

News at Post 72 April 2017

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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

Post Officer and Board or Directors election process for 2017/2017 has begun. At the March general membership meeting, the Nominating Committee provided a proposed slate of candidates as directed by Article VI, Section 11 of the John D. Sudduth American Legion Post 72 Bylaws. The slate of candidates proposed for Post Officers are: 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 – open, Chaplain - Steve McLeod, Service Officer – open, Historian - Stan Adamowicz. The slate of candidates proposed for Post 72 Board of Directors are: James Rankin, Paul Baker, Bill Buck, Sam Jesselson, and Jack Flood.

As you can see, the Post needs a member in good standing to fill the Service Officer and the Sergeant at Arms offices. We will be accepting nominations from the floor specifically for these two offices as well as all other offices at the April regular membership meeting, as directed in Article VI, Section 11 of the John D. Sudduth American Legion Post 72 Bylaws. Section 11 also directs the election of Officer and Board of Directors, by secret ballot, at the May regular membership meeting. The newly elected Officers and Directors will installed at the regular membership meeting in June and will take office immediately following the final adjournment of that meeting.

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. Dan is collating your observations and suggestions for work parties this spring. We all need to pitch in to make our Post home a better place.

The property development project is heading for the home stretch. The documents between the LLC and the operation/funding agents are heading to Comrade Jim Downey to review on behalf of the Post. We are hoping to have a final meeting with the Post's Board of

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Directors, and LLC partners within a few weeks. We are still looking at a ground breaking late spring. I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received.

I respectfully ask all of you to look at your calendar, pick just 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.

As always, I would like to invite all Post 72 Legionnaire members to attend the monthly business meetings whenever you can. 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 April, 2017 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on the Thursday before the business meeting, 13 April, 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

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Chrissy Ritchie, who was a long time Post 72 Auxiliary member and widow of Past Commander Larry Ritchie, Chrissy recently passed away after a long courageous battle with her illness. She will be missed by all.

We want to thank our volunteers that help all the time. Your efforts are much appreciated by all of us. Additionally I want to recognize both "Michele" and "Rhonda", (they know who we're talking about), for helping us with cooking on several occasions.

I don't have anything new to report this month. Our next breakfast is Sunday, March 12, 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

Commander Ted Kilby and Adj. Clint Bolt attended the American Legion Spring Conference in Virginia Beach on March 10-12. Squadron 72 donated the following money; \$200 to each of the 3 Fishers houses here in VA We also donated \$100 each to the National Emergency Fund, Children's Welfare Fund and Operation Comfort Warrior, Soldier's Wish, The Legacy Scholarship Fund and The Endowment Fund, which are American Legion charities.

While at the meeting Clint and I were honored to meet SAL National Vice Commander Bill Kelly from Jacksonville Fla., and Charles Smidtztz, American Legion National Commander, who spoke to us at the VA&R committee.

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Thanks to all the gang that helped with the march Breakfast. I would like to remind some of members that we still have quite a few that have not paid or picked up your membership, if you could do this as soon as possible by dropping off at post or sending to Clint Bolt.

I would also like to remind all SAL members that May is election month, if you are interested in being an officer or being involved in voting process please attend the May meeting. We also need our membership to recruit new members.

Our condolences go out to Jake Ritchie over the passing of his mother Christine, who was a former Auxiliary member. Her late husband Larry Ritchie was a Post 72 Past Commander.

For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

April's here! Our Riders breakfast went very well thanks to all that came out and enjoyed breakfast. This month's breakfast will be April the 23rd please come out to support the Riders and the volunteers that worked the breakfasts every month.

We have some exciting events coming up for the Riders April 7th 8th and 9th we are planning a trip to Norfolk to visit with fellow Riders and VFW riders for a poker run if you would like to join in the ride and the stay for that weekend please let Terrie know.

Please be on the lookout for all motorcycles on the road the starting of riding season for some of us so please be careful. Our monthly meeting this month is going to be April 5th starting at 7 p.m. come and join us if you have some new ideas. Are you willing to take on a new challenge? It would be nice to bring some fresh ideas to the Legion Riders.

We also have elections coming up positions that need to be filled would be director, assistant director, treasurer/ secretary and also adjutant. New positions will be voted on soon so if you would like to volunteer to hold an office please come to this month's meeting.

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 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 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 self-reliance and the importance of community spirit.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

- Eagle Scout Candidate Zachary completed his Eagle Project and is planning his Board of Review
- Jeffery, Allen and Josh are all finalizing their propose Eagle Projects.

Upcoming Scout Events:

- April 8, 2017: Spring Mulch Delivery
- TBD: Spring Court of Honor

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

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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:

- Sarah Blesener, a published photo journalist, followed the Warrenton Rifles at a recent practice, as part of a documentary on patriotic youth groups. Sarah will be returning to shadow the Rifles the last week of April and at the American Legion, Dept of VA, North Region qualification match.
- The Warrenton Rifles Cobra Team (Sam, John, Carson & Dylan) and the Python team (Jacob, Hunter G, Seth & Gage) and Sean as an independent precision athlete, were invited to the Civilian Marksmanship Programs, North East Region (11 state area) Championship, held at Camp Perry, OH on 30 March – 1 April.
- After the two day competition, Team Cobra finished in 7th regionally with a 4,159-103 and Team Python finished 13th place finish with a 3,865-52! Nationally, the teams placed 16th and 32nd nationally. This was the first CMP Regional Championship for new shooters Seth and Gage. Great job shooters!
- Several of our parents provided support and transportation of the shooters attending the CMP regional championship. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Hardy, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Childers & Mr. Carver. Without your support, our shooters would not have been able to participate in this event. Also, thanks to the Grogg family for the much needed water and snacks!

- Individually, Sam finished in 9th place in sporter class with a 1087-37. Sean finished in 9th place in precision class with an outstanding 1166-77! Congratulation on an excellent showing. It looks like Sam and Sean are on the short list to be invited to the CMP National Championships in June. This would be the third year in a row Sam and Sean have participated in the CMP National Championship.
- The Warrenton Rifles will be participating in the American Legion, Dept of VA, North Region qualification match on 23 April, 2017, held at the Arlington/Fairfax Izaak Walton League in Centreville, VA. Our best wishes for an awesome match.
- Sean has also been invited to the CMP Regional Championship as an independent precision athlete! Sean qualified 4th of the top 25 individual precision shooters in the CMP Postal match. Another outstanding performance by Sean! Congratulations!!
- Our Warrenton Rifles Coordinator, Claude Davenport, has been invited to be part of the Range Safety Officer staff at the American Legion's 2017 National Championship at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO this coming July.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL)

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Qualifications (NRA): No new awards this month.

New Personal High Score: This has been a stellar month for personal records. Hunter B, 3x10 229-4 & 3x20 450-6; Seth 3x10 265-6 & 3x20 521-5; John 3x20 523-15; Gage 3x10 242-4 & 3x20 450-4; Hunter G, 3x10 254-3 & 3x20 491-4; Sean, 3x10 294-21 & 3x20 588-42; Dylan 3x20 508-10; Jacob K 3x10 204-1 & 3x20 382-2; Sam 3x20 548-20; and Ryan 2x20 528-15; Jacob S 23x20 517-12; and Carson 3x10 273-8 & 535-15. Congratulation to these Warrenton Rifles athletes on setting a new personal high score!

Upcoming Events:

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- 6-9 April, 2017: US Junior Olympic National Championship, Colorado Springs, CO.
- 8 April, 2017: Assist Troop 600 with mulch delivery
- 23 April, 2017: American Legion, Dept. of VA, North Region Qualifier match, IWL, Centerville, VA
- 5-6 May, 2017: American Legion, Dept. of VA Championship match (invitation) Charlottesville, VA
- 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

Practice Times:

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team primary practice is on Thursday evenings, 1830-2030hrs in the Legion Hall. 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

Weather is getting better and it time to get the Tiki Bar up and running 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 also have a very good lunch menu for all to enjoy. Also remember we can always use some help during our Friday Night Dinners and during the week at lunch, so if you can spare some time please volunteer!

I need to give out thanks to all of you that do volunteer. 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 May Newsletter are due by April 25, 2017. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."

Photos from around the Post:



L-R, Auxiliary President Donna Webb, Treasurer Patty Freeman, Sean H. and Commander Claude Davenport. Sean, a Post 72 Junior shooter receives a donation from the Auxiliary to help him attend the United States Olympic Committee's Junior Olympics National Rifle Championship in Colorado Springs, Colorado