

News at Post 72 July 2015

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Finance Officer: Claude Davenport
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Sergeant at Arms: Ed Deneale
Chaplain: Steve McLeod
Service Officer: Bill Patchet
Historian: Stan Adamowicz*

Auxiliary Officers:

*President: Donna Webb
Vice President: Cindy Ennis
Secretary / Treasurer: Patty Freeman
Chaplain: Vickie White
Sergeant at Arms: Sandra Kilby
Historian: Karen Rawls*

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*Commander: Jules Juliano
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Chaplain:
Service Officer:
Historian:*

American Legion Riders:

*Director: Terrie Harne
Assistant Director: Claude Davenport
Adjutant: Mel Cannon
Treasurer: Steve Ralls
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The Commander's Corner

June was the month that we installed the new Post 72 Officers, and they will assume their responsibilities, effective July 01, 2015. Please extend them the same courtesy and support that you have provided to me during the past year. Again I want to thank Past 16th District Commander, Dan Goolsby, (Culpeper Post 330), for performing the installation ceremony of our new officers.

On June 16, 2015, many of us attended the Warrenton Planning Commission meeting for the proposed property development. I'm pleased to announce that the plan we submitted met the necessary criteria. This is only the first step as we have much work remaining to get final approval from the Town Council. My thanks go to all who attended and spoke in our behalf.

Once again as a cadre member of the Post 72 Junior Shooters Team, I am pleased to announce how well our team did at the National Junior Olympic and Civilian Marksmanship Program National Championship in Anniston, Alabama. Our team came in a respectable 20th in the Junior Olympic and 21st in the CMP Championships! To put this in perspective, we had to compete and do well against hundreds of teams across our country just to earn an invitation to these events.

Additionally, Savannah earned a silver medal in both the Junior Olympic and CMP events for her age group. This was an extraordinary accomplishment!

Our team also set a new team high score, along with several individual high scores! Once again our Junior Shooters Team represented our post well and I am proud and honored to be part of the team.

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 May 03, 2015.

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

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on the third Tuesday, July 21,

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2015 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next executive meeting will be on the first Thursday, July 02, 2015 at 19:00 hours, (7:00pm). Our next Legion breakfast will be Sunday, July 05, 2015. Come out and help if you can.

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.

Never forget that we are all members of the world's greatest brotherhood, we are American Veterans!

For God and Country

Mike Freeman – Commander



Adjutant's Corner

I don't have anything new to report at this time, other than all of the reports required by department have been submitted.

Remember that we will have a July 4th cookout in the Tiki bar area beginning at 1:00pm.

I hope that everyone has a safe and happy 4th of July!

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.

In last month's newsletter I neglected to mention and thank our junior members Savannah and Ava for volunteering their time to distribute our Memorial Day poppies. They did a great job!

We are pleased to announce that Crissy Ritchie and Dee Johnson are doing better!

Our newly elected Auxiliary Officers for 2015-2016 are as follows:

President: Donna Webb

Vice President: Cindy Ennis

Secretary: Patty Freeman

Treasurer: Patty Freeman

Chaplain: Vickie White

Sergeant at Arms: Sandra Kilby

Historian: Karen Rawls

We want to thank District President Nancy Harting for installing our officers.

If you know of anyone else that is ill or

needs some assistance, please contact me on 540-347-7740.

Our next Auxiliary Sunday breakfast will be July 12, 2015, so please come out and give your support. Also we want to recognize and thank SAL member Mike Anderson for cooking at our June breakfast!

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be held in September, as we are taking a break during July and August. Mark your calendars and please feel free to come in and join us!

For God and Country

Donna Webb – President



Sons of the Legion News

I like to thank everyone personally for coming out to the SAL breakfast on Father's day. I want to thank Mike, Chip, Clint and Teddy for working the breakfast.

I am asking all SAL members to participate in our meetings and breakfasts. Also the SAL is looking for someone to step up and be the chaplain. Our next meeting is July 7th at 7 p.m. Our next breakfast is Sunday, July 19, 2015.

For God and Country

Jules Juliano – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

July already I can't believe this year is going by so fast. Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying this summer heat. First let me thank all the volunteers who come and work our breakfast every month without question. Thank Donna for early prep of things for us.

This month will be no different. July 26th is the ALR monthly breakfast come out and support your post and riders. Come and see pictures I have from our trip to Norfolk.

One of our new riders has gracefully stepped up to the plate and became the rider's new adjutant. Please congratulate Mel Cannon on his new position. Most of the riders that have decided to stay in their positions another year, and they should be congratulated as well. This group works really hard to bring everyone and every event together with ease. Thank them for the outstanding job they are doing.

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The bike and car show is coming along smoothly. We are continually looking for businesses in the area to be on our bike and Car show t-shirt. Please inform Claude Davenport if you would like to be on the t-shirt, for a small donation of course. This year's Car and Bike show is on Sept. 12th, 2015. Volunteers will be needed to help throughout the day so if you would like to volunteer please let us know. Anyone knowing of any vendors please let them know to get in touch with Claude. Raffle prizes are needed, and if you have any ideas, come to the monthly meeting and share. We will have an apron scratch-off tickets raffle so come and get your tickets quickly.

Our trip to Norfolk was outstanding from the ride down to the ride back. Once we arrived in Norfolk we were met by Post 327 riders who became our escorts for the entire weekend. Friday we were treated to dinner at the post. As Sat. morning arrived our riders were excited about the tour they were getting ready to see. Once we arrived on the naval base, we received a full tour of the base and got to see many ships in port. Once we approached the USS Bush for our tour, I personally couldn't believe how large this ship was. Walking inside was like another world on water or as some describe as a city on water. Our two tour guides did not give us the nickel and dime tour, we got the whole show!

After our tour we all took a nice hot ride through the back roads of Norfolk, and were treated to lunch at a popular diner in the area.

Later Saturday evening we went back to Post 327 for a wonderful BBQ dinner cooked by the riders there.

Sunday morning we had a breakfast buffet at the post. We never paid for a meal or drink our entire weekend. The hospitality of Post 327 was amazing. What a wonderful group of riders all were so welcoming and took care of us all weekend long. Amazing to think that all of this camaraderie between posts came from a contact made on Facebook and executed by our "Thank You Card Project". I, with the help of my fellow riders delivered three boxes, around 2000 cards to the USS Bush and Post 327 which they promised they would deliver to their local VA hospitals. The whole experience for me was very humbling since my father was once on an aircraft carrier.

Our next meeting is on July 1st at 7pm. I will not be there as I'm going to a convention in Nashville Tenn. I would like to have all the riders to please come and give Claude who will step in for me a hard time. Just kidding... I will be making another contact with a Post in Nashville and I will be delivering more "Thank You Cards" down that way. I wish you all have a wonderful 4th of July weekend.

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 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: The scouts have returned from summer camp and a very successful one that included some very nice weather.

Scouts earned a number of merit badges
Congratulations to both Matt M. and Jack C. who learned the skill of the Archery

Trevor P, Joshua J. and Jeffrey P master some different types of open water boating skills
You could find Allen H and Zachary E learning about environmental science

Jake C completed the climbing merit badge by making it to the top of the enormous climbing tower at Claytor Lake.

Upcoming Scout Events:

No major events in July

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

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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: Crew members have continued to work on different recruitment opportunities.

Upcoming Venturing Events:

No events planned at this time.

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.

For God and Country

Michelle Hermsdorf - Editor

Claude Davenport - Troop/Crew 600 Charter Organisation Representative



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 24-26 June, four shooters from the Post 72 Air Rifle Team, Savannah, Sam, Sean, and Abram, participated (by invitation) in the 2015 National Junior Olympic and 2015 Civilian Marksmanship Program National Championship in Anniston, AL. In short, the Team did a stellar job! The Cadre is ecstatic with the results and extremely proud with the level of personal focus,

dedication and sportsmanship the Team demonstrated.

- Post 72 Team performance: Won 20th place overall, 3rd out of 7 nationally qualified club teams at the Jr. Olympic National Championship Sporter Class with a 2,124-46. Won 21st place overall and 3rd out of 7 nationally qualified club teams in the CMP National Championship Sporter Class with a 2,108-53;
- Teams personal performance: A new Team 3x20 high of 2,124-46 (4 shooters). A new Post 72 3x10 of 278 (set by Sean).
- There were several personal achievements also: A new personal highs for Sean of 278, and Savannah of 270
- The Post 72 Shining Star of the events was Savannah, who won the **2nd place national silver individual medals in BOTH events for her age group!!!!** WAY TO GO Savannah!!!

This was an outstanding job by the Post 72 Team!! Please join the cadre in a hearty congratulations to the Team and a special congratulations to Savannah & Sean on their personal accomplishments. We would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Hardy, Mr. Roda and Ms. Thompson for providing transportation and unfaltering support during the week. This event would not have been possible without their efforts!!

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League

(ODJRL): No ODJRL competition between the months of April – September.

Qualifications (NRA): No updates during the past month.

New Personal High Score: The following shooters achieved a new personal high score during the past month: Savannah 270; Sean 278. Congratulations to Sean and Savannah on their outstanding personal achievement.

Upcoming Events:

- 8 June – 17 August 2015: Change to summer schedule of every other Thursday with voluntary attendance.
- 25 July 2015: 4-H Central District 4H Shoot, Holiday Lake, VA
- 15 August 2015: Northern District 4-H Shoot. Culpeper
- 11-13 September State 4-H Shoot, Holiday Lake 4-H Center

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Practice Times: The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team practices on Thursday evenings, 1830 – 2030hrs in the Legion Hall throughout the school year. Backup practices on Wednesday's from 1900 to 2030hrs. We welcome anyone from the Post family to come by to see the program and watch the shooters practice. We hold an additional practice time, on Wednesday's from 1830 to 2030 hrs. in order to facilitate the active schedules of our shooters. This practice time is set aside for those shooters who have a temporary conflict with the regular Thursday practices.

For God and Country,

Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team Cadre:

Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Lance Davenport, Bob Roda, Andy Andrews and Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)

American Legion Baseball Committee

JULY JUNIOR HOME BASEBALL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015 GAME #1 @

10:00AM AND GAME #2 @12:30PM POST 290 PATRIOTS

@ POST 72 AT KETTLE RUN HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015 @ 7:00PM POST

290 VIRGINIANS @ POST 72 AT FAUQUIER HIGH SCHOOL

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015 @ 7:00PM POST

290 VIRGINIANS @ POST 72 AT FAUQUIER HIGH SCHOOL

Point of contact: Senior Team (Post 247) Gary Croson 540-336-5771, katncro@gmail.com

Junior Team (Post 72) Jim Lilek 703-855-7599, Kelil68@comcast.net and Chip Childs 540-270-4278, chipchilds@starband.net.

Please contact John Sinclair, (540-270-3148, if you need additional information.

I would like to thank my fellow comrades Bill Buck, Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Rick Harrison, Sam Jesselson, George Laing, Ken Martin, George Morgan and Ted Weir for their assistance in presenting the 2015 School Awards in May and June. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your continued support of this program.

For God and Country,

John Sinclair – Baseball Committee/Post 72

Schools Award Chairman

Social Quarters / House Committee

I want to thank all the members and their friends for supporting the Social Quarters. Also thanks for your support at our Cash Bash, it turned out very well and we plan on doing another one in October.

I must give out a thanks to Claude for helping us to get some chairs to replace the folding chairs we had been using from up-stairs.

For the 4th of July we will have a Tiki Bar party starting at 1:00pm until we are done. Your Social Quarters will provide hot dogs and burgers while they last.

We will continue to have the other favorite games of the membership like the HOGS, Booze Giveaway, and baskets of goodies etc. We will also continue to have pistols up for drawing. Right now it is a 45cal S&W M&P.

As always, we want to thank all of our volunteers who come in and work so hard. Thanks Patty, Neal, Stan, & Jules for your help. It takes all of them to help keep things running. Please don't forget to thank Donna as well for all she does. We can always use help to keep your Social Quarters open and running to be able to give you a nice place to have a little food, drink, & fun.

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.**

We have a large Bar Lunch Menu! On Friday evenings we continue to have our dinners.

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 July Newsletter are due by June 25, 2015. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor." Thank you!
Patty Freeman, Editor

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Photos from around the Post



American Legion Riders pose in front of the USS George H.W. Bush in Norfolk, VA



Post 72 Legion Riders Terrie and Faye on the deck of the Carrier, USS George H.W. Bush in Norfolk, VA



Post 72 Junior Shooters take aim in the Junior Olympic and CMP National Competitions, Anniston, Alabama



Proud Legionnaire Bob, with his daughter, Savannah, Post 72 Junior Shooter, after receiving a Silver Medal in the Junior Olympic Competition in Anniston, Alabama



"Young Andy" Andrews and Grandfather "Mr. Andy" Andrews at work in the kitchen on a recent Friday night.



Past Post 72 Commander, Jim Rankin poses with family members at the dedication of the Clay Rankin Memorial Bridge, (Jim's father and decorated WWI veteran).