

News at the Post January 2013

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Commander's Corner:

Happy New Year, 2013! I hope everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas. The year 2012 is now over and thankfully the Ancient Mayan calendar was wrong and the world did not come to an end!

At our business meeting, held December 11, 2012, we had the honor and privilege to recognize a wounded warrior, Marine Sgt. Michael Frazier. Sgt. Frazier had been severely wounded from an IED in Afghanistan, while serving his fourth tour overseas. This young Marine was the recipient of a card from our Post 72 American Legion Riders Patriotic Card Project.

The meeting was attended by a number of our members, along with students, their families, teachers and citizens in our community, including the local media. It was very emotional for all involved, and many of us could not hold back the tears.

Sgt. Frazier received gifts from our Legion Riders, and also got a song from the C. Hunter Ritchie Elementary School choir. While the music was being sung, there were also students "signing", the lyrics. Afterwards, he received many hugs, and handshakes from the students and their parents, as well as us veterans.

We also had our annual Christmas Party, provided by our Social Quarters. Thanks, to Joe and Donna for all their hard work in putting this on.

I'm sad to report that our local Elks Lodge 2737, which regularly support us and meet at our post, is closing down. From all of us veterans, we want the Elks to know how much we have benefited from their presence and support over the years. On behalf of Post 72 we thank you all!

We are still making some progress on the Veterans Plaza project. Once again, Comrade John Sinclair, got the town to donate their labor and equipment, in setting the flag poles, at no charge to our post.

My wife and I visited Past Commander Ed Dauster, and Tootie, from our Social Quarters, in Warrenton Overlook recently. Both appear to be doing better. 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 and for all of her hard work. Check the attached calendar for additional information. Remember we 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 January 06, 2013.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on the January 08, 2013 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on Thursday, January 03, 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.

Happy New Year!

For God & Country

Mike Freeman — Commander

Adjutant's Corner

The Annual Post 72 Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, May 13, 2013.

Happy, healthy and a prosperous new year for everyone!

For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America

John H. Sinclair — Adjutant

House Chairman News:

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Come out and have some fun with us!

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.

November 24, 2012 - Eagle Court of Honor for Warren N: A formal Eagle Court of Honor was celebrated for Warren N. at The Eagles' Nest at Verdun Adventurebound in Rixeyville. It was a great event attended by Troop members, and Warren's family and friends from near and far. We even had one participant, who was unable to attend in person, participate via Skype. Congratulations Warren!

December 3, 2012 - Fall Court of Honor: The Troop and Crew held the Fall Court of Honor for the acknowledgement of awards, promotions, and general good Scouting activities. In particular, the following awards were made:

- recognition of the completion of formal Scout foundation skills by new Scouts who went to Goshen over the Summer;
- various awards for our group who hiked the Lenhoksin Trail at Goshen over the Summer. They were the first National Capital Area Council group to complete all of the hiking requirements for the Trail;
- merit badges earned at Goshen over the Summer and at other locations throughout the year;
- rank promotions covering Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life Scout ranks; and,
- an Eagle Award promotion to Brad N.

Congratulations to all of our Scouts for their very hard efforts since the last Court of Honor! Special Congratulations to Brad N.

Mr. McNeill thanked the 5 Scouts who had stepped up to become Den Chiefs for local Cub Scout Packs. In addition to meeting a leadership position requirement for the Scouts, the Den Chief position is a very positive way in which our Scouts interact with Cub Scouts. As Den Chiefs they help both Den and Pack Leadership run meetings as well as acting as a role model for the Cub Scouts. These Scouts have been generous with their time. Current Den Chiefs are: Jake C., Billy W., Andy M., Joshua J., and Brett B.

December 7 - 8, 2012: The yearly planning lock in was held at the Post. The Scouts are currently putting the finishing touches on the plans for yet another very active Scouting year which includes participation by some of the Troop at the National Jamboree, to be held at the new Bechtel Summit Resort facility, in July 2013. Our Scout master and some of our Assistant Scoutmasters will be providing adult leadership for one of the National Capital Area Council Troops attending the Jamboree. Many thanks to the Scout Master staff!

December 10, 2012: The scheduled monthly Troop Patrol Leadership Council (PLC) Meeting was held. The Scouts and Scout leadership undertook planning for events to be held later in January and February. The monthly Committee Meeting was held at the end of the PLC Meeting.

December 17, 2012: The meeting started with Patrols completing the planning for next year's Troop Meeting activities. i.e. the subjects which each Patrol will teach at a Meeting. This hard work was followed up with a "serious" attack of dodge ball. Re-registration for the Troop and Crew has been successfully completed. We are entering the Troops 11th year and the Crews 5th year.

Crew 600 Monthly meeting updates:

At this month's Crew meeting we discussed:

- First Night – So far 19 crew, adults and guests signed up to participate in the event. We discussed trying to get the earliest shift so we have the rest of the night to ourselves.
- The Crew is considering a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for our upcoming summer trip. We will need to lock in volunteers and a venue. More details to come in the future.
- Summer Trip: For our summer trip this year we are thinking about doing Pamlico Sea Base. It has a great kayaking trek. We are also looking into a sailing trek with another organization.

Upcoming Events:

Crew Christmas Party

Saturday, December 22, 1012

No Troop Meeting

Monday, December 24, 2012

Winter Ski Trip

December 27 - 29, 2012

Post 72 Breakfast (Venture Crew)

Sunday, December 30, 2012

No Troop Meeting

Monday, December 31, 2012

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Next PLC Meeting

Monday, January 14, 2013

Next Committee Meeting

Monday, January 14, 2013

2nd Webelos Welcome Night

Monday, January 21, 2013

Rank Advancement:

Robert L.

Life Scout
Michael N.
2nd Class
Joshua O.
Scout

Congratulations Robert, Michael and Joshua! Once again, congratulations to Brad N. for the attainment of Eagle Scout rank!

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):

On Saturday 15 December, Blake, Spitzer, Max, Sean and Sam represented the team and traveled to Benedictine High School in Richmond, VA for the ODJRL's December competition. **All we can say about their performance is, OUTSTANDING BOYS!!!! How does SECOND PLACE out of eight teams competing sound?** The team score of 881 (with nine 10's) has been the best showing by the Post 72 Shooting Sport Team to date.

Several of the boys accomplished personal bests at the competition. Blake came in 7th over all out of 44 competitors with a score of 233 with 4 10's. Real nice job Blake, congratulations! An excellent showing by the whole team!

Thursday 20 December will be the Team's practice/party. We will have a fun shoot to start and close with some pizza and soda/juice/water. We will be getting some cheese and some pepperoni pizzas so shooters, please bring any snack/chips you would like to share and a 2 liter or several cans of your favorite soda, juice or water.

Comrade Hugh Long (a Post 72 member) continues to amaze us with the very interesting pieces of firearms and 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.

The Junior Shooting Sports Team would like to wish the Post 72 family a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and Joyous Holiday Season. Have a great New Year. The Junior Shooting Sport Team next practice will be on Thursday, 3 January at 1830hrs.

For God and Country

Claude Davenport — ALJSSPO Team Coordinator

Auxiliary News:

We want to thank all of our volunteers who work so hard around the Post.

Our Christmas Party and Breakfast with Santa, for the children, was held on December 09, 2012, here at our post. It went over very well, and a good time was had by all who participated. We want to thank Chris Grimsley, for being our Santa. Nice job Chris!

Our “silent auction”, was held last month and we did very good, as expected. Thanks to everyone who donated and purchased items to make this a successful event.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Miss Tootie and her family. We all wish her well and hope she returns soon, as she is missed by everyone. Pictured below are Misses Tootie and Donna, in our Social Quarters.

Again, the Auxiliary will be serving breakfast the second Sunday of each month. Our next breakfast will be on January 13, 2013. Hope to see you all there!

For God and Country

Donna Webb — President

Sons of the Legion News:

It was good to see Cale, Jules, Clint and Justin to help out with the SAL breakfast on the 18th. Thanks to all that helped.

Sal Squadron 72 had a great December breakfast. We served 28 guests and it was also the day we gave away our annual holiday grocery give away raffle.

Our grand prize winner of \$300 of Safeway gift cards was won by Anita Sutherland who works at Fauquier Health. When contacted she was elated, since all of her children and other family members will be coming to her house for Christmas. She said this came at the best time and was very thankful.

Our second place prize of \$100 was won by Sandy Kilby. Sandy said she is going to share hers with some of her other family members. We would also like to thank her, for her time contacting numerous people about our holiday grocery give away.

I would also like to thank Freida Labell for selling quite a few tickets for us as well. I also need to thank Tony and his staff at Piedmont press for his generous donation of printing the tickets. There were numerous other people that sold tickets for us, and to all who helped and supported this event, I would like to thank you very much. This is the best holiday grocery give away we have had since we started three years ago.

I was saddened to hear of the passing on December 7, 2012 of Local realtor and builder Lofton White. Lofton was a resident of the area for many years and was a West Point graduate. Over the years Lofton helped a lot of people in our community and was always very kind to veterans and non veterans alike.

The January SAL meeting has been changed to Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 7:00 PM. All SAL members are urged to attend to start the New Year off right.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

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 been very active this past December. On Dec. 8th a number of our members escorted Marine LCpl Nick Thom from Prince William County Police Department to the groundbreaking ceremony for his new specially adapted home in Broad Run, VA. LCpl Thom was severely wounded by an IED in the Musa Qala District of Afghanistan on April 4, 2010. He was left a bi-lateral amputee with multiple upper-extremity injuries, and missing three fingers.

On December 11, 2012, at 7:30pm, at the American Legion Post General Meeting the ALR honored Marine Sgt. Michael Frazier. Sgt Frazier had received, while protecting our country, some of the patriotic cards that we picked up this last year from our project. Sgt Frazier contacted us and wanted to thank us for the cards he received. We in turn felt he was the one that really needed to be thanked. So at this meeting we surprised him with honors and a number of presentations, as well as making him an honorary member of the Post 72 ALR. These cards are made by various Fauquier County school children, to honor our armed forces. We want to thank the children that came to this event to honor Sgt Frazier and the performance they provided.

Pictured below is Sgt. Michael Frazier, USMC, with Post 72 American Legion Riders, holding the signed, Iwo Jima Memorial Print. Left to right are: Sam, Larry, Terrie, Richard, Wally, Wayne, Sgt Michael Frazier, Paul, John, Mike and Claude.

We also supported the Wreaths–Across–America on the 15th of December at Culpeper National Cemetery, where we helped put out 750 wreaths to honor our fallen Vets. This even is performed at over 720 Cemeteries across American each year and we are happy to help in this event.

We look forward to another year of events and the supporting of events for our Veterans. Please don't forget our Chili Cook Off on March 2nd 2013 at the Post. Our Bike & Car Show is scheduled for September 29th, 2013. We hope to see you there.

Our November's breakfast made \$237.00. Which we once again donated all funds back to our Post. Thanks so much for the wonderful volunteer's 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 so May 2012 to April 2013. She will be announcing the winner at our April 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. Remember, the ALR breakfast is on Sunday, January 27, 2013. Please come out, help if you can, and enjoy our all you can eat breakfast.

Our next ALR meeting is on Wednesday, January 02, 2013 at 07:00pm. Hope to see you all there.

Hope you had a wonderful Very Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year.

For God & Country

Keith "Wally" Burdette — Director, American Legion Riders, Post 72

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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:

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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

Left to right: SAL Members, Mike, Clint, Jules, Ted, Joe and Cale



Doug, Stan, Paul, Steve, Sgt. Michael Frazier, USMC, Bill, Mike, Don, John and Ed



C. Hunter Ritchie students pose with Sgt. Michael Frazier, USMC



Paul Baker receives his Past Commander's Award plaque from Commander Mike Freeman





Culpeper National Cemetery, Wreaths Across America, 2012



Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team at Benedictine High School, Richmond, Virginia, Saturday 15, 2012. Left to right: Claude Davenport, Max, Mike, Sam, Blake, Sean and Mike Freeman



Donna Webb and Santa Claus, in front of our Christmas Tree



Larry and Judy's Granddaughter, Lilly, hard at work, preparing eggs for the Breakfast with Santa



Editor's and Webmaster's Note:

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

Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share?

It's YOUR Newsletter - your input is welcomed and invited!

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Patty Freeman, Editor
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