

News at Post 72 March 2017

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Historian: Stan Adamowicz*

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Sam Jesselson
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The Commander's Corner

If you didn't make the Super Bowl 51 Post's Super Bowl party, you missed a great time!! The food, beverages and camaraderie was fantastic. An excellent time was had by all. Hope to see you at the next Social Quarters event.

My thanks to Comrade Andy (Bruce) Andrews for taking tackling renewing the lights as well as cleaning the diffusers and lenses in the Social Quarters and meeting hall. Great Job Andy! I would also like to give a special thank Comrade Ed Deneale for maintaining the "member only" parking signs, it hasn't been an easy job for sure. Remember, if you've spotted something that needs some attention or have a suggestion to improve our Post, please email it to The Building & Grounds Chairman, Dan at 2ndvicecommander@legionpost72.org. Dan will collate your observations and suggestions for some work parties this spring. We all need to pitch in to make our Post home a better place.

The property development project had made some good progress! Comrade Jim Downey has reviewed the documents on behalf of the Post and feels the Post best interest are well protected. We hope to have a final meeting to setup the LLC with Board of Directors, and LLC partners to finalize the agreement. We are looking at a ground breaking late spring. As always, I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received. We are pretty close to getting this project locked and loaded.

Please join me in congratulating our own Warrenton Rifles who won the Junior Olympic 3 Position Virginia State Championship Sectional, first AND second place teams. Awesome job kids!!

I would like to ask you to look at your calendar, pick just a couple Fridays during the next year that you can volunteer to help with the fantastic job the Social Quarters is doing. Work a Friday evening shift and get dinner on us. We can also use some help with the daily lunch service. My heartfelt thanks to the Post 72 volunteers who put in their time to help out around the post. Their contributions ensure that

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our Post home remains open for everyone to enjoy. Anything to can do help out is greatly appreciated.

Our AI-You-Can-Eat breakfast in our Social Quarters continues to be a hit! Breakfast is every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm. The Legionnaires serve breakfast the 1st and 5th Sunday of each month, the Auxiliary the 2nd Sunday, SAL the 3rd, and the ALR the 4th Sunday. The Social Quarters daily lunches and Friday night Steak & Seafood

As always, I would like to invite all Post 72 Legionnaire members to attend the monthly business meetings whenever you can. It is imperative that we conduct our business as required and address any ideas, suggestions or concerns to help our post and organization perform better.

Remember to support the other member groups of our Post Home; the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders, Junior Shooters and the Boy Scouts.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on the third Tuesday, 21 March, 2017 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on the Thursday before the business meeting, 16 March, 2017 at 19:00 hours, (7:00pm).

Never forget that we are all members of the world's greatest brotherhood, we are American Veterans! As your Commander, if there are any questions or suggestions to improve our Post, please contact me at commander@legionpost72.org.

For God and Country

Claude Davenport – Commander



Adjutant's Corner

The DOD announced a policy that will extend limited online military shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans of the military. The Veterans online shopping benefit will be effective this Veterans Day, November 11, 2017.

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. Additionally I want to recognize both Mike Anderson and Brian O'loughlin for helping us with cooking on several occasions.

I don't have anything new to report this month. Our next breakfast is Sunday, March 12, 2017, with our monthly meeting to be held immediately following afterwards.

If you know of anyone else that is ill or needs some assistance, please contact me at the post on 540-347-7740.

For God and Country

Donna Webb – President



Sons of the Legion News

Many of our members have been under the weather and we hope everyone is feeling better. The Spring Conference will be March 10-12 2017 in Virginia Beach. Our next SAL meeting will be March 7, 2017 at 7:00pm.

The next SAL breakfast will be on Sunday, March 19, 2017. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the January breakfast.

A reminder to all SAL members who have not yet renewed their membership, your cards expired effective December 31, 2016. We really hope that everyone renews their membership as soon as possible.

For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

March 1st, will be our monthly meeting starting at 7:00pm. Thanks to all that came to support the riders breakfast in Feb. Thanks to all the riders that worked the breakfast and the supporters of for the help prepare items for us...

I know the riders are ready to get to riding so let's all be looking out for motorcycles.

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Be sure to mark your calendar for May 19 and May 26 for our annual Thank You Car Project.

There is also talk about a projected poker run on May 20 so please come to our monthly meeting to get some ideas.

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 5th grade and are at least 10 years old; or who are 11, but not 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 recent warm weather has everyone including Boy Scout Troop 600 excited to get outdoor. The three Life Scouts are continuing to move forward with their Eagle Project's.
- Zachary has started to prepare the excavation for the foundation of the flagpole at the Catlett Church Cemetery. Anyone that can help on 3 March, please come out.
- Jeffery is moving forward with his American Flag retirement project.
- The scout's February campout was at Sky Meadow State Park. They hiked in just a little over a mile to the campsite. The main activity for the campout was the 10 mile hike on Saturday.

Upcoming Scout Events:

- Merit Badge Midway - March 18th
- Eagle Scout Work Day March 3
- March Campout

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.

Upcoming Venturing Events:

No events planned at this time.

Michelle Hermsdorf – Committee Chair



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:

- We are absolutely ecstatic to announce that our precision shooter, Sean has been invited to participate in the 2017 United States Olympic Committees Junior Olympics National Rifle Championship in Colorado Spring, CO, on 7 – 9 April. The US Olympic Committee selects the **TOP 200** junior rifle shooters in the country to participate in this prestigious shoulder to shoulder event. Congratulations to Sean for his ranking at 98 and this well earned recognition and invitation to this national championship event.
- We would also like to announce the qualification of one of our shooters to

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participate in the second round of the American Legion 3 Position Air Rifle National Championship. Please join the Cadre in congratulating Sam for being in the top 25 eligible Sporter class shooters making the cut to the second round. Sam's 3x20 score of 546 with 21 bulls ranked him **20th** individually out of the **564** athletes participating nationally in the first round match. An outstanding accomplishment Sam, congratulations! If Sam's second round qualifies in the top 15 athletes of the second round, he will be invited to shoot in the 2017 American Legion National Championship, 18-23 July, 2017 at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, all expenses paid.

- The Warrenton Rifles Cobra Team consisting of Sam (546-21), John (515-10), Carson (503-11), & Dylan (502-6) came in **30th out of 156** teams in the first round match which is in the **top 19 percent** American Legion teams nationally. Additionally, the Warrenton Rifles Cobra Team **placed second** in Commonwealth of Virginia teams and the Python Team (Jacob S 495-12, Ryan 485-10, Hunter G 483-6 & Seth 460-6) **placing third**. Congratulations to Team Cobra and Team Python!
- This is also the first year the Warrenton Rifles have field a precision class shooter. After shooting precision class less than half a year, Sean placed **71st out of 423** with a 578-37 in precision class athletes, putting him in the top 17 percent of American Legion precision shooters nationally. Excellent job Sean!
- The Cobra Team and Python Team have been invited to participate in the CMP North East Regional Championship in Camp Perry, OH. This is the third year in a row teams from the Warrenton Rifles has qualified and been invited to the CMP Regional Championship. Our congratulations to Cobra (Sam, John, Carson & Dylan) and Python (Hunter G, Jacob S, Seth & Gage) Teams for their outstanding performance! They will be in Camp Perry, OH 30 March – 1April.

- Sean has also been invited to the CMP Regional Championship as an independent precision athlete! Sean qualified 4th of the top 25 individual precision shooters in the CMP Postal match. Another outstanding performance by Sean! Congratulations!!
- Our Warrenton Rifles Coordinator, Claude Davenport, has been invited to be part of the Range Safety Officer staff at the American Legion's 2017 National Championship at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO this coming July.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL) ORION RESULTS, January 2017:

The 3x10 scores for the Warrenton Rifles participating in the January 2017 match are (Sporter Class): Ryan 260-7; Carson 251-2; Jacob S 249-7; Dylan 239-2; John 238-1; Hunter G 237-3; Hunter B 198-2; Gage 188-2; and Jacob K 158-1. In Precision Class: Sean 286-14. Another excellent showing "Rifles"!!

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League Results, LEAGUE RESULTS, January 2017:

Precision class, Sean 1st place AAM class. Sporter class: Carson 1st place AAE class; Dylan 2nd place AAE class; Ryan 1st place AAT class; Jacob 2nd place AAT class; John 3rd place AAT class; Hunter G 4th place AAT class; Hunter Brown 1st place C class; and Gage 1st place TYRO-B class. Team placement: Cobra Team 1st place, Python Team 2nd place. And yet another outstanding performance from the Warrenton Rifles!! Congratulations shooters!

Qualifications (NRA): Pro-Marksman - Jacob K; Marksman - Jacob K; Marksman 1st Class - Gage & Seth; Sharpshooter - Gage & Seth; Expert – Seth. Congratulation to our shooters on their personal accomplishments!

New Personal High Score: Seth 253-4; John 267-9; Gage 220-2; Sean (3x10 294-18); Jacob K 170-0; Sam 282-12; and Ryan 269-8.

Congratulation to these Warrenton Rifles on setting a new personal high score!

Upcoming Events:

- 3 March, 2017: ODJRL match, Post 290 (310), Stafford, VA
- 31 March, 2017 (NLT): American Legion Round 2 Postal Qualifier for National match (Sam).

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- 30 March – 1 April, 2017: CMP North East Regional Championship, Camp Perry, OH (Cobra Team)
- 6-9 April, 2017: US Junior Olympic National Championship, Colorado Springs, CO.
- 15 April, 2017: American Legion, Dept. of VA, North Region Qualifier match, IWL, Centerville, VA
- 5-6 May, 2017: American Legion, Dept. of VA Championship match (invitation) Charlottesville, VA
- 26-28 June, 2017: CMP National Championship (invitation), Anniston, AL
- 19-23 July, 2017: American Legion National Championship, OTC, Colorado Springs, CO

Practice Times:

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team primary practice is on Thursday evenings, 1800-2030hrs in the Legion Hall. Secondary practice is on Wednesday evenings, 1830-2030hrs in the Legion Hall. The Team follows the Fauquier County School calendar. We welcome visitors and the Post family to come by to see the program.

For God and Country,

Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team

Cadre: Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Lance Davenport, Andy Andrews, and Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)

Social Quarters / House Committee

Bring your friends and family out to dinner on Friday nights, good food at a good price! We also have a very good lunch menu for all to enjoy. We can always use some help during our Friday Night Dinners and during the week at lunch, so if you can spare some time please volunteer! I need to give out thanks to all of you that do volunteer. It takes all of the volunteers to help keep your Social Quarters open and running to be able to give you a nice place to have a little food, drink, & fun.

We continue to have guns up for raffles at your Social Quarters. We also have a very nice TV up for raffle, and the ALR have a nice Redskin Jacket on raffle too. We will continue to have the other games etc. at your S.Q. like the Hogs, please support them as much as you can, as they are one of the main fund raisers of the

Post. We also will continue with the Sunday breakfast. Remember again we can always use help during lunch, breakfast and our dinners! I cannot say it too much, thanks all of the volunteers who come in and work so hard.

We will continue to serve "all you can eat" breakfasts every Sundays from 9:00am to Noon, just remember the kitchen is small and sometimes it takes a little time to get served. We are working to try and get your breakfast out to you as fast as we can. Don't forget the people that are working the breakfast are volunteers!! 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 still \$7.00 for adults, children twelve and under is unchanged, at \$3.00 each.

A reminder to all that there is no smoking permitted during Friday's dinner and our breakfast hours. During the lunch hours there is smoking at the bar only. Please remember we have Wi-Fi in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is ww.legionpost72.org
Paul L. Baker - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman

Articles for the March Newsletter are due by February 25, 2017. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."

Photos from around the Post:



Commander Claude Davenport presents Junior Shooter Seth with his NRA Expert Certificate of Qualification