

News at the Post July 2012

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Commander's Corner:

I would like to thank my predecessor, Paul Baker, for his service as our Commander over the last two years. Due to Paul's leadership and skills, we have made significant progress in making our Post a much better place for all. I have seen many changes in my almost thirty years as a member of Post 72, and it appears that we are heading in the right direction at this time to make Post 72 a successful organization and a place we can all be proud of.

I would also like to thank the current Executive and Corporation Officers who agreed to serve another term, with me as their elected Commander.

It is my agenda to continue to follow Paul's vision and ensure we remain a viable Post, financially stable and able to serve our veterans and our community. I am asking all members to assist me on this endeavor, by volunteering your personal resources, becoming a member on one of the many committees, or helping out in any capacity.

It is now summer, and we have many activities here at our Post. Remember to come out on the Fourth of July, for a fun day. We will have free food, provided by our Social Quarters along with a cash bar available. There will also be some outside activities, such as horseshoes, "corn hole", and possibly others. Joe Grimsley has gone all out with our new "Tiki" bar, on the side of the building, adjacent to the ball field. Bring your family members and others, and let's all celebrate and enjoy the day together with fellow comrades and friends!

Also, please continue to support our Post and Social Quarters. Misses Donna and Tootie will fix many fine and affordable meals, both during the day and on weekends. While there don't forget to thank both Donna and Tootie for all of their hard work. Check the attached calendar for additional information and some of the many special events.

As many of you have seen, we are making progress on our Veteran's Plaza Project. Just this past weekend, both Cale and Jules began the start of the actual brick laying. Although there remains much work to be done, we can see a glimpse of the overall design. This will be an addition to our facility that we all can enjoy and be proud of. Pictured below are Cale, Jules and myself working in front of the partially bricked wall.

The Veterans Plaza is one of the biggest projects we have done around here in some time and it is very important that we all support it as members of the Post. A special thanks goes to Claude Davenport, who recently mailed flyers to residents in the area asking for their financial support.

Please get your orders in to honor a veteran as soon as you can, if you have not already done so. The dedication is planned to be on Veterans Day, so please make sure you get your paver orders in as soon as possible. Paver Bricks will be currently sold for \$150.00 each.

The July Legion meeting will be on the 10th at 19:30 hours, (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.

I would again like to thank Patty Freeman for her work getting the News Letter together for distribution. Give her all the support you can and get your inputs in on time.

Again, I am honored and feel privileged to have been elected 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.

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.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

For God & Country
Mike Freeman — Commander

Adjutant's Corner

Many thanks to my Comrades Bill Buck, Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Tom Glasco, Rick Harrison, Doug Hazelrigg, Sam Jesselson, Ron Meadows and Jim Rankin for their assistance and representation of Post 72 in presenting this year's school awards.

Thanks again to those that volunteered in support of the Golf Tournament to make it a very successful event and to those players. We may have gotten a little wet but it apparently didn't dampen our spirits.

I'm looking forward to this upcoming year with enthusiasm and am excited to be a member of this Executive Committee. Thanks again to Commander Paul Baker for his excellent guidance the past two years.

There will be another \$1,000 raffle with drawing date July 27, 2012. See Donna in the lounge for tickets as well as other distributors or call me at 540-270-3148 if you need tickets.

I remind the Social Quarters, Riders and SAL that Don Harsh, Finance Officer, and I need your check book ledger sheets (showing all income and expenses by category i.e. membership, conventions, breakfast, donations, raffles, repairs, etc.) for the past year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in order to prepare our tax filing as quickly as possible after June 30, 2012.

Remember out 4th of July Picni schduled from noon to 5:00 pm.

For the good of the Legion

For God & Country

John H. Sinclair — Adjutant

House Chairman News:

As always we want to thank all our volunteers who come out every week, work hard and help out wherever they can.

We want to welcome all of our newly elected Officers. Please give them your support.

Please remember on July 4th we are having a member's picnic outside, at our new "Tiki" bar (see photo below). Our Social Quarters will be closed, inside this day. We will be serving free food, and there will be a cash bar, with beer, soda and water available for purchase. The picnic will begin at 12:00 noon and run until 5:00 pm that day. So please plan on attending, and come out and have some fun with our fellow members and guests.

Bill Sinclair has announced that again we will be having Horseshoes from July through October, here at the Post. These will be held every Wednesday, from 6:00pm until dusk. All are invited to come out and enjoy playing. It is a fun time for all!

The third Saturday Special, (Cook's Choice), this month will be a Meat Loaf Dinner, from 11:00am until 08:00pm. Additionally, our fourth Saturday will be steak night.

As always we will continue to have "all you can eat" breakfasts, every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm.

We have a 32 Caliber pistol, for raffle behind the bar. This is a used pistol, in excellent condition. Please purchase raffle tickets to support our Post and Social Quarters. The drawing for this pistol will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2012, at 7:00pm.

Summertime is always a little bit slow, so please come out and support our Social Quarters, as much as possible.

For God and Country

Joe Grimsley — House Committee Chairman

BSA Troop 600 & Crew 600

Rank Advancement: Warren N. successfully completed his Board of Review for his second Eagle Scout Palm. Congratulation to Warren for continuing his advancements.

Activities:

The Troop's Scouts and Scouters departed Post 72 Sunday, 24 June, for their summer camp ventures at Goshen Scout Reservation, in Goshen Virginia where we hope to see several rank advancements and merit badges earned, and Florida Sea Base. The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is a unique Scouting program that offers aquatics programs to include sailing, scuba diving, rustic camping on an undeveloped barrier island, fishing or a combination of all.

The Troop Committee is in the process of reviewing existing BSA policies for website and electronic communications to facilitate the suggested upgrades to the Troop's website and services with a Google based calendar and mail system. Thanks to Nick K. for his research and suggestion.

We are now on our summer voluntary practice schedule. Practices are tentatively scheduled upstairs at the Post for every other Thursday, from 1830 - 2030 hours. An email notice will be sent verifying the practice dates. Our 2012/2013 shooting season will start on Thursday 23 August 2012.

Upcoming Events

A 50 mile bike Ride on a date to be determined;

PLC meetings on July 9, 2012;

Select scouts will attend Impeesa Training - 2 weekend course at Camp Snyder, June 22-23 and June 29-July 1, 2012 or the Impeesa Training - 1 week course at Camp Snyder, July 16-20, 2012;

Bechtel Summit Shakedown, July 12 - 17, 2012 at Bechtel Scout Reservation, WV.

The objective of Impeesa Training is to equip our scouts with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scout unit and in LIFE. Impeesa brings together Scouts from all over the Council to learn and practice the leadership techniques in a risk-free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

Troop 600 meets every Monday evening from 7:15pm - 8:30P at Post 72. Crew 600 meets the third Sunday evening at 5:30pm in the Auxiliary Building.

Come "Feel the Thunder at Troop 600".

For God and Country

Claude Davenport — Troop 600 Representative

Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Program

Our last regular scheduled practice was on 6 June where the Post 72 annual "Top Gun" Award was presented. The 2011/2012-award winner was Blake L. Blake is a charter member of the Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team and during the year exemplified the qualities of marksmanship, sportsmanship,

leadership, and active participation. Blake's name will be placed on the "Top Gun" plaque in the Post. Congratulations to Blake for a job very well done.

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For God and Country

Claude Davenport — ALJSSPO Team Coordinator

Auxiliary News:

We want to welcome our newly elected officers for the coming year (photo below). Please give them all of your support.

Department Membership Chairman, Ann Moran installed the new officers on Sunday, June 24th, 2012, here at Post 72. Ann has been a member of Unit 293 for 28 years, and has served in every officer of that unit. She has served as the Northern Zone Department Vice President, department Americanism Chairman, 16th District President, as well as many other chairmanships at both the District and Department Unit levels.

I'm happy to report that Tootie is working again after her recent illness. We all are hoping for her recovery and wish her the best.

A special thanks, to Patty Freeman for attending the installation of our officers and taking photos of this event.

We also want to thank both Judy and Shell for their efforts working on Girl's State and Scholarships.

We will be taking a break for the summer and as such, our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 9, 2012, at 2:00 pm.

We will continue to raffle items from time to time, behind the bar, so please come out and support both the social quarters and our Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary breakfast will be held again on the second Sunday, July 8, 2012, from 09:00 am until 12:00pm.

For God and Country

Donna Webb — President

Sons of the Legion News:

Our Father's day breakfast was a huge success. The 3 egg omelets, made by Justin LaBell, must have been very good because we served 40 legionnaires and friends for breakfast. While we were inside serving breakfast, Clint Bolt was outside washing cars. Big time thanks go out to Jules, Cale, Justin, Clint, Tootie and Donna for their labors.

The next July Sal meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2012. I hope most of our SAL members will be in attendance. Our monthly breakfast will be held on July 15th, 2012, and I hope to see many of you there.

On behalf of myself, my brother, sister and the rest of our family we would like to thank all the Legionnaires, Aux Members, Sal and Rider Members for all the sympathy cards and kind words after the passing of our Mother Ruby Kilby. She was a lifetime member of the Falls Church Aux. and Post 72 American Legion. Her husband was a WWII veteran; additionally she had five brothers who served during WWII. One of these is buried in Manila, in the Philippines. She also had five brother-in-laws that served in WWII.

A double thanks to Diana and Billy Plott for the many years of concern, as they visited our mother often during her illness. God bless you all.

For God & Country

Ted Kilby — Commander SAL Squadron 72

American Legion Riders News:

[ALR Facebook Page](#) — You will be asked to log into Facebook.

We were pretty busy the month of June. To begin with we had our last Patriotic Card pickup on June 8th. Thanks to all involved, it was once again a great success. This has become one of the premier events for the American Legion Riders of Post 72. This not only benefits the soldiers, marines, airmen and sailors who are serving and protecting our freedoms overseas, but will also bring some joy to our veterans currently in a couple of our local VA Hospitals. Thanks again to all the schools that participated and made the cards for our troops, and to Sam, who made this project possible.

From the profits we made on our spring poker run, Terrie presented a thousand dollar check to TAPP's, to benefit veterans families. In response, TAPPS, presented the ALR with a very nice two-sided medallion. As is our process, we once again presented a check, (For three hundred dollars), to American Legion Post 72.

At this time we are getting geared up for our fall bike and car show plus our fall poker run. There are weekly meetings, held every Tuesday at 7:00pm, at the Post. Anyone interested in helping, please attend these meetings to ensure they are both successful.

Our June ALR breakfast was again very good. Thanks to Deb and CT for cooking, and Greg and Glenn for their help in the kitchen. We once again had a great turn out. Thanks to all the people that have supported us. The next ALR breakfast is scheduled for July 27, 2012. Please come out and help if you can.

Reminder: The July ALR Business Meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday July 11, 2012 at 7:00pm.

For God & Country
Barbara Truitt — Director

Social Quarters:

We want to thank you for making this our best night of the week! We have great fun after dinner so consider staying longer to enjoy our new Friday night Dart Tournament now starting at 8:00pm to allow our guests to complete their meal; 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.

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!

We also have our popular bowling game plus 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.

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:

The 1st 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 3rd Saturday each month

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



The 4th 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.



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

GAMES at the Post:

Horse Shoes Wednesdays at 6:00pm until we change the clocks and it gets to dark out.

Queen of Hearts drawing is every Tuesday at 7pm.

Come out and have some fun with us!

2012 AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULE

JULY

TUE/ 3rd — @ REMINGTON POST 247 — 7p.m.

FRI / 6th — FHS VS CULPEPER POST 330 — 7p.m.

TUE / 10th — @ WINCHESTER POST 21 — 7p.m.

WED / 11th — FHS VS ASHBURN POST 2001 — 7p.m.

TUE / 17th — FHS VS BRENTSVILLE POST 158 — 7p.m.

WED / 18th — @ ASHBURN POST 2001 — 7p.m.

Around the Post



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!

*Articles for the **August** Newsletter are due by **July 25, 2012**. Please email them to Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor." Thank you!
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Patty Freeman, Editor*

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