

# News at Post 72 December 2016

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## **Post 72 Officers**

### **American Legion Post 72 6Officers:**

*Commander: Claude Davenport*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Mike Freeman*

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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" Ferguson*

*Secretary: "Shell" Ferguson*

*Treasurer: Patty Freeman*

*Chaplain: Elaine Deneale*

*Sergeant at Arms: Vacant*

*Historian: Vacant*

### **Sons of the American Legion:**

*Commander: Ted Kilby*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Jules Juliano*

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

What happened to November? I hope that everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving. Christmas and Chanukah are just a few weeks away. While you celebrate the upcoming holiday season, please take some time to pause, reflect, and remember what blessings have been received. I would ask you to keep in your thoughts, and perhaps say a prayer, for those brave men and women in our military and emergency services, who are serving to protect the freedoms we enjoy.

The Post 72 Auxiliary is holding a Christmas silent auction in the Social Quarters. Please pass by, get your number and bid on the many items up for auction.

As I mentioned last month, Dan, our new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander and Chairman of the Building & Grounds committee is geared up to receive any suggestions to "spiffy" up our Post home and grounds. If you have spotted something that needs some attention or a suggestion to improve our Post, please email it to Dan at [2ndvicecommander@legionpost72.org](mailto:2ndvicecommander@legionpost72.org). Dan will be putting a list together and forming some work parties to tackle your observations & suggestions.

The property development project continues to move forward. I have been told that the final, final, final draft of the operational agreement should be back for review the first week of December. I will keep everyone updated as information is received. We are still on track for starting the project in the spring of 2017. This project will generate a much needed residual income to the Post for many years to come. My continued thanks to the Board of Directors for their patience during the operational review process.

As always, I would like to invite all Post 72 Legionnaire members in the Fauquier county area to attend our monthly business meetings whenever you can. It is imperative that we conduct our business as required and address any ideas, suggestions or concerns to help our post and organization perform better.

Our own Warrenton Rifles Junior Shooting Sports Program brought home a 1<sup>st</sup>

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place finish in the recent US Army Junior Marksmanship Sectional match, as well as individual 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> place finish. Excellent job "Rifles"!! I continue to be blown away by the dedication and skill of these young athletes. Please see the Junior Shooting Sports article below for additional accomplishment of our junior shooters!

My personal thanks to the Post 72 family volunteers who put in their valuable time to help out around the post. Their contributions ensure that our Post home remains open for everyone to enjoy. If you have some available time to help out with building & ground, or help in the Social Quarters, it would be greatly appreciated.

Our Al-You-Can-Eat breakfast in our Social Quarters continues to be a hit! Breakfast is 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 October 02, 2015. The Social Quarters daily lunches and Friday night Steak & Seafood continues to be a resounding success. Come on out and enjoy the excellent chow and great fellowship.

Remember to support the other 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, 20 December, 2016 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on the Thursday before the business meeting, 15 December, 2016 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](mailto:commander@legionpost72.org).

My wife Kim and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For God and Country

**Claude Davenport** – Commander



## Adjutant's Corner

No matter how celebrate the upcoming holidays, please to take a moment to pause, remember and to say a prayer, if you so choose, for those brave men and women in our military who are serving to protect our freedom!

Here is wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday.

For God and Country

**George Morgan** – Adjutant



## Auxiliary News

We want to thank our volunteers that help all the time. Your efforts are much appreciated by all of us.

On November 27, 2016 our annual Silent Auction started. This auction will continue through December 17, 2016. Everyone, please feel free to participate and enter your bids.

We all want to offer our personal thanks to SAL member Mike Anderson, who has been cooking for our monthly breakfasts.

I don't have anything new to report this month. Our next breakfast is Sunday, December 11, 2016, with our monthly meeting to be held immediately follow 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

Thanks to all that helped with November breakfast. Our last breakfast of the year will be December 18, 2016; this is also when we will have our drawing for the SAL grocery give away. Our special guest will be Victor Grealieu, who is one of the Vice Commanders for the Department of VA and a dual member at the Lorton Post. He will be pulling the winning names.

Merry Christmas to everyone and hope you have a safe and Happy New Year

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**Ted Kilby** – SAL Commander

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## Legion Riders News

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and got to spend lots of time with family and friends. In the upcoming month of Dec. the riders have many events coming up.

On December 3rd a Christmas Parade in Bealeton please refer to emails from Paul Baker for details. Dec. 10th the Desert Knights are having an event at the Hard Times in Manassas to benefit Veterans Enhancement Project starting at 3pm. If the riders would like to support the VEP, please get there at three.

Dec. 10th is also the riders Christmas dinner at North 29 at 6pm we are having a secret Santa so bring a small gift. Will also have the wreaths across America event some time in Dec. will have dates soon so watch your emails.

The next riders meeting is Dec. 7th starting at 7pm. We will not be having a breakfast the month of December due to the Christmas Holiday, so remember to bring your friends and family on our Jan. 22, 2017 Breakfast.

I want to express a huge thank you for all the help this past year with all the breakfasts. A big thanks goes to all of the volunteer's from Donna to our riders that support us every month without question. 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 division 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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:

- The troop went to Antietam National Battlefield and camped at the

Rohrbach Campground. This camping location is reserved just for scouts.

- The scouts then took a tour at Antietam provided by the National Park Service. It was a fantastic time and the scouts would like to go back to do some hiking.
- The Scouts overcame the cold temperatures and some unexpected obstacles at this year's annual Turkey in the Hole which was held November 11-12th. Be prepared!
- The scouts will start planning for 2017 activities and campouts in December.

### Upcoming Scout Events:

- Events are being planned at this time

**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



## 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-

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part program that combines the Basic Marksmanship Course, Qualification Awards and Air Rifle Competition into a well-rounded activity.

## Recent Notable Activities/Events:

- Seven shooters competed in the 2016 US Army Junior Marksmanship Sectional Match on Sunday 20 November. The Warrenton Rifles had six in the sporter class, and one in the precision class. The Warrenton Rifles Cobra Team is currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place (Virginia) in the sporter class, with a 2048-45. At present, the Warrenton Rifles are in 14<sup>th</sup> place nationally for participation in the USAJM National Competition.
- Individually (Virginia), Jacob secured 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 523-12, Sam in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 522-14, John in 4<sup>th</sup> place with a 505-10, Dylan in 5<sup>th</sup> with a 498-9, Hunter in 6<sup>th</sup> with a 494-9 and Ryan in 7<sup>th</sup> place with a 484-10. Our congratulations to Jacob, Sam, John, Dylan, Hunter G, and Ryan on an excellent job representing Post 72 and the "Warrenton Rifles".
- Our congratulations also go out to Sean who did very well in the USAJM with a 13<sup>th</sup> place finish in the State of Virginia with a 552-16.
- We would like to announce that Sean has been accepted to the shoot with the Mavericks Precision High School (ad hoc) Shooting Team. Mavericks participate in the Potomac Area High School League. Sean primary affiliation remains with the Warrenton Rifles and will be supporting the Mavericks to fine tune his precision skills. Congratulations to Sean for his acceptance to the Mavericks.
- The Warrenton Rifles sent seven senior shooters to the 2016 King George's CMP sanctioned 3x20 match on 28 October. Sean, shooting precision class finished 14<sup>th</sup> place with a very respectable 566-33. Sean scored his second perfect 100 on his first prone target. Outstanding!! Sean did a fantastic job recovering from a rifle malfunction in standing and continuing his competition with stellar focus in the kneeling position. Great job Sean!! The Cobra team, finished with an outstanding 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish with a 2003-30 in the sporter class. Congratulations to John, Jacob, Carson &

Dylan for a great performance! Individually, John finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place with a 512-8, Jacob in 10<sup>th</sup> place with a 502-8, Dylan in 12<sup>th</sup> place with a 496-9, Carson in 13<sup>th</sup> with a 493-5, Ryan 14<sup>th</sup> with a 491-8, and Hunter G 21<sup>st</sup> with a 477-4. Outstanding job shooters!

## Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL)

**ORION RESULTS:** November 2016. The 3x10 scores for the Warrenton Rifles participating in the October 2016 match are: Carson 259-7; Dylan 253-5; Hunter G 248-5, Jacob S. 242-8; Ryan 269-2, John 228-4; Hunter B 188-1; Gage 151-3; and Seth 149-0. Nice showing "Rifles" and congratulations to Gage & Seth for their first ODJRL match!

## Old Dominion Junior Rifle League Results:

November 2016: Individual Sporter: match results will be published shortly. Individual Precision: match results will be published shortly. Team: match results will be published shortly.

**Qualifications (NRA):** Pro-Marksman: Colt, Seth, & Garrett. Congratulations on your personal accomplishment!

**New Personal High Score:** Colt 200-1; Hunter B 219-2; Seth 200-7; John 261-6; Gage 170-1; Hunter G 250-3; Jacob K 130-0; Garrett 112-0; and Jacob 265-9. Congratulation on setting a new personal high score!

## Upcoming Events:

- 3 December, 2016: ODJRL match, Post 72, Warrenton, VA
- 6 January, 2017: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 18 & 19 January, 2017: CMP Postal Qualification match for regional competition, Post 72
- 25 & 26 January, 2017: American Legion Round 1 Postal Qualifier for National match.
- 27-29 January, 2017: US Army Jr. Marksmanship National Championship (invitation), Ft. Benning, GA
- 3 February, 2017: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 3 March, 2017: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 31 March, 2017 (NLT): American Legion Round 2 Postal Qualifier (invitation) for National match.

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- 15 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
- 26-28 June, 2017: CMP National Championship (invitation), Anniston, AL
- 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, 1800-2030hrs 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, Bob Roda, Andy  
Andrews, Patty Freeman, and Bill  
Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)**

**Social Quarters / House Committee**

I hope all had a very happy Thanksgiving! Bring your friends out to dinner on Friday nights, good food at a good price!! We have a very nice Ruger 357 pistol up for raffle in your Social Quarters right now so get your chance ASAP. 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 will continue our highly enjoyed lunch each day as well as our Friday night Steak & Sea Food dinners, please come out and enjoy and again always feel free to bring as many friends as you like. We also will continue with the Sunday breakfast. Remember we can always use help during lunch, and our dinners!

As always, we want to thank all of the volunteers who come in and work so hard. Thanks to all of you volunteers!! 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.

Again, we will continue to serve "all you can eat" breakfasts every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm, just remember the kitchen is small and sometimes it takes a little time to get served. We are working to try and get your breakfast out to you faster. Don't forget the people that are working the breakfast are volunteers!! 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 \$7.00 for adults. Children twelve and under is unchanged, at \$3.00 each. We have a large Bar Lunch Menu! On Friday evenings we continue to have our steak & seafood dinners.

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](http://www.legionpost72.org)  
**Paul L. Baker** - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman

**Articles for the December Newsletter are due by January 25, 2017. Please email them to [Off2oc1@comcast.net](mailto:Off2oc1@comcast.net) Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."**

**Photos from around the Post:**



L-R, "Andy" Andrews, Commander Claude Davenport, former Junior Shooter, Abram Baer, and Past Commander Mike Freeman, present Abram with a signed USMC poster, prior to his entry into the U.S. Marine Corps this month.



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Warrenton Rifles compete at the U.S. Army Marksmanship Sectional Match in Centreville, VA



Comrade Lloyd Sours prepares to blow out the candles on his Birthday Cake



Veterans Day service on Hospital Hill



Lloyd opening up some of his gifts at his Birthday Party at Post 72



Veterans Day service on Hospital Hill



Comrade Lloyd Sours 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake



Lloyd opening up some of his gifts at his Birthday Party at Post 72

