

News at the Post March 2013

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Commander's Corner:

Winter is fast approaching its end, but we still have some cold weather left to endure. Fortunately, our area has been lucky this year, as we haven't been slammed with one blizzard after another like our mid-western, and northern states.

On behalf of Post 72, I want to once again thank both Jules and Cale for their hard work on our Veterans Plaza. The brickwork around the flagpoles has been completed, and is just awaiting the arrival of the pavers to top and finish them off.

Jules has arranged for pickup and delivery of the pavers from Pennsylvania, which are due to arrive any day now. Also, as many of you have noticed, the base sand is on site. Although this project has taken longer than anticipated, it has been done with minimal costs. We are all indebted to those volunteer members who have contributed to this project, especially to Cale, (our master bricklayer), and Jules. Without their efforts, we could have not accomplished the work done to date.

I also want to recognize the recent work initiated by Joe Grimsley, our House Committee Chairman. Joe contracted to have new tile installed on the floor, with minimal costs to our Post. He then arranged for the entire floor to be stripped and waxed, which was done by Freda and Neil over the past weekend. Our thanks go to them both for their efforts to improve our Post Home for all of us to enjoy!

If you recall, I will be asking for members to volunteer at the March meeting to staff the annual nominating committee. If anyone can help out on this important committee, please contact either myself, or our Adjutant, John Sinclair. If you are interested in serving in any of the elected officer positions, please let us know as well. These positions are open to all members and as with any organization, it is good for all if we have an infusion of fresh ideas and leadership. If you don't want to be a candidate at this time, you can also volunteer to serve on one of our many standing committees. As always, these committees are our lifeblood and are essential to ensure we remain an active and viable Post for all to enjoy.

Don't forget to come out on Saturday, March 02,2013 for our 2nd Annual ALR Chili Cook Off. This is a fun event to promote fellowship with other American Legion Posts. The admission for this event is free so come out and sample some outstanding chili!

Everyone, remember to keep Miss Tootie in your thoughts and prayers, and wish her a speedy recovery.

Also, please continue to support our Post and Social Quarters, and don't forget to thank Donna for all of her hard work. Also, thanks to our many volunteers, who assist Donna and help keep the Social Quarters functioning.

We continue to 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, each month. Our next breakfast will be held on March 03, 2013.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on Thursday, March 07, 2013, at 19:00 hours, (07:00pm).

Remember to support the other groups of our Post Home as well, the AUX, SAL, ALR and Boy Scouts, with their scheduled breakfasts and various fund raisers.

As your Commander, remember, 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.

For God & Country
Mike Freeman — Commander

Adjutant's Corner

Just a reminder, the Consolidated Report is due by June 1, 2013. I will need your information from the various programs to complete the report. I will be contacting many of you for your information. So please be prepared.

I have another \$1,000 raffle scheduled to be drawn April 12, 2013. I urge each and every one of you to please support our programs and purchase a ticket or two, for just \$2.00 each as a donation. This has proven to be one of our easiest and fastest fundraisers so do your part and help take the burden off those 18 to 20 members who help distribute the tickets. Please call me or check with Donna in the lounge and other members to share the load.

For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America
John H. Sinclair — Adjutant

House Chairman News:

Once again I want to thanks all of our volunteers who help around the Social Quarters. As always, their hard work is appreciated by all of us. Please volunteer if you can help out in any way, to provide them some much needed relief.

This month the VA Representative will be here at Post 72 on March 20, 2013, at 10:00am, to assist all veterans and their families.

Our Valentine's Day Dinner, held on February 14, 2013, was again a huge success. We want to thank all of those members, families and guests who came out and enjoyed the festivities and supported our Post. Also, thanks to all of those who volunteered and worked this function, and made everyone feel welcome.

I hope that all of you have noticed the tile floor in the Social Quarters has been cleaned to look as good as new!(see photo below). We all thank both Neil and Freda, who worked so hard recently to strip, clean, wax and buff the floor.

Thankfully, it appears that the "flu bug" has pretty much run its course, and we hope everyone is recovering and feeling better.

Make sure that you purchase raffle tickets from Miss Donna. These raffles provide much needed additional revenue to support our Post, and our programs.

Don't forget that we serve "all you can eat" breakfasts, every Sunday, from 09:00am until noon. Also, each Friday night we have terrific steak and seafood dinners, available for all to enjoy at a modest price.

The Social Quarters and our Post belong to all of us, so please come out and show your support.

For God and Country

Joe Grimsley — House Committee Chairman

BSA Troop 600 & Crew 600

Troop 600 website: www.troop600.org

Activities:

BSA Troop 600 meets on Monday evenings, 7:15pm - 8:30pm in the upstairs hall at Post 72.

During the month of February, the troop and crew meetings involved the following activities.

Webelo welcome night was a success. The scouts provided an excellent round robin of events for the Webelos, from fire safety to first aid carries. It looked like every Webelo enjoyed themselves and left Troop 600 with a smile on their faces. We hope to see them again soon as Troop 600 scouts.

The SPL, ASPL, SCRIBE, and other troop leaders ran a night full of games, or should we say, what seemed to be games. The exercises performed by the troop were actually team building activities that encouraged more communication and cooperation within the teams. It seemed to be a very effective learning experience with the younger scouts, and helpful reinforcement for the older scouts.

Mr. Mullins came to present information about camp T. Brady Saunders. Summer camp is June 16-22. Early bird fee is \$255, 50% of that is due March 18.

PLC: Discussions included how the Webelo Welcome Night went. All indications were that it went well, and lots of people enjoyed the games. Next time, the scouts will make the efforts to make the games more clear to the Webelos so that they were learning activities, not just "goof off."

Due to nasty weather, which necessitated canceling the Bike Campout, the Scouts will be scheduling a new date, (TBD).

Notices: Mr. McNeill will be teaching 3 merit badges, chess, personal fitness, and reading. Please talk with Mr. McNeil if you would like to participate in earning any or all of these merit badges. The first meeting for the Merit Badge is scheduled for 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, at the Warrenton Library - Adult Section. The worksheets for the Merit badge (both PDF and Word format) may be found at: http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badge_Worksheets. If you cannot make the Wednesday meeting, please let Mr. McNeill know and he will work something out. Sign up for merit badge midway with Mrs. Hermsdorf.

Adult Training: May 3-5, 2013: Friday 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday. It's time to sign up for the once-a-year training experience at Camp Big Mac in Markham, Virginia. Learn the skills to become an effective Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, committee member or interested parent. LST/IOLS stands for Leader Specific Training/Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Sometimes LST refers to Leadership Skills Training, but it's the same thing. It's a comprehensive introduction to the Boy Scout program. Participants learn not only by classroom instruction and demos, but also by living as Boy Scouts for 3 days. It's intense, it's fun, and you will come away with Scout Spirit as well as knowledge. Since it starts around 8 AM on Friday, you'll need to plan now to take that day off. But the rewards are definitely there; in the quality of the program this training will prepare you to deliver. The costs, including food and council fees, will be \$80.

Mr. Wittington wanted to remind the scouts not to forget their summer camp signup sheet, fees and camp merit badge schedule. Mr. Wittington will have copies of the Ranger Challenge Registration with him if any scouts want to participate in that program. The Voyager Trek info has just been supplied. Summer camp is June 16-22 at T. Brady Saunders. Early bird fee is \$255, 50% of that is due March 18. Start deciding what merit badges you want to take.

Upcoming Events: March 9 Verdun campout Wilderness survival/ new scout training please sign up with Mrs. Hermsdorf and indicate how you will be paying for the camp out. Permission slip is attached and is due in person on March 4th or by email (scan and send to Mrs. Hermsdorf) by Thursday, March 7th. March 11th PLC and the Early Bird fee of \$127.50 due (50% of the \$255). After the 11th the scout camp fee goes to \$285.

Upcoming Events:

March 18th troop meeting
 March 23rd: Merit Badge Midway at Culpeper Middle School
 April 19-21 Rappahannock campout

Rank Advancement:

Kyle H. achieved his Star Scout
 Derek S. achieved his Star Scout.
 Congratulations to Kyle and Derek on their accomplishments.

BSA Troop 600 meets on Monday evenings, 1915 - 2030 hours (7:15 - 8:30pm) in the upstairs hall at Post 72.

BSA Crew 600 meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 1930 - 2030 hours (7:30 - 8:30 pm). We invite you to come by and see what Troop & Crew 600 are all about.

Come "Feel the Thunder at Troop 600".

For God and Country
Claude Davenport — Troop 600 Representative

American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program (ALJSSP):

Last month, the team competed in the February Old Dominion Junior Rifle League's (ODJRL) competition, by shooting the standard 3x10 course right here at Post 72. Nine of our shooters; Sean, Blake, Max, Sam, Abram, Michael S., Stephen, John and Zach represented the Post 72 team very well. This was the first competition for Stephen, John and Zach, all doing the team proud.

The Post 72 Team was really back on track at this months competition, winning a third place overall finish out of 10 teams with a team score of 850 with 10 bull's-eyes. Our top four shooters were Sean (235-4), Blake (223-3), Max (209-1) and Sam (183-2). Great job Team!!

Our congratulations to Sean who was HOT, HOT, HOT, and came in 7th place overall out of 50 shooters... but wait, there's more! Sean not only set a personal best (235) but set a new Post 72 Team high score! Our congratulations also go to Blake who continued his high standards and represented the Post 72 Team very well with a 14th over all finish out of 50 shooters with a 223. Excellent job Sean and Blake!!

Our next competition will be Saturday March 16th at American Legion Post 233 in Varina, VA. It will be our last match before the American Legion Northern Regional competition in April. The Post 72 Team is definitely showing the potential to participate in the District and perhaps State level competition this year.

We offer our continued thanks Comrade Hugh Long for his generous participation with firearms history and contributions to the Team.

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team practices on Thursday evenings, 1830 - 2030hrs in the Legion Hall. We welcome anyone from the Post family to come by to see the program and watch the shooters practice.

For God and Country

Claude Davenport — ALJSSPO Team Coordinator

Auxiliary News:

We would like to thank all of our volunteers who come out and work hard to make our Social Quarters function successfully. These volunteers often go unrecognized, but their efforts are greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all of us who use our facility.

At the February Auxiliary meeting, we had a brief ceremony to present the “Lady of the Year Award” to Dottie Howell. Dottie has contributed her personal resources, time and money on many occasions throughout the year to help make our organization a success. We all want to extend her our thanks and congratulations on winning this coveted award. Way to go Dottie! (see photo below)

There is a donated basket of “goodies” behind the bar to be raffled. Please show your support to our Auxiliary and the Social Quarters by purchasing tickets for this raffle. As always the money made on these raffles benefit all of us in the Legion Family.

There is not much else to report at this time. Just remember that the Auxiliary breakfast will be held as usual on the second Sunday, March 10, 2013, from 09:00am until 12:00pm (noon). Please come out and help if you are available.

For God and Country

Donna Webb — President

Sons of the Legion News:

We served 31 Legionnaires and friends at our February breakfast. It was good to see some old friends we have not seen for a while. A super effort was out forth by Joe, Clint, Cale, Jules and yours truly. Also, thanks to Donna once again, for all of her assistance.

SAL Squadron 72 is celebrating its 35th birthday. The Post 72 American Legion Executive Board has invited us to their monthly meeting, to be held on March 12, 2013, at 07:30pm. At this meeting, Post 72 will recognize our squadron's thirty-fifth anniversary as an organization within the American Legion. This will be a very special occasion for everyone involved, and we need all officers and available members to attend this important event.

In advance we would like to thank Commander Mike Freeman and all of the Executive Board members for inviting us. We would also like to have as many dual members as possible attend this meeting.

Please come to our March breakfast, which is on St Patrick's Day, March 17, 2013. We will be serving corned beef hash along with our regular breakfast items and a special dessert item to celebrate the holiday. You will also be able to see a real live leprechaun! Come have breakfast and look for your pot of gold.

The April SAL breakfast will feature many special guests from around the district for our SAL's official birthday celebration. We are hoping for a great turn out for our March and April breakfast. I think this spring may be one of the best overall for our American Legion in many years.

For God & Country

Ted Kilby — Commander SAL Squadron 72

American Legion Riders News:

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

The American Legion Riders have been very active getting ready for the Chili Cook Off for the 2nd Of March. Come out and enjoy some fine Chili around noon, upstairs at the Post. We are also planning our Bike and Car Show to be held in September.

We look forward to another year of events and the supporting of events for our Veterans. Please don't forget to support the Post events. Our members were very well represented at our breakfast this last month and we thank everyone, especially Judy for cooking once again. Also thanks go to Donna for all of her usual help as well.

For all that are on Facebook, go to American Legion Riders Post 72 Warrenton, VA, for additional information. We have a lot of events being posted from us and other post in the area. Remember, the ALR breakfast is on Sunday, March 24, 2013. Please come out, help if you can, and enjoy our all you can eat breakfast.

Our next ALR meeting is on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 07:00pm. Hope to see you all there.

For God & Country

Keith "Wally" Burdette — Director, American Legion Riders, Post 72

Social Quarters:

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 will remain at \$6.00 for adults. Children ten and under is half price, at \$3.00 each.

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!

Due to the lack of participation, we will no longer be having the "Cook's Choice" dinner, on the third Saturday, and the Steak Dinner Special, on the fourth Saturday, during the winter months.

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!

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!

We also have our popular pool table is open for play after dinner and we hope to have our bowling game back soon.

We like to turn the jukebox up and dance and kick our feet up, so make Friday night your evening to spend with us! You won't regret it.

Please remember we have **WiFi** in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is www.legionpost72.org

GAMES at the Post:

Queen of Hearts drawing is every Tuesday at 7pm.
Come out and have some fun with us!

Around the Post

Bike and Car Show Flyer, for September 28, 2013

Jules, (L), and Cale, (R), at work on the Veterans Plaza

Freda, at work on the floor in the Social Quarters.



Golf Tournament Flier



SAL Birthday



Editor's and Webmaster's Note:

Do you have an interesting story of interest to other members of the post?

*Articles for the **March** Newsletter are due by **March 25, 2013**. Please email them to Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter"*

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