

News at the Post February 2013

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Commander's Corner:

It's hard to believe, but it is already February, 2013. As they say, time marches on and it waits for no one.

Not much to report this month, as we are in the midst of another cold winter and things have slowed down a bit.

I did fail to recognize Brown's Glass Shop, Inc., of Bealeton, in the January newsletter. Brown's generously donated the plexiglas for the plaque that Post 72 presented to the Wounded Warrior, Sgt. Michael Frazier, USMC, last December.

Recently, I had the pleasure of going with Comrade Claude Davenport and our Junior Shooters Team, to a competition in Richmond, on January 19th. Our team did well again and as always these young men did an outstanding job as representatives of Post 72.

On behalf of Post 72, I want to again personally thank both Jules and Cale for their hard work on our Veterans Plaza. The block work on the walls has been completed, (Photo below). Again, we are making progress as weather and time has permitted. Jules and I will be going back up to Pennsylvania this week to finalize the purchase of the blank pavers needed for this project.

You may have noticed that we have installed some additional security lighting, behind our Post Home, for the area of the annex and the tractor shed. Thanks to those who helped, John, Joe, Neil and Larry.

Remember, everyone is invited to come out for a Valentine Dinner, on February 14, 2013, here at the Post. The cost is \$22.00 for two rib eye steak dinners, with a baked potato and a salad, included. See the attached flyer or contact Donna in the Social Quarters if you have any questions.

Don't forget to come out on March 02, 2013 for our 2nd Annual ALR Chili Cook Off. This is a fun event to promote fellowship with other American Legion Posts. The admission for this event is free so come out and sample some outstanding chili! There is a \$5.00 entry fee for the competitors only, to help cover the expenses to our Post for sponsoring this contest.

I'm happy to report that Miss Tootie is back home with her daughter and appears to be doing better. Also, Dottie and Terrie, are home recovering from their recent surgery. Everyone, remember to keep them in your thoughts and prayers, and wish them a speedy recovery.

Also, please continue to support our Post and Social Quarters, and don't forget to thank Donna for all of her hard work. Also, thanks to our many volunteers, who assist Donna and help keep the Social Quarters functioning.

We continue to 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 February 03, 2013.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on the February 12, 2013 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on Thursday, February 07, 2013, 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.

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.

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
Mike Freeman — Commander

Adjutant's Corner

Mrs. Jan Miller with ticket #649 was the winner of our \$1,000 raffle December 21, 2012.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Comrades Stan Adamowicz, Paul Baker, Jack Flood, Jean Gillen, Bill Gouldthorpe, Joe Grimsley, Sam Jesselson, Neil LaBell, Ron Meadows, Jim Rankin, John Spearman, Bill White, Leroy Wines, Donna Webb Lounge/Auxiliary, Steve Toske/SAL

and Anne Jenkins Non- member. I appreciate their continued efforts to make this raffle the success it has been. My only wish is that more members would make an effort to distribute a few of the tickets to take some of the load off this core of Comrades. Again, thanks to all of you and to those who purchase the tickets.

These fundraisers are necessary to offset our overhead and to provide funding for our many programs. Please keep in mind a certain percentage of any fundraiser may be used towards our operating expenses of the Post Home (utilities, insurance, maintenance, etc.). It takes efforts of not only the Legion but also assistance from our other programs including the Auxiliary, SAL, ALR and Boy Scouts to maintain our Post home. Remember in the event our Post home was to cease functioning then there will be no other programs available to help our veterans, their families, and our community.

I had an opportunity to speak with one of our past members who dropped his membership recently, because he was not only disillusioned with using part of our fund raisers to maintain our Post home but because of our dues increase. Please be advised of the reasoning for raising our dues from \$25 to \$40. The American Legion Department of Virginia increased our dues to them by \$5, which meant they received \$24 of the \$25 we received from each member. Hopefully everyone will understand that this hardly pays for the postage. After much discussion at one of our monthly meetings (all Comrades have an opportunity to attend), it was voted upon and approved to increase the dues to \$40 with the intent that this will enable us to maintain the \$40 dues for several years to come or until such time the gap is narrowed once again.

I am inviting any Comrade or other program members that become disgruntled or have a complaint with anything that we do, to please come to any Executive Committee Member/meeting and / or the General Membership meeting and talk to us before you just walk away. We have to work together to make this a viable Post Home that we are proud to be a part. Remember although we may not agree on all issues we are all Comrades. I may not agree with you but once the issue is addressed we are still friends. Let's all be members with a positive attitude for the Good of the Legion and our fellow Comrades.

I would also like to report that Commander Freeman, Service Officer Flood, Comrade Jessie Montgomery and I attended a class on Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA). This program provides those Veterans with children 18 and under (some instance up to 21) some assistance one time. Please contact one of us if you know of someone that may need assistance.

Comrade Wesley Simms Legislative Affairs Chairman and I attended the Day on the Hill in Richmond Wednesday Jan. 16, 2013. It was an enlightening experience for me to meet with our local Representatives or aides. I feel very comfortable with Comrade Simms expertise as our Legislative Affairs Chairman. Congratulation and thanks to Wesley for stepping up.

For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America
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.

Remember that we will be having our Valentine Dinner on Thursday, February 14, 2013. The price will be \$22.00, for two rib eye steak dinners, including a baked potato and a salad. Last year a good time was had by all, so come out and enjoy this meal with friends, family and fellow comrades.

Remember that the VA Representative will be available, the third Wednesday, February, 20, 2013, at 10:00am, here at Post 72.

Again, we all want to send our thoughts and prayers to Tootie, and her family. Miss Tootie went home to her Daughter Kitty, on January 19th, and we all hope she is doing better. Also, one of our volunteers, Dottie, is at home recovering from recent knee surgery. We all wish her a complete and speedy recovery.

It has been brought to my attention that a lot of members who support our Social Quarters have been bitten by the latest flu bug that is going around. We wish all of you get well soon, and look forward to seeing you here at our Post Home.

We still have raffles in the Social Quarters, most of the time. Winter is still upon us 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

Activities:

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

Here is a recap of what our Troop 600 and Crew 600 activities and upcoming events.

The Dragon patrol did a knot tying training to teach/reinforce knot tying skills. A game followed later in which teams had to tie their team leader up and see which team did it the best.

The Cobras received an Honor Patrol Award for completing a series of patrol activities. Excellent job Cobras!

The big activity for the month was a "Webelo Welcome Night on 21 January, which was a huge success. The scouts provided an excellent round robin of scouting skill events for the Webelos, covering skills from fire safety to first aid carries. Judging from the comments of the Webelos and parents, it looked like the Webelos enjoyed themselves and left Troop 600 with a smile on their faces. We hope to see them again soon as Troop 600 scouts.

Mr. McNeil will be teaching 3 merit badges; chess, personal fitness, and reading. Please talk with Mr. McNeil if you would like to participate in earning any or all of these merit badges.

Upcoming Events:

PLC: February 11, 6:30pm

Troop and patrols Leaders mandatory (SPL, ASPL, Scribe, Patrol Leader, etc.). Other interested scouts may attend as observers.

Bike Campout: February 15-17

Additional information to follow.

George Mason Basketball Game: February 16, 4:00pm tip-off
all tickets are \$10. Not just for scouts, friends and family too.

Rank Advancement:

None to report.

BSA Troop 600 meets on Monday evenings, 1915 - 2030 hours (7:15 - 8:30pm) in the upstairs hall at Post 72.

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 Troop & Crew 600 are all about.

Come "Feel the Thunder at Troop 600".

For God and Country

Claude Davenport — Troop 600 Representative

American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program (ALJSSP):

In January, the team went to Post 233 in Varina (Richmond) to compete in the Old Dominion Junior Rifle League's (ODJRL) competition. It wasn't our best performance, as illness and prior commitments took its toll on the team attendance. Blake, Sam, and Max did a great job representing the team with pride and professionalism, earning praises from the competition staff.

On a brighter note, we were blown away by the official results came in for the December ODJRL competition. Blake took 1st place, Sam took 2nd place and Max took 4th place in the B Division, Michael S. took 2nd place and Sean took 3rd place in the C Division. Their placing in competition is evidence of their huge strides in their shooting performance. A fantastic performance guys!!!

We would like to welcome Zach to the Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team. Zach is our youngest member, by is showing some excellent shooting skills. We can see him giving some of the older shooters a run for their money. Welcome to the team Zach.

Comrade Hugh Long (Post 72) briefed the shooters on some unique and very interesting pieces of firearms and their history. Thanks again to Comrade Long for his generous participation and contributions to the Team.

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team practices on Thursday evenings, 1830 - 2030hrs in the Legion Hall. We welcome anyone from the Post family to come by to see the program and watch the shooters practice.

Myself, Mike Freeman, Bill Gouldthorpe, and Lance Davenport, are your Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team Staff.

For God and Country

Claude Davenport — ALJSSPO Team Coordinator

Auxiliary News:

It's mid-winter and we don't have a lot of activities to report on this month.

As always, we want to recognize and thank all of our volunteers who work so hard around the Post.

I'm happy to report that Miss Tootie is at home, and feeling better. Also, Dottie is home as well, recovering from her recent surgery. We all wish them both well and please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Again, the Auxiliary will be serving breakfast the second Sunday of each month. Our next breakfast will be on February 10, 2013. Hope to see you all there!

For God and Country

Donna Webb — President

Sons of the Legion News:

As winter is still upon us there is not much news to report.

Our January breakfast we served 20 guests. It was good to see many familiar faces in the New Year. A special thanks to Mike Anderson for donating apple butter for our pull-tab give away-, which was won by Donna. Also, thanks to Cale, Jules, Justin and Joe for all their help and hard work.

We understand Tootie is now home is doing better. Great News!

Remember, we continue to have all you can eat breakfast in our Social Quarters, every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm. The SAL breakfast is the third Sunday, each month. Our next breakfast will be held on February 17, 2013. Hopefully we will be working on a surprise item for this breakfast. I hope to see many of our friends then. Please come out and help support our organization and our Post.

The next scheduled SAL business meeting will be held on February 05, 2013, All SAL members are urged to attend and help make our organization a success.

For God & Country
Ted Kilby — Commander SAL Squadron 72

American Legion Riders News:

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

The American Legion Riders have not been very active this past January as the cold weather is here. However we have been planning our Chili Cook Off the 2nd of March. Come out for some good Chili and a very good time, (Flyer below).

Our December breakfast did very well. And we once again donated all funds back to our Post. Thanks so much for the wonderful volunteers we have every month.

Our Treasurer Terrie has been collecting our menus from our breakfasts in hopes of finding the top couple, top man, and woman for the year of her position from May 2012 to April 2013. She will be announcing the winner at our Feb. 2013 Riders meeting in which the winner will receive a free breakfast from the riders for their support. So come out and get breakfast so you can get on the list and be one of our winners.

For all that are on Facebook, go to American Legion Riders Post 72 Warrenton, VA. We have a lot of events being posted from us and other post in the area.

Don't forget we have our Bike & Car Show this coming Sept. Please get the word out. Flyers are available from the Riders.

Our next ALR meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 06, 2013 at 07:00pm. Hope to see you all there.

Thanks to all those ALR members who helped on the January 27, 2013 breakfast, Dave, Julie, Patty, Mike, Mark, Greg and Judy. Once again Judy did an outstanding job with her culinary skills in the

kitchen! As is our policy, the ALR returned all the proceeds earned from our breakfast back to our Post.

The ALR will continue serving breakfast on the fourth Sunday of each month. Our next breakfast will be on February 24, 2013. Please come out and help support our organization and our Post.

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

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!

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 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!

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

GAMES at the Post:

[Winter Pool Tourn](#) Thursdays at 7:00pm

[Soft Tip Darts Saturdays at 7:00 pm](#)

Queen of Hearts drawing is every Tuesday at 7pm.

Come out and have some fun with us!

Around the Post

Claude Davenport hard at work pressure washing the building for the Veterans Plaza

New Social Quarters storage shed





Editor's and Webmaster's Note:

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

*Articles for the **March** Newsletter are due by **February 25, 2013**. Please email them to Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter"*

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