

News at the Post April 2013

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Commander's Corner:

Spring has finally officially arrived! Mother nature gave us a parting shot with a very unusual late March snowstorm here in Virginia.

I want to remind everyone that at the March business meeting we briefly discussed the upcoming elections. If you are interested in serving in any of the elected officer or corporation positions, please contact Paul Baker, or any of the current officers. These positions are open to all members and as with any organization, it is good for all if we have an infusion of fresh ideas and leadership. We will also be taking open nominations from the floor at the April business meeting as well.

As for myself, I have agreed to serve another term as your Commander, if re-elected. I have been fortunate to have served with both an outstanding group of Executive Board Officers, and also had the support of the other Legion members, as well as the SAL, ALR and the Auxiliary. You have all made my tenure as your Commander both easier and enjoyable. Also, I would be remiss if I didn't express my appreciation and thanks to our recent Past Commander, Paul Baker. He made himself available to answer the many questions I had about being Commander, and always shared his vast experience, without hesitation. Thanks Paul!

Congratulations to our SAL Squadron for their 35th anniversary, as an integral part of Post 72.

I want to again recognize our Boy Scout Troop 600. Congratulations to Jim Kulick for winning the "Knot Award." Jim is the second recipient of this coveted award in Troop 600. This is almost unprecedented for an organization of our size and is a testament to the fine leadership of all of the adults who unselfishly volunteer their time and skills to Troop 600.

Everyone, please remember to keep Miss Tootie in your thoughts and prayers and also to Past Commander Roland Tapscott, who was hospitalized recently.

Please continue to support our Post and Social Quarters, and don't forget to thank Donna for all of her hard work. Also, thanks to our many volunteers, who assist Donna and help keep the Social Quarters functioning.

We continue to have all you can eat breakfast in our Social Quarters, every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm. The Legionnaires serve breakfast the first Sunday, each month. Our next breakfast will be held on April 07, 2013.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, April 09, 2013 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on Thursday, April 04, 2013, at 19:00 hours, (07:00pm).

Remember to support the other groups of our Post Home as well, the AUX, SAL, ALR and Boy Scouts, with their scheduled breakfasts and various fund raisers.

As your Commander, remember, if there are any questions, or suggestions to improve our Post, please contact myself, or any of the other officers, at your convenience. Don't forget we have the WEB site up and running with all the information about the Post, and scheduled events. Visit it at www.legionpost72.org.

You can also pick up a copy of the Monthly News Letter at the Post, have it e-mailed to you, or buy a subscription to have it mailed to you.

For God & Country

Mike Freeman — Commander

Adjutant's Corner

I want to personally thank Sandy Glascock, for her sensitive nose and keen sense of smell, in recognizing a gas leak at the Post Home on Friday, March 22, 2013. Also, thanks to House Committee Chairman, Joe Grimsley, who contacted the Warrenton Fire Department Chief to investigate Sandy's concern. The inspection identified that there truly was a gas leak and the building was immediately evacuated and closed at 11:45am. Columbia Gas was notified and responded very quickly. By 3:30pm, a new meter was installed to replace the defective one, and we were back in business as usual to accommodate our Friday evening dining crowd.

Again many thanks to all that were involved in averting this potential disaster. This is an excellent example of teamwork in not only making our Post home safe, but also in identifying and correcting problems so we can all enjoy our facility.

Just a reminder, the Consolidated Report is due by June 1, 2013. I will need your information from the various programs to complete the report. So please be prepared to submit your information to me by the end of May.

Remember to get your \$1,000 raffle tickets with drawing April 12, 2013 at the lounge or see me. I am asking all of you to please support our programs and purchase a ticket or two, for just \$2.00 each as a donation. This has proven to be one of our easiest and fastest fundraisers so do your part and help take the burden off those 18 to 20 members who help distribute the tickets.

While discussing fundraisers, I urge all members to chip in and help get ads, golfers and sponsors for our annual golf tournament (biggest fund raiser for our programs) scheduled for May 13, 2013. Please contact me at 540-270-3148 if you have any players, sponsors and advertisers, etc. or questions and I can be of assistance.

Also, remember elections are in May and nominees will be presented at the April meeting with additional nominees taken from the floor.

Congratulations to our SAL for their 35th Birthday this past March 23, 2013.

For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America
John H. Sinclair — Adjutant

House Chairman News:

Again, I want to thank all of our volunteers who help around the Social Quarters. As always, their hard work is appreciated by all of us. A big thanks goes to Sandy for coming in and helping out in the kitchen, from the start until the finish of each and every day. Thanks also to Dottie, Judy, Neal, Cathy, Stan and Patty for helping. If I have omitted anyone, please accept my apology, as it was not intentional.

This month the VA Representative will be here at Post 72 on April 17, 2013, at 10:00am, to assist all veterans and their families.

Make sure that you purchase raffle tickets from Miss Donna. These raffles provide much needed additional revenue to support our Post, and our programs.

The Social Quarters and our Post belong to all of us, so please come out and show your support.

For God and Country
Joe Grimsley — House Committee Chairman

BSA Troop 600 & Crew 600

Troop 600 website: www.troop600.org

Activities:

BSA Troop 600 meets on Monday evenings, 7:15pm - 8:30pm in the upstairs hall at Post 72.

During the month of March, the troop welcomed 10 Webelo's Cub Scouts who crossed over to become new Boy Scouts in Troop 600. We welcome the new scouts to the troop and hope they enjoy the troop and make the most out of their scouting experience.

The Golden Eagles will be instruction the troop on first aid requirements this month.

This month, the troop conducted a Round Robin campout where the new scouts were instructed in basic scouting skills and were able to start. The new scouts enjoyed the instruction by the older scouts and learned a lot. The instructors were well prepared and did an excellent job. The campout went very well.

Several of the Troop Scouts attended the annual District Merit Badge Midway.

Notices: We're getting closer to our Mulch Delivery Day, Saturday, April 6, 2013. For our newer families, our mulch "distribution" area is 475 Holiday Court / Warrenton. This is off Walker Drive, right next to the Holiday Inn Express and up the road from Old Town Athletic Club. Meeting time: 6:30 am-7:00am, Delivery Starts at: 7:15am (gather, discuss safety), We will be passing out their requirements for Scout and Tenderfoot ranks. [I got my 100 bags. You can't beat the price and service. Webmaster.]

Parents: We are in need of people with trucks & trailers to help the Scouts deliver the mulch! We also need parents to drive as a "chaser" vehicle to transport Scouts to assist in deliveries. Having enough parents to help deliver is as important as having enough scouts to deliver! Please help if you can! Please let us know how many bags your truck and/or trailer will hold (bags are approx. 40lbs/each). Thank you to those that have let us know they can drive as it helps us plan better for the day.

Food & Drinks: We will be needing donations of food & drinks for the day! Donuts, bagels & muffins are great for the morning, however these boys & adults will need sustenance to get through the day! Lunch will be provided. Suggestions for snacks are: Snacks: Granola Bars, Chips, Cereal Bars, peanut butter crackers, etc, Fruit: Apples, Bananas, Grapes, Clementines, Drinks: Apple juice, Gatorade, Water.

Scouts: If you have friends that are in need of Community Service Hours, please invite them to help on Mulch Delivery Day!

\$\$ SAP \$\$ Earning Opportunities (Bonus!!!) How, you ask? We have many mulch spreading opportunities as a result of this mulch fundraiser. Ideally we need to get the mulch spread as soon after our delivery day as possible. If a Scout is interested, we need to know the following:

1. Scout availability for the dates of Sunday, April 7th thru Sunday, April 14th, 2 Scouts per job unless we feel the need for more (larger jobs).
2. Parent availability, we will need an adult to supervise 2 scouts.
3. Have a rake & work gloves. Note** Priority will go to groups of 2 that have an adult available**

We have several wonderful items of apparel that are available for order until April 8. New for 2013!! We've added fleece jackets to the Troop 600 logo line! Also, don't miss this chance to get your troop T-shirts for summer camp!! Here are the items and prices (all items are unisex, except for the polo shirts, as noted) and all bear the formal Troop Logo and the T-shirts have the informal Class B logo on the back: Short sleeved T-shirt \$18, Long sleeved T-shirt \$22, Hoodie \$42, Ladies Polo shirt \$26, Men's Polo shirt \$25, Grey fleece jacket \$30.

There will have samples at each troop meeting for those who need to verify sizes. Again, all orders and full payment must be turned in by April 8, no exceptions.

Adult Training: May 3-5, 2013: Friday 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday. It's time to sign up for the once-a-year training experience at Camp Big Mac in Markham, Virginia. Learn the skills to become an effective Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, committee member or interested parent. LST/IOLS stands for Leader Specific Training/Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Sometimes LST refers to Leadership Skills Training, but it's the same thing. It's a comprehensive introduction to the Boy Scout program. Participants learn not only by classroom instruction and demos, but also by living as Boy Scouts for 3 days. It's intense, it's fun, and you will come away with Scout Spirit as well as knowledge. Since it starts around 8 AM on Friday, you'll need to plan now to take that day off. The rewards are definitely there; in the quality of the program this training will prepare you to deliver. The

costs, including food and council fees, will be \$80. [Did this training when I was a Den Leader. Worth the money and time for anyone in any organization where you will be teaching other people's children. Webmaster.]

Mr. Wittington wanted to remind the scouts not to forget their summer camp signup sheet, fees and camp merit badge schedule. Mr. Wittington will have copies of the Ranger Challenge Registration with him if any scouts want to participate in that program. The Voyager Trek info has just been supplied. Summer camp is June 16-22 at T. Brady Saunders. Early bird fee is \$255, 50% of that is due March 18. Start deciding what merit badges you want to take!

Upcoming Events:

April 6th MULCH DELIVERY

April 19-21 Rappahannock campout — 21st District Camp-o-ree

Rank Advancement:

Luke W. achieved his Scout Rank

Zachary O. achieved his Scout Rank.

Billy W. earned his Silver Palm for his Eagle Scout Rank. A special congratulations to Billy for achieving another palm!!!

Congratulations to Luke and Zach on achieving their first scout advancement

BSA Troop 600 meets on Monday evenings, 1915 - 2030 hours (7:15 - 8:30pm) in the upstairs hall at Post 72.

BSA Crew 600 meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 1930 - 2030 hours (7:30 - 8:30 pm). We invite you to come by and see what Troop & Crew 600 are all about.

Come "Feel the Thunder at Troop 600".

For God and Country

Claude Davenport — Troop 600 Representative

American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program (ALJSSP):

Last month, the team competed in the March Old Dominion Junior Rifle League's (ODJRL) competition, by shooting the standard 3x10 course in Richmond, Virginia. Five of our shooters; Sean, Blake, Max, Sam, and Abram, represented the Post 72 team proudly.

The Post 72 Team remains on track at this month's competition, winning a fourth place overall finish out of 8 teams with a team score of 820 with 6 bull's-eyes. Our shooters scores are as follows: Blake (215-3), Max (208-1), Sean (204-0), Abram (193-2) and Sam (170-1). An excellent job Team!! Our thanks to Mr. Derek Hardy for providing transportation to the March competition.

Our next competition will be Saturday April 20th at Osborn Park High School, in Manassas, VA, for the American Legion Northern Regional Competition. The Post 72 Team is definitely showing the potential to excel in the District and very possibly the State competition this year.

We will be holding our annual Shot Group Challenge in May. This is a fundraiser to offset the costs of the Post's Junior Shooting Sports Program. Please come out and try your shooting skills. More information to follow.

We offer our continued thanks Comrade Hugh Long for his generous participation with firearms history and contributions to the Team.

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team practices on Thursday evenings, 1830 - 2030hrs in the Legion Hall. We welcome anyone from the Post family to come by to see the program and watch the shooters practice.

For God and Country

Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Bill Gouldthorpe, & Lance Davenport — ALJSSPO Team Coordinator

Auxiliary News:

We don't have much to report on this month, as things have been fairly quiet and not much is happening presently.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers who come out and work hard to make our Social Quarters function successfully. These volunteers often go unrecognized, but their efforts are greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all of us who use our facility.

There is a donated basket of "goodies" behind the bar to be raffled. Please show your support to our Auxiliary and the Social Quarters by purchasing tickets for this raffle. As always the money made on these raffles benefit all of us in the Legion Family.

I want to personally thank Sandy, for having a great sense of smell on March 22, 2013. We had a gas leak, and Sandy was the first to have noticed it. Fortunately, a potential disaster was averted. Although we were temporarily shut down for a few hours, it has been fixed and everything is fine once again.

We will be having a "Silent Auction," from April 12, 2013 until May 04, 2013. The proceeds from this event will be used to enable a local girl to attend "Girl's State." Please show your support by donating items to auctioned off, and also by bidding on many of fine items available.

Remember that the Auxiliary breakfast will be held as usual on the second Sunday, April 14, 2013, from 09:00am until 12:00pm (noon). Please come out and help if you are available.

For God and Country

Donna Webb — President

Sons of the Legion News:

I want to thank everyone that showed up to our Saint Patrick's Day breakfast. Joe O Lechwar was the great Leprechaun, and all who attended enjoyed his presence. Great outfit Joe!

A special thanks goes to Cale, for once again displaying his exception culinary skills, and cooking a great breakfast. Also, thanks to all the other members who helped, Jules, Clint Donna, Joe and Justin and Mike.

Also thanks to Frieda for donating some home baked green frosted cupcakes for our fundraiser.

I would also like to thank the Legionnaires at Post 72 for inviting myself, and the rest of the board of the SAL Squadron to their monthly meeting to recognize us for our 35th birthday. It was an honor and a privilege to speak briefly at the meeting, and to have some nice conversation with some of our veteran friends.

We hope most of you will be able to attend our April breakfast. We will be having our official birthday celebration that day. Some SAL members and guests from around the district will be coming by to have breakfast with us. Please come on out for our 35th Birthday Celebration on April 21, 2013.

For God & Country

Ted Kilby — Commander SAL Squadron 72

American Legion Riders News:

[ALR Facebook Page](#) — You will be asked to log into Facebook.

The American Legion Riders had their Chili Cook Off and it was a little disappointing with the number of entrees this year, however there was more than enough Chili for all, thanks to the members that put their Chili up for the vote. Paul Baker again had the Best Over All Chili with his "bone Yard Chili." Mark won open class and Paul walked away with the rest of the awards. Paul stated it was all do to his visiting chef "Bone Yard Pete." Best of all, we keep the trophy for another year!

We again supported the Missing in America Mission on March 16, 2013 where we had the honor of putting 27 veterans & 7 spouses to rest at Quantico National Cemetery. To find out more on these events go to www.miap.us

We have a Poker Run coming in May on the 4th, so put it on your calendar. We also have our Bike & Car Show scheduled in Sept., of course along the way we will be supporting other events at different Posts, so keep checking you email and the meeting minutes.

We look forward to another year supporting of events for our Veterans. Please don't forget to support the Post events. Our members were very well represented at our breakfast this last month and we thank everyone for working the event. We would especially like to thank Annandale ALR for turning out for our breakfast in March. Also thanks go to Donna for all of her usual help as well.

Don't forget our Post WEB site at www.legionpost72.org and for all that are on Facebook, go to American Legion Riders Post 72 Warrenton, VA, for additional information. We have a lot of events being posted from us and other post in the area. Remember, the ALR breakfast is on Sunday, April 28, 2013. Please come out, help if you can, and enjoy our all you can eat breakfast.

Our next ALR meeting is on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 07:00pm. Hope to see you all there.

For God & Country

Keith "Wally" Burdette — Director, American Legion Riders, Post 72

Social Quarters:

Remember, we will continue to serve "all you can eat" breakfasts every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm. 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 will remain at \$6.00 for adults. Children ten and under is half price, at \$3.00 each.

The **1st Saturday each month** we have Karaoke with Terry at the club from 7pm to 10:00pm. Come out and check this out, it is a lot of fun for all!

Due to the lack of participation, we will no longer be having the "Cook's Choice" dinner, on the third Saturday, and the Steak Dinner Special, on the fourth Saturday, during the winter months.

We also have our popular bowling game plus our pool table is open for play after dinner. We like to turn the juke box up and dance and kick our feet up, so make Friday night your evening to spend with us! You won't regret it.

We would love to have you join in and make it even more fun. It's not expensive and the kids can play also.

Don't forget our schedule of Saturday Night Events:

The 1st Saturday each month

we have [Karaoke](#) with Terry at the club from 7pm to 10:00pm. Come out and check this out, it is a lot of fun for all!

Don't forget our 16-item Bar Menu! You can order from this menu any time, Friday's we do try to only serve Steak and Seafood however, we do make exceptions for those that have food allergies that would like to order other than seafood on that night. We want all to enjoy the night of dining out we will gladly make that hamburger with love!

We also have our popular pool table is open for play after dinner and we hope to have our bowling game back soon.

We like to turn the jukebox up and dance and kick our feet up, so make Friday night your evening to spend with us! You won't regret it.

Please remember we have **WiFi** in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is www.legionpost72.org

GAMES at the Post:

Queen of Hearts drawing is every Tuesday at 7pm.
Come out and have some fun with us!

Around the Post

Bike and Car Show Flyer, for September 28, 2013

Past Commander and present ALR Adjutant Paul Baker, with "Bone Yard Pete" at the recent ALR Chili Cook off

Sgt at Arms Ed Deneale and SAL "Leprechaun", Joe Lechwar, at our Sunday SAL Breakfast

Golf Tournament Flier

SAL Birthday



Editor's and Webmaster's Note:

Do you have an interesting story of interest to other members of the post?

*Articles for the **March** Newsletter are due by **April 25, 2013**. Please email them to Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter"*

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