The month begins with a Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 5th, 2018 from 5 – 8pm where guests will be treated to a DJ and Mexican favorites including all you can eat tacos and a Cheese enchilada plate. During our Steak and Seafood night on Friday May 18th, 5pm to 8 pm, we are honored to host Vietnam Marine Veteran Terry Sharpe as he concludes his annual 300 miles walk from North Carolina to Washington DC to highlight veteran's issues including the unacceptable suicide rate among veterans. This evening promises to be an informative event and we are expecting to have a full house! Last but not least, our National Award Winning Junior Shooters Program will be sponsoring a Spaghetti dinner on May 19th from 5pm to 8pm to raise funds for equipment and competition costs. These young men and women are stellar representatives for Post 72 and the shooting sports programs and we hope you will encourage their success by participating on the 19th. For more information on these and other post programs, visit our website at www.leginpost72.org.

We hope to see many more of you in your Social Quarters this summer! Come out and have some fun!

Brent Carter - House Committee Chairman

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

Happy Memorial Day!!!!