

# News at Post 72

# March 2014

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## **Post 72 Officers**

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

*Commander: Mike Freeman*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Jesse Montgomery*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Bill Gouldthorpe, Jr.*  
*Adjutant: John Sinclair*  
*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: Julie Gordon*  
*Secretary: Rochelle Ferguson "Shell"*  
*Treasurer: Rosie Limerick*  
*Chaplain: Dottie Howell*  
*Sergeant at Arms: Sandy Glascock*  
*Historian: Patty Freeman*

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

*Commander: Ted Kilby*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Joe Lechwar*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Justin Labell*  
*Adjutant: Clint Bolt*  
*Finance Officer: Clint Bolt*  
*Sergeant at Arms: Jules Juliano*  
*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*

## **The Commander's Corner**



As it has happened too many times recently, it is my sad duty to announce that we have once again lost another Post 72 Legion family member. Auxiliary Member, Freda Labell, passed away this past month, after a long and courageous battle with her illness. Please remember her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

As discussed last month, I held a meeting with all of the organizations within our Post. Many issues were addressed, but as always, the main focus is on our financial situation. Literally, we are all in this together, and everyone has a vested interest in our overall success. As Commander I have asked that all of the organizations contribute a portion of their profits from all future fundraisers to our Post.

We also agreed that with our recent food price increases, transportation, etc., we will unfortunately have to raise the costs for our Sunday breakfasts from \$6.00 to \$7.00, effective, April 01, 2014. However painful it may seem, the reality is we have not increased the price to our customers for several years.

Thanks to the efforts of many of our members, Paul Baker, Jules Juliano, Bill Gouldthorpe and Claude Davenport, we have gotten one of my pet projects off the ground. When you enter the social quarters there is a "patch board", and I am asking all members to contribute any cloth unit patch, regardless of the branch of service you were in, to be proudly displayed on this board. Comrade Gouldthorpe has so far contributed the lion's share of patches from his personal collection, and we thank him.

As reported last month, Past Commander and current House Committee Chairman Paul Baker has gotten the new chairs for our club. Thanks to all who helped him with their delivery and assembly. Also, if you look on the wall at the end of the bar, there is a new plaque recognizing all who contributed to this project. Special thanks go to Past Commander Jim Rankin, who got us a huge price discount and arranged for the delivery.

Remember to thank Paul for his efforts

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and support him, as well as Donna and our many volunteers, for all of their hard work.

I also want to thank those who "volunteered" to serve on the nominating committee for the upcoming elections, Jack Flood, Paul Baker, Dean Jacobs and Jim Rankin. They have a difficult task, so everyone please consider running for some of the elected positions, as it is always healthy for an organization such as ours to have new officers infused with fresh ideas.

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 March 02, 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 "Mr. Frank" Marino, Service Officer Wes Simms, Jean Gillen, Bill White, Betty Manning, (John Sinclair's sister), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Bill Gouldthorpe and Andy Andrew's wife who have all been hospitalized recently.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on the first Thursday again this month, on March 06, 2014 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.

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 and Country

**Mike Freeman** - *Commander*

## Adjutant's Corner

### Dates to Remember:

March 11, 2014 General Membership meeting: Nominations for Executive Committee and Corporation Board due.

March 14-16: Department Spring Conference at Virginia Beach

March 21: \$1,000 raffle. Make sure you get you tickets.

March 23-26: National Washington Conference/  
National Commander March 26.

March 30: 16th District Spring Conference  
2:00PM at Post 290 in Stafford

Best wishes to Comrade Bill White for a speedy recovery from hip surgery Feb. 12, 2014. I look forward to seeing our Service Officer Wes Simms back into the swing of things after his health related issues. It's also good to see Comrade Jean Gillen back on her feet after her surgery. Keep Comrade Frank Marino and Comrade Andy Andrew's wife and all our Comrades and family members with health issues and our departed Comrades and Legion family members in our prayers. Comrade Roland Tapscott and Auxiliary member Freda LaBell will surely be missed and my condolence goes out to their families.

See Donna, yours truly and other members to get your March 21, 2014 Raffle tickets.

We will also be looking for volunteers for our annual Golf Tournament fund raiser.

For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America

**John H. Sinclair** - *Adjutant*



## Auxiliary News

Not much to report this month, other than on the April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014, we will be having a bake sale for Easter. I am asking for all Auxiliary Members, and any Legion Members to contribute something baked to help make this event another success.

I am sad to report that we have lost one of our dear members, Freda Labell, who passed away last month. Please remember her and her family in your thoughts and prayers. She will be missed by all of us!

Please come out and help work the Auxiliary breakfast on the second Sunday, March 09, 2014. Also, remember our Auxiliary meeting will be held immediately afterwards.  
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**Donna Webb** - *President*



## Sons of the Legion News

The SAL Commander's notes start out with a heavy heart - our wonderful auxiliary

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friend Freda Labell passed away, and she will be missed by all of us. I will especially miss seeing her at our Sunday breakfasts, during the football season, where she would always be seen wearing her purple Baltimore Ravens Jersey.

On March 16th the SAL will be having their monthly breakfast. Please tell everyone to turn out for this most important breakfast of the year. It is the day before St Patrick 's Day and we will be serving our regular breakfast, plus corned beef hash, and cupcakes with green icing. Also on hand will be Warrenton's only Leprechaun, Joseph O Lechwar. Joe will be handing out chocolate gold coins, some of which will entitle people to an extra item. Be sure and be there for the Leprechaun.

The next SAL meeting will be 7:00pm, Tuesday, March 04, 2014. I hope to see some new faces in attendance.

At February's breakfast, our thanks go out to Chip, Clint, Mikie, Joe, Jules, Cale and Donna. The burritos were a big hit. Way to Go Gale!

I think all of us will be happy to see March arrive, as it has been a tough January and February. Let's hope spring time gets here soon

For God and Country

**Ted Kilby** – SAL Commander



## Legion Riders News

Come on Spring!!! Please hurry up and get here! For the one's that didn't make the meeting last month, we are still looking for a Chairperson to take over the role of organizing our Bike and Car show. So if you would like to chair this event please let Terrie or Paul know. We are looking for Raffle Prizes so if you have any ideas or you would like to help out with the planning of the show please let us know.

Last month the riders presented two checks to the post from money raised from our events to help with operational costs. These checks were greatly appreciated by the post. Because of the volunteers that are willing to give their time to run and work these events we are able to donate decent amounts of money to veterans charities and to our own post. So if you can help in any way to make our events successful, please donate some of your time.

One of my favorite events is coming up very quickly, the Thank You Card Project. Sam is working very hard on the scheduling of the schools. From his latest update, Sam says he has over 10 schools participating so far with possibly more in the works. This is the Rider's favorite event, so mark your calendars for May 22-23. We will have meet up times in future newsletters and by email as the event draws closer. If you are not on the email list please let Terrie know.

We still have plans to do a video for presentations and You tube, still working with the school board. I've been making presentations to other Veteran's motorcycle groups to join us for the TYCP ride. So if all goes well we will have many more riders joining us.

March 23, 2014 is our next ALR breakfast I hope to see a lot more riders coming out and supporting our breakfast. Judy did an outstanding job with the French toast and was thinking of maybe having stuffed French toast in the near future. We will just have to wait and see.

A special thanks goes out to the dedicated volunteers that work the breakfast every month. Thank you all so much and also please thank Donna and her crew for always supporting the riders.

For the riders that like doing the Honor flights they will be starting up soon I've received the first email so let me know if you want a copy of the schedule or come to this month meeting and I will have them there.

Our next meeting is going to be March 5th, 2014 at 7:00pm. We will be talking about dates for our next poker run, so if there are any ideas please come and share. I know it's cold but it's warm at the Post and I hope to see you there.

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

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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.

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

In January, our Scouts hosted two opportunities for Webelo's to join in the activities at our troop meetings. Those Webelo's experienced feeling our thunderous fun as the patrols taught scout skills of pitching a tent, carrying/ stretcher techniques, fire building with demonstration, and an explanation of the Scout Oath and Law.

The scouts' concluded their program with an outrageous promotional movie created by ASM/Eagle Scout Nick K. Starring in the movie were none other than our own Troop 600 scouts! Proudly, the Scouts pulled together and showed great examples of what it is like to be a Boy Scout lead troop. We are hopeful to have a number of them crossing over to our troop within the next couple of months.

Also in January Mrs. Hermsdorf engaged the scouts in some fun first aid activities with games. Ongoing is Mr. Manzella & Mr. Tiller work with the troop on the Eagle Scout required Cooking Merit badge. With any luck, perhaps the scouts will be able to concoct a tasty chili for an entry in the American Legion Chili Cook Off.

Scouts are signing up and making plans for their Blue Ridge Mountain summer camp programs in southwestern Virginia. The Reservation has a variety of activities for the scouts to choose from. Many thanks to Mr. Eric Johnson in his outstanding quest to find all scouts the best choices in camps available for this coming summer. It is going to be a booming summer for the scouts!

As we continue to believe spring is just around the corner, Scouts are helping to get us into the cleanup mode outside. Now is the time to place your orders for Spring Mulch. Not only is mulch available, but the scouts' services for spreading the purchased mulch, leaf raking and blowing and weeding. This Mulch Sale is the troop's major fundraiser. The funds earned in this fundraiser help the youth to defray the cost of attending leadership programs, summer camp and activities that foster growth and development of responsible citizens. Order

forms are located on the distribution table downstairs in the main quarters.

## **Recent Rank Advancements:**

Eagle Scout: Hunter W.

Eagle Scout: Robert L.

Our congratulations to Hunter and Robert for their outstanding achievement. Out of every 100 boys that enter the scouting only 4 will achieve the Rank of Eagle Scout

## **Upcoming Scout Events:**

Merit Badge Midway on March 22 at Culpeper Middle School.

Mulch orders due Sat, March 29

Mulch distribution on Sat, April 5

**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 leaders.

The 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 continues putting together plans to attend Northern Tier this coming summer. This national High Adventure program has been outfitting scout groups for canoe trips since the summer of 1923.

The next few weeks will be dedicated to cooking. Crew members also have the opportunity to earn credits toward their Bronze Award which will only be available until the end of the year.

Along with cooking, the crew has also been taking monthly hikes to get in shape for their summer extravaganza. Last month, they were going to hike Little Devil Stairs in the Shenandoah National Park, but the bad weather changed those plans and the crew ended up

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taking the safer trip to White Oak Canon instead. This month's hike was at Mary's Rock.

## Upcoming Venturing Events:

Leadership Training at Harper's Ferry on March 22 & 23

**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.

**Contributors:** Ms. Barb Nooger and Ms. Michelle Hermsdorf - Troop & Crew 600 For God and Country

**Claude Davenport** - Troop 600 & Crew Liaison

## 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:

- The Post 72 Air Rifle Team's high score record has been shattered again! The new Post high score was set 20 February by Sam with a 261. This is Sam's third Post record. An outstanding accomplishment! Our congratulations to Sam on his continued excellent shooting! Enjoy your time Sam on the throne, we hear some other team members want that throne.

## Match Results:

- The ODJRL Class results for January are: Sean, 1<sup>st</sup> place ATT Class (Top Class); Sam, 1<sup>st</sup> place A Class (moving up to AAT Class); Abram, 5<sup>th</sup> place A Class; William, 2<sup>nd</sup> place C Class; Jackson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place C Class; Penny, 5<sup>th</sup>

place TYRO B Class; Jake, 7<sup>th</sup> place TYRO B Class; Chris, 12<sup>th</sup> place TYRO B Class.

- The ODJRL Team results for February: On 15 February, the Post 72 Air Rifle Team participated in the February ODJRL Competition at Post 290 in Stafford, VA. Post 72 was very well represented by 6 shooters; Zachary, Sam, Sean, Savannah, Abram, and our newest shooter, Caden. Our Team score was 925-4, recorded by our top four shooters: Sam with a 255-1, Sean with a 247-2, William with a 213-1 and Abram with a 210-0. **The team did an excellent job, coming in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the North Region and 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall for the League.**
- American Legion National Postal Match: During the month of January, twelve of the Team members qualified in the American Legion National Postal Match. The match closed on 1 February with final results due March 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. At this point in time, the Post 72 Team is in the upper 32% nationwide, an excellent showing for their first match of national scale.

**Qualifications:** During February, several Team members made advancement on their NRA qualifications as noted below:

## Expert: Abram

Abram is the fourth members of the Post 72 Air Rifle Team to earn the coveted NRA Expert Certification. The Expert Certification requires the shooter to record 3 relays at 220+, 3 relays at 230+ and 3 relays at 240+. This is an outstanding achievement, congratulations Abram.

## Upcoming Events:

- **15 March, 2014:** ODJRL competition, Postal Match
- **12 April 2014:** ALJSSP Northern Region, Dept. of VA Competition, TBD

**Practice Times:** The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team practices on Thursday evenings, 1830 – 2030hrs in the Legion Hall throughout the school year. We welcome anyone from the Post family to come by to see the program and watch the shooters practice.

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As always, our thanks goes to Comrade Hugh Long for his firearms displays and history presentations.

**Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Bill Gouldthorpe, Lance Davenport, Quentin Peach, Rob Roda and Patty Freeman- Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team Cadre.**

## House Chairman News

As you may already know we have been able to make some changes at the Post Social Quarters due to the support of our membership. We have replaced the TV with a Flat Screen HD by doing a giveaway of a Flat Screen just like the one we installed. Neil was the winner of the drawing, way to go Neil!

We also replaced all the Bar Stools with new ones thanks to many members and friends of the Post. Please see the plaque at the end of the bar for the names of the members that helped make it happen.

The changes in the Smoking rules within the Social Quarters, has been received very well by our membership, I want to thank all for their understanding of these changes.

If any members wish to address anything to me about the running of the Social Quarters, good or bad, please feel free to do so. I would like it to be done via signed letter with a number I can reply to with an answer. However I am open to verbal request and statements as well.

I would like to thank all the volunteers at the Post that help the Social Quarters and hope they will continue this during the year. I also hope others that want to see the Social Quarter continue, to come out and help as well.

Members; always remember that you can bring as many friends to the Social Quarters & the events within. Please check the calendar for more information.

For God and Country

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

## Social Quarters

You asked for us to bring back the Queen of Hearts and it is back on Tuesday nights at 7pm, only \$1.00 per chance to win. For details swing by the post and ask for a copy of

the rules. The thing that worries me is that even with so many asking for it to come back, there are not many supporting it. If you are waiting for the jack pot to build up you are looking at it the wrong way. If you don't play the Jack Pot will not get bigger.

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.

**This Notice is to all that have not paid their rental on their lockers at the Post; In January a notice was placed on the lockers in question, this month is the last notice. If you have not paid your rent by the 1st of April, the items will be removed, & disposed of, and the locks changed. This is your last chance to take care of your rental!**

I want to personally thank Comrade Claude Davenport who has contributed a brand new desktop computer to our post. Thanks Claude, your generosity is appreciated by all of our members.

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, (subject to change). 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, and children twelve and under is half price, at \$3.00 each, for the remainder of this month. However due to the cost of food it will be going up to \$7.00 in April. The children's breakfast will remain unchanged at \$3.00.**

This month we will have Karaoke on the second Saturday, with Terry at the club from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Come out and check this out, it is a lot of fun for all!

Don't forget our 14-item Bar Menu! You can order from this menu for lunch or any time. We also have luncheon specials during the week. The Thursday hamburger steak special has become a favorite for many!

Friday evening we continue to serve Steak and Seafood dinners. However, we do make exceptions for those that have food



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allergies that would like to order something other than seafood on that night.

We also have our popular pool table and darts are open for play after dinner.

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

Come out and have some fun with us!

**Articles for the March Newsletter are due by March 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**



Jack Flood in jail at our recent Lock Up Party



Kathy Baker serves her time in jail, as did many others!



Post 72 Junior Shooters at a recent match in Stafford Post 290, Claude Davenport (Coach, standing), and Bill Gouldthorpe, (Range Officer)



L-R, Donna Webb, Patty Freeman, Jules Juliano and Paul Baker relax. (Note the new chairs!)



Ed Deneale, (OK, who let this guy out?)



The Post 72 Patch Board in the Social Quarters



L-R, Paul Baker, Larry and Judy Shumaker at the Valentine's Day and Lock Up Party