

News at Post 72

December 2013

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The Commander's Corner



It's hard to believe, but another Thanksgiving has come and gone, and Christmas is just around the corner. Soon it will be 2014!

As your Commander, it is my sad duty to announce to all that we have lost another one of our Legion family members, Bernice "Miss Tootie" Runion. After a long and courageous battle with her illness, Miss Tootie went to be with our Lord on November 13, 2013.

Tootie was an Auxiliary member and was employed in our social quarters for many years. She was universally liked and will be missed by all. Please take a moment and remember Tootie and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

I want to personally thank all you who participated in the recent Veterans Day observance. If you weren't there, you missed an outstanding speech by Leesburg Post 34 Commander, A.D. Carter. It was straight from the heart and sent a loud and clear message about what both our flag and our country stand for! Also we had our formal dedication of the Post 72 Veteran's Plaza. Although it is still not completed, the wall plaque has been installed and we have made much progress to date.

I want to take this time to announce that House Committee Chairman, Joe Grimsley will be stepping down at the end of this month. Joe has held this position for several years, and as we can all attest, he has made significant contributions to our Post Social Quarters. He has volunteered his time, personal resources, business and management skills to ensure the club has remained open and profitable for all to enjoy. Under Joe's direction, he has made many improvements to our Post, such as new kitchen and club floor tile, stainless steel in the oven area, the "Tiki Bar" and purchased a much-needed storage shed, just to name a few.

As your Commander and on behalf of all of our members I want to thank Joe for his tireless efforts. Past Commander Paul Baker has volunteered to take over effective January 01, 2014. Please support him as you have Joe so we

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can all enjoy our Post Social Quarters.

I want to again remind everyone that many of the Post locker rental dues have not been paid and are long overdue. For anyone not currently paid up to date, there will be an "amnesty" period from now until January 01, 2014. The rental costs are unchanged, and will remain at \$25.00 annually. In the event a locker is not paid for by January 01, 2014, all items will be removed. Please check with Donna and verify if your rental dues are paid and if you wish to retain or rent a locker.

I am asking that all Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members participate in the upcoming "smoking survey". This survey was discussed at the November business meeting and it is vital that everyone who has an opinion, regardless of where you stand, to express your views on this subject.

Please continue to support our Post Social Quarters, whenever you can and remember to thank Donna and our many volunteers, for all of their hard work.

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, each month. Our next breakfast will be held on December 01, 2013.

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, Past Commander Roland Tapscott, Frieda Labell and Andy Andrew's wife who have all been hospitalized recently.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on the first Thursday again this month, on December 05, 2013 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.

From both my wife Patty and I, we hope

all of you have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Also, a Happy Hanukah or Happy Holiday to all of our other members. For God and Country

Mike Freeman - Commander

Adjutant's Corner

Please come to our Tuesday December 10, 2013 General Membership meeting at 7:30PM and voice your opinion on SMOKING inside the Post Home buildings.

In the event you don't make it to the meeting we will be requesting your input via survey.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR" For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America

John H. Sinclair - Adjutant



Auxiliary News

Once again I would like to thank all of our volunteers who help out around the Post. Their efforts may go unnoticed but are much appreciated by all of our Post 72 members.

I want to personally thank everyone for allowing the Post to close early last Friday. This enabled me to attend the viewing of our departed and dear friend, Miss Tootie. Also, a real big thanks to Paul Baker, who without hesitation, volunteered to work so I was able to attend the funeral on Saturday. Thanks Paul!

Everyone please keep Miss Tootie's family, Frieda, and "Mr. Frank" in your thoughts and prayers.

Our annual Children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 08, 2013 at 09:00am. The children will receive a free breakfast, a small gift and a goody bag along with Santa!

Please remember and support our Silent Auction. The money raised by this event will help fund our Children's Christmas Party. Come out and show your support by bidding on some of the many fine gifts.

We will also be hosting a bake sale from December 20th thru the 21st.

Please come out and help work the Auxiliary breakfast, on December 08, 2013. For God and Country

Donna Webb - President

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Sons of the Legion News

Thanks go out to Donna, Clint, and especially to Cale and Jules for a very busy November breakfast for the SAL. We served 38 friends and neighbors, and many of them spent the entire morning at the Legion, visiting with friends.

I would like to say to our various SAL members that we need volunteers on the 3rd Sunday of each month for our only monthly fundraiser. I know that some SAL members are dual members and already help with the Legion and or the Riders breakfast. However some of the SAL, like myself are SAL members only. It is extremely important that we get as many members involved as we can.

The next SAL breakfast will be December 15, 2013, and I hope to see many of you there.

Our wintertime raffle is still going on for the \$300 and \$100 prize of Safeway cards. Tickets are only \$1 each. I hope some more SAL members will offer to get some of the ticket books from me. If anyone would like some tickets to sell for us, please give me a call at my home 349-1309, and leave a message. Our drawing will be at noon on December 22, 2013.

November 23rd was a sad day for all of our legion family as Bernice "Tootie" Runion was laid to rest. Many of Tootie's brothers were in the armed services and she was always a big supporter of the American Legion. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and had held numerous positions in that organization. She certainly will be missed by everyone who knew her.

The next Sal monthly meeting is Tuesday December 3, 2013 at 7:00. As always, I am hoping to see a couple of new faces in attendance.

For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

I wish I could tell everyone where the year went but December is here!!! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

With Christmas fast approaching, I have been working with two of our Thank You Card Project teachers, Mrs. Charlene Root at Fauquier High School, and Ms. Jamie Barry at P.B. Smith Elementary School. The students wanted to do Christmas Cards for our troops so I quickly said yes. To date, about 300 cards have been picked up and delivered to Tom Roselius from Serving Our Willing Warriors. Tom is going to put all the Cards into Christmas Bags his group is doing for Ft. Belvoir and Bethesda Naval Hospital. Ms. Barry's class will also be going to Ft. Belvoir.

I'm sure that most of you have seen the Toys for Tots box in the Post. Once again, there is a huge community need for toys this year. When the riders went to the opening bash that they had at the old fashion bug building, the tables for 12 to 17 year old boys and girls were empty. So if you can find in your heart please bring your donation by the Post. The volunteers will go out before Christmas and shop, so if you're not into shopping please stop by and give a monetary donation. Or if you would like to leave a donation in the Legion Riders Mailbox, our Riders Director will be glad to present it to them on Dec. 17th when the box is to be returned.

As it is every year, Saturday, Dec. 14th is the ride to Culpepper to lay wreaths for the National Wreaths Across America. Times will be sent by email, when they become available. If memory serves me right, I think it's at 10am to help unload and place the wreaths in front of head stones. This is an event for the whole family. We do this annually to remember, honor and to teach about the service and sacrifices of our veterans. Please if you have the time, come on out as it only takes about hour and is well worth doing.

The Riders breakfast this month was great it looked like a well-oiled machine in the kitchen. George did an amazing job cooking and was assisted by Collin, Mike, Terrie, Jules and Paul. Thank you guys for volunteering to work once again on another successful breakfast. Hopefully, more riders' support will happen next month. Understandably, it was too cold for the bikes to be out. As always I want to personally give a big thanks to Donna and her helpers.

Our next meeting is December 04, 2013, at 7pm. Please come and show support to

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the ALR... we miss seeing you!

Be safe again this month, keep the shiny side up and watch out for deer, as they are still running.

Just a final reminder, we have a new email address legionriders72@aol.com.

For God and Country,

Terrie Harne - Director, American Legion Riders, Post 72

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.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

No report.

Current Notices:

No report.

Upcoming Events:

December 13 (Friday) Lock-in

December 14 (Saturday) Shepard's Road Clean Up

December 27-30 (Friday – Monday) Ski Trip

Recent ranks advancements:

No report.

Meeting information:

BSA Troop 600 meets on Monday evenings, 1915 – 2030 hours (7:15pm – 8:30pm) in meeting hall at Post 72. We invite you to come by and see what Troop 600 is all about.

Crew 600: Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade and under 21 years of age. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

No report.

Current Notices: Northern Tier: The Crew is putting together plans to do the BSA Northern Tier this summer.

The Northern Tier is the BSA's oldest National High Adventure program, outfitting scouting groups for canoe trips since the summer of 1923. The Charles L Sommers Base has been home to the program since 1941. North America's Canoe Country, a vast series of navigable lakes and rivers spanning thousands of square miles, is one of the last great wildernesses on the continent. This boreal forest of waterfalls and bogs, bears and wolves, granite crags and waist-deep mud remains nearly as much of a wilderness as it was for the first fur traders who explored the area in the 1600s. Two centuries after the fur trade's peak in the early 1800s, participants still follow in the footsteps of the French-Canadian voyageurs, paddling the same waters and straining over the same portage trails.

Upcoming Events:

December 27-30 (Friday – Monday)

Ski Trip

Meeting information:

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 Crew 600 are 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.

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team is settled into a good practice routine. This month, we welcomed a new shooter, Isaiah B. to the Post 72 Team. Isaiah brings our team up to a full compliment. Isaiah will be taking the

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American Legion Basic Marksmen Course (BMC) over the next several weeks and should be qualified for competition mid-January.

Jackson, Penny, Jake, Zack, and Savannah have successfully completed the American Legion BMC and are officially authorized to take place in sanctioned 3 Position Air Rifle events. Congratulations to these shooters and their accomplishments.

The Post 72 Team competed in the November Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL) at American Legion Post 290 in Stafford, VA. The Post 72 team continues to take their competition to another level! This match was the first time we fielded 8 shooters. Post 72 was represented by Sam, Sean, Abram, Max, Zachary, Jake, John, and Penny. The shooters set several individual and team records during this competition. For the first time in the Post's history, the Post 72 Junior Shooting Sport Team broke 900 with an **OUTSTANDING team score of 923 with 9 bull's eyes!** An awesome accomplishment by our top 4 shooters, Sean (249-2), Max (246-3), Sam (223-3) and Zachary (205-1).

The initial results indicate the Post 72 team will place 3rd out of 9 teams in the November ODJRL match. Individually, out of 49 shooters, Sean will place 3rd, Max 4th, Sam 13th and Zachary 18th. Way to go Sean, Max, Sam, Zachary and Post 72 Shooters!

This has been another exceptional month of individual accomplishment for the Team members. Personal high scores this month were achieved by Sean with a 249, Blake with a 235, Abram with a 233, Zachary with a 205, Penny with a 184, and Jake with a 162. The Cadre is exceptionally proud of these shooters and their individual accomplishments.

Lastly, the Team is participation in the NRA Air Rifle Certification Program. Qualifications levels under the program are; Provisional Marksman, Marksman, Marksman 1st Class, Sharpshooter, and Expert. Sharpshooter and Expert are separated by 9 Sharpshooter "Bar" levels. The Cadre expected the certification process to take the whole shooting season... WRONG! The Team, once again, has far exceeded our expectations. In just three months of practice, the majority of the team has achieved about 75% of the qualification ratings.

At this point in time the following ratings have been awarded:

Pro-Marksman: Abram, Stephen, John, Sean, Max, Blake, Jake, Jackson, Sam, Penny, Savannah, and Zachary.

Marksman: Abram, John, Sean, Max, Blake, Jake, Jackson, Sam, Penny, Savannah, and Zachary.

Marksman 1st Class: Max, Blake, and Sam.

Sharpshooter Bar Levels: Abram, John, Max, and Sam.

Sharpshooter: (To be shot on 19 December).

Expert: Several shooters are extremely close, but have to qualify as Sharpshooter before achieving this level.

We are also very fortunate to continue receiving Comrade Hugh Long's firearms displays and history presentation. Mr. Long, thank you again for your continued support to the Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team.

Upcoming Events:

14 December: ODJRL competition

December: American Legion National Post Competition (Postal Competition)

18 January, 2014: ODJRL competition

8 February, 2014: ODJRL competition

8 March, 2014: 4-H Spring Air Rifle Match

15 March, 2014: ODJRL competition

12 April 2014: ALJSSP Northern Region, Department of Virginia Competition

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, Bill Gouldthorpe, Lance Davenport, Quentin Peach, & Patty Freeman - Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team Cadre.

House Chairman News

As always we want to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work around the Social Quarters.

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I also want to personally thank John Sinclair, who has been cleaning up our Social Quarters by himself every Monday. **Thanks John!!!**

Just a reminder to everyone, we are having daily lunch specials. The lunches are both tasty and affordable. The Thursday "hamburger steak special" seems to be the most popular with our members. But come out on any of the days and see what we are having. They are all terrific and a real bargain!

Remember, due to many requests by our membership we are once again having a **Thursday Night weekly 8 Ball Pool Tournament**, beginning on October 24, 2013 at 7:00pm. Come out and show off your skills!

Remember that the VA Representative will be available on the **third Wednesday, this month, on December 18, 2013, at 10:00am**, here at Post 72.

Again, we all want to send our thoughts and prayers to Miss Tootie's family.

Also, remember that we still have raffles in the Social Quarters from time to time. For God & Country

Joe Grimsley – House Committee Chairman

Social Quarters

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

I want to recognize and thank Past Commander Ed Dauster who jumped in and helped Donna during a recent hectic lunch.

I want to remind everyone that our Post Christmas Party will be held on December 21, 2013 from 7:00pm until 10:00pm. There will be free party foods available for all to enjoy. Come out and bring friends and family to help celebrate this Holiday Season!

We also want to send our thoughts and prayers to Miss Tootie's family and friends. As you all know Tootie was an employee here for many years and she will be missed by all of us.

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**

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

This month we will have [Karaoke](#) on the second Saturday, December 14, 2013, with Terry at the club from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Come out and check this out, it is a lot of fun for all!

We are again having a **Weekly 8 Ball Pool Tournament**. The costs are \$5.75 per player, and there will be a payout at the end of each contest. Come out and show your skills and try to win some money. The tournament is open to everyone. See the flyer posted in the Social quarters for more details.

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!

Friday's evening 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.

We like to turn the jukebox up and dance and kick our feet up, so make Friday night your evening to spend with us! Please remember we have **WiFi** in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is www.legionpost72.org

Come out and have some fun with us!

Articles for the January Newsletter are due by December 20, 2013. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."
Thank you! Patty Freeman, Editor

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Photos from around the Post



Post 72 Jr. Shooters at a Post 290 competition

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Jim Rankin and Ed Deneale at the Post 72 Veteran's Plaza dedication ceremony



Adjutant John Sinclair and the Liberty H.S. ROTC on Veterans Day



Guest Speaker and Post 34 Commander A.D. Carter at the recent Veterans Day observance



World War II veteran proudly shows off his shirt on Veterans Day



Chaplain Steve McLeod, Finance Officer Claude Davenport and Commander Mike Freeman at the Post 72 Veteran's Plaza dedication



Post 72 Junior Shooters display their recently earned Basic Marksmanship Certification.