

***News at the Post December 2012***

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Commander's Corner:

It's hard to believe, but 2012 is nearly over, and the new year of 2013 is just around the corner. There is a distinct chill in the air and Christmas is fast approaching! As expected, November was a busy month, with several events here at Post 72.

On November 08, 2012, representatives of Aging Together interviewed several of our World War II and Korean War Veterans. Some of those interviewed were Comrades Roland Tapscott, Jimmy Rankin, Tom Carter and Colonel Bill Richardson. The stories of their military experiences provide a unique and personal insight of the sacrifices made to protect the very freedoms that we all enjoy to this day. This information will be permanently stored so future generations can understand and appreciate their service to our great country.

On Monday, November 12, 2012, we held our annual Veterans Day observance, up on Hospital Hill. This year we all had the honor and privilege to recognize both Roland, (photo below), and Stanley Tapscott, and the Monfort Point Marines of WWII. As many of you know, Roland has been a long time member and was a Past Commander of Post 72.

I want to recognize the Elks Lodge 2737, which regularly support us and meet at our post. The Elks paid for all of the Legionnaires who ate breakfast on Sunday, November 11, 2012, here at Post 72. From all of us veterans, it was greatly appreciated and we thank you!

Again there have been a lot of work activities around the post. Building and Grounds Chairman, Bill Gouldthorpe, along with John Sinclair, have taken steps to fix some of the needed repairs and improvements. Their efforts and also those who have pitched in to help, including Neil, Dave, Joe, Mike, Paul, Claude, and others are much appreciated by all. If I have omitted anyone else, it was not intentional. There is still much work remaining, and as always, if anyone can volunteer their skills, please contact Bill, John or myself.

We are making some progress on the Veterans Plaza project. The concrete wall addition has been poured, and as of this writing, the final fill dirt and the rock dust has been placed, compacted and graded.

“Jules” Juliano has once again gotten materials donated at no cost. Likewise Joe Grimsley arranged for the fill dirt, heavy equipment and manpower in place for the grading. Additionally, John Sinclair got compactors donated for our use, at no cost to our post! This is a fine example of working together for a common goal.

At last month’s meeting, Jimmy Rankin, volunteered to donate the necessary hardware to fix our flagpoles. This has also been completed. A special thanks to Jimmy, for once again helping our organization on this project.

Remember, the Veterans Plaza project is to **honor all veterans, both the living and deceased**. There is a misconception that this is only for those who have passed away. Please clarify this with anybody who has questions about this project.

Also, please continue to support our Post and Social Quarters, and don't forget to thank Donna and for all of her hard work. Check the attached calendar for additional information.

Everyone, remember to keep Miss Tootie and her family in your thoughts and prayers, and wish her a speedy recovery from her recent illness and hospitalization.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on the December 11, 2012 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on Thursday, December 06, 2012, 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.

I am again asking each and every member to volunteer your time and skills, if you can, and serve on one of the numerous committees.

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](http://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.

My wife Patty and I wish all of you, and your families, a safe and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

For God & Country

**Mike Freeman** — Commander

#### Adjutant's Corner

Just a reminder about our \$1,000 raffle scheduled for Friday, December 21, 2012. Check in the lounge to purchase tickets. You can also contact myself, and other members for ticket availability.

For the Good of the Legion

GOD BLESS AMERICA

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**John H. Sinclair** — Adjutant

#### House Chairman News:

Once again, I want to thank all our volunteers who come out every week, work hard and help out wherever they can.

We held our final Queens drawing recently. Ron Meadows was the big winner. Congratulations Ron!

We will be having our members Christmas Party, here at Post 72 on December 15, 2012 from 07:00pm until 10:00pm. Admission is free and there will be light snacks and finger foods provided at no charge. As always, there will be a cash bar available.

Due to the aforementioned Christmas Party, we will not be having our usual Cook's Special on the third Saturday in December.

A special thanks to Neil Labell and Mike Anderson. Due to their labors, we have installed some additional stainless steel on the wall, along and behind the stove in our kitchen. This material was generously donated by Mike.

Remember that the VA Representative will be available, the third Wednesday, December 19, 2012, at 10:00am, here at Post 72.

Again, we all want to send our thoughts and prayers to Tootie, and her family. We all hope she gets better soon.

We still have raffles behind the bar, most of the time. Winter has arrived again and things are a little bit slow, so please come out and support our Social Quarters, as much as possible.

For God and Country  
**Joe Grimsley** — House Committee Chairman

#### BSA Troop 600 & Crew 600

Troop 600 website: [www.troop600.org](http://www.troop600.org)

#### **Activities:**

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

We invite you to come by and see what Troop 600 is all about.

Troop 600 meets every Monday evening from 7:15pm - 8:30pm at Post 72. Crew 600 meets the third Sunday evening at 5:30pm in the Auxiliary Building.

Come "Feel the Thunder at Troop 600".

For God and Country  
**Claude Davenport** — Troop 600 Representative

American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program (ALJSSP):

Once again, it has been a busy month for the Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Program Team.

On Thursday, November 15, 2012, we participated in another competitive match. What was unique about this competition is that we shot here at Post 72 and mailed the targets to Post 233, just outside Richmond, Virginia. There, they will use the Orion Scoring system, to scan and calculate the results. This system is not only incredibly accurate, but allows us to shoot locally, saving transportation and time.

While this does save us some expenditures, it doesn't allow our shooters the experience of competing in front of other teams and observing their methods and equipment.

We will continue to compete as the opportunities become available. I believe that we are fortunate to have such an outstanding core group of young men and women, who shoot and represent our post.

As always, Mr. Hugh Long (a Post 72 member) has been bringing by very interesting pieces of firearms history to show the team prior to practice. Our continuing thanks to Mr. Long for his generous participation and contributions to the Team.

The Post 72 Team practices on Thursday evenings, 1830 - 2030hrs in the 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** — ALJSSPO Team Coordinator

#### Auxiliary News:

We want to thank all of our volunteers who work so hard around the Post.

We will have our children's Christmas Party, here at Post 72, on December 09, 2012, from 09:00am until 11:00am. Breakfast with Santa for the children will be provided free, along with a gift and goodie bag, compliments of Post 72 Auxiliary.

We want to extend a big thank you to the Elks for paying for all of our Legionaries breakfast, on Veterans Day.

We will be holding a silent auction from December 01, 2012 to December 16, 2012. Come in and get your number to bid on the many items. This auction will provide funds to enable us to remain active, and also a percentage will be given to Post 72. Please come out and support the Auxiliary.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Miss Tootie and her family. We all hope she is up and about real soon. She is certainly missed by everyone here at Post 72!

As always, breakfasts will be served every Sunday, from 09:00AM until 12:00PM, here at the Post. Again, the Auxiliary will be serving breakfast the second Sunday of each month. Our next breakfast will be on December 09, 2012. Hope to see you there!

For God and Country

**Donna Webb** — President

## Sons of the Legion News:

It was good to see Cale, Jules, Clint and Justin to help out with the SAL breakfast on the 18th. Thanks to all that helped.

The SAL again this year is selling raffle tickets for our annual Holiday Grocery Give Away. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and they can be purchased from myself, or any one of the other SAL board members. Donna also has some available, behind the bar. We are giving away \$100 and \$300 in Safeway gift cards. The drawing will be after our breakfast on December 16, 2012. I would also like to say a big thanks to Tony at Piedmont Press for supplying our raffle tickets.

Everyone please come out and help us celebrate the holiday with all of the SAL Elves.

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving Clint Bolt and I distributed turkey dinners to families in the area that needed our help. This is one of the more rewarding projects that the SAL does for the community.

I recently made a trip to Warrenton Overlook and had a visit with both Tootie and legion member Billy Plott. They have been ill recently, but thankfully both of them have been improving.

I attended the Veterans Day services at Culpeper National Cemetery. We had quite a few members from post 72, at this observance, and it was good to see them there.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our December 16th, raffle drawing. Also, I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

The next SAL meeting will be Tuesday, December 04, 2012, at 07:00pm. The December breakfast will be held on December 16, 2012.

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**Ted Kilby** — Commander SAL Squadron 72

## American Legion Riders News:

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

Hello everybody. I hope everyone had a nice and safe Thanksgiving. Also, I would like to welcome all of our newest members to the ALR group.

If you haven't been to a meeting in awhile please plan to attend if possible. Our next meeting is December 05, 2012, at 07:00pm. As always, we need more support and help from all of the members in our group. Your assistance is critical to make our up and coming events a success.

Fortunately, we've had some good days for riding, recently. There have been a few poker runs that we attended for other groups, which have also supported us, at our events.

Recently, Hurricane Sandy put a damper on a lot of things, but it didn't stop Mike, Paul and Jan from helping the Patriot Guard Riders at Quantico National Corps Cemetery. Thank you for your dedication and support.

We have held a few meetings for our chili cook off, scheduled for March 02, 2013. Please show your support for our organization and our post by participating in or attending this event. Thanks to Paul Baker, our last year's winner, the trophy remained here at our post. We would like to keep the trophy with us, here at Post 72, again this year. If you think you have the best chili, come on down and enter it!

A special thanks goes to Judy for her culinary skills, by cooking breakfast once again. This is a difficult task, and as usual, Judy did an outstanding job! Also I would like to thank Mike, Deb, Dave, Julie and Greg for working the November ALR Breakfast. We had some additional help from Dave and Julie's daughter, Cheyenne, and Mike and Patty's granddaughter, Kyleigh! We need volunteers for the December 23, 2012, ALR breakfast. Come out and help if you can. Also, the members who routinely work these breakfasts could use some much-needed relief.

I wish everybody a safe and happy Christmas.

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 six and under is half price, at \$3.00 each.

The **1<sup>st</sup> 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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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**

WWII veteran Paul Malone and bartender Donna Webb, share a moment.

Korean War Paratrooper, (187th RCT, Airborne), Jimmy Rankin, in uniform, at the recent Veterans Day observance.

Representatives from Aging Together, with Korean War Veteran Tom Carter

**Editor's and Webmaster's Note:**

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