

# News at Post 72 July 2017

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## **Post 72 Officers**

### **American Legion Post 72 Officers:**

*Commander: Claude Davenport*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Mike Freeman*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Dan Seibel*

*Adjutant: George Morgan*

*Finance Officer: John Bush*

*Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard*

*Sergeant at Arms: Eris Wusthof*

*Chaplain: Steve McLeod*

*Service Officer: Dean Jacobson*

*Historian: Stan Adamowicz*

### **Auxiliary Officers:**

*President: Donna Webb*

*Vice President: "Shell" Ferguson*

*Secretary: "Shell" Ferguson*

*Treasurer: Patty Freeman*

*Chaplain: Elaine Deneale*

*Sergeant at Arms: Vacant*

*Historian: Vacant*

### **Sons of the American Legion:**

*Commander: Ted Kilby*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Jules Juliano*

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Mike Freeman*

*Adjutant: Paul Baker*

*Treasurer: Steve Ralls*

*Sergeant at Arms:*

*Run Coordinator:*

*Membership Chairman: Steve Ralls*

*Chaplain: Samuel Jesselson*

### **American Legion Post 72 Corporation:**

*Jim Rankin*

*Paul Baker*

*Bill Buck*

*Sam Jesselson*

*Jack Flood*



## **The Commander's Corner**

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. I would like to thank Post 247 Commander Brian Scannon for officiating at the installation ceremony of our Post 72 Officers and Board of Directors. The newly elected Officers and Directors are now in place and looking forward to an outstanding year.

The property development project is moving along at a nice pace. On 30 June, the subdivision of the land was signed and submitted to the Town of Warrenton. The infrastructure and easement surveys and documents should be submitted to the Town this month. As always, I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received.

As mentioned last month, the Post has joined with the Legion Riders to participate in the Town of Warrenton First Friday's again this year. The Post will have a booth set up on Main Street the 1st Friday of each month through October. This month's event, on 7 July, is focused on Veterans. There will be a special fanfare to include any Veteran who may be on Main Street. This is a great way to meet new and old friends and recruit new members to Post 72. Come up and join us for the festivities!

The Social Quarters has a few more tickets for the upcoming Cash Bash, on Saturday, 5 August, 2017. Only 300 tickets will be sold for dinner and beverages as well as chances of winning hundreds of dollars in cash and two firearms. Please see the Social Quarters for your tickets.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we are still looking for your assistance to spot items that need some attention around the Post. Please email your items to the Building & Grounds Chairman, Dan at [2ndvicecommander@legionpost72.org](mailto:2ndvicecommander@legionpost72.org). We all need to pitch in to make our Post home a better place.

Please look at your calendar, and pick a couple Fridays during the next year that you can volunteer to help with the fantastic job the Social Quarters is doing. Work a Friday evening shift and get dinner on the Post. We can also use some help with the daily lunch service. My

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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.

The Post's All-You-Can-Eat breakfast in the Social Quarters continues to be a hit! Come in for breakfast every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm. Come on out and enjoy the excellent chow and great fellowship.

I would like to invite and encourage all Post 72 Legionnaire members to attend the upcoming monthly business meetings on 18 July, 2017. It is imperative that we conduct our regular business and address any ideas, suggestions or concerns to help our post and organization perform better.

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.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on the third Tuesday, 18 July, 2017 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on the Thursday before the business meeting, 13 July, 2017 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](mailto:commander@legionpost72.org). For God and Country

**Claude Davenport** – Commander



## Adjutant's Corner

Post 72 is hosting a booth at the Warrenton 'First Friday' festivities each month. The theme for next month, 7 July, is Veterans and all members and families are encouraged to participate in the parade.

At the 20 June Business Meeting, Post 72 installed new Post officers and new board of directors for the 2017-2018 term.

The new officers are:

Commander: Claude Davenport

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Mike Freeman (Membership)

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Dan Seibel (Building & Grounds)

Adjutant: George Morgan

Finance: Mike Hayes

Service: John Bush

Historian: Stan Adamowicz

Chaplin: Steve McLeod

Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard

Sargent at Arms: Ed Deneale

New Corporate Directors: Jim Rankin, Paul Baker, Bill Buck, Sam Jesselson, and Jack Flood.

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**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.

Another personal thanks goes to Mike Anderson for cooking for the Auxiliary breakfast.

I don't have anything new to report this month. Our next breakfast is Sunday, July 09, 2017, with our monthly meeting to be held immediately following afterwards.

Please keep Auxiliary Member, Haldeen Wilson in your thoughts and prayers as she has undergone surgery recently. 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

Many thanks to all of the great help that we had for our May and June SAL breakfasts.

I attended the June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Sixteenth District conference at Remington post 247. Also present from the Sons was our Adjutant, Scott Williams, and SAL Vice Commander, Victor Graulau.

One of the most important items covered for the day was the fact that the 16<sup>th</sup> district sent the greatest amount of boys to Boys state in history. This is a great achievement of the 16th district and getting our youth to get involved in positive events. The chairman of the boys state is Robert Yowell, a member at 247.

The American Legion and SAL members are asked to attend the annual convention will be July 13-16, 2017, at the Dulles Airport Hilton

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The SAL current commander, Johnny Baker of Beaver Dam, Va., will be stepping down after a great year of service for the Sal here in Virginia. The incoming commander is Willie Morgan

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**Ted Kilby** – SAL Commander



## Legion Riders News

"Kids these days...man, they don't appreciate nothing." Try telling that to the hundreds of school kids from Fauquier County who braved the elements to stand in front of their schools and give the ALR convoy a hero's welcome. This month, the Post 72 American Legion Riders had the rare opportunity to visit with school kids throughout the county while picking up literally thousands of kid-made thank you cards provided by schools across the county for our annual Thank You Card Project (TYCP). In its eight year of operations, The TYCP, led by Rider Comrade Sam Jesselson, has humbly collected and distributed more than 32,000 handmade cards for deployed and infirm veterans around the world. While card art ranged from tanks and guns to rainbows and unicorns, the sentiment inside was clear and unmistakable: America's children reminding America's veterans why they are serving and thanking them for a job well done.

This year's card drive was particularly special for the riders as we were joined by two of our ALR brothers from Virginia Beach, two brothers from the Virginia Patriot Guard Riders, and most especially, a Gold Star mom who was a very welcome addition to our group and an important reminder for the schools we visited of the price of freedom. Travelling all over Fauquier County and facing weather ranging from cold spitting rain to heat in excess of 90 degrees, the riders came out in force to make the 2017 Thank You Card Campaign a resounding success. Not surprisingly, but sometimes overwhelming, was the love and support shown by hundreds of the county's students and faculty. Without exception, we were treated to musical performance and words of encouragement and thanks as we visited with the schools and picked up our precious cargo of

cards. From the Star Spangled Banner to America the Beautiful, we enjoyed instrumental and vocal presentations from the band and choir departments and so many well wishes and shouts of USA...USA...that I think we all walked and rode a little taller after the stops.

The comrade of the hour of course is our own Rider Sam Jesselson whose tireless pursuit to grow this program into its current success was evident in each warm reception. Many speak of patriotism and service to the veteran community. Sam likes those words every day and we are extremely proud of the superb job he has done as chairman for this important program. We look forward to distributing many of these cards to veterans visiting the 2017 Rolling Thunder event. To see pictures of the school visits, please visit our website at [www.legionpost72.org/riders/tycp](http://www.legionpost72.org/riders/tycp).

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**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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:**

- Scouts have returned from attended the Mountain Man Summer Camp in the Blue Ridge Mountain Council. There, they traveled back in time to 18th Century Appalachian Virginia where

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a single shot muzzle loader, an axe, and a hunting knife were the only tools a man needed to survive.

- At Mountain Man, the scouts will dress, eat, and live like the Long Hunters who explored, trapped, and eventually settled Virginia's western frontier.
- Several scouts continue to work on eagle projects.
- Look for Jeffery's Eagle project, the new flag drop off box at the Post to be installed soon.
- Work on the 8x8 shed for Allen's Eagle project began in Stafford County.

### **Upcoming Scout Events:**

- Events will be planned this month

### **Meeting information:**

The Scouts general meetings are every Monday evening with the exception of the 2nd Monday of the month, from 1915 – 2030 hours (7:15pm – 8:30pm) upstairs meeting hall at Post 72. 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

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 of the Warrenton Rifles (Sean, Sam, Carson, John, Dylan, Ryan & Seth) participated in the 2017 Junior Olympic and 2017 Civilian Marksmanship Programs 3 PAR National Championships, held in Camp Perry, OH.

- The Cobra Team (Sam, Carson, John, Dylan and Seth) finished in 19<sup>th</sup> place in the nation in the Junior Olympic Championship and 14<sup>th</sup> place in the nation in the CMP Championship. This is an outstanding accomplishment for the Cobra Team.

- Seth, who shot in his first national championship, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally in his age group in the Junior Olympic championship and 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally in his age group in the CMP Championship. An outstanding personal accomplishment at any age level!!

Congratulation Seth on your accomplishment!

- Sean completed his Warrenton Rifle career at the 2017 Precision Junior Olympic and CMP Championships. The competition was so tight that only 11 points separated Sean from the top finisher. Sean finished 90<sup>th</sup> out of 280 of the nation's top precision shooters. Our complements to Sean for a job well done.

- Sam will be proceeding to the 2017 American Legion National Championship, in Colorado Springs, CO this July. Sam is the first athlete from the Warrenton Rifles to have earned and invitation to the Legion's national championship. Best of luck to Sam in the upcoming competition.

- It is with great sadness that we must bid farewell to our graduating seniors, Sean and Sam. We have watched them grow from boys unsure of their capabilities and themselves to outstanding young men who are nationally recognized for their shooting skills and expertise. It has been an absolute honor for us to have been able to coach them. Both Sam and Sean will be starting their university lives this August. Our best wishes to them as the start a new experience.

### **Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL), ORION INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:**

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## **Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL), MARCH LEAGUE RESULTS**

: The 2016/2017 ODJRL season has ended. The next results will be in October 2017 with the start of the 2017/2018 season.

**Qualifications (NRA):** No NRA advancements this month.

**Personal High Score:** This seasons Warrenton Rifles member's high 3x10 sores are as follows: Hunter B – 229; Seth – 265; John – 267; Gage – 242; Hunter G – 258; Sean – 294; Dylan -265; Jacob K – 204; Jake – 238; Sam – 282; Ryan – 269; Jacob S. – 267; and Carson – 273. This has been a fantastic season and has resulted in some awesome records for the Warrenton Rifles.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 6 July, 2017: Open practice, Post 72, 1830-2030hrs
- 19-23 July, 2017: American Legion National Championship, OTC, Colorado Springs, CO
- 20 July, 2017: Open practice, Post 72, 1830-2030hrs
- 3 August, 2017: Open practice, Post 72, 1830-2030hrs
- 10 August, 2017: Open practice, Post 72, 1830-2030hrs
- 12 August, 2017: 4-H North District Shooting Sports Championship match.
- 17 August, 2017: Start of the 2017/2018 Warrenton Rifles season.

### **Practice Times:**

During the regular season, the Post 72 Warrenton Rifles Teams primary practice is on Thursday evenings, 1830-2030hrs in the Legion Hall. When needed, a 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**

The Cash Bash is coming soon! See the flyer for more info. You need to get your tickets now, remember there are only 300 to be sold!! With the continuing increase in business, we have a new employee to work as the cook, who will take some of the load off of Donna, and permit her to work the bar area. Say hi to Carol when you come by.

**If the weather permits, we will have a Tiki Bar Party on Saturday, July 15 from 1:00pm until we want to stop. Your Social Quarters will provide hamburgers and hot dogs while they last as a thank you to our members and friends.**

Don't forget to bring your friends and family to the Post and enjoy your Social Quarters! Bring them out to dinner on Friday nights for some good food at a very good price! We have been doing very well on our Friday Night Dinners, so it would be a good idea to get there in the beginning of the night. I want to thank all the people that help out on Friday night, without them we couldn't do the dinners. Remember we always can use help on Friday nights serving the dinners we have. It is fun and you get your dinner free for helping. Please let Paul or Donna know if you can help on a Friday night dinner.

We also have a very good lunch menu for all to enjoy. Also remember we can always use some help during our lunches as well as our Friday Night Dinners. 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.

A reminder to all that there is no smoking permitted during Friday's dinner and

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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](http://www.legionpost72.org)

**Paul L. Baker** - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman

**Articles for the August Newsletter are due by July 25, 2017. Please email them to [Off2oc1@comcast.net](mailto:Off2oc1@comcast.net) Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."**

**Photos from around the Post:**



**Newly elected Post 72 Officers are sworn in at the June business meeting by Brian Scannon, from Post 247**



**Newly elected Post 72 Corporate Officers are sworn in at the June Business meeting**



**Warrenton Post 72 Junior Shooter Seth, proudly displays his Second Place, Junior Olympics Championship, Junior Division silver medal, won at Camp Perry, Ohio**



**2017 Post 72 Junior Shooters at the CMP National Championships, L-R, front row, Seth, Ryan, back row, Co-Coach/1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr Mike Freeman, Sam, Carson, John, & Dylan, at Camp Perry, Ohio. Not pictured are Precision shooter Sean and Coach / Commander Claude Davenport**