

# News at Post 72

# January 2014

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## **Post 72 Officers**

### **American Legion Post 72 Officers:**

*Commander: Mike Freeman*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Jesse Montgomery*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Bill Gouldthorpe, Jr.*

*Adjutant: John Sinclair*

*Finance Officer: Claude Davenport*

*Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard*

*Sergeant at Arms: Ed Deneale*

*Chaplain: Steve McLeod*

*Service Officer: Wesley Simms*

*Historian: Stan Adamowicz*

### **Auxiliary Officers:**

*President: Donna Webb*

*Vice President: Julie Gordon*

*Secretary: Rochelle Ferguson "Shell"*

*Treasurer: Rosie Limerick*

*Chaplain: Dottie Howell*

*Sergeant at Arms: Sandy Glascock*

*Historian: Patty Freeman*

### **Sons of the American Legion:**

*Commander: Ted Kilby*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Joe Lechwar*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Justin Labell*

*Adjutant: Clint Bolt*

*Finance Officer: Clint Bolt*

*Sergeant at Arms: Jules Julian*

*Chaplain: Tom Carter*

*Service Officer: Tom Carter*

*Historian:*

### **American Legion Riders:**

*Director: Terrie Harne*

*Assistant Director: Claude Davenport*

*Adjutant: Paul Baker*

*Treasurer: Steve Ralls*

*Sergeant at Arms: Mark Burdette*

*Run Coordinator: Mark Burdette*

*Membership Chairman: Steve Ralls*

*Chaplain: Samuel Jesselson*

### **American Legion Post 72 Corporation:**

*Jim Rankin*

*Paul Baker*

*Bill Buck*

*Joe Grimsley*

*Barry Dibble*

## **The Commander's Corner**



I hope everyone had a great Holiday and a Happy New Year!

Although the New Year has begun, we have the old year's remaining problems. The biggest obstacle is unchanged, we need more revenue!

It's a simple fact that in order for this Post and our organization to survive, we need to improve our financial situation. We cannot afford to sit idly by and expect our Social Quarters to provide the bulk of our income. The other major fundraisers are our annual golf tournament, and the occasional gun and cash raffles. They are simply not enough!

Comrade Bill Gouldthorpe has asked on several occasions that we get a committee organized and do some short and long term strategic planning. I am asking all of you to either serve on this committee, or make some suggestions or recommendations on what we can do. Everything will be considered, but as always, we need members to step up and volunteer.

I will also be holding a meeting in the near future with all of the heads of the other groups in our Post, the SAL, Auxiliary and Legion Riders to discuss what steps can be taken to get or fiscal house in order, and to improve communications with all of our organizations.

As reported last month, Past Commander Paul Baker has been appointed House Committee Chairman. Please give him your support and help when you can. One of the things Paul and I discussed is starting up weekly Cornhole Tournaments sometime this month. This is a fun event for all ages and as information becomes available it will be posted.

I want to again remind everyone that some of the Post locker rental dues have still not been paid, and are long overdue. For anyone not currently paid up to date, the "amnesty" period ended on January 01, 2014. The rental costs are unchanged, and will remain at \$25.00 annually. In the event a locker was not paid for by January 01, 2014, all items will be removed. Please check with Donna and verify if your

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rental dues are paid and if you wish to retain or rent a locker.

Please continue to support our Post Social Quarters, whenever you can and remember to thank Donna and our many volunteers, for all of their hard work.

We still 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 05, 2014.

Remember to support the other groups of our Post Home, as well as the AUX, SAL, ALR, Junior Shooters and the Boy Scouts.

Our thoughts and prayers go to "Mr. Frank" Marino, Service Officer Wes Simms, Past Commander Roland Tapscott, Frieda Labell and Andy Andrew's wife who have all been hospitalized recently.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on the first Thursday again this month, on January 02, 2014 at 19:00 hours, (7:00pm).

As your Commander, if there are any questions, or suggestions to improve our Post, please contact myself, or any of the other officers, at your convenience.

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 and Country

**Mike Freeman - Commander**

## Adjutant's Corner

Happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all our veterans, service men and women and their families!

For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America

**John H. Sinclair - Adjutant**



## Auxiliary News

Once again I would like to thank all of our volunteers who help out around the Post. Their efforts may go unnoticed but are much appreciated by all of our Post 72 members.

I want to give big thanks to all of you

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who braved the bad weather on December 8<sup>th</sup>, for our annual children's Christmas Party. Of course this includes our resident Santa, Chris, who once again did a great job for the kids!

Our silent auction was another success. Thanks to all of you who donated items and helped out on this event.

I want to also thank all of you who made and contributed items for our Christmas Bake Sale. Nice job!

Everyone please keep Miss Tootie's family, Frieda, and "Mr. Frank" in your thoughts and prayers.

Please come out and help work the Auxiliary breakfast on the second Sunday, January 12, 2014. Also, remember our Auxiliary meeting will be held immediately afterwards. For God and Country

**Donna Webb - President**



## Sons of the Legion News

At our December breakfast a lot of effort was put forth by Jules and Cale who always do a great job in the kitchen. Also thanks go out to Clint, Mike Anderson, Joe and Donna.

The SAL's first meeting of 2014 will be January 7, 2014 at 7:00pm and the first SAL breakfast of the New Year will be January 19, 2014. I Hope to see some new faces at both these events

For God and Country

**Ted Kilby - SAL Commander**



## Legion Riders News

WOW, What a year! Happy 2014 to everyone. I Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Great New Year.

In the upcoming months we have a few things to plan. We need to start planning our annual Spring Poker Run. In order to get this underway, we will need to establish a date and name a volunteer Chairperson.

We should hear ideas this month, so come to the meeting and share your thoughts and recommendations.

The Toys for Tots collection went well, and we would like to thank all our Legion family members who put a toy in the box for the kids.

The ALR business meeting this month is

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going to be January 08, 2014 at 7:00pm. This was changed because the regular meeting night, of the first Wednesday falls on Jan 1st.

Due to the weather we have not had very many rides. We would like to change that in the summer months or as the weather improves.

January 26, 2014, is our next ALR breakfast and I hope to see you there. A special thanks to the dedicate volunteers for another successful breakfast in Dec. Thanks to Donna and her crew for always supporting the Riders.

Wreaths Across America was so rewarding, it's always an honor to lay Wreaths every year. This year there was over 700 wreaths put out. This was only a small part of 6000 Cemetery's across the Nation that had the same event on the same day. The volunteers are growing every year. With Our family it has become our Christmas tradition I can guarantee you it will become your tradition, so if we didn't see you this year please keep it mind for next year!

Lets' give a big shout out to one of our Legion Riders who is celebrating his Birthday this month!!! Hope Kenny will drop by.

The next ALR business meeting is on February 05, 2014 at 7:00pm. Remember to mark your calendar, and we hope to see you all there.

For God and Country

*Terrie Harne – Director, America Legion Riders*

## **BSA Troop 600 & Crew 600**

### **Boy Scout Troop 600 & Crew 600: Troop 600:**

Boy Scouting, one of the traditional membership divisions 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 fifth grade and are at least 10, or who are 11, but not yet 18 years old. The program achieves the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

#### **Recent Notable Activities/Events:**

This month, the Scouts completed their annual lock-in which is their monthly theme and activity planning and scheduling conference.

On Monday, 16 December, the Troop held their Christmas party. The Scouts and

families brought all sorts of sweet treats for everyone to share. Games were also held to top off the evening celebration. The Troop is now pursuing the Cooking Merit Badge. Mr. Tiller and Mr. Manzella will continue talking about food nutrition.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

TBD (Saturday) Shepard's Road Clean Up

TBD: Campout to Wallops Island to tour the launch facility and watch a launch

TBD: White water rafting

TBD: Beach campout

TBD: Canoe campout

TBD: Summer camp at Blue Ridge Scout Reservation.

**Recent ranks advancements:** None.

**Meeting information:** BSA Troop 600 meets on Monday evenings, 1915 – 2030 hours (7:15pm – 8:30pm) in the meeting hall at Post 72. We invite you to come by and see what Troop 600 is all about.

**Crew 600:** Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade and under 21 years of age. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

#### **Recent Notable Activities/Events:**

Crew members made a presentation to the Troop, outlining plans and a schedule to interact with the scouts to teach them skills, for a land navigation outing, Leave No Trace outing. Everyone involved will be able to sharpen their skills. The instruction process will qualify the Crew members for the Outdoor Bronze Award, which is a major step toward earning the coveted Range Award.



**Northern Tier:** The Crew continues putting together plans to do the BSA Northern Tier this

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summer. The Northern Tier is the BSA's oldest national High Adventure program, outfitting scouting groups for canoe trips since the summer of 1923. The Charles L Sommers Base has been home to the program since 1941. North America's Canoe Country, a vast series of navigable lakes and rivers spanning thousands of square miles, is one of the last great wildernesses on the continent. This boreal forest of waterfalls and bogs, bears and wolves, granite crags and waist-deep mud remains nearly as much of a wilderness as it was for the first fur traders who explored the area in the 1600s. Two centuries after the fur trade's peak in the early 1800s, participants still follow in the footsteps of the French-Canadian voyageurs, paddling the same waters and straining over the same portage trails.

### Meeting information:

BSA Crew 600 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 1930 – 2030 hours (7:30 – 8:30 pm). We invite you to come by and see what Crew 600 is all about.

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**Claude Davenport** - Troop 600 & Crew Liaison

### 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 December 14<sup>th</sup>, the Post 72 Air Rifle Team participated in the December ODJRL Competition, held at Stafford Post 290. We had 8 shooters competing, and Post 72 was VERY well represented by Zachary, Savannah, Penny, Sam, Jake, Max, Sean and Abram. How did they do you may ask? Well, someone pinch us, we

have to be dreaming... AGAIN! Once again the Post 72 Air Rifle Team set a **new Team record with a fantastic score of 963 and 10 bulls!**

Our Team results, from four teams shooting at Post 290, included a first place finish. Out of the 20 shooters in competition, Post 72 had Sean, with a 1st place finish, Abram with a 2nd place finish, Sam a 6th place finish and Max with a 7th place finish. The final overall ODJRL results will be out in a week or so after a couple more teams get their results into ODJRL. At present, Post 72 will have an overall 2nd place finish.

In addition to Team accomplishments, our congratulations to Abram and Sean for setting new personal high scores, Abram with a 245 and Seam with a 251.

Individual results were: Abram, 245 - 1; Sean, 251 - 5; Max, 231 - 2; Jake, 148 - 2; Sam, 236 - 2; Penny, 133 - 1; Savannah, 170 - 0; Zachary, 194 - 2.

We would like to thank all of the Post 72 Team shooters and accompanying parents for an excellent display of sportsmanship today with the amount of effort and assistance they provided to the setup of the Post 290 venue for the Match.

Lastly, a huge thanks to Zachary's dad for transporting the Team equipment (and shooters) to and from the Match, as well as Penny's dad, Sam's mom, and Savannah's dad for transporting shooters to the Match. Without the fantastic assistance of the parents, the Team would not be able to achieve the levels they have, thank you parents!!

On 19 December, NRA certifications for the below levels were awarded to the Post 72 Air Rifle Team members as noted.

**Pro-Marksman:** Isaiah & Chris

**Marksman:** None.

**Marksman 1<sup>st</sup> Class:** Sean, Penny, Savannah, & Zachary.

**Sharpshooter Bar Levels:** Jake, Penny, Savannah, & Zachary.

**Sharpshooter:** Sean, Max, Jake, Sam, Penny, & Savannah.

**Expert:** Sam.

Note: Sam is the first member of the Post 72 Air Rifle Team to receive this difficult certification. The Expert Certification requires the shooter to record 3 relays at 220+, 3 relays

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at 230+ and 3 relays at 240+. This is an outstanding achievement Sam, congratulations.

It should also be noted that Abram, Sean, and Blake are in the process of qualifying for the coveted Expert Certification.

Also on the 19th, twelve members of the Team received training and certification as 4-H Youth Club Officers. The interactive training was provided by Ms. Lenah Nguyen, the Fauquier County Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development. Our thanks to Ms. Nguyen, for taking time out of her schedule to provide this valuable training.

As always, our thanks go to Comrade Hugh Long for his firearms displays and history presentations.

## **Upcoming Events:**

**4 January 2014:** American Legion National 3X20 Post Competition

**18 January, 2014:** ODJRL competition

**8 February, 2014:** ODJRL competition

**8 March, 2014:** 4-H Spring Air Rifle Match

**15 March, 2014:** ODJRL competition

**12 April 2014:** ALJSSP Northern Region, Department of Virginia Competition

## **Practice Times:**

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

For God and Country,

***Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Bill Gouldthorpe, Lance Davenport, Quentin Peach*** - Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team Cadre.

## **House Chairman News**

As reported in the December business meeting, Joe Grimsley has resigned as the Post House Committee Chairman and Social Quarters manager. With that, our Commander Mike Freeman has asked that I once again help out the Post as the new House Committee Chairman. This will become effective on the 1st of January 2014.

I will do my best to continue Joe's good work in improving the Post Social Quarters, and I know all of you will join me in giving Joe a

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great big thank you for all of his hard work.

Many of you are aware that Donna has been working under some stress for some time with the loss of her best friend and co-worker Tootie. Not having someone help working the kitchen during lunch each day of the week, she has to stop whatever she is doing to prepare a lunch or lunches for our members and their friends. This additional effort takes her from the bar and members have to wait for her return from the kitchen to serve them. Most members handle this very well, however there are some who seem to get very impatient and have things to say about the lack of service. I can assure you that I am working to improve service for everyone.

I also would like to thank the volunteers that have come in to help when they can in the kitchen during lunch as well as other times. I can't thank them enough! I will try to eliminate the service issue as soon as I can to make sure there is a person available in the kitchen during lunch each week day. This will free up Donna to work the bar.

Also, we will be making changes in the smoking rules within the Social Quarters, which will be effective January 1st. We will continue to have No Smoking during the dinner hours on Friday nights. We will only permit smoking at the bar during lunch hours each day of the week (11:30am to 1:30pm). We will also have no smoking during the breakfast time each Sunday (9:00am to Noon).

I hope these changes will help address some of the concerns of the membership. However we must remember our Social Quarters is a bar, and State Laws do permit smoking in a private bar. With that I feel I need to address the needs of our smokers as well as our non-smokers. I know these changes may not meet all the requests of some and may upset others, but we need to understand and accommodate each member's needs at this time.

If any members wish to address and discuss anything with me about the Social Quarters, good or bad, please feel free to do so. I would like it is done via a signed letter with a number that I can replay to, with an answer. However I open to verbal request and statements as well.

We also will reinstate the letters of

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suspension from the Social Quarters to anyone that acts inappropriately by their actions or language.

I would like to thank all the volunteers at the Post that help the Social Quarters and hope they will continue this coming year. I also hope others that want to see the Social Quarter continue to come out and help.

Members, always remember that you can bring as many friends to the Social Quarters & the events within. Please check the calendar for more information.

For God and Country

*Paul L. Baker - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman*

## Social Quarters

As always, we want to thank all of our volunteers who come in and work so hard.

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

**This month we will have [Karaoke](#) on the third Saturday, January 18, 2014, with Terry at the club from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Come out and check this out, it is a lot of fun for all!**

We are again having a **Weekly 8 Ball Pool Tournament**. The costs are \$5.75 per player, and there will be a payout at the end of each contest. Come out and show your skills and try to win some money. The tournament is open to everyone. See the flyer posted in the Social quarters for more details.

Don't forget our 14-item Bar Menu! You can order from this menu for lunch or any time. We also have luncheon specials during the week. The Thursday hamburger steak special has become a favorite for many!

Friday evening we continue to serve Steak and Seafood dinners. However, we do make exceptions for those that have food allergies that would like to order something other than seafood on that night.

We also have our popular pool table is open for play after dinner.

We like to turn the jukebox up and dance and kick our feet up, so make Friday night your evening to spend with us! Please remember we have **WiFi** in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is [www.legionpost72.org](http://www.legionpost72.org)

Come out and have some fun with us!

**Articles for the February Newsletter are due by January 25, 2014. Please email them to [Off2oc1@comcast.net](mailto:Off2oc1@comcast.net) Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."**  
**Thank you! Patty Freeman, Editor**

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## Photos from around the Post



Ms. Lenah Nguyen, Fauquier County, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development instructs our Junior Shooters at a recent practice



Dottie Howell, Santa, (Chris) and her grandchildren at the Auxiliary's Annual Breakfast with Santa

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Randy Johnson, his daughter Michelle and grandchildren with Santa



"Shell" Ferguson sits on Santa's lap



Our Bartender, "Miss Donna" Webb and Santa



Santa, (Chris Grimsley), enjoying a rare moment of rest at the Breakfast with Santa



Paul Baker's Great Granddaughter with Santa



L-R, Kathy and Paul Baker, Jack Flood, Bess and "Jules" Juliano at the Post Christmas Party