

# News at Post 72

# April 2014

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## **Post 72 Officers**

### American Legion Post 72 Officers:

Commander: Mike Freeman

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Jesse Montgomery

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Bill Gouldthorpe, Jr.

Adjutant: John Sinclair

Finance Officer: Claude Davenport

Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard

Sergeant at Arms: Ed Deneale

Chaplain: Steve McLeod

Service Officer: Wesley Simms

Historian: Stan Adamowicz

### Auxiliary Officers:

President: Donna Webb

Vice President: Julie Gordon

Secretary: Rochelle Ferguson "Shell"

Treasurer: Rosie Limerick

Chaplain: Dottie Howell

Sergeant at Arms: Sandy Glascock

Historian: Patty Freeman

### Sons of the American Legion:

Commander: Ted Kilby

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Joe Lechwar

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Justin Labell

Adjutant: Clint Bolt

Finance Officer: Clint Bolt

Sergeant at Arms: Jules Juliano

Chaplain: Tom Carter

Service Officer: Tom Carter

Historian:

### American Legion Riders:

Director: Terrie Harne

Assistant Director: Claude Davenport

Adjutant: Paul Baker

Treasurer: Steve Ralls

Sergeant at Arms: Mark Burdette

Run Coordinator: Mark Burdette

Membership Chairman: Steve Ralls

Chaplain: Samuel Jesselson

### American Legion Post 72 Corporation:

Jim Rankin

Paul Baker

Bill Buck

Joe Grimsley

## **The Commander's Corner**



Once again it is my very sad duty to announce that we have lost another Post 72 Legion family member. 2nd Vice Commander William "Bill" Gouldthorpe, Jr. passed away unexpectedly last month. Bill was a personal friend of mine, and was an active member here at Post 72. Besides his duties as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, he was also the Building and Grounds Committee Chairman, as well as a Range Safety Officer and fellow Junior Shooter Cadre member.

As many of you knew, Bill was born and raised here in Warrenton, and lived in this area for most of his life. Words cannot express how much he will be missed by us all. Please remember him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

I want to thank the nominating Committee of Jack Flood, Paul Baker, Dean Jacobs and Jim Rankin. They had the difficult task of finding officers to fill some of the positions for the upcoming elections. Remember that we will be taking additional nominations from the floor, and I am encouraging anyone who is interested in serving as an officer to volunteer.

I am once again honored to be nominated to serve another term as your Commander. Although we have made some progress, there is still much work to be done here at Post 72, and I am asking all of you to participate and help where you can.

I have appointed Randy Johnson to serve as the Building and Grounds Committee Chairman that had become vacant. Please support and help Randy whenever possible.

We still 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 of each month. Our next breakfast will be held on April 06, 2014.

Remember to support the other groups of our Post Home, as well as the AUX, SAL, ALR, Junior Shooters and the Boy Scouts.

Our thoughts and prayers go to "Mr. Frank" Marino, Bill White, and Andy Andrew's

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wife who have all been hospitalized recently.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, April 08, 2014 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on the first Thursday again this month, on April 04, 2014 at 19:00 hours, (7:00pm).

As your Commander, if there are any questions or suggestions to improve our Post, please contact myself or any of the other officers, at your convenience.

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 and Country

**Mike Freeman - Commander**

## Adjutant's Corner

Reminder that nominations from the floor are due at the April 8, 2014 General Membership meeting so if you have any candidates for the Executive Committee or Board of Directors please be prepared to make a nomination(s).

### Dates to remember:

March 30, 2014 2:00PM 16<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference at Post 290 in Stafford

April 5, 2014 11:00AM District Baseball meeting at Post 247

April 5, 2014 5:30PM National Vice-Commander Dinner at Post 330 in Culpeper

April 6, 2014 8:00AM National Vice-Commander Breakfast at Post 290 in Stafford

May 12, 2014 Post Golf Tournament at Stonewall Golf Club

May 13, 2014 ELECTIONS General Membership meeting at 7:30PM

**May 23, 2014 the Consolidated Report due so please provide me with your program(s) information.**

Many thanks to those who helped distribute the March 21, 2014 raffle tickets. The winning number is 649 and the winner has 30 days until April 20, 2014 to claim.

God bless our Veterans, legion family and our dedicated troops and pray for a speedy recovery for those that have health issues. God bless our departed Comrades and may they rest in peace.

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For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America

**John H. Sinclair – Adjutant**



## Auxiliary News

We want to thank and recognize all of our volunteers who help out here at the Post. I want to extend a very special thanks to Neil Labell, who is always available and on call when we ask him to help in the Social Quarters or the kitchen. Regardless of the situation, Neil can be counted on to provide whatever assistance is needed. Thanks again Neil!

We also wish Dottie a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

We are having another Bake Sale, on Friday and Saturday, April 18-19, 2014. Please donate some items and participate to support or various programs and help our Post.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be on Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 2:00pm. This is also our monthly second Sunday breakfast, so please come out and help and attend the meeting immediately afterwards.

For God and Country

**Donna Webb – President**



## Sons of the Legion News

Once again around Saint Patrick's Day everyone coming into post 72 was greeted by the famous Leprechaun, Joseph O'lechar. Joe is such a multitalented entertainer, that he was also asked to come over and entertain patrons of MacMahons.

Our thanks go to Jules and Cale, Chip, Donna and Joe for a breakfast serving 37 patrons.

Our next scheduled monthly SAL meeting is April 1, 2014 at 7:00. All SAL members need to remember that may we hold our annual elections at our regularly scheduled meeting. I hope to see some new faces and have plenty in attendance, as the more input and fresh ideas we have the better and more effective an organization we will become.

We hope as April approaches the weather will be getting a lot better after going through one of the toughest winters in recent memory. I am sure everyone is ready for

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warmer temperatures. Everything seems to look better in the spring.

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**Ted Kilby** – SAL Commander



## Legion Riders News

As I'm writing this, the snow is falling, so for us riders, I know all of us are getting real tired of this snow. Not sure where spring went to??

For this month we have a few things starting up. For the one's that didn't make the meeting we all voted to raise the breakfast price. With as much food that you get raising the price is only fair so starting in April the price is going up to \$7.00.

Keep this date open, June 28th was decided our next poker run so mark your calendar now. Don't forget May 22 and 23 for the Thank You Card Project, plans are being made and routes are now being worked on. Please get as many riders to come to this event as I plan on videotaping and getting pictures for new a video.

Honor flights are starting April 5th and emails will be sent out for the riders that would like to join, along with other Posts and riders for escorts to DC.

This month we will be doing the nominations for the new slate of officer's. This is one meeting you don't want to miss. The Slate of officers needed is a Director, Assistant Director, Adjutant, Treasurer, Road Captains, Historian, and SGT-at-Arms.

Also for the one's that didn't make the meeting last month we are still looking for a chair person to take over the role of organizing our Bike and Car show. So if you would like to Chair this event please let Terrie or Paul know.

April 27, 2014 is our next ALR breakfast and I hope to see a lot more riders coming out and supporting this. Judy has once again volunteered to cook for us this month, so we will just have to wait and see what kind of surprises she has up her sleeve... maybe French toast again!

Special thanks goes out to the dedicated volunteers Claude, Mike, George, Sam, Paul, and Collin, "our toast master", that worked the

breakfast last month. Thank you all so much and also please remember to thank Donna and her crew for always supporting the riders.

Our next meeting is going to be April 5th, 2014 at 7:00pm. I know it cold but it's warm at the Post and I hope to see you there. For God and Country

**Terrie Harne** – Director, America Legion Riders

## BSA Troop 600 & Crew 600

### Boy Scout Troop 600 & Crew 600:

**Troop 600:** Boy Scouting, one of the traditional membership divisions 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 fifth grade and are at least 10, OR who are 11, but not yet 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:

- The Webelo's have begun their crossover and so far, 4 of them have joined the thunderous scouting family of our troop. The troop is planning a special event in the troop's campsite at Verdun to welcome them.
- Scouts have made their selections for the Blue Ridge Mountain summer camp programs in southwestern Virginia. They plan to be attending 3 different camp areas. Again, Mr. Eric Johnson has done in incredible job in working with the scouts to obtain their best adventure for this summer.
- 14 of our crew, scouts and leaders were able to dodge the snow and attend the one day, University of Scouting in Alexandria, VA.
- The one day program armed our group with new, special, and useful knowledge, skills, and abilities.
- Many scouts attended BSA's Merit Badge Midway programs to achieve a variety of required merit badges.
- Congrats to the troop's newest ASM, Tim Nosel. Tim will be responsible for our guiding our newest scout patrol.

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- Eagle Scout, Billy Weitz is now a registered adult assistant Webelo Leader for Pack 1166. We extend our best wishes with mentoring the very young future leaders.

## Recent Rank Advancements:

Second Class: Peter Nosel

Second Class: Luke Warfield

## Upcoming Events:

- Mulch distribution on Sat, April 5
- Yearly swim test TBA
- Home and Garden service work at the fairgrounds, April 26
- Troop's Court of Honor on Monday, April 28

**Meeting information:** The Scouts general meeting 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 leaders. Crew 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.

## Recent Notable Activities/Events:

The Crew, in conjunction with the scouts participated in a land navigation/map and compass class. The Crew gained valuable, additional skills and knowledge for their summer trip and Scouts earned the Orienteering Merit Badge as well as all similar requirements for rank advancement.

The Crew continues to prepare themselves for their Northern Tier trip this summer. The members have the opportunity to earn credits toward their Bronze Award which will only be available until the end of the year.

The Crew attended a Leadership Training at Harper's Ferry. Look for a report on this activity in the next newsletter.

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## Upcoming Venturing Events: TBA

**Meeting information:** Venturing meets on Monday evenings with the exception of the 2nd Monday of the month, from 1915 – 2030 hours (7:15pm – 8:30pm) in the meeting hall at Post 72. We invite young people to come by and see what Venturing is all about.

For God and Country

*Claude Davenport - Troop 600 & Crew Liaison*

## 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.

On 7 March, the Post 72 Air Rifle Team was shocked to learn of the loss of our Senior Range Safety Officer, Mr. Bill Gouldthorpe, to a tragic sudden illness. Mr. Bill was a founding Cadre member to the Team and will be greatly missed. The Team's current members, and several graduated Team members, showed their compassion and support for the Goldthorpe family, by attending, in mass, Mr. Bill's viewing and wearing the teams red hoodies in Bill's memory.

## Recent Notable Activities/Events:

- Chris and Isaiah have successfully completed the American Legion Basic Marksmanship Certification, entitling them to compete in all sanctioned American Legion Matches. Congratulation to Chris and Isaiah on a job well done.
- The Post 72 Air Rifle Team's competed in the American Legion National Postal Match for the first time. The Team placed 90<sup>th</sup> out of 275 teams, placing in

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the upper 32%, and an excellent showing for their first time out.

- The Team received five brand new Crossman PCP Challenger air rifles and five new rifle cases in conjunction with a grant from the Friends of the National Rifle Association. Total value of the grant was \$3,123. Our heartfelt thanks to the Friends of the NRA for their most generous grant.
- We would like to welcome a new member to the Cadre, Mr. Bruce "Andy" Anderson, son-in-law of Bill Gouldthorpe. Andy has joined the Team's Cadre in honor of Bill and to continue the support Bill provided the Team.

## Match Results:

- The ODJRL Class results for February are: Sam with a 255 for 2nd place AAT Class (Top Class); Sean with a 247 for 4th place ATT Class; Abram with a 210 for a 4<sup>th</sup> place A Class; William with a 213 for a 1st place C Class; Savannah with a 206 for a 2<sup>nd</sup> place TYRO Class (moving up to B Class); and Caden with a 133 for a 3<sup>rd</sup> place TYRO B Class. The Team continues to hold a firm lock on 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall with a score of 925.004
- The ODJRL Team results for March (final ODJRL match this season): On 15 March, the Post 72 Air Rifle Team participated in the March ODJRL Competition at Post 72. Post 72 was very well represented by 10 shooters; Abram, Isaiah, Sean, Max, Jake, Sam, Penny, Savannah, Zachary and Caden. Our Team score was **977 with 19 bulls**. This score was achieved by the top four shooters: Sean with a 256-2, Sam with a 244-6, Max with a 240-4 and Abram with a 237-7. The team did an excellent job, coming in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the North Region and 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall for the League.

## Qualifications:

During February, several Team members made advancement on their NRA qualifications as noted below:

**Basic Practical:** Chris & Isaiah

**Sharpshooter:** Chris & Isaiah

Congratulations to Isaiah and Chris.

## Upcoming Events:

- **5 April 2014:** ALJSSP Northern Region, Dept. of VA Qualifier, Osborn Park High School, Manassas, VA

## Practice Times:

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team practices on Thursday evenings, 1830 – 2030hrs in the Legion Hall throughout the school year. 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, Lance Davenport, Quentin Peach, Bob Roda, Andy Andrews, Patty Freeman, & Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)**- Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team Cadre

## House Chairman News

Our Social Quarters is a place for all members and friends to enjoy. Thanks to everyone who have stepped up to help in this effort.

We are working each day to improve your club. I have contracted someone to be in the kitchen daily during lunch, which enables Donna to be out front and better serve you. Please thank Sandy for stepping up and taking the job.

We hope you have seen the sofa we have as a raffle item to support the Post. This is a High Grade Leather Sofa with two electric recliners, one on each side. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We also offer a pull tab game on this sofa where you can win 36 additional tickets on the sofa, if you win. Again, the pull tabs are only \$1 ea. We want to give a Special Thanks to Rankin's Furniture for providing the sofa!

You may also think we have too many raffles and games at the Social Quarter. But the idea is to have something for everyone and in the same time make some money to support the Post. To keep the Post open it takes money and we need to make that funding in different ways to ensure Post 72 stays around for a long time.

I again would like to thank all that supported us getting the new bar stools. We have received many compliments and it appears that everyone loves them! Thanks to all!

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Please remember the changes in the smoking rules within the Social Quarters, and everyone has been very helpful in ensuring it has worked out to this point, thanks.

If any members wish to address and discuss anything with me about the Social Quarters, good or bad, please feel free to do so. I would like it done via a signed letter with a number that I can reply to, with an answer. However, I am open to verbal requests and statements as well.

I would like to thank all the volunteers at the Post that help the Social Quarters and hope they will continue throughout the year. I also hope others that want to see the Social Quarter's prosper continue to come out and help as well.

Members, always remember that you can bring as many friends to the Social Quarters & the events within. Please check the calendar for more information.

For God and Country

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

## Social Quarters

The Queen of Hearts is back on Tuesday nights at 7pm, only \$1.00 per chance to win. For details swing by the post and ask for a copy of the rules.

The Social Quarters is still having gun pull tabs where you can be the owner of a new pistol for just \$1.00 per chance.

As always, we want to thank all of our volunteers who come in and work so hard.

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 has changed to \$7.00 for adults. Children twelve and under is unchanged, at \$3.00 each.** This change is due to the cost of everything going up and up.

Don't forget our 14-item Bar Menu! You can order from this menu for lunch or any time. We also have luncheon specials during the week. The Thursday hamburger steak special has become a favorite for many! On Friday

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evenings we continue to serve Steak and Seafood dinners. However, we do make exceptions for those that have food allergies that would like to order something other than seafood on that night.

We also have our popular pool table is open for play after dinner. Come out and have some fun with us!

Please remember we have **Wi-Fi** in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is [www.legionpost72.org](http://www.legionpost72.org)

**Articles for the May Newsletter are due by April 25, 2014. Please email them to [Off2oc1@comcast.net](mailto:Off2oc1@comcast.net) Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor." Thank you!**  
**Patty Freeman, Editor**

## Photos from around the Post



World War II veteran, Andy Andrews and SAL "Leprechaun" Joe Lechwar celebrate St. Patrick's Day at a recent SAL Sunday breakfast



Post 72 Junior Shooters at a Thursday evening's practice, hone their skills for the upcoming American Legion Northern Region Competition on April 05, 2014