

News at Post 72 January 2017

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The Commander's Corner

I hope everyone had an excellent Holliday and a great New Year celebration. It's hard to believe January 2017 is here! I'm looking forward to the opportunities the Post will have this year. Having another successful year will take your active participation in Post activities. We are always looking for additional activities, so if you have an idea for an activity, please let me know.

Dan, our acting 2nd Vice Commander and Chairman of the Building & Grounds committee is open to receive any suggestions to "spiffy" up our Post home and grounds. 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 suggestions for some work parties this spring to make your Post home a better place.

The property development project continues to move forward but at a slower pace than expected. I am told that the final, final, final draft of the operational agreement is expected shortly. We have received preliminary proposed drawing of the facility which was circulated at the December General Membership meeting. At present, the ground breaking is likely to take place late spring or early summer. I will keep everyone updated as information is received. This project will generate a much needed residual income to the Post for many years to come. My continued thanks to the Board of Directors for their patience during the operational review process.

As always, I would like to invite all Post 72 Legionnaire members in the Fauquier county 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 own Warrenton Rifles Junior Shooting Sports Program brought home a 1st place finish in the recent US Army Junior Marksmanship match for the State of Virginia. Another superior performance "Rifles"!! Please

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see the Junior Shooting Sports article below for additional accomplishment of our junior shooters!

We can use a couple more volunteers to assist with the fantastic job the Social Quarters is doing with the daily lunch service and the Friday Night Steak & Seafood dinners. 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.

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 first Sunday of each month. Our next breakfast will be held on January 01, 2017. 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 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, 17 January, 2017 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on the Thursday before the business meeting, 12 January, 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.

My wife Kim and I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year.
For God and Country

Claude Davenport – Commander



Adjutant's Corner

One of the Executive Committee goals for the next year is to improve information flow

across the membership. In support of this goal, the Adjutant's Corner will start including highlights from the Post's monthly Business Meetings. The meetings are held at 1930 on the 3rd Tues. The official full set of minutes is maintained in the Social Quarters office and can be accessed upon request.

For the meeting on 20 Dec 2016: The new member application for Jerry Reynolds was approved (good to have another AF guy in the mix). At 352 members, we are at 75% of our goal for the year. Jessy Montgomery won the 50/50 and donated his winnings to the Post's Junior Shooting Sports Program.

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.

Our Silent Auction was another success, thanks to all who participated.

A very special thanks goes to Dee Johnson who cooked omelets at the December Auxiliary breakfast. Nice job Dee!

I don't have anything new to report this month. Our next breakfast is Sunday, January 8, 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

At the December SAL breakfast we had a special guest Victor Grauleau from the Lorton post. Victor is a dual member and is the commander of his American Legion post and the SAL webmaster as well as our 3 Vice commanders

We held our annual grocery give away and Victor was asked to pull the winners. Our

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winners were, 3rd place, Clint Bolt's son, 2nd place winner was Debbie Wyne of Marshall and the Grand Prize was David Corky Church of Midland. We raised \$988.00, of which most of this will go to the three Fisher houses here in Virginia. Congrats to our 3 winners and all who participated.

On December the 20th I escorted Ms. Diana Plott, who is the Chaplain for Remington Post 247, to Warrenton Overlook where we gave 7 veterans a gift for Christmas. Happily we only gave presents to six as one Veteran had healed and had gone home.

Our next SAL meeting is Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00.

Happy New Year to all our members, see you in 2017.

For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and is ready for the New Year.... By the way Happy New Year!!!!, as we start 2017 keep in mind our monthly meeting this month is Jan. the 4th at 7pm. Come early for dinner.

In the next couple of months be aware that the riders will be planning a few events. A spring poker run has been discussed so planning has started. Hope to see all our riders at the next meeting and our next Breakfast is on January 22, 2017.

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:

- The Scouts from our troop held a joint "lock in" with the Scouts from Troop 10. Scouts, Scouters and parents had a great time. It looks like the two troops will have additional joint activities in the future.
- Jake will be holding his Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday 14 January at the Post home. Jake is the 37th Troop 600 Scout to achieve the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations Jake!!

Upcoming Scout Events:

- Events are being planned

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

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Marksmanship Course, Qualification Awards and Air Rifle Competition into a well-rounded activity.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

- Sean participated in the 2017 US Olympic Junior Sectional match (1x60 Standing) for the State of Virginia on December 18th. This was Sean's second national qualifier as a precision class shooter. Sean shot an outstanding 264-27, earning him a 1st place finish in this sectional match. Sean score is very likely to earn him an invitation to the US Olympic Junior National Match at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO in April.
- In October, the Warrenton Rifles sent six senior shooters to the 2017 US Army Junior Marksmanship Qualifier 3x20 (Virginia). The results are in and the Cobra Team earned a 1st place finish in the State of Virginia with a team score of 2,048-45! The team placed 22nd nationally, an excellent performance to say the least. Individually in Virginia, Jacob S placed 1st with a 523-12; Sam placed 2nd with a 522-15; John 4th with a 505-10; Dylan 5th with a 498-9; Hunter G 6th with a 494-9 and Ryan 7th with a 484-10. Nationally out of 727 participants, Jacob S placed 80th, Sam placed 85th, John 176th, Dylan 209th, Hunter G 224th, and Ryan 262nd. Congratulations to the Warrenton Rifles for an excellent job.
- Sean also participated in the 2017 US Army Junior Marksmanship Qualifier, precision class (1x60 standing, (Virginia)). This was his first major competition as a precision shooter. Sean placed 14th in Virginia with a 552-17 and place 160th nationally out of 386 shooters. An excellent first showing.
- It is an honor, but with some sadness, we announce that Abram Baer, a graduate Warrenton Rifle athlete and current coach, will be reporting for basic training with the United States Marine Corps the first week of January 2017. Abram shot with the Rifles from October 2013 through August 2106, becoming a keystone member of the Cobra Team. While with the Rifles, Abram participated in numerous state & regional level competitions, three national competitions, and earned the NRA

Distinguished Expert in Junior Air Rifle, and the Civilian Marksmanship Programs Gold Distinguished Junior Marksman Badge. It has been an absolute honor having Abram as a member of Team and as a coach with the Warrenton Rifles! Our best wishes and God's speed to Abram as he starts a new journey with his service to this great nation!

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL) ORION RESULTS, December 2016:

The 3x10 scores for the Warrenton Rifles participating in the December 2016 match are (Sporter Class): Sam 269-7; John 261-5; Carson 253-6; Dylan 250-4; Jacob S 250-3; Ryan 240-4; Hunter G 230-3; Gage 164-1; Seth 159-2 and Jacob K 135-0. Precision Class: Sean 292-23. An excellent showing "Rifles" and congratulations to Jacob K on his first ODJRL match! We would like to give a special congratulations to Sean for a personal high score, shooting a 100-10 prone (every shot a bull eye), 100-8 kneeling and a 92-5 standing. OUTSTANDING Sean!!!

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League Results:

October 2016: Individual Sporter: Sam 1st place class AAE; Dylan 2nd place AAT, moves up to AAE class; Carson 3rd place AAT class; John 4th place AAT class; Jacob S 1st place A class, moves up to AAT class; Hunter G 2nd place A class, moves up to AAT class; Ryan 3rd place A class, moves up to AAT class; and Hunter B 2nd class TYRO B class, moves up to TYRO class. Individual Precision: Sean 2nd place AAM class. Team: Warrenton Rifles Cobra 1st place (1053.028)

November 2016: Carson 1st place AAT, move up to class AAE; Dylan 2nd place AAE; Hunter G 3rd place AAT; Jacob S 4th place AAT; Ryan 5th place AAT; John 7th place AAT; Hunter B 2nd place Tyro, moves up to C class; Gage 1st place TYRO B; and Seth 2nd place TYRO B. Team: Warrenton Rifles Cobra 1st place (1002.025)

Qualifications (NRA): Marksman: Seth, & Gage. Congratulations on your personal accomplishment!

New Personal High Score: Seth 218-2; Gage 176-1; Sean (3x10 292-33) (1x60 standing 566-15); Jacob K 144-0; Garrett 128-0; and Jacob 267-7. Congratulation to these shooters on setting a new personal high score!

Upcoming Events:

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- 7 January, 2017: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 21 January, 2017: CMP Postal Qualification match for regional competition, Post 72
- 28 January, 2017: American Legion Round 1 Postal Qualifier for National match.
- 27-29 January, 2017: US Army Jr. Marksmanship National Championship (invitation), Ft. Benning, GA
- 3 February, 2017: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 3 March, 2017: ODJRL match, Post 290, 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

Happy New Year to all our members and friends!! I hope all had a very Merry Christmas ! 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 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 February Newsletter are due by January 25, 2017. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."

Photos from around the Post:

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Post 72 "Warrenton Rifles" Junior Shooters Sports Team



Post 72 Junior Shooters with Commander/Coach Claude Davenport, (in Santa Hat), and Coach Andy Andrews, performing annual maintenance on their rifles.



Auxiliary members Dottie Howell and Dee Johnson working the kitchen at a recent Auxiliary Breakfast

