

News at Post 72 February 2017

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Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard
Sergeant at Arms: Eris Wusthof
Chaplain: Steve McLeod
Service Officer: Dean Jacobson
Historian: Stan Adamowicz*

Auxiliary Officers:

*President: Donna Webb
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Treasurer: Patty Freeman
Chaplain: Elaine Deneale
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Adjutant: Clint Bolt
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Sergeant at Arms: Steve Ralls
Chaplain:
Service Officer:
Historian:*

American Legion Riders:

*Director: Terrie Harne
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Adjutant: Paul Baker
Treasurer: Steve Ralls
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Sam Jesselson
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The Commander's Corner

I hope many of you will be enjoying Super Bowl 51 at the Post's Super Bowl party. Doors will open at 1730 (5:30pm). The Social Quarters now has 4 flat screen TV's to enjoy the game. We are always looking for additional activities, so if you have an idea for an activity, please let me know.

I am honored to announce the Comrade Steve McLeod has been awarded the 2016 Legionnaire of the Year for Post 72. Steve has been a mainstay and positive influence at the Post and on the Executive Committee for many years. Steve was recognized and received his award at the December general membership meeting. Please join me in congratulating Steve for his prestigious award!

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. Dan is collating your observations and suggestions for some work parties this spring to make your Post home a better place.

The property development project is moving forward! The final draft for the LLC agreement and operator's contract is with the Posts attorney now and after his review, will be sent to Board of Directors for their review and hopeful concurrence for approval. The Posts partners have met with the Town of Warrenton Planning folks with initial review of proposed infrastructure plans. At present, the ground breaking is likely to take place late spring or early summer. As always, I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received. I am looking forward to getting this project locked and loaded.

We are looking for a **55 gallon drum** to use as a burn barrel. If you have an extra lying around the house or know of a company that would be willing to donate one, please let me know.

We can use a couple more volunteers who can help out a day/evening or two a month to assist with the fantastic job the Social Quarters is doing with the daily lunch service and the Friday Night Steak & Seafood dinners.

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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.

As always, I would like to invite all Post 72 Legionnaire members in the Fauquier county and surrounding 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 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 1st and 5th Sunday of each month, the Auxiliary the 2nd Sunday, SAL the 3rd, and the ALR the 4th Sunday. 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 member 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, 21 February, 2017 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on the Thursday before the business meeting, 16 February, 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

The DOD announced a policy that will extend limited online military shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans of the military. The Veterans online shopping benefit

will be effective this Veterans Day, November 11, 2017.

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. Additionally I want to recognize both Mike Anderson and Brian O'loughlin for helping us with cooking on several occasions.

Our annual Valentine's Day Steak Dinner will be held again on February 11, 2017, from 5:00 to 8:00pm. We have been doing this dinner for the past twelve years and it has always been a success. Thanks to all who come out and support our dinners at our post.

I don't have anything new to report this month. Our next breakfast is Sunday, February 12, 2017, with our monthly meeting to be held immediately following 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

Many of our members have been under the weather and we hope everyone is feeling better. The Spring Conference will be March 10-12 2017 in Virginia Beach. Our next SAL meeting will be February 7, 2017 at 7:00pm.

The next SAL breakfast will be on Sunday, February 19, 2017. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the January breakfast.

A reminder to all SAL members who have not yet renewed their membership, your cards expired effective December 31, 2016. We really hope that everyone renews their membership as soon as possible.

For God and Country
Ted Kilby – SAL Commander

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Legion Riders News

Riders, our next monthly meeting is Feb. 1st at 7pm. Come early so we can have some dinner.

Not much to report this month. Our Thank You Cards did reach a ship in Spain so come to the meeting and see all the pictures.

Breakfast was great last month, thanks must go out to all that came and all that worked the event. Our next breakfast is Feb. 26th, please come and join us.

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:

- Boy Scout Troop 600 is starting off 2017 in a great way!!! An Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was held on January 14th, to celebrate Michael "Jake" Carney becoming Troop 600's newest Eagle Scout. Jake is Troop 600's 38th Eagle Scout.
- Three more scouts from the troop have begun their Eagle Project Proposal's. Allen will be building an shed for the Heartwood Ministries Center. Jeffrey will be building two American Flag Disposal Boxes that will be placed in the community. Zachary will be erecting a flagpole for the Catlett Church Cemetery.
- The scouts have been very busy planning and preparing several day trips, campouts and picking a summer camp for 2017.

Upcoming Scout Events:

- Rock Wall Day Trip - January 29
- Camping Trip - February

- Merit Badge Midway - March 18th

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

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

- On Saturday 21 January, 12 Warrenton Rifle shooters participated in the 2017 Civilian Marksmanship Programs Qualification Match for the Northeastern Region. The Cobra team (Sam, Carson, Dylan, & John), and Sean as an individual precision shooter, stand an excellent chance on being invited to the CMP's NE Regional match held at

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- Camp Perry, OH at the end of March. This is the qualification for the National Championships in June, also at Camp Perry, OH. Final results will know be posted until the first week of February. During this event, several shooters achieved individual high scores. Congratulations to Sean (291-16), Sam (266-7), Carson (256-5), Dylan (254-4), John (253-10), Hunter G (248-4), Jacob S (240-3), Seth (240-2), Ryan (232-3), Gage (207-2), Hunter B (180-1) and Jacob K (151-0) for representing the Warrenton Rifles so well.
- On Saturday 28 January, 10 Warrenton Rifle shooters will be participating in the 2017 American Legion National Postal Match. This match is the first level of qualification to compete in the Legions Nation Championship in Colorado Springs, CO at the end of July. Results are expected to be posted mid-February.
 - Our Warrenton Rifles Coordinator, Claude Davenport, has been invited to be part of the Range Safety Officer staff at the American Legion's 2017 National Championship at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO this coming July.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL)

ORION RESULTS, January 2017: The 3x10 scores for the Warrenton Rifles participating in the January 2017 match are (Sporter Class): Ryan 260-7; Carson 251-2; Jacob S 249-7; Dylan 239-2; John 238-1; Hunter G 237-3; Hunter B 198-2; Gage 188-2; and Jacob K 158-1. In Precision Class: Sean 286-14. Another excellent showing "Rifles"!!

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League Results: December 2016: Results not posted as of the time of this newsletter.

Qualifications (NRA): Nothing to report this month.

New Personal High Score: Seth 240-2; Gage 214-2; Hunter G 254-2; Sean (3x10 293-18); Jacob K 158-1; Garrett 166-2; and Ryan 260-7. Congratulation to these Warrenton Rifles on setting a new personal high score!

Upcoming Events:

- 3 February, 2017: ODJRL match, Post 290 (3x10), Stafford, VA

- 19 February, 2017: CMP JO 3PAR Virginia State Championship (3x20), IWL, Centerville, VA
- 3 March, 2017: ODJRL match, Post 290 (310), Stafford, VA
- 31 March, 2017 (NLT): American Legion Round 2 Postal Qualifier (invitation) for National match.
- 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, Andy Andrews, and Bill
Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)**

Social Quarters / House Committee

Hope everyone had a Happy New Year and a good start to a new year!! Bring your friends and family out to dinner on Friday nights, good food at a good price! We also have a very good lunch menu for all to enjoy. We can always use some help during our Friday Night Dinners and during the week at lunch, so if you can spare some time please volunteer! I need to give out thanks to all of you that do volunteer. 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 continue to have guns up for raffles at your Social Quarters. We also have a very nice TV up for raffle, and the ALR have a nice

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Redskin Jacket on raffle too. 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 and our dinners! I cannot say it too much, thanks all of the volunteers who come in and work so hard.

We will continue to serve "all you can eat" breakfasts every Sundays from 9:00am to Noon, 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 as fast as we can. 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 still \$7.00 for adults, children twelve and under is unchanged, at \$3.00 each.

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

Photos from around the Post:



Commander Claude Davenport presents Chaplain Steve McLeod with his Legionnaire of the Year Award

February 11th, 2017
5pm to 8pm Valentine's Day Special Steak Dinner Night!
Post 72 Warrenton



ALR Director Terrie Harne, (3rd from left), receives Christmas Thank You cards from Fauquier High School students



MEDITERRANEAN SEA (Dec. 25, 2016)
Thank You cards line the walls of the mess deck aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Porter (DDG 78) as Sailors eat their holiday dinner