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Post 72 Officers

American Legion Post 72 Officers:

Commander: Claude Davenport 1st Vice Commander: Mike Freeman 2nd 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" Fergusons Secretary: "Shell" Ferguson Treasurer: Patty Freeman Chaplain: Elaine Deneale Sergeant at Arms: Vacant 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: 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

Congratulations to you newly elected Post Officer and Board or Directors for the 2017/2018 year! The 2017/2018 Post Officers are; Commander – Claude Davenport, 1st Vice Commander – Mike Freeman, 2nd Vice Commander – Dan Seibel, Adjutant - George Morgan, Finance Officer – Mike Hayes, Judge Advocate - Jonathan Lienhard, Sergeant at Arms – Ed Deneale, Chaplain - Steve McLeod, Service Officer – John Bush, Historian - Stan Adamowicz.

The 2017/2018 Board of Directors are: James Rankin, Paul Baker, Bill Buck, Sam Jesselson, and Jack Flood. The newly elected Officers and Directors will installed at the regular membership meeting in June.

The property development project was approved unanimously by the John D Sudduth American Legion Post 72 membership in attendance at the 16 May 2017 meeting! The initial property surveys have already begun and we are looking at ground breaking this summer. I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received.

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. It's a great way to meet new and old friends and recruit new members to Post 72. Come up an join us for the festivities!

The Social Quarters is sponsoring another fantastic 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.

It is my sad duty to notify the Post 72 family of the passing of comrade and Past Commander Edward Dauster, on Monday 22 May 2017. The family has asked the membership respect their privacy at present, and will let me know when plans have been

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made. I will pass arrangements onto the membership when received.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, if you've spotted something that needs some attention around the Post, or have a suggestion for an improvement, please email it to The Building & Grounds Chairman, Dan at 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 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 20 June, 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, 20 June, 2017 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on the Thursday before the business meeting, 15 May, 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 For God and Country Claude Davenport – Commander



Adjutant's Corner

Nothing new to report, but a reminder that the DOD announced a policy that will extend limited online military shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans of the military. The Veterans online shopping benefit will be effective this Veterans Day, November 11, 2017.

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.

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, June 11, 2017, with our monthly meeting to be held immediately following afterwards.

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 had our 2017 elections, the officers are as follows:

Commander - Ted Kilby First Vice - Jules Juliano Second Vice - Darrell Lee

Adj and Finance - Clint Bolt

Chaplain - Corky Church

Sergeant in Arms - Brendon Oloughlin

The next scheduled SAL meeting will be June 6, 2017 at 7:00. Clint Bolt tells me there are still a few people that have not sent in their renewals, please stop by post as soon as you can to renew.

Hope everyone has a safe and productive memorial day

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For God and Country **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 Fauguier 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 Jessellson, 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 Fauguier 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.

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 selfreliance and the importance of community spirit. **Recent Notable Activities/Events:**

• Jeffery has started his Eagle Project which is the construction of two mailbox sized boxes, and a smaller box, for people to place American flags needing to be retired. One box will be at Post 72.

• Allen has started his Eagle Project. His project is building a shed for the Heartwood Ministries.

• Josh is finalizing his propose Eagle Project.

• We would like to thanks Mr. George Morgan for his most generous donation to offset the cost of our scouts attend summer camp.

• Several scouts participated in the Brumfield Elementary Schools Outreach Project. The scouts assisted with the STEM activities.

Upcoming Scout Events:

• 3 June: Road clean up

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• 18 – 24 June: Summer camp **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 threepart 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 have been invited to the 2017 Civilian Marksmanship Programs 3 PAR National Championship, held in Camp Perry, OH. The Cobra Team (Sam, Carson, John, Dylan and Seth) have been invited to compete as a team, and Ryan has been invited as an individual in the Sporter Class on 24-26 June. 20. Sean has been invited as an individual to the CMP (Precision class) on 21-23 June. This will be first CMP National Championship Seth and Ryan. Our Congratulations go to the "Rifles" for their stellar accomplishment. The best of luck to all of the Warrenton Rifle shooters!!

• Sam has received an invitation to participate in the 2017 American Legion National Championship, in Colorado Springs, CO this July. Sam will be the first athlete from the Warrenton Rifles to have earned and invitation to the Legion's national championship.

A fantastic job Sam, and our best wishes for successful matches.

• The 2016/2017 Warrenton Rifles season has ended. The shooters will be able to attend open practices on every other Thursday during the summer. The 2017/2018 season will start on 17 August, 2018.

• With the end of the season, the Jimmy Rankin Americanism Award and Edward Dauster Top Gun Awards were presented to two very deserving Warrenton Rifles members. The Americanism award is presented to the team member demonstrating the best qualities of Americanism and comradeship. This year's recipient is Dylan K. The Top Gun Award is presented to the team member with the best consistent attendance and scoring. This year's recipient is Jacob S. Our most sincere congratulations to these two Warrenton Rifles team members on their awards.

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

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

ODJRL 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 members 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. –

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267; and Carson - 273. This has been a fantastic season and has resulted in some awesome records for the Warrenton Rifles.

Upcoming Events:

• 21-23 June, 2017: CMP Precision National Championship (invitation), Camp Perry, OH • 24-26 June, 2017: CMP Sporter National Championship (invitation), Camp Perry, OH • 19-23 July, 2017: American Legion National Championship, OTC, Colorado Springs, CO • 12 August, 2017: 4-H North District Shooting Sports Championship match.

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 Fauguier 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. With the continuing increase in business, doing the bar tender & cooking job at the Post 72 Social Quarters is getting to be too much for Donna to handle on her own. We are looking for one person to work at the John D Sudduth American Legion Post 72 Social Quarters as the bar tender. We need a good worker, with great people skills and excellent integrity, someone you would trust. If you or someone you know, would be a good fit working in the Social Quarters, please have them contact me (Paul Baker) at 540-270-7540. Thanks for your help!

The weather has not permitted us to get the Tiki Bar up and running, but we have been putting a lot of work into it to get ready soon. In the meantime 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 need to thank all the volunteers that help on Fridays, without them we could never get it done. 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.

This time we have a gun up for raffle from our own Junior Shooters, so please take a chance and support the teams. 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 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 June Newsletter are due by June 25, 2017. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."

Photos from around the Post:

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Commander Claude Davenport and Sam Jesselson recive some of the many cards from the annual Patriotic Card Project



Some of the many Fauquier County students who supported the Patriotic Card project



Memorial Day observance at the Warrenton Cemetery

American Legion Post 72 Cash Bash!!

345 Legion Dr. Warrenton, Va. 20186-3536 Saturday Aug. 5th, 2017 2:00 pm: \$100.00 3:30 pm: \$50.00 2:15 pm: \$25.00 3:45 pm: \$50.00 2:30 pm: \$50.00 4:00 pm: GUN 45 Cal. 2:45 pm: \$100.00 4:15 pm: \$100.00 3:00 pm: GUN 9mm 4:30 pm: \$50.00 3:15 pm: \$50.00 4:45 pm: \$25.00 "<u>5:00 pm \$500.00"</u> You must have a Ticket to get in! \$20.00 per Ticket: includes dinner, draft beer, soda, or tea Need not be present to win!! **Only 300 tickets sold** Get your tickets now before they run out!! From past experience! Most likely there will NOT be tickets at the door YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A LEGION MEMBER TO BE THERE **OR PLAY!!**