

News at Post 72 June 2015

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Post 72 Officers

American Legion Post 72 Officers:

*Commander: Mike Freeman
1st Vice Commander: Sam Jesselson
2nd 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
1st Vice Commander: Joe Lechwar
2nd 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

It is my sad duty to announce that SAL Member and Past Post 72 Commander Tom Carter has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

I want to recognize Comrade Sam Jesselson, for organizing our annual Patriotic Card project. It was another successful event, and we collected approximately 10,000 cards to send to our troops overseas, and to various VA Hospitals. Also thanks to everyone who helped and participated.

Also, thanks go to everyone who participated in our annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony. A special thanks to "Miss" Donna Webb and those who helped her with the Post 72 luncheon after the ceremony.

On Wednesday, May 27th, Post 72 had a very special guest visit our facility. Congressman Robert Hurt, U.S. House of Representatives, representing the Fifth District of Virginia talked over some issues with several of us who were in attendance. Also attending was Scott Leake, Director of Outreach for Congressman Hurt.

I also want to personally thank Social Quarters Chairman Paul Baker and Donna Webb for hosting another successful "Cash Bash". The weather cooperated, and a good time was had by all who attended. This event brought in some more much needed revenue. Paul Baker also presented the membership a check from the social quarters for \$6,000 to the post general fund at the May business meeting!

June is also the month that we will install the new Post 72 Officers, (listed below), 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 feel both honored and privileged to have been reelected as your commander.

I also want to personally thank the outgoing Officers for all of their dedication and hard work over the past year.

Executive Officers

*Commander: Mike Freeman
1st Vice Commander: John Desmedt
2nd Vice Commander: Dean Jacobson*

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Adjutant: George Morgan
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Historian: Stan Adamowicz
Service Officer: Bill Patchet
Chaplain: Stephen "Steve" McLeod
Judge Advocate: Jonathan Leinhard
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ed Deneale

Corporation:

Jim Rankin
Paul Baker
Bill Buck
Sam Jesselson
Jack Flood

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, June 16, 2015 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next executive meeting will be on the first Thursday, June 04, 2015 at 19:00 hours, (7:00pm).

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

We have several events coming up related to our veterans. On 6 June, 1400-1700 hours, there will be a D-Day commemoration event at the Fauquier Courthouse, followed by a social gathering at the Old Jail Museum. Speakers will discuss D-Day and the WWII Memorial.

On June 7, at 1400 hours, the Fauquier County Veterans Bridge Committee, and the American Legion, invites everyone to attend the dedication of the Meetze Road bridge to the father of one of our own members, Jim Rankin.

On 23 June, at 1830 hours, the Fauquier

Historical Society has extended an invitation to Post 72 (and auxiliary) to attend an evening dinner with Gen James Clapper, at the Inn at Vint Hill. Gen Clapper is the Director of National Intelligence and will be presenting certificates to all WWII vets in attendance. We will need to forward the names and ranks of any of our WWII vets who plan to attend. The Post will cover the meal costs for our WWII vets and a guest.

For God and Country

George Morgan – *Adjutant*



Auxiliary News

We want to thank all of our volunteers that help all the time. It is so nice for them to help me out. If it wasn't for their efforts, I would have a difficult time completing all of the tasks that are required here at our post. Your contributions are much appreciated by all of us.

Our May 30, 2015 Cash Bash was another success! The weather was fine and everyone who attended enjoyed the food, beverages, prizes and the various activities.

Please keep Crissy Ritchie and Dee Johnson in your thoughts and prayers and wish that they return in good health soon. Get well Crissy and Dee, we all miss you!

Also, our thoughts and prayers go to the friends and family of SAL Member, and Past Post 72 Commander, Tom Carter, who passed away recently.

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 June 14, 2015, so please come out and give your support. Our next Auxiliary meeting will be held immediately following this breakfast at approximately 1:00pm. Please feel free to come in and join us!

For God and Country

Donna Webb – *President*



Sons of the Legion News

It is my sad duty to report that Tom Carter, a dual member at post 72 has passed away our thoughts and prayers go out to the Carter Family.

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I'd like to thank Mike, Chip, Clint, and Teddy for their support at the breakfast on Sunday. The Sons of the American Legion are running a raffle for an overnight stay at Poplar Springs and Resort.

Our next meeting is June 2nd 2015 our next breakfast is June 21st 2015. That is Father's Day so bring your dad's down for breakfast.

For God and Country

Jules Juliano – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

Hope everyone hope an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend with us riders it was packed full of ceremonies, remembering family and friends. Spending time embracing what Memorial Day is all about. Some of the riders got to join in the Warrenton parade in town on Monday, followed by a beautiful ceremony at the cemetery and then on to the Post for the luncheon.

We have many events coming up so please be at the meeting on June 3rd to hear and get all of the details. One event that is coming up June 4th at 9am I would like for as many riders as we can get to be at the Sheriff's office so we can present the gentlemen that escorted us all over town on April 24th and May 1st for our "Thank You Card Project". We will be presenting them certificates of appreciation for all of their help throughout both days.

June 6th there is a ride to Quantico for Daughters of the American Revolution and the 50th anniversary organization will be hosting a wreath laying ceremony at the Quantico National Ceremony at 1pm. If you would like to ride to this be at the post at 11:00 and maybe afterwards hitting Post 28 for lunch. If you haven't received that email let me know I'll send it out.

Next event is the Ride to Norfolk Post 327 for an overnight stay, ride, and tour of the Naval base. Rooms we have gotten are \$80.00 a night email for more information on location and ride times. I would like to start our day at Denny's at 8am for a nice breakfast Fri. 12th. Possible KSU at 9:00/9:30 on to a nice ride to Norfolk. Riders all agreed that they wanted to

ride this year so here is your first, second and third opportunity.

Our Breakfast for the month of June will be 28th so grab up your riding buddies and come to breakfast. As always thank everyone who volunteers their time every month. Our next meeting for ALR is July 1st at 7pm come early for dinner with everyone.

ALR Elected officers for 2015-2016:

Director: Terrie L. Harne

Vice Director: Claude Davenport

Finance Officer: Steve Ralls

Adjutant: **None**, Paul Baker will act temporary until Terrie finds someone to take this position.

Sergeant at Arms: Richard Harne

Chaplain: Samuel P. Jesselson

Membership: Steve Ralls

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 spent the last few weeks designing a patrol logo. The committee is very excited to see the radioactive taco patrol logo.
- The scouts will be at the First Friday's with the American Legion. The scouts will hold a different demonstration each month. The scouts are going to demonstrate lashings in June.
- The troop continues to prepare for summer camp; the scouts have picked their merit badges they will complete at summer camp.

Upcoming Scout Events:

- Summer Camp June 14-20th

Meeting information: The Scouts general meetings are every Monday evening with the

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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:

Many Crew members have returned from college for the summer and were able to meet this month. During this meeting they held elections. It is my pleasure to announce Robert Louchen as the Crew president, Billy Weitz as the vice president, Logan Jones as the secretary and Paula Hermsdorf as the treasure. They have put a roster together and will be planning several events in the next few weeks. They also focused on 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: This has been an impressive conclusion to the 2014/2015 season!

- Post 72 fielded two teams to the 2015 American Legion, Department of Virginia, State Championship, on 2 May, 2015. Team Cobra finished in 3rd place, Team Python completed in 6th place. An outstanding performance by both teams. Congratulations to John, Jacob S., Carson, Dylan, Savannah, Sean, Sam and Abram for a fantastic job representation Post 72.
- At the Department of Virginia State Match, Sam's and Sean's superior performance qualified them to compete in the Standing Eight Final. The shoulder to shoulder standing competition resulted in Sean finishing 7th overall in the state, and Sam finishing 2nd overall in the state. A fantastic performance by Sam and Sean.
- At the end of season party, a special presentation was made. Savannah, Sean and Sam were presented with the nationally recognized Civilian Marksmanship (CMP) Air Rifle Junior Distinguished Shooter Bronze Badge. This award was earned for their superior performance in CMP sanctioned matches and earning Excellent In Competition points. This is the first step in earning the coveted nationally recognized CMP Air Rifle Junior Distinguished Shooter Gold Badge. Since 2001, only 921 Air Rifle Junior Distinguished Shooter Gold Badges have been awarded. Please join the Cadre in congratulation these three superior shooters on their unique achievement!

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

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during the past month: John 239-3.
Congratulations to John on his outstanding personal achievement.

Upcoming Events:

- 8 June 2015: Change to summer schedule of every other Thursday with voluntary attendance.
- 24-26 June 2015: CMP and Junior Olympic National Match (invitation)

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

American legion Baseball schedule for 2015, (see attached information).

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.

For God and Country,

John Sinclair – Baseball Committee Chairman

Social Quarters / House Committee

I want to thank all the members and their friends for supporting the Social Quarters, due to your support we were able to turn over a very nice check to the Legion General Fund in May.

The 50" Element LED TV giveaway is done and we are thinking of putting up a BBQ grill next. If anyone has an idea of something they would like the Social Quarters put up for a chance to win, please let me know.

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.

As always, we want to thank all of our volunteers who come in and work so hard. It takes all of them to help keep things running. Please don't forget Donna who works so hard to see that everything is running along, she really puts a lot of time in behind the scenes that most people don't know about. Remember to show Donna your appreciation. We also had Judy working part time with us which helped out a lot. Unfortunately she has to stop during the summer months. Also a big thanks goes to Patty, Neal, Stan, & Ed for all their help. 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.

Please keep your eyes open to a notice in the club to give you the date of the next Tiki Bar Mini Party.

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

Photos from around the Post

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Honorable Robert Hurt, Virginia Congressman, with "Miss Donna" Webb and Commander Mike Freeman



ALR Director Terrie Harne receives cards at the recent Patriotic Card Pick-up event.



1st Vice Commander (elect), John Desmedt relaxing at the Cash Bash



Paul Baker and John Andrews, with John's vintage truck at the memorial Day parade.



Ed deneale, Stan Adamowicz, Roger Riggins and "Mr Andy" Andrews at the Recent Cash bash



Sam Jesselson, Jack Flood and Claude Davenport, (background), taking it easy at the Cash Bash



SAL Commander "Jules" Juliano manning the entry gate at the Cash Bash.



John Sinclair, (back to camera) takes aim while pitching horseshoes.