

***News at the Post July 2011***

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#### Commander's Corner:

Happy Independence Day! As we move into July please make sure you have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. All the new Officers should be installed by now. I want to congratulate all the new Officers of the Legion, AUX, SAL, & ALR. I know you will all work to the betterment of the American Legion Post Home and the support of Veterans, their Families, and our Community.

I'm making a call to all members of the American Legion Post 72! We need you to all try and sign up two new members each to the American Legion, AUX, & SAL. Remember to let them know that the American Legion is the biggest lobbyist group for the U.S. Veterans' rights and benefits. That is the reason the Legion was started, and they have had a big role in getting our veterans benefits from the Government. Our Government has been taking some benefits away in the past year, so we need to have a strong group to make sure it stops that.

We have a very nice Social Quarters at the Post, and a lot of people worked hard to make it that way. As of late we have not been getting the membership and their friends support by coming into the Post Club. We count on the income from the Social Quarters to help pay the bills of the Post and permit us to give to other charity groups that we support. Without your support we will need to make some changes in the Social Quarters, which I don't think anyone would want. Please come on in and bring a friend!

Please check out the Box in the Social Quarters and give a helping hand to some of our Marines in Afghanistan. Please show your support for these young veterans.

The July Legion meeting will be on the 12th at 7:30 pm. 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

#### Adjutant's Corner

Many thanks to my fellow comrades, Tom Glasco, Jean Gillen, Rick Harrison, Mike Freeman, Ken Martin, Claude Davenport, Bill Buck, Ron Meadows, and Jim Rankin for your assistance with the school awards. Your representation is most appreciated for continuing to make this a very successful program.

In addition, many thanks to Sam Jesselson for stepping to the plate in offering his service. I look forward to his participating in future years. I have received many thanks from the schools for your

outstanding representations. I know that all of you come away with a great feeling of accomplishment for spreading the word about American Legion Post 72.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!

For the Good of the Legion  
**John H. Sinclair** — Adjutant

#### House Chairman News:

We have another rifle for our gun giveaway. It is a Thompson Center Hawkins 50 caliber black powder cap & ball raffle. Drawing will be on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at 7pm. Come by the Post Social Quarters and see this rifle as well as get your tickets. This drawing is open to everyone! So take some tickets and sell them to your friends as well. Remember this is one of the ways the club gets money to stay up and running for your enjoyment.

It is time to pitch in and help out around the post home outside the facility building as well as in. Let's make our post a place that will look as nice as we can get it, it is our Post Home! See me if you would like to give a hand.

We have the Kooleraters American Band for each month throughout 2011 scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month. Please come in and enjoy the fun and a good steak, as it is also Post Steak Night on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month as well.

We have had to make some cuts in the menus at the Club. There will only be one type of steak offered, the Rib-eye. We cut the New York steak to help cut cost. The bar menu will be cut as well and some items will need to go. Also, effective July 1st, we will be eliminating the Happy Hour discount prices on Beer and Wine. We are sorry for this action; however we need to cut some of our costs at the Club.

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

#### Junior Shooters News:

The Post 72 American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program has concluded its first season with some very successful accomplishment by the shooters.

We have initiated an annual "Top Gun" award to recognize an outstanding shooter for the year. The award is based on the shooters attendance, shooting skills, professionalism, comradeship, leadership and character.

The selection of a winner this year was a difficult task as there were several Jr. Shooters in close contention. It took the Range Officers several discussions to select a winner, and we are happy to announce that the winner of the 2011 Post 72 "Top Gun" Award is Max H. Max's name will be added

to the Award which will be displayed in the Post's main entrance alcove. Congratulations to Max for a job well done.

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Program is on its Summer Schedule. We will be practicing every other Thursday in July and August from 1830 - 2030hrs.

Our focus during the Summer will be helping each shooter on any area they would like to have some improvement and also having a little extra fun. The Summer practice dates are 23 June, 7 July, 21 July, 4 August, and 18 August. We will start our regular every Thursday schedule on September 1st.

The Summer practices are "open practices" so if you have a family member or friend, 11 - 17 years old, and they would like to see if the ALJSSP is a program for them, they can come on up and give it a shot, so to speak. We will assign a Range Officer to coach the new shooter through a course of fire for them to get an initial experience with the program.

If you, or they, have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to email Claude Davenport (claude.davenport@gmail.com).

For God and Country  
***Claude Davenport***

#### Auxiliary News:

First of all, I would like to welcome all our new officers for the coming year. On behalf of all my officers, we would like to thank Staci King for installing us. She was very enjoyable to be with. Thanks Staci!

Our breakfast is the second Sunday of every month. Please come out and support us.

We will be having raffles and bake sales all through our new year. We will Post our Bake Sales.

Our next meeting will be September 11, 2011 at 2:30 pm. Hope to see our members there.

For God and Country  
***Judy Shumaker*** — President

#### Sons of the Legion News:

I want to thank our tireless breakfast volunteers who turn out every month to cook and serve breakfast! We had a good turn-out on Father's Day! This is one of our successful fund-raising events throughout the year, and we need your support! If you can't come out to volunteer at the breakfast, please bring your family and friends to eat!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. I hope to see you all there!

For God & Country

**Ted Kilby** — Acting Commander SAL Squadron 72

#### American Legion Riders News:

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bike & Car Show on June 11<sup>th</sup> was well attended! The Riders and Partisans worked diligently together to make this another successful event at the Post! This event is growing every year!

This year Liberty HS JROTC opened the event with their color guard; Child Safety Fingerprinting and the Fire Safety Smoke trailer were present for your education and enjoyment, and a Medic Evac HELICOPTER landed in the ball field for all to see and investigate! We had lots of cars and motorcycles on display, too!

The Patriotic Thank You Card display was absolutely awesome! Students made over 700 Cards for our Troops and Veterans! The Riders delivered cards to veterans at the VA hospital in Martinsburg, WV, sent some to our troops serving in Afghanistan, had cards delivered to Bethesda Naval Hospital, and we will be taking the remaining cards to McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond in early July.

#### **Legion Rider Activities:**

##### **July 4<sup>th</sup> - Warrenton Parade**

Be at the Post at 9:15am on Monday, 7/4/11 and we'll ride downtown to line up for the Parade. The parade should be over by 10:30am. Wear your vests, and bring some water - it's going to be warm! Come on out and ride with us!



##### **July 24 - ALR Breakfast from 9 am to Noon**

Our next meeting is July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Social Quarters. I hope to see everyone there!

For God & Country

**Barbara Truitt** — President

#### Social Quarters:

First of all, thanks to all who support our Social Quarters! Please remember, the proceeds from the Social Quarters pay all the utility bills for the Post. We need your support and welcome any ideas you might have to help bring more people out to visit with us.

In an effort to cut costs at the Club, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will no longer offer Happy Hour discount prices on beer and wine. We're sorry to have to do this, but without more attendance at the Club, it was felt that this measure along with some other reductions in overhead could help make ends meet.

Beginning July 7<sup>th</sup>, we're starting another **Pool Tournament** every Thursday at 7 pm!

**Tuesday Night is Shrimp Night** from 4 to 7 pm! We offer fried shrimp baskets and steamed spiced shrimp! Bring a friend and come on out for a great shrimp dinner!

We play **Corn Hole on Tuesday nights** at 6:30pm outside so you can have refreshments during the game.

**Wednesday evening Horse-Shoes** at 6:30pm has seen an increase in players when weather permits. As the daylight hours increase, we'll have time for 2 games, so come on out and throw some shoes with us!

**Pool on Thursday evenings** is starting again at 7 pm. If a 15-week tournament is too much over the summer months, we will shorten the length of the tournament to accommodate your summer travel and vacations! Let us know!



We hope you have been enjoying the **Kooleraters American Band** the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. I know I have. Mark your calendar for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and come in for the fun! It's also the Post Steak Night, so come out and enjoy a great dinner followed by some good music & dancing.

Thanks to Terry the DJ for our Karaoke night. **Karaoke** is on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 for his good work!

Every Friday night is **Steak & Seafood night**. This has been going very well, so come on out and see what it's all about! Enjoy some good food and good company.

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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month

is our Pot-Luck / Meet & Greet 6 pm to 9 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share or desert and join in the fun.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month

we have our [Fried or BBQ Chicken Dinner](#) night from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.



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.



Every Friday night is our Steak & Seafood night which has been going every well, so come out and see what it is all about and enjoy some good food and company.

Don't forget our 16 item Bar Menu! You can order from this menu any time except Friday nights.

Right now if you come in for lunch at the club you can get a Lunch Card and have it punched each time you order a lunch with us. Then after 6 lunches you will get one free.



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:**

**Corn Hole** Tuesdays at 6:30pm

**Horse Shoes** Wednesdays at 6:30pm

**Pool Tournament** is on Thursday nights at 7pm.

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

Come out and have some fun with us!

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



For God & Country  
**Paul Baker** — Manager

**Remember**

Every member is challenged to recruit 2 new members for the post!

Articles for the **June** Newsletter are due by **May 25, 2011**. Please email them to [PolkTruitt@aol.com](mailto:PolkTruitt@aol.com), (in word format) or give them to Donna. Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor." Thank you!  
Barb Truitt, Editor

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