

News at Post 72 June 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

At the May 2018 membership meeting, there was a call for Officer and Board of Director nominations from the floor. None were received, with the exception of John Sinclair being nominated for Post Historian. Thank you John for stepping up to run for historian. At the upcoming 19 June membership meeting, elections for the 2018/2019 officers and Board of Directors will be held. The slate of candidates for the 2018/2019 year are: 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; Historian - John Sinclair, and Sergeant at Arms - Mike Hays. Newly elected officers will be installed at the July membership meeting.

The Post will have a booth in the upcoming Town of Warrenton's "First Fridays". This is an awesome experience and if you want to help out, just let us know, would love to have you.

The property development project continues to move forward. The property lines have been marked so we can make adjustments to the fence lines, one shed and the horseshoe pits. We are still expecting the official start of "breaking ground" in August. We are moving forward as rapidly as possible. As always, I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received.

The House Committee has done a stellar job prioritizing an extensive list of projects to be completed around the Post. As work parties will be formed, and volunteers will be needed. 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 that our Post home remains open for everyone to enjoy.

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.

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The next regular Legion business meeting will be on the Post home on the third Tuesday, 19 June, 2018 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting is at the Post home, the Thursday before the business meeting, 14 June, 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

Hello all. We gained six new members this month: Sean Glick/USAF, Uziel Ore-Luna/USA, Brent Scott/USAF, Felix Rivera/USA, Ronald Schwartz/USMC, and Edward Rusnak/USA were all approved by membership vote this past meeting. Please welcome these good folks to the Post.

Also know that the Post elections for the 2018-2019 year will be at the next General Membership Meeting on 19 June. The slate of nominees for Executive Committee Officers is:

- Commander: Claude Davenport
- Adjutant: George Morgan
- 1st Vice (Membership): Mike Freeman
- 2nd Vice (Housing & Grounds): Brent Carter
- Finance: Cindy Carter
- Service: John Bush
- Historian: John Sinclair
- Chaplain: Steve McLeod
- Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard
- Sergeant-At-Arms: Mike Hays

The slate of nominees for the Board of Directors is Jim Rankin, Paul Baker, Brian O'Loughlin, Sam Jesselsen, and Jack Flood. Please make every effort to attend for this important vote.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to close the nominations. Floor was then opened for nominations for Executive Board members. The slate of candidates is Jim Rankin, Paul Baker, Brian O'Loughlin, Sam Jesselsen, Jack Flood. A motion was made to close the nominations, seconded, and approved. Elections will be held next month.

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, June 10, 2018, and we could use some additional volunteer's help.

Our monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 7:00pm.

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

We would like to thank the Walking Marine, Terry Sharpe for stopping by Post 72 and having dinner with us and meeting many of the members of the various Veterans groups. Terry had brief conversations with many of us, and we enjoyed his speech about many health issues confronting our Veterans.

Thanks to Daryl Lee, Clint, John Andrews, Jules, Mike Crockette, and Legionnaire Brian O'Loughlin for stepping in and cooking for our breakfast. We hope to see many of our members and friends for our June breakfast, which will also be on Father's Day. Please remember that our June breakfast proceeds will benefit Clint Bolt and his campaign to become SAL National Commander next summer.

On May 23, 2018, I was honored to be with Legionnaire George Lang, at Cedar Lee Middle School to present the American Legion Award. Each year one girl and one boy at each

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of the elementary and middle schools of the county get a Citizenship award from Post 72. The principal and Assistant Principal pick the two eligible students. Each of these students received a certificate, a medal and a free ice cream from the Moo Through. Congratulations to both of this years' winners.

I need all available SAL to come to our June meeting, which will be at 7:00pm, June 5, 2015. Our yearly elections were postponed from May to June and we really need your attendance at this meeting.

See you at the breakfast in June for Father's Day

For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

Motors rumbling, Kick stands up, hit it! Legion Riders hit the ground running in May taking advantage of some unseasonably weather to hit the Virginia byways and carry the Legion Message throughout the community. This month, several riders and their caged cousins took to the streets and schools of Fauquier County to visit local schools to pick up handmade "Thank You" made by local school children. The Thank You Card program, now in its sixth highly successful year, has connected local students with service members serving around the world and veterans continuing to serve America here at home. By collecting and mailing more than 10,000 handmade cards designed to show our brave service members that the families in the Commonwealth appreciate their service and are grateful for their sacrifice.

At the end of May, several riders paused to show respect for the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice to keep American free by participating in the 2018 Warrenton Memorial Day Parade. The rider contingent was well received as always by the community and provided a lasting symbol of respect and honor for the fallen warriors.

Finally, as millions of motorcycles hit the roads this riding season, ALR wishes to remind everyone to be watchful for a dramatic increase in the number of motorcycles on the roads of

Virginia. As the summer heats up and the traffic snarls up around DC, the patience you show will make sure we can all continue to serve the community.

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:

- Troop 600 is working with Troop 180 about an upcoming canoe trip. The dates for the trip are Friday June 8th to June 9th. Friday we will drive to the campsite and unload gear there. A specific time will be announced after we know how many people will be attending. After we unload gear, the outfitter will drive us down to where the canoe trip will start. We will begin canoeing to the campsite. On Saturday, we will have breakfast at the campsite and then canoe back to the outfitter.

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

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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 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:

- On 5 May, seven Warrenton Rifles participated in the 2018 American Legion, Department of Virginia, State Championship. The Cobra team finished in 2nd place with a score of 2,050-45. Excellent job Cobra Team!! Python Team placed 6th even with only three shooters. Individually the Warrenton rifles did really well: Seth, 4th with 526-11; Ryan, 5th, 511-12; Dylan, 6th, 509-9; Hunter, 7th, 506-5; Jacob, 8th, 504-13; Gage, 12th, 478-4; & Brandon, 21st, 413-2. Jacob, 1st place prone, 96-6 & 97-5 Seth, 2nd place kneeling 92-2 & 92-2
- On Saturday, 19 May, the Warrenton Rifles held a very successful Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. Thanks much to those of you who attended the dinner. We hope you enjoyed the event and are looking forward to doing the event next year.
- On 21-23 June, six Warrenton Rifles will participate in the 2018 CMP and Junior Olympic National Championship in Camp Perry, Ohio. Seth, Ryan, Jacob, John,

Hunter G and Gage. will represent the Warrenton Rifles.

- The Warrenton rifles have completed a very successful 2017/2018 season. We have shifted to the summer practice schedule and will have open practice about every other Thursday until the start to school, Wednesday 15 August, 2018.
- Our congratulations to Seth for his being awarded the Civilian Marksmanship Programs Silver Distinguished Badge. Seth is the 4th Warrenton Rifles to have earned this award.
- This year's end of seasons awards were presented at last practice of the season.
 - Warrenton Rifles Alumni Status; Dylan Kezele; Hunter Grogg; and Carson Whiting.
 - 2017/2018 High Score 3x10: Seth 278-9
 - 2017/2018 High Score 3x20: Seth 539-13
 - 2017/2018 Jimmy Rankin Americanism Award: Hunter Grogg
 - 2017/2018 Top Gun Award: Seth.

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 May 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 233-2 & Toly 235-3. 3x20: No new personal high scores. Congratulations to Brandon & Toly on their personal accomplishments.

Upcoming Events:

- 31 May 2018: End of Season party
- 21-23 June 2018: CMP National Championship
- August 2018: 4-H, North region Fall Shooting Sports.

Practice Times:

During the regular season, the Post 72 Warrenton Rifles Teams primary practice is on

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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. Your social quarters continues to grow and improve our service offerings to provide the best benefit to our members and guests. May 2018 was a banner month for the social quarters as we rolled out new offerings, extended some of our service hours, and marked two high profile events with special meal services. In addition to our many lunch specials each month, we added a Buffalo Wing Tuesday special with many different flavors and dipping sauces at an incredibly low price of \$.50 a wing. Nothing like an ice-cold beer or glass of tea and a plate of hot wings to make your Tuesday night hop at the Legion. Twice during the month, we served up an all you can eat taco bar that proved to be a huge success with patrons – look for this to return as we start to explore extended evening hours for our members.

This month we were also honored with the opportunity of hosting two very special events: Dinner with "The Walking Marine" (www.walkingmarine.com) and our traditional Fried Chicken and Baked Ham Dinner for the City of Warrenton's Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade. The Walking Marine event gave members and guest an opportunity to meet and speak with Terry Sharpe and learn about his cause to promote awareness of veteran's issues through his annual walk from North Carolina to the Washington DC coinciding with the Rolling Thunder event. With this year's awareness subject involving veteran suicide prevention(www.22untilnone.org), we can think of no better way to achieve Legion impact in the community than by affiliating ourselves with such a critical issue. At the end of the month,

we were pleased to again have the opportunity to serve our community by offering a sit-down lunch following the annual Memorial Day ceremony. Judging from the full tables throughout the event, the community continues to enjoy this benefit of Legion presence in the community.

May also saw the introduction of the long awaited electronic gaming machines in our social quarters. Now members have the option of playing traditional or electronic pull tab and raffle games whenever they visit the legion. Nothing warms the heart of a legionnaire like scoring a big jackpot on one of our new machines. We also introduced a new pull tab game this month: "Home of the Brave" with several handsome prizes ready to be won by our members and guests. With so many new offerings, if you haven't visited the American Legion Post 72 Social Quarters in a while, mark your calendar for a visit soon and see what all the fuss is about. You have our commitment that you will find a welcoming staff, great facilities, good food, and the comradeship of your friends, neighbors, and fellow service members. Your social quarters are ready to serve! We hope to see many more of you in your Social Quarters this summer! Come out and have some fun!

For more information on these and other post programs, visit our website at www.leginpost72.org.

Brent Carter - House Committee Chairman

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

Photos from around the Post

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WWII Marine Richard Winter and "Walking Marine" Terry Sharpe at Post 72



Terrie, Mark and Judy celebrate Cinco de Mayo



ALR 2018 Patriotic Card Pickup Ride



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ALR Memorial Day Parade