

News at Post 72 June 2021

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Post 72 Officers

American Legion Post 72 Officers:

Commander: Claude Davenport

1st Vice Commander: Dirk Wyckoff

2nd Vice Commander: John Davenport

Adjutant: George Morgan

Finance Officer: John Frederick

Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard

Sergeant at Arms: Ed Deneale

Chaplain: Dennis Di Mauro

Service Officer: Steve McLeod

Historian: Doug Gorham

Auxiliary Officers:

President: Odetta Dietz

Vice President: Samantha Hays

Secretary: Lisa Kemper

Treasurer: Lora Riggins (acting)

Chaplain: Haldeen Wilson

Sergeant at Arms: Lora Riggins

Historian: Lisa Kemper

Sons of the American Legion:

SAL Commander John Kemper

SAL 1st vice Vacant

SAL 2nd vice John Juliano

SAL Adjutant John Bush

SAL Finance Officer John (Boogie) Kemper

SAL Chaplain Vacant

SAL Sgt.at Arms Vacant

American Legion Riders:

Director: Paul Baker

Assistant Director: Mike Freeman

Adjutant: Ryan Blankenship

Treasurer: Steve Ralls

Sergeant at Arms: Deb Olsen

Run Coordinator: Paul Ralls Membership Chairman: Steve Ralls

Chaplain: Samuel Jesselson

American Legion Post 72 Corporation:

Jim Rankin

Paul Baker

Mike Freeman

Sam Jesselson

Jack Flood



The Commander's Corner

At last, the COVID restrictions are beginning to be removed! There is light at the end of the tunnel. We are still under the revised COVID restrictions by the Commonwealth, but if you have received your COVID inoculations, you are not required to wear a face covering. The Post can host gatherings in the Hall not to exceed 150 inside and/or 250 outside... not a problem for sure.

This month's Legionnaire meeting is the election of the 2021/2022 Post Officers and Corporate Board of Directors. We need a quorum to make the election official, I ask you to please attend this month's meeting to elect your 2021/2022 Officers and Directors. We did not receive any nominations from the floor at last month's meeting, so the slate of candidates is Commander – Claude Davenport; 1st Vice Commander – Dirk Wyckoff; 2nd Vice Commander – Mike Jenkins; Adjutant – George Morgan; Finance Officer – John Frederick; Sergeant at Arms – Ed Deneale; Chaplin – Dennis Mauro; Service Officer – Mike Esso; Historian – Doug Gorham. Slate of candidates for Corporate Board of Directors is Paul Baker; Jim Rankin; Jack Flood; Sam Jesselson; and Mike Freeman. The newly elected officers will be installed at the regular members meeting in July and will take office immediately following final adjournment of that meeting.

This Sunday, 6 June, the Virginia II Chapter of the Blue Knights, a law enforcement motorcycle club, will provide a free hamburger and hotdog lunch for the Post 72 family. The lunch is a thank you for the Post providing a meeting space for their monthly meeting during the initial phase of the COVID restrictions.

The Post and White Springs Adult Living Center will sponsor a Car Show on Father's Day, Sunday 20 June 2021, we will be offering our normal Sunday breakfast and a BBQ lunch.

The Post is standing by for the design and blueprints for the Tiki bar cover. Once we get them, we will solicit bids for the patio cover. If you know of a licensed contractor able to do the build, please have them contact the Post. We hope to start the construction mid-May.

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I would like to reiterate that for the Post to succeed, especially in these tough times, everyone who can, should try to do a little volunteering to make the Post all it can be. We can use additional assistance around the Post. Please consider becoming involved in any way you are comfortable and volunteer just a couple hours a month. It will make the Post a better place to enjoy. We have had some folks step up, but we sure can use some more to keep thing running smoothly.

I encourage 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. Our next regularly scheduled Legionnaire membership/business meeting will be Tuesday 15 June at 1930 hours, (7:30pm).

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 this month.

For God and Country
George Morgan – Adjutant



Auxiliary News

Please join the Legion Auxiliary as we rebuild!
Meetings are on hold until further notice.

****However, we will need to hold officer elections very soon. Please consider returning to the post. And if you are interested in an officer position, please let**

me know ASAP.

RENEWALS ARE DUE. PLEASE SEE KIM DAVENPORT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. If you have your membership card/number, you can renew online, which is quick and easy.

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

Sunday breakfast has changed slightly. If we provide at least 3 volunteers to greet, serve, and clean up, the Legion will split the profits with us 50-50. Please let Odetta Dietz know if you can help, even for an hour or so.

We are still looking for a volunteer coordinator. If you can help, please contact Odetta Dietz, 703-209-9421.

For God and Country

Odetta Dietz – President



Sons of the Legion News

2021 SAL membership renewals are now due. Please drop your payment off at the Legion. We have a box hanging on the wall on the left side as you walk in the door just past the lockers. Be sure to include your name and member number. The more information you provide the easier it us to identify your membership. Membership dues are \$30.00. Remember membership is processed on the 15th and the 30th of the month. Your card will be mailed to the address we have on file. If you pay at the bar, please make sure your name is on the card.

SAL will have our next meeting June 8 at 7 pm.

Our next SAL breakfast is June 20 starting at 9 am and going until noon. We have a lot of members, so I am asking for a couple members that have not worked in a while to volunteer to give some of us a day off.

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John Kemper – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

I want to thank everyone for their support in the Thank You Card project. It was a whole lot of fun seeing the students out after an at-home long stay! The project was a great effort by all: even with the short notice, the students did an outstanding job. I also need to thank all the supporters of our last Poker Run. We had outstanding weather, a particularly good route to run and on top of all of that we made a good amount of money to be able to pass on to support Vets out there in need.

We also had a good Breakfast Sunday and hope to have more to come. Again, thanks to all for the support shown to the Post ALR.

Paul Baker P.C.

ALR Director



Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Program

Warrenton Rifles Junior Shooting Sports

Program: The Warrenton Rifles 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:

- The Warrenton Rifles had six of the 23 shooter/athletes who participated in the 2021 American Legion, Department of Virginia State Championship on 1 May in Charlottesville, VA.

Individual scores and rankings from the match are: Seth 2nd place with a 540 -17; Hunter 4th with a 515-12; Alexis 7th with a 510-15; Julia 10th with a 497-7; Cole 12th with a 480-11; and Brandon 17th with a 460-5. An excellent performance from all the Warrenton Rifles members.

- On 7 May, the Warrenton Rifles participated in the Warrenton Rifles CMP Cup Invitational at the Arlington/Fairfax Izaak Walton League in Centreville, VA. The Rifles did an outstanding job representing the team. Out of the 11 teams competition, the Rifles Cobra team (Julia, Hunter, Brandon & Matthew) placed first with a score of 1986-34. Warrenton Rifles individual accomplishments among the 31 competitors are: Julia 1st place with a 525-10 (a new personal high score); Hunter 2nd place with a 519-11 (a new personal high score); Brandon 7th with a 488-8; Matthew 16th with a 454-5; and 20th Evan 442-1; This was an outstanding performance by the team.
- Warrenton Rifles Cobra team (Seth, Alexis, Julia, Hunter & Brandon) have been invited to participate in the 2021 Civilian Marksmanship National Championships at Camp Perry, OH on 24-26 June. This is the 7th year the Warrenton Rifles have participated in the CMP National Championships. Our best wishes to the Cobra team for a successful match.
- We continue to follow the COVID-19 protocols, face masks & social distancing as recommend by the Commonwealth and 4-H. Please remember to wear your face protection and practice good social distancing.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League Individual

Results: Season to resume in October 2021

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League Team Results:

Season to resume in October 2021

Qualifications (NRA): No report.

Personal High Score (3x10): Hunter 267-7, & Evan 227-1. Congratulation to Hunter & Evan on their personal high score.

Personal High Score (3x20): Julia 525-10, Hunter 515-12, Evan 442-1, Cole 480-11 & Matthew 454-5. Amazing shooting team! Congratulation on your new personal 3x20 high scores.

Upcoming Events:

- 24 – 26 June 2021: CMP National Championship 3x20 (by invitation)
- August 2021: 4-H North Region Shooting Sports Championship, Culpeper, VA
- Additional match will be posted as received.

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Practice Times: During the regular season, the Post 72 Warrenton Rifles Teams primary practice is on Wednesday & Thursday evenings, 1830-2030hrs in the Legion Hall. 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, Rick Lehr,
Lance Davenport, Andy Andrews, Abram Baer,
and Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)**

Social Quarters / House Committee

Hello from the Social Quarters Crew,

Watch for the Commander's weekly emails for menus, and updates as needed from Sean.

I hope this finds everyone healthy. Things have been running smoothly since our last literary contribution. Our

new team continues to get better and I hope it shows when you come in. Breakfast continues to grow. Since we are one of the only Posts that remains open, we are getting fellow Legion members from around the area coming in to visit, eat and catch up on what's going on. Ed has been doing a great job ensuring maintenance issues are identified and worked on. His energy level is impressive! Thank you, Ed!

The Social Quarters continues to adapt to the ever-changing state restrictions. That said, if you can donate any time at all to help out, please come in. Remember, got time to lean, got time to clean.

The menu continues to evolve with the changing seasons. Watch for the weekly specials email to find out what's going on.

So... that's the latest and greatest from SQ72. Please call 347-7740 to place an order or to just comment on how we're doing. Stay Safe. Sean and the gang