

# News at Post 72

# July 2014

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## **Post 72 Officers**

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

*Commander: Mike Freeman*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Sam Jesselson*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Dean Jacobson*

*Adjutant: George Morgan*

*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: Lora Riggins*

*Secretary: Rochelle Ferguson "Shell"*

*Treasurer: Patty Freeman*

*Chaplain: Dee Johnson*

*Sergeant at Arms: Chris Ritchie*

*Historian: Judy Christian*

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

*Commander: Jules Juliano*

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

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Ted Kilby*

*Adjutant: Clint Bolt*

*Finance Officer: Clint Bolt*

*Sergeant at Arms: Steve Ralls*

*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*

*Jack Flood*

## **The Commander's Corner**



Again it is my sad duty to announce that Post 72 has lost another member, Comrade John Demchuk. Let us all keep John and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

At last month's business meeting, the incoming officers were formally installed by the 16<sup>th</sup> District Commander, Robert Yowell. These new and re-elected officers assumed their post responsibilities, effective, July 01, 2014.

As with each and every year, I am asking again that all of you members volunteer your time and skills and participate on some of the many committees. These committees are our lifeblood and they are the force behind the scenes that keep our post functioning and fiscally sound.

I want to recognize and personally thank Comrade Ed Deneale. Ed made the arrangements and funded our recent summer party, here at our post home. Due to inclement weather, it was held indoors, but it did not dampen the good time by all who attended. As mentioned, Ed paid for all of the food and entertainment, in an attempt to encourage our members to come out and enjoy what our post home has to offer. Again, thanks Ed!

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 of each month. Our next breakfast will be held on July 06, 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 Andy Andrew's wife who is in a nursing home in Warrenton, and to Kyle Pinelli, the son of one of our SAL members, who was seriously injured recently.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, July 08, 2014 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on the first Thursday again this month, on July 03, 2014 at 19:00 hours, (7:00pm).

As your Commander, if there are any

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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.

Here is wishing that you all have a safe and happy Independence Day!

For God and Country

**Mike Freeman - Commander**

## Adjutant's Corner

WELCOME ABOARD NEW ADJUTANT GEORGE MORGAN!! My best wishes to you in your first term and hopefully many more to come. I will be close by so feel free to call on me for guidance.

I would like to thank my fellow Comrades, Bill Buck, Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Rick Harrison, Sam Jesselson, Ken Martin, Ron Meadows and Ted Weir for their assistance in presenting the American Legion School Awards this year for a job well done as usual.

Again I thank all my Comrades for your faith in me and support over the years. For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America

**John H. Sinclair – Immediate Past Adjutant**



## Auxiliary News

We want to thank and recognize all of our volunteers who help out here at the Post.

Also, our thanks go to all of the "retiring" officers. We want to welcome and support our new officers, who assumed their responsibilities for the 2014-2015 year.

Our next Auxiliary second Sunday breakfast will be July 13, 2014, so please come out and give your support.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mike and Patty Freeman, who lost a young relative after a long and courageous battle with illness.

For God and Country

**Donna Webb – President**



## Sons of the Legion News

Father's Day breakfast was a big success. We served 43 adults and 3 children, which kept all of us busy right up till the noon hour. Thanks go to Clint, Joe, Mikie and Rusty, who were extremely busy all morning. I want to extend extra big thanks to Judy Shumaker for filing in as our cook. She turned to leave at 11:45, but when her daughter and family arrived, she immediately returned and began cooking more meals. What a trooper!

Our next SAL meeting is Tuesday, July 01, 2014. At that meeting our new commander Jules Juliano will take over. I will be stepping down as your Commander, after serving the past four plus years, and will assume the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander.

I would like to thank Clint Bolt and Tom Carter for all the advice and guidance they gave me, over the years. I could not have done it without their support.

I hope everyone has a wonderful, fun filled Independence Day.

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**Ted Kilby – Immediate Past SAL Commander**

Let me start by saying thank you to Ted Kilby for his years of service, commitment, and dedication as our SAL Commander.

Hopefully as the newly elected SAL Commander, I can fill his shoes, and continue to make our squadron meet its primary obligation, supporting our veterans and their families.

Please keep Kyle Pinelli, Terry Harne, Joe Lechwar and Chip, in your thoughts and prayers and wish them all a speedy recovery.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our June breakfast.

Also, please remember to pay your 2015 dues early and receive your early bird stamp.

The next SAL meeting is Tuesday July 01, 2014 at 7:00PM. The next SAL breakfast is Sunday July 20, 2014.

Everyone remember to thank all of our past and present military veterans for their service to this great nation of ours.

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**Jules Juliano – SAL Commander**



## Legion Riders News

Can you believe July is already here? The ALR Poker Run was held on June, 28, 2014,

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and a good time had by all. I would like thank everyone who came out and supported our riders once again. Our thanks for your participation, as without you our day wouldn't be a success!

As most of you know, I was in a motorcycle accident May 25<sup>th</sup>. Thankfully, I'm doing pretty good but can't wait to get back on my horse and ride again. I would like to personally thank t Paul Baker for stepping up a taking on my duties, along with everything else he does, around our post.

Our Bike and Car show is coming along, but we need t-shirt sponsors now rather than later. They must be in before the 1st of August. The price is still only \$50 to be on the back of the shirts. Most all businesses know this is very inexpensive for having their name, address, & phone number displayed every time someone has their shirt on! So if you know anyone who would like to be on our t-shirt for this year's Bike and Car show please get their business card, with the shirt size they would like on the back, and collect the fifty dollar fee, and get it to Paul ASAP. If every member would just get one business to take an ad, we would meet our expected goal.

Also remember we need door prizes and other items to use at the show! We are looking for vendors. The vendor fee is just a \$25 donation. All vendors should bring their own table and electricity is available, but they must provide their own power cords.

If you know anyone who is a potential vendor, please get in touch with any ALR officer. Also if anyone is willing to help out in any capacity with the bike and car show, please let an officer know, as we need your help now!

I would also like to mention that one of our riders Greg Pinelli, and his son Kyle, really need your prayers and continued support after a very serious accident that Kyle was in. Kyle and family will be going to Georgia to begin some rehabilitation soon. Again, let's all pray for the entire family. There is a wonderful blog that Greg has been keeping everyone in touch with, <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/kylepinelli2/journal>. Copy and paste and send out many prayers for his recovery. It's going to be very hard on Joan, Greg, and Alex for months to

come so please log on and say a prayer for this young man.

Our ALR breakfast next month is going to be on the 27th, so come out support the riders. All money raised goes directly to our post so come out give your support! Thank all the volunteers who work very hard to provide a good, fast breakfast. Thanks again to Judy, Donna and all the workers that support the ALR. Without you we couldn't accomplish all the things we do.

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. Scouting helps boys grow, understand self-reliance and the importance of community spirit.

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

- Troop Webmaster and scouts will be having a meeting to roll out additions and enhancements to the Troop Website
- Billy W, Joshua J, Andy M, and Hunter W. participated as archery instructors at Cub Scout week at Verdun Venture Bound.
- Jared R. will be attending IMPEEZA this summer.
- Hunter W. is attending the week long BSA National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience at Philmont Scout Reservation.

### **Special Recent Notable Activity:**

Troop 600 Scout Peter N. Troop 600 had the opportunity to attend the 70th Anniversary Ceremony commemorating the D-Day Landings in Normandy American Cemetery on June 6. Speaking at the ceremony was President Obama and French President Francois Hollande. Over 13,000 people were in attendance at the

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ceremony including over 400 D-Day veterans and about 200 other World War II veterans.

Following the ceremony, Peter presented a floral arrangement at the gravesite of Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt who received the Medal of Honor for his actions on D-Day at Utah Beach. Roosevelt, the son of President Theodore Roosevelt, died of a heart attack during the Normandy Campaign on July 12, 1944 at the age of 56. On D-Day, Roosevelt was the Assistant Division Commander of the 4th Infantry Division and landed in the first wave. A veteran of World War I, Roosevelt served as Assistant Division Commander of the 1st Infantry Division earlier in World War II.

If you were not aware, Theodore Roosevelt Jr. is credited as the founder of the American Legion. Peter felt it was important recognize Roosevelt and thank him. From Peter's perspective, "its kind cool that someone who did something almost 100 years ago impacts us today. Without the Legion and in a real sense without Gen. Roosevelt, we wouldn't have the troop sponsor we do today."

The card on the floral arrangement reads: Thank you from BSA Troop 600 and American Legion Post 72, Warrenton, VA.

### **Recent Rank Advancements:**

- Allen H. - Life Scout
- Hugh R. – First class Scout
- Carter A. – Second Class Scout
- Chris A. – Second Class Scout
- Jeff P. – Life Scout
- Hunter W. – Bronze Eagle Palm
- Christian R. – Eagle Scout

Our congratulations go to Allen, Hugh, Carter, and Hunter on their accomplishments and advancement. We would like to offer a special congratulation to Christian on attaining the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Christian is the 35<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout from Troop/Crew 600!

### **Upcoming Scout Events:**

- The troop is working on the Canoeing merit badge during their regularly scheduled Monday night meetings.
- The Troop will be attending summer camp at Camp Powhatan, Claytor Lake, and Mountain Man on July 13-19<sup>th</sup>
- The Troop/Crew's Fall Mulch fundraiser is planned for September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

### **Special Recognition:**

On Friday, June 20 the District held its annual dinner and awards ceremony where Troop 600 Scouters John Tiller, Vince Manzella, Audrey Kovar and Michelle Hermsdorf were recognized, with unit volunteer service awards, for their dedication to the Troop. Also honored by the District were three packs and five troops. The 2013 and 2014 Eagle Scouts were recognized for their accomplishments. Also presented were the Scoutmaster's Award, and District Award of Merit.

**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.

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

- The Crew conducted several activities to prepare them for the Northern Tier trip.
- Heather W. will be attending IMPEEZA this summer

### **Upcoming Venturing Events:**

- July 4<sup>th</sup> will be a Crew shakedown for the Northern Tier trip
- Northern Tier trip this summer

**Meeting information:** Venturing meets on Monday evenings with the exception of the 2nd Monday of the month, from 1915 – 2030 hours (7:15pm – 8:30pm) in the meeting hall at Post 72. We invite young people to come by and see what Venturing is all about.

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**Barb Nooger & Michelle Hermsdorf** - Editors  
**Claude Davenport** - Troop/Crew 600 Charter Organisation Représentative

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## 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.

#### Match Results:

- **The Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL)** No competition this month. Next season starts in October 2014.
- **ALJSSP Dept. of VA State Competition** As previously reported, Post 72 was very well represented at the Department of Virginia State Match on 3 May by Abram, Sean, Sam, Savannah, and Zachary. Our Team score was **989 with 20 bulls, a new team high score.** The new team high score was the result of some exceptional shooting by Sam with a 255-6, Sean with a 258-4, Abram with a 229-4 and Savannah with a 247-6. Sean and Savannah also achieved new personal high scores. The Team's personal overall standing in the State competition are: Sean 7<sup>th</sup> place, Sam 13<sup>th</sup> place, Savannah 20<sup>th</sup>, and Abram 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Qualifications:** During the last month, the below NRA qualifications were achieved:

- No new qualification.

**New Personal High Score:** The following shooters achieved a new personal high score during the past month: John 202-0; Sean 258-4; Savannah 247-6; Caden 217-2; and Zachary 230-1

#### Upcoming Events:

- **16 August 2014:** 4-H Northern District of Virginia Fall Match, Culpeper, VA

- **21 August 2014:** Start of the Post 72 ALJSSP 2014/2015 season.
- **27 September 2014:** Shot Group Challenge during the Post 72 Bike & Car Show, American Legion Post 72, Warrenton, VA.
- **October 2014:** Start of the 2014/2015 Old Dominion Junior Rifle League season

**Practice Times:** The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team practices on Thursday evenings, 1830 – 2030hrs in the Legion Hall throughout the school year. At this time we are currently operating on our summer schedule, practice every other Thursday. Next practice is Thursday, July 03, 2014. We welcome anyone from the Post family to come by to see the program and watch the shooters practice.

For God and Country,

**Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team Cadre: Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Lance Davenport, Quentin Peach, Bob Roda, Andy Andrews, Patty Freeman, and Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)**

## House Chairman News

Please remember the Social Quarters is here for all members and friends to enjoy.

Thanks to everyone who have stepped up to help in this effort of keeping our club a place to enjoy. A big thanks to Ed for his efforts in helping the club keep its head above water.

We hope you have seen the sofa we have as a raffle item to support the Post. This is a High Grade Leather Sofa with two electric recliners, one on each end of the sofa. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We would really like to get this raffle done so we can offer other items to the membership and their friends, so buy as many chances as you can!!

Again, some of you may also think we have too many raffles and games at the Social Quarter. But the idea is to have something for everyone and at the same time make some money to support the Post and help keep the club open for you to enjoy. Remember to keep the Post open it takes money and we need to make that funding in different ways to ensure Post 72 stays around for a long time. So play the games you can, and enjoy.



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As always a big thank you to all that have volunteered to help out around the Social Quarters and more so on Friday nights. It takes help to run the Steak & Seafood night and any help is much appreciated.

Please remember that you may bring in as many friends to the Social Quarters as you like to enjoy the club with you.

For God and Country

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

## Social Quarters

The Social Quarters is still having gun pull tabs where you can be the owner of a new pistol for just \$1.00 per chance. Again if you win and don't want the gun I can work something out. I can give you the cost of the gun in lieu of the gun. If you prefer this option, we would try and raffle it off again to someone that wants it for their very own. So again please buy tickets on it when you are in the Social Quarters.

We still have the other favorite games of the membership like the HOGS, Booze, and baskets of goodies. 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 is \$7.00 for adults. Children twelve and under is unchanged, at \$3.00 each.**

Don't forget our 14-item Bar Lunch Menu! After 3:00pm when the grill is off we still have a smaller Menu for you to order from. On Friday evenings we continue to have our 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. So bring as many friends as you like to enjoy dinner with you.

We also have our popular pool table is open for play after dinner. Come out and have some fun with us! Also don't forget to say hi to Donna, (our hostess), and Bobby, (our cook & new member), as they do an outstanding job! We all need to give them a big thank you!

Please remember we have **Wi-Fi** in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is [www.legionpost72.org](http://www.legionpost72.org).

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

## Photos from around the Post



L-R, Past Vice Commander Jesse Montgomery, Commander Mike Freeman, Sgt at Arms Ed Deneale and Post 360 member Adrian Thompson at the Flag Day Ceremony



Troop 600 Scout, Pete N., in Normandy, France



Bartender "Miss Donna" Webb and Past Commander Paul Baker, share a Karaoke Moment at the recent summer party