

News at Post 72 December 2017

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American Legion Post 72 Officers:

*Commander: Claude Davenport
1st Vice Commander: Mike Freeman
2nd Vice Commander: Dan Seibel
Adjutant: George Morgan
Finance Officer: Mike Hays
Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard
Sergeant at Arms: Ed Deneale
Chaplain: Steve McLeod
Service Officer: John Bush
Historian: Stan Adamowicz*

Auxiliary Officers:

*President: Donna Webb
Vice President: Laura Riggins
Secretary: Patty Freeman
Treasurer: Patty Freeman
Chaplain: Savannah Christian
Sergeant at Arms: Savannah Christian
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: Faye Brewer
Adjutant: Brent Carter
Treasurer: Steve Ralls
Sergeant at Arms: Brian O'Loughlin
Run Coordinator: Brent Carter
Membership Chairman: Steve Ralls
Chaplain: Samuel Jesselson*

American Legion Post 72 Corporation:

*Jim Rankin
Paul Baker
Brian O'Loughlin
Sam Jesselson
Jack Flood*



The Commander's Corner

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Several of us responded to the call to recover the baseball field fence & posts and then dig the base and footers for the new slab for the Tiki Bar area. My thanks to Mike Hays, Mike Freeman, Paul Baker, Brian O'Loughlin, and John Bush for lending a hand, with a special thanks to Mike Hayes for his awesome backhoe/frontend loader skills!

The property development project has passed the review of the updates to the building design and foot print. It goes to the Town council at their next meeting, where it is expected to pass. We are moving forward and still hope to start turning dirt in December. As always, I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received.

I would like to invite all Post 72 members and guests to the Post 72 Legion Riders Christmas Party on Friday 15 December, 8pm-11pm, where the band "Sonic Suds" (70's - 80's music) will be the entertainment.

As always, 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 is still a great way to start a Sunday! Come in for breakfast every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm. Enjoy the excellent chow and great fellowship.

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.

I would like to encourage all Post 72 Legionnaire members to attend the monthly business meetings. It is imperative that we conduct our regular business and address any ideas; suggestions or concerns to help our post and organization perform better. The next regular Legion business meeting will be on the third Tuesday, 19 December, 2017 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on the Thursday before the

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business meeting, 14 December, 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

CIVIL WAR TRUST EVENT, December 6, 2017, 1:00pm, Goose Creek Bridge, Upperville Battlefield Lemmons Bottom Road, Middleburg, VA 20117

Please join the Civil War Trust, Governor Terry McAuliffe, Secretary of Natural Resources Molly Ward, NOVA Parks, the Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club, and other Virginia conservation champions for a special preservation announcement at the historic Goose Creek Bridge on the Upperville Battlefield in Loudoun County, Virginia. Please send RSVPs and questions to rsvp@civilwar.org. On the day of the event, follow Civil War Trust signs for parking directions. Refreshments will be available throughout the event.

CONTACT: Civil War Trust at rsvp@civilwar.org

Department Day on the Hill January 17, 2018, starting at 8:30, from: Bob Brady, 16th District Adjutant

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.

I would like to thank Jerry Neri and his company for cleaning up the fence area and for taking down the lights out in the ball field. I want to also thank Leroy for filling in for Stan and cooking steaks on the grill on Friday nights.

Not much news to report for this month. Please pray for Patty Freeman's brother who is

hospitalized and we all hope he gets well soon.

Our next breakfast is Sunday, December 10, 2017, and we could use some additional volunteer's help. Our monthly meeting will be held immediately following breakfast.

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

On December 16th, 2017 the annual event, called Wreaths Across America will take place. SAL member Darrell Lee has been involved in this for many years. Darrell goes to Arlington national cemetery and places wreaths as he has done numerous times. If you would like to volunteer to help, you can also place wreaths at Quantico and Culpeper National Cemeteries. For information, contact these cemeteries by phone or e-mail, or google Wreaths Across America.

Last month I neglected to tell you about some of the Legion Charities that SAL 72 gave money to. We gave donations to National Emergency Fund, The Child Welfare Foundation, Operation Comfort Warrior and The Legacy Fund, which provides scholarships for children of deceased veterans. This year we have also supported Hunters for the Hungry, which helps feed people in Virginia.

We also donated to a couple of American Legion Charities for the damage in the Houston Texas area. Additionally, we have donated to the local area food bank, which is an excellent way to feed the unfortunate around Thanksgiving. For every dollar you donate to the food bank they can provide \$4.00 worth of food to help the needy right in our own backyard.

The 17th of December is our annual raffle to help the three Fisher Houses, here in Virginia. Many SAL board members will be there including Commander Willie Morgan, from Newport News. We will also be holding a 50/50 raffle to help Clint Bolt finance his numerous trips when he becomes National Commander in 2019. We hope to see a lot of SAL at Legionnaires at this event.

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Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

The 2017 John D Sudduth American Legion Post 72's Christmas Party, sponsored by the Post 72 American Legion Riders, will be on Friday, 15 December, 2000-2300hrs. The party is open to all Post 72 organization (Legion, SAL, ALA) members and their guests. "The Sonic Suds" will be providing the entertainment (70's & 80'S music). We will have light snacks, cash bar (beer, wine & setups) for your enjoyment.

The Post will be serving the Friday Steak & Seafood dinner right before the party, so come in a bit early for dinner.

Please see the attached flyer for additional information. Please RSVP to ALR Director Terri Harne at: wldrebrose@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

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 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:

- Allen has completed his Eagle Scout Project and has received the beneficiary sign off on the project. Allen's next step is to final the project report and get ready for his Eagle Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review.
- Jeffrey has also completed his Eagle Project and is finalizing the paperwork.
- Allen's paperwork is done and is waiting for confirmation of his Eagle Board of Review date.

- The annual Turkey-In-the-Hole campout and dinner was a wonderful and a resounding successful event. The Troop cooked a total of five turkeys. Two feed the Troop & their guests. Three delicious turkeys were donated to the Fauquier Family Shelter who were very grateful for the donation.

- The scouts did an excellent job at the annual Post 72 Veteran's Plaza Dedication, by escorting Veterans and family members onto the Plaza to dedication their pavers.

Upcoming Scout Events:

- Winter outing plans are being discussed.

Meeting information:

The Scouts general meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday evening of the month, from 1915 – 2030 hours (7: 15pm – 8:30pm) upstairs at the Post 72 meeting hall. 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-part program that combines the Basic

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Marksmanship Course, Qualification Awards and Air Rifle Competition into a well-rounded activity.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

- The Old Dominion Junior Rifle League 2017/2018 season has started, and the Warrenton rifles have set the bar high for the other teams participating.
- The Warrenton Rifles were invited by the Loudoun County 4-H Junior Shooting Sports Team for a 3x10 competition and fun shoot. It was a tad chilly (50 degrees) for the six Rifles (Carson, Ryan, Seth, Dan, Julia, & Gage) participating in the outside facility. Of the 13 participants, the Rifles achieved individual placing of 1st– Seth with a 260-6; 2nd– Ryan, 250-4; 3rd– Carson, 242-3; 4th– Gage, 235-3; 6th– Julia, 195-0; and 8th– Dan, 158-1. Dan's score was a new personal high! The traveling champion trophy was awarded to the Rifles for 2017 with a team score of 987-16. A very good showing for such chilly conditions. Our thanks to Loudoun County for their generous hosting the now annual event.
- We have had another three Warrenton Rifles achieve the coveted National Rifle Association's Distinguished Expert for Rifle. Please join us in congratulating Dylan, Jacob and Seth on their outstanding accomplishment! **This brings the number of Warrenton Rifles earning the Distinguished Expert certification to eight.**
- At the last CMP Cup 3x20 competition, Seth earned enough Excellence In Competition point to be awarded the Civilian Marksmanship Programs Bronze Distinguished Marksman badge. Seth is only the fifth Warrenton Rifle to have earned this award. Congratulations on an outstanding accomplishment!

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL) November 2017 Individual Results:

Out of 40 athletes participating in the November Match, Jacob finished in 1st place 268-9; Seth 2nd place 268-7; John 3rd place 265-3; Hunter G 4th place 259-5; Dylan 5th place 253-2; Ryan 6th place 251-6; Gage 8th place 235-4; Julia 10th 216-0; Hunter B 12th 211-5; Alexis 13th 211-3; Toly 16th 187-1; Brandon 17th 184-1; & Ian 24th 169-0.

ODJRL November 2017 Team Results:

Warrenton Rifles Cobra Team (Jacob, Seth, John & Hunter G), 1st place 1,060-24.

ODJRL October & November 2017 League

Results: Pending.

Qualifications (NRA):

The following advancements were made in November 2017:

Sharpshooter: Julia. Congratulation Julia on your personal accomplishment!

Personal High Scores: New personal high 3x10 scores were achieved by: Julia 223-6, Seth 278-9, Hunter G 261-6, Alexis 211-3, Dan 158-1, Brandon 212-1, Jacob 269-9, & Ian 190-0.

New personal high 3x20 scores were achieved by: Seth 539-13. Several awesome accomplishments by the Warrenton Rifles team! Congratulations shooters on your new personal high score!!

Upcoming Events:

- 2 December 2017: ODJRL match at Post 290
- 20 December 2017: Team Christmas Party
- 6 January: ODJRL match at Post 290
- 20 January: CMP Postal match for Regional Championship
- 27 January: American Legion Postal for National Championship
- 12-14 April 2018: CMP Regional Match, Camp Perry, OH (by invitation)
- 21 April 2018: Dept of Virginia, North Region Championship
- 5 May 2018: Dept of Virginia, State Championship (by invitation)
- 21-23 June 2016: CMP National Championship (by invitation)

Practice Times: During the regular season, the Post 72 Warrenton Rifles Teams 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, Andy Andrews, J.D.
Davenport and Bill Gouldthorpe (in
Memorial)**

Social Quarters / House Committee

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If you have noticed, we now have some new young helpers on Friday nights serving the dinners, please make them welcome!

I want to also thank all the people that help us around the Social Quarters. Remember we always can use help around the Post! We now have a new cook for lunches and Friday night dinners, her name is Kim, please say hi to her, she is a welcome addition to the Post and will take some of the stress off Donna.

We also have a very good lunch menu for all to enjoy, we are trying some new specials on Tuesdays, thanks to our new cook. Also remember we can always use some help during our lunches. Remember 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. We have a gun up for raffle from your Social Quarters, so please take a chance and support us. 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! 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. We always need help for this event if you want it to continue.

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 January Newsletter are due by December 25, 2017. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."

Photos from around the Post:



Mike Hays runs the backhoe while being closely supervised by Past Commander Paul Baker, Brian O'Loughlin and Commander Claude Davenport



L-R, J.D. Davenport, Pvt. Abram Baer, USMC, (former Post 72 Jr. Shooter), Past Commander Mike Freeman, Commander Claude Davenport

