

News at the Post December 2011

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Commander's Corner:

Here we are and Christmas is just around the corner. Please check the calendar at the Post for information on our Post Christmas Party, as well as the AUX party for the Children on the 11th. Hope to see you all there!

This month's Legion meeting we will have our two finalists from the oratorical contest present their inputs; make sure you are there to show your support to these young people.

The December Logion meeting will be on the 13th at 7:30pm. Don't forget to support the other groups of our Post Home as well, the AUX, SAL, and ALR with their scheduled meetings. Check the calendar for dates and times.

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
Paul Baker — Commander

House Chairman News:

The Queens are back up and running with a change that due to the game coming pre-packed the employees and any Officers of the Post can now pick their own numbers, etc. just like any other member.

Remember if you don't play the pot will not build up. I understand that some members are not playing because they feel some of the jack pot from the last game should have gone into the next game. You all read the rules for the game and if we did put money from the other game into the next game we would have been breaking the rules. I know if we didn't follow the rules there would have been a large number of members that would have had a problem with that!

So if you feel there should be money put into the next game from the last if the person that is the winner is not there you need to submit a request for a rule change, not a boycott.

We also have lots of other drawings and games at the Post for your enjoyment, so please come in and support you Post Club.

For God and Country
Stan Adamowicz — House Committee Chairman

BSA Troop 600 & Crew 600

The Troop celebrated its annual "Turkey in the Hole" during their November campout at Verdun Adventure Bound, in Culpeper County. You may have seen the write up on this event in the local Fauquier paper. The event can't take place without advanced preparation such as with the cutting of the hard wood, and the digging of a 4 'X 4' X 6' hole the week before. Cooking preparation started at 0400hrs in the morning with the starting and feeding of the fire in order to have the coals to be just right for the six turkeys. When the coals were ready, the birds were cooked Luau style for 4 hours. This event is family based so the parents and siblings arrived in the afternoon with a plethora of covered dishes. This year's Turkey in the Hole was another success. Good time had by all.

Comrade Mr. Clarence "Hugh" Long (Post 72), has volunteered to teach the "Citizenship In the Community" merit badge starting 11/28. Mr. Long is also part of the Post's Jr. Shooting Sports Team, lending support via his extensive knowledge of firearms and their specific histories. We would like to thank Mr. Long for his continued support of the Troop and Jr. Shooting Sports team. Mrs. Kulick started instruction on the Snow Sports merit badge on Nov. 21, in conjunction with the Troop's upcoming ski trip in December.

Upcoming Scouting Events:

Troop Lock-in this Friday (12/2) evening, upstairs at the Post.

The troop's Ski trip will be December 27 - 29.

The Piedmont District "Freeze-o-ree" will be January 27-29, 2012, and is focused on Emergency Preparedness and will be held at Lenn Park near Brandy Station.

Summer Camp: Consideration of possible sites are Goshen, Sethmack or Tuckahoe. No dates set as yet, but likely to be the same as Sea Base event.

"Summit Shakedown" event at the new Scout Reservation in West Virginia, (July 12 - 17) has 15 Scouts signed up from Troop 600.

The Troop meets Monday nights, 1915 - 2030 hrs, upstairs at the Post. The Crew meets the 2nd Sunday each month, in the Auxiliary Building at 1500hrs.

For God and Country

Claude Davenport — Troop 600 Representative

American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program (ALJSSP)

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team will be competing in two Post sponsored events this month. The first event is a "30 Prone" event in which each shooter will shoot three "ten bull" targets from the prone position. The official scoring will be conducted by the ALJSSP Coordinator from Post 759, Chatham, VA in January. The second team completion will be the 2012 Junior Position Air Rifle Tournament, sponsored by American Legion (National). The shooters will fire 60 rounds, 20 each from the prone, standing and kneeling positions. Their scores will give them a standing in the ALJSSP Regional and State rankings.

We would also like to welcome another new shooter, Zach A. to the Post 72 team. Zach is picking up the routine very well and is on his way to be a real competitor.

For God and Country

Claude Davenport — ALJSSPO Team Coordinator

Auxiliary News:

First of all I would like to thank all our Volunteers for helping out on Fridays and any other day that we need them. Thank you all for a job well done!

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to welcome all our new members!

Our next meeting will be January 8th 2012 at 2:30pm. This is also our turn to do breakfast so please come out and support us! We hope to see you here with hungry eyes and empty bellies for us to fill!

Ladies Auxiliary Activities for December:

Children's Xmas Party December 11th from 9:30 till 11:00

Please bring the children for breakfast with Santa!

For God and Country

Donna Webb — President

American Legion Riders News:

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

November weather cooperated for the most part for the Riders. Warm afternoons were always beckoning to us for short pick-up rides. As winter and the Christmas Holidays approach, I want to thank all of the Riders for their enthusiasm, patriotism, and camaraderie shown throughout 2011. Also, I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday filled with family and friends! The Chili Challenge was met with great enthusiasm from most in attendance. We are working to firm up our plans quickly for this event and get information out to the other ALR Chapters! The date of March 24, 2012 has been selected for this No.VA. ALR Challenge, so mark your calendars! Crank up your Chili recipes! More details will follow as they become available.

Our Patriotic Thank You Card Project is underway - invitations have been sent out to all Fauquier County Schools! We've had 4 elementary schools respond positively thus far - P B Smith, C Hunter Ritchie, Claude Thompson, and H M Pearson. Reminder invitations will go out along with a copy of our brochure within the next week or so.

I want to thank everyone for coming out for the Riders' November Breakfast! Once again, all proceeds from the Riders' monthly breakfasts are donated back to the Post. Chef Claude performed admirably at the grill once again! Also, thanks to Mike, Deb, Sam and George for all volunteering to work this Holiday weekend breakfast! George is our newest Rider member and we're happy to have him aboard! We once again owe a special 'Thank You' to Donna and Tootie for preparing the much

of our menu in advance for us - this is greatly appreciated by all the Riders as well as our breakfast patrons!

Post 72 Legion Rider Activities:

December 3rd (Saturday) - Warrenton Christmas Parade Meet up at 9:15AM in the Post parking lot, **KSU at 9:30AM** to leave for parade line-up. Parade starts at 5th & Main at 10 AM! If you don't want to ride (maybe it's too cold?), come anyway - we've made arrangements for Riders to **walk** the parade route along with the bikers! We are scheduled to line up on the South side of Main Street just past Mockingbird Lane at 9:45AM. So if you miss us in the Post parking lot, meet up with us in town! We are positioned just a few entries ahead of the Guest of Honor - Santa! We hope to have a great turn-out for this first-time event!

December 6th (Tuesday) - Chili Challenge Committee Meeting -- 7 pm in the Social Quarters.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, December 7th at 7 PM** in the **Annex Building** (aka the Card Room, located just behind the Post building.) We're meeting in the Annex Building so we can enjoy our adult beverages during the meeting. It's also Spaghetti Night at the Post, so why not come early for dinner? I hope to see everyone there! Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday!

For God & Country

Barbara Truitt — Director

Social Quarters:

The Social Quarters at Post 72 is a happening place because YOU love to have fun and so do we! As usual we have need for volunteers to help with Friday night dinners, and Sunday morning breakfast. Serving, clearing up, washing up, and keeping the kitchen in tip top order. Please do your part as a member of Post 72. The place is what it is because of your generosity as a Member and **volunteer**.

I hope to see you back in the Social Quarters every week so that we may enjoy fun, food and company. We are making plans for the coming months for everyone to enjoy so look at the calendar online or in your newsletter to see what the events are coming up.

Please check our board in the vestibule for weekend events to take place.

Thank You! We would like to thank you all for supporting us with our 50/50 that we have on Friday nights, it keeps growing, kind of makes it exciting to see what the next weeks grand total will be! Also Kudu's to you for supporting our Basket Raffles the funds help out in many ways thru our Legion and with the Women Auxiliary.

Howdy! It is country night at the Legion Social Quarters: Let's dance the night away, country style; Entry price is an unwrapped gift to support "Toys for Tots" December 10th, starting at 6:30PM we will have Stevie doing the DJ thing with some good down home music. Come dressed for the theme. Y'all come on out for some **Hoe-Down Fun!**

Cliff and I wish you Merry Christmas and a most wonderful look ahead to a great New Year!

The Social Quarters is going to be **extending its Sunday hours** so that you may come and enjoy the Football games with us! **Our first Sunday open with hours till 5pm will be November 6, 2011 so come and enjoy our tailgate feast!** We hope you all will participate and bring a dish for others to enjoy. I am hoping that we can have some volunteer cook to show off their kitchen abilities! Maybe we can have some of the guys do their thing! That will be fun. Don't forget your Bartender for she will be working extended hours also! We love you Donna!

Every Friday night is our Steak & Seafood night, we want to thank you for making this our best night of the week! We have great fun after dinner also so consider staying longer to enjoy our new Friday night Dart Tournament; this is becoming a real nail biter! We usually have about 4 teams that make us sit on the edge of our seats, we would love to have you join in and make it even more fun, it's not expensive and the kids can play also. We also have our all too popular bowling game and 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.

Thanks to Terry the DJ for our Karaoke night. Karaoke is on the 1st Saturday of the month. This needs your support if we are to continue with it. Remember Terry is doing this for tips only with no cost to the club, so please show your support and tip him well for his good work!

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!

The 2nd Saturday each month

is our Pot-Luck / Meet & Greet 6 pm to 9 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share or desert and join in the fun.

The 3rd Saturday each month

we have our [Fried or BBQ Chicken Dinner](#) night from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

The 4th Saturday each month

we have [Steak Night](#), (We will cook them on the outside grill when weather permits). We now offer prime cut New York Strip as well as prime cut Rib Eye at a little lower cost when ordering for two. The idea here is for you to bring your love one or a friend to the club. We also have entertainment by the Kooleraters that night.

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!

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

GAMES at the Post:

[Corn Hole](#) Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Darts is on Friday nights.
Pool Tournament is on Thursday nights at 7pm.
Queen of Hearts drawing is every Tuesday at 7pm.
Come out and have some fun with us!



For God & Country
Cathy McElwain — Manager



Get YOUR pin in the Social Quarters from Donna or from any Post 72 Legion Rider! Show your Support! Proceeds benefit Disabled American Veterans!



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Cathy McElwain, Editor*

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