

**News at the Post January 2012**

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#### Commander's Corner:

Happy New Year to all! Please check the calendar at the Post for information on our Post Events!

The January Logion meeting will be on the 10th at 7:30pm. Don't forget to support the other groups of our Post Home as well, the AUX, SAL, and ALR with their scheduled meetings. Check the calendar for dates and times.

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](http://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  
**Paul Baker** — Commander

#### House Chairman News:

The Queens are back up and running with a change that due to the game coming pre-packed the employees and any Officers of the Post can now pick their own numbers, etc. just like any other member. Remember if you don't play the pot will not build up. I understand that some members are not playing because they feel some of the jack pot from the last game should have gone into the next game. You all read the rules for the game and if we did put money from the other game into the next game we would have been breaking the rules.

I know if we didn't follow the rules there would have been a large number of members that would have had a problem with that! So if you feel there should be money put into the next game from the last if the person that is the winner is not there you need to submit a request for a rule change, not a boycott. We also have lots of other drawings and games at the Post for your enjoyment, so please come in and support you Post Club.

For God and Country  
**Stan Adamowicz** — House Committee Chairman

#### BSA Troop 600 & Crew 600

During December, Troop 600 was a little more busy than usual. They held a overnight lock-in where the scouts planned their 2012 calendar of activities. A "Webelos Welcome Night" was held with a big turnout from Cub Scout Pack 1016, sponsored by Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

On Monday 19 December, the Troop held a Holiday Party, where there was some excellent eats and fellowship. Thanks to all of the parents who made the event a success. At the party Post 72 Comrade Hugh Long presented 4 scouts with their Rifle Shooting Merit Badge. Mr. Long is continuing his support of the Troop by instructing some of the scouts on the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

At the Post 72 Christmas Party on Saturday 17 December, the Troop's Senior Patrol Leader, Warren N. and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Nick K. presented the Post with a holiday gift of two large Poinsettias as a thank you for the fantastic support from the Post this year.

The Troop is proud to announce that Eagle Scout Candidate Warren N. successfully completed his Eagle Scout Service Project and his Eagle Board of Review, and as soon as National signs off, will officially be our newest Eagle Scout! Congratulations Warren!!

This past week, the Troop went on its annual holiday ski trip to Timberline Ski Lodge, WV, where 12 scouts successfully completed their Snow Sports Merit Badge.

### **Upcoming Scouting Events:**

The Piedmont District "Freeze-o-ree" will be January 27-29, 2012, and is focused on Emergency Preparedness and will be held at Lenn Park near Brandy Station.

Summer Camp: Consideration of possible sites are Goshen, Sethmack or Tuckahoe. No dates set as yet, but likely to be the same as Sea Base event.

"Summit Shakedown" event at the new Scout Reservation in West Virginia, (July 12 - 17) has 15 Scouts signed up from Troop 600.

The Troop meets Monday nights, 1915 - 2030 hrs, upstairs at the Post. The Crew meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month, in the Auxiliary Building at 1500hrs.

Come "Feel the Thunder at Troop 600".

For God and Country

***Claude Davenport*** — Troop 600 Representative

### American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program (ALJSSP)

Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Program: The Post 72 now has two 4 person teams ready to compete in several upcoming shooting events. The teams have fired a "30 Prone" Postal competition which was open to youth shooting clubs in the State. The Post 72 in-house results were 1st place: Blake L. with 239/300, 2nd place: Sean H. with 238/300 and third place: Max H. with 234/300. As you can see, the competition is really close. Congratulations to all the shooters for some pretty good shooting.

The State wide 30 Prone Competition results should be out at the end January.

On 5 January, the Post 72 teams will be competing in the American Legion National Jr. Shooting Sports Program Qualifications. Each shooter will fire 20 pellets prone, 20 standing and 20 kneeling. The results will be computed at AL National with results being posted mid March.

We would like to welcome our newest team member Jake S. It looks like Jake has got some excellent potential.

We are looking for some good ideas for fund raisers this year, so if you have any good suggestions, please pass them on to Team Coordinators Claude Davenport ( ) or Mike Freeman ( ).

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sport team meets upstairs on Thursdays from 1830 - 2030hrs

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**Claude Davenport** — ALJSSPO Team Coordinator

#### Auxiliary News:

We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and will have a wonderful New Year. We don't have much going on in January.

We know how you all love our bake sales! Don't forget that we do have pretty much each week our Great filled Baskets or baked goods to chance off behind the bar.

As always we want to thank all our volunteers that help out around the Social Quarters and outside to keep this place looking good!

Our next meeting will be January 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 so come and join us.

For God and Country

**Donna Webb** — President

#### Sons of the Legion News:

We say many thanks to "Jewels" Cale and Joe for all the help putting on our December 18<sup>th</sup> Breakfast.

We had our holiday gift card giveaway to Giant Food, our \$100 winner was Susan Vandevemder, and our \$200 winner was Melissa Chaney.

Join us for our breakfast on January 15, Cale will be cooking up something "New," made to order wraps with different fillings from mild to spicy!

It will give us time to compare Christmas stories. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

For God & Country

**Ted Kilby** — Commander SAL Squadron 72

## American Legion Riders News:

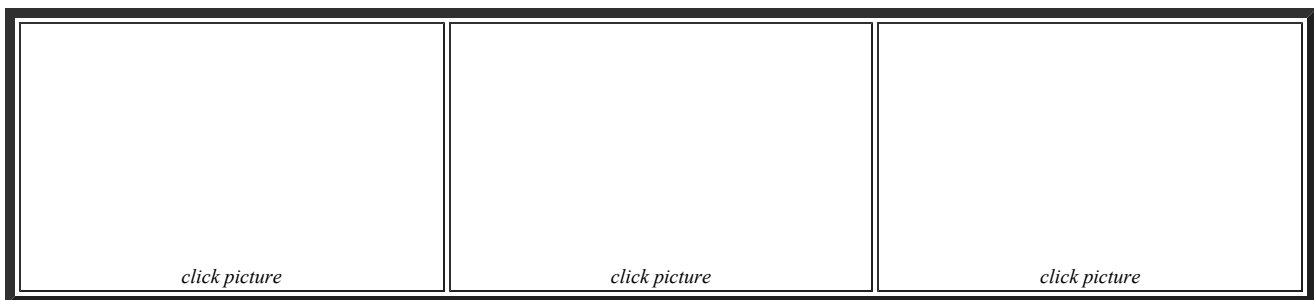
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I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year! I hope y'all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas shared family and friends. 2012 promises to be a busy and thoroughly enjoyable year for all of us.

Plans for The Chili Challenge are well underway! Now we need to promote it to all Northern Virginia ALR Chapters! It should be lots of fun with our ALR friends, both old and new! Save the date: March 24<sup>th</sup>!

Our Patriotic Thank You Card Project is moving along nicely - invitations have been sent out to all Fauquier County Schools! We've had 4 elementary schools respond positively thus far and Fauquier HS is on-board again this year. We're looking into locating some other recipients for these great cards! If you have any local contacts, please let me know. We're also exploring the new military/community hospital at Ft. Belvoir, to see if they'll permit us to share some of the cards with their patients.

The Warrenton Christmas Parade was lots of fun. Deb, Greg, Wally, Claude, Dave & Julie, Terrie, Richard & the boys all took part! The weather was great! The crowds seemed to enjoy seeing us, and we had a blast waving to everyone along the route. We have to do this again next year!



We had a good turn-out for the Wreaths across America event at the Culpeper National Cemetery. Claude, Mike, Dave, Julie, Terrie, Richard Justin, Dylan, Deb and I went to lend our hands. Lots of other volunteers turned out from the surrounding area to lend assistance to the Blue Knights with this undertaking! Things went very smoothly - lots of hands made light work. If you couldn't make it this time, perhaps we can persuade you to join us next year!

**Post 72 Legion Rider Activities:**

January 4<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) ALR Meeting - 7 pm (gather in the Social Quarters)

January 10<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Chili Challenge Committee Meeting 7 pm in the Social Quarters.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday) Riders' Breakfast - 9 am to noon in the Social Quarters

January 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday) ALR Regional Meeting 1 pm at Fairfax Post 177 3939 Oak Street Fairfax, VA 22030. Phone number: (703) 273-2250)

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. It's also Spaghetti Night at the Post, so why not come early for dinner? I hope to see everyone there!

For God & Country  
**Barbara Truitt** — Director

#### Social Quarters:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

OH! A brand new year! So many possibilities and so much to look forward to.

I hope you will make a New Year's Resolution to visit Your American Legion Post 72. Socialize with friends; enjoy a lunch, dinner or just a relaxing evening out. A huge **Thank You** to our supporters, and volunteers we love you!

I hope you will notice the changes in your Social Quarters as far as décor and some new prices on the menu, and there will be some changes as to what is featured for coming Friday and Saturday nights. Please check the calendars provided for you when you come in the door on the table to your right.

Thanks Tootie! for the good food from your kitchen. Let me know if you like the changes being made.

Cliff and I wish you Happy New Year. Here's to the start of a whole new year with good things to come!

For God & Country  
**Cathy McElwain** — Manager

New [Winter Pool Tourn](#) Starts 7:30pm Entry Fee \$5.75 on Thursday and Saturday Night.

Every Friday night is our Steak & Seafood night, we want to thank you for making this our best night of the week! We have great fun after dinner also so consider staying longer to enjoy our new Friday night [Soft Tip Dart Tournament](#); this is becoming a real nail biter! We usually have about 4 teams that make us sit on the edge of our seats, we would love to have you join in and make it even more fun, it's not expensive and the kids can play also. We also have our all too popular bowling game and 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.

**Thanks** to Terry the DJ for our Karaoke night. Karaoke is on the 1st Saturday of the month. This needs your support if we are to continue with it. Remember Terry is doing this for tips only with no cost to the club, so please show your support and tip him well for his good work!

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### **Don't forget our schedule of Saturday Night Events:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month

we will be featuring a Managers Special Dinner so check the vestibule and see what's cooking!



The 1<sup>st</sup> 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!



The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month

we have [Steak Night](#), (We will cook them on the outside grill when weather permits). We now offer prime cut New York Strip as well as prime cut Rib Eye at a little lower cost when ordering for two. The idea here is for you to bring your love one or a friend to the club. We also have entertainment by the Kooleraters that night.



**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!



Please remember we have **WiFi** in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is [www.legionpost72.org](http://www.legionpost72.org)

### **GAMES at the Post:**

**Soft Tip Darts** is on Friday nights at 7pm.

**Pool Tournament** is on Thursday and Saturday nights at 7:30pm.

**Queen of Hearts** drawing is every Tuesday at 7pm.

Come out and have some fun with us!

Happy New Year Fun Facts

Did you know that New Year's Day has been celebrated for thousands of years? True. It's the oldest holiday celebrated today. And it wasn't always celebrated on January 1.

According to folklore, the first visitor you see on New Year's Day can bring either good or bad luck for the rest of the year. And tall, dark-haired



men are considered to bring the best luck. Hmm... Pierce Bronson, come to my house! (Sorry Cliff!)

People traditionally thought that what they did or ate on New Year's Day would affect the rest of the year.

The Dutch believe eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring you good luck. Any food with a ring-shape is actually considered good luck.

Many parts of the US eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck throughout the year.

Ham and cabbage are also eaten on New Year's since both symbolize prosperity.

Get YOUR pin in the Social Quarters from Donna or from any Post 72 Legion Rider! Show your Support! Proceeds benefit Disabled American Veterans!



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Cathy McElwain, Editor*

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