#### News at the Post May 2011

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#### **Post Officers:**

Commander — Paul Baker 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander — Doug Hazelrigg 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander — Bill Gouldthorpe Adjutant — John Sinclair Finance Officer — Jim Branyon Judge Advocate — Jonathan Lienhard Sergeant at Arms — Larry Shumaker Chaplain — Steve McLeod Service Officer — Tom Carter Historian — Stan Adamowicz

#### **Auxiliary Officers:**

President — Judy Shumaker Vice President — Donna Webb Secretary — Barbara Truitt Treasurer — Virginia Mills Chaplain — Bernice Runion Sergeant at Arms — Deborah Olsen Historian — Sandy Glascock

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Commander — Ted Kilby 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander — Bill Medina 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander — *vacant* Finance Officer — Bob Lemmon Sergeant at Arms — Mike Dillon Chaplain and Service Officer — Tom Carter Historian — Eric

#### **American Legion Riders:**

President — Barbara Truitt Vice President — Keith (Wally) Burdette Secretary — Mike Freeman Treasurer — Paul Baker Sgt. At Arms — Bill Patchett Run Coordinator — Bill Patchett Membership Chairman — Kenneth Aker Chaplain — Samuel Jesselson Commander's Corner:

Please remember that we have elections this month for your new Officers. Please make sure you are at the meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm to make your vote count. We will also have a short presentation on American Legion recruiting.

Due to the elections taking place at May's meeting we will move the awards celebration to the June meeting. At this meeting the AUX, SAL, and ALR are welcome to come and make any awards they may have as well.

Did you know that you are a member of a lobbyist group for the U.S. Veterans? As a member of the American Legion you are just that! That is the reason the Legion was started, and they have had a big role in getting our veterans benefits from the Government. If you know of a Vet who is not a member ask them why they are not supporting this effort for more benefits? Remember, the bigger the organization the more the Government Leaders listen to us.

Congratulations to all the young members of our Post Youth Shooters Team for their performance during competition. Also a big thanks to our Boy Scout Troop 600 for all the work around the Post as well as their volunteering to help in events at the Post.

If you have noticed Barbara Truitt has taken over the Club Manager role from me? This is due to a workload increase with my job as consultant to the FAA. I will still be around the Post to help out as much as I can. Please show your support to Barb in performing her duties.

As stated above our May Legion meeting will be on the  $10^{\text{th}}$  at 7:30pm.

Don't forget to support the other groups of our Post as well, the AUX, SAL, and ALR with their scheduled meetings. Check the calendar for dates and times.

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 emailed to you, or buy a subscription to have it mailed to you.

Executive Committee Nominations for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

Commander: Paul Baker 1st Vice-Commander: Douglas "Doug" Hazelrigg 2nd Vice-Commander: William H. "Bill" Gouldthorpe, Jr. Adjutant: John H. Sinclair Finance Officer: Donald "Don" Harsh Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard Sergeant At Arms: **Cliff McElwain** Chaplain: Stephen "Steve" McLeod Service Officer: Jack Flood Historian: Stan Adamowicz

Corporation Directors' Nominations for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

> B. Jean Gillen J. Michael "Mike" Freeman Thomas "Tom" M. Glasco George "Dink" V. Godfrey Joseph "Joe" O. Grimsley Gordon E. Howard Jr.

NOTE: Only Five (5) Directors for the upcoming year!!!!! For God & Country *Paul Baker* — Commander

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Post 72 American Legion Junior Shooting Sport Program (ALJSSP) Air Rifle Shot Group Challenge was a resounding success! The fundraising event, held Saturday 9 April, at the Post 72's Legion Hall, drew twenty-four shooter participants ranging in age from 9 years old to well, let's just say some "senio" shooters'. The experience level ranged from first time shooters to competitive amateur shooters. The competitors fired a total of forty-eight targets which kept our safety officer and coaches hustling.

James (runner up) with his sister Jeanna (the winner!)

The winning shot group was fired by Jeanna, age 15, with a shot group of 2.0 centimeters at 10 meters.

Runner up was Jeanna's 10 year old brother, James, with a shot group of 2.1 centimeters. Jeanna's first place award was \$120. Both Jeanna and James are members of the 4-H "Trigger Time" Shooting Education Club in Prince William County.

The event was manned by Post 72 ALJSSP team members "Coaches" Christopher W., Sam and Michael T., Safety Officers Mike Freeman and Claude Davenport with administrative support from Patty Freeman and Lance Davenport.

Post 72 family members Paul Baker, Barb Truitt, John Sinclair, Ken Martin, Mike Freeman, Tyler M., Justin H., Dylan H., Lance Davenport and Claude Davenport participated in the Shot Group Challenge. A special thanks to Paul Baker for suggesting the idea of a Shot Group Challenge which raised \$120 for the program.

### House Chairman News:

We have a new rifle for our gun giveaway. It is a Browning Model 71 348 WIN caliber. Drawing will be on June 18th, 2011 at 7pm. Come by the Post Social Quarters to see this rifle as well as to get your tickets! Remember this is one of the ways the club gets money to stay up and running for your enjoyment and this is one rifle everyone will want.

I want to thank everyone for stepping up and helping out around the Post. Without volunteers we would not be able to have a Social Quarters everyone can come to and enjoy! Please continue to volunteer, and enjoy your club & Post.

We have the **Kooleraters American Band** each month throughout 2011 scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month. Please come in and enjoy the fun and a good steak, as it is also Post Steak Night.

For God and Country *Stan Adamowicz* — House Committee Chairman

Auxiliary News:

Elections have been held. Our new Officers for 2011-2012 are: President Donna Webb, Vice President Freda LaBell Recording Secretary Rochelle Ferguson Treasurer/Membership Bernice Runion Sergeant at Arms Christina Ritchie Chaplain Rosie Dautant Historian Position Open.

Congratulations to our new officers. Please give them your support throughout the coming year. Installation of Officers will take place at our June meeting.

We want to extend our heartiest thanks to the "Breakfast Crew" for once again stepping up to help with this monthly fundraiser. We'd like to see more of you either helping with the breakfasts or at least EATING breakfast!

We are hosting a "Mothers' Day" Breakfast on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon. While we can't give your mom Breakfast in Bed, YOU can bring her here to the Post for a wonderful Mothers' Day Breakfast Celebration!

This year we are providing three scholarships - one to each area high school. The scholarship winners will be announced later this month.

If you haven't already done so, please renew your Auxiliary membership! This is your Unit. We welcome and encourage your involvement!

Because we want our members to be able to spend at least part of Mothers' Day with their families, our next meeting will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm for the Installation of Officers.

For God and Country Judy Shumaker — President

Sons of the Legion News:

For the April breakfast many thanks to Mike Anderson, Jewels, his neighbor Cale and Tootie and Donna. We are currently looking for some fresh, new ideas for SAL fundraising events for the Summer and Fall of 2011. Hope all our Post 72 friends had an enjoyable Easter.

We?re looking forward to seeing many more members who will be with us at the May SAL breakfast.

For God & Country *Ted Kilby* — Acting Commander SAL Squadron 72

American Legion Riders News:

May 4<sup>th</sup> at our regularly scheduled meeting. Our slate of Officers for 2011-2012 is as follows: Director Barbara Truitt Assistant Director Keith Burdette Adjutant Mike Freeman Treasurer Paul Baker Sergeant at Arms Glenn Newitt Run Coordinator Glenn Newitt Membership Kenneth Akers Chaplain Sam Jesselson Please attend this meeting and make your vote count.

We want to thank all of our hard-working and dedicated volunteers for their continued support with our monthly breakfasts. April's Breakfast was our Easter Special. 16 children took part in the Easter Egg Hunt and visited with our Easter Bunny, Jake!

> Thanks to the Volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 600, all children had a great time finding lots of candy-filled eggs!

Some eggs even had cash prizes! If you were present during this breakfast, you may

have noticed several youngsters wearing Legion

Rider "Junior Member" T-Shirts. They all worked very hard to deliver breakfasts, clear tables, and other chores during this special event. We also want to thank Judy and Donna for their continued support and culinary expertise.

## **Legion Rider Activities:**

## Spring Poker Run: 21 May 2011

Our Spring Poker Run is May 21<sup>st</sup>! Flyers are available at the Post! Our Poker Run Committee has selected the stops and worked out the route details

– approximately 140 miles. Participants will have chicken dinner at the Post after the run. Hope to see you all there – you don't have to ride to participate. Cars and trucks are always welcome! Come out and have some fun with us!

## Honor Flight Escort: 7 May 2011

Legion Riders will gather at the Warrenton McDonalds, grab a bite to eat, have some coffee and depart promptly at 8:45am for Dulles Cell Phone Waiting Area to meet up with Legion Riders from other Posts, to greet more than 100 WWII veterans and their Guardians and provide a motorcycle escort to the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC.

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## Thank You Card Pick-Up: 27 May 2011

Legion Riders will gather at the Post on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and depart at 9am to ride to the 6 area schools participating in the Thank You Card contest for our Troops & Veterans. We need as many riders to participate in this collection run as possible. Principals and teachers seem excited to have us come roaring into the parking lot to greet the art students and pick

up their cards. We will need a 4-wheel vehicle to. transport the entries safely back to the Post.



The next Legion Riders meeting is Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00 pm in the Social Quarters.

Our June meeting is on the 1st. It's the last meeting before the Bike & Car Show! We need to know who will be doing what during this event!

For God & Country *Barbara Truitt* — President

Social Quarters:

First off, thanks to all who support our Social Quarters! Please remember, the proceeds from the Social Quarters pays the utility bills for the Post. We need your support and welcome any ideas you might have to bring more people out to visit with us.

There will be a lunch provided at the American Legion Post 72 in Warrenton for the low cost of \$5 per person after the completion of the services at the cemetery on Memorial Day, Monday May 30th. The menu will be Roast Beef, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, & bread, along with cake for desert.

When you come in for lunch at the club be sure to ask for a Lunch Card. Have it punched each time you have lunch with us. After 6 lunches you will get one free.

Our Pool Tournament ended in April. Darts will be taking the Thursday evening spotlight at 7pm. This will be a weekly event rather than a multi-week tournament.

Horse-Shoes at 6:30pm each Wednesday has seen an increase in players. As the daylight hours increase, we?ll have time for 2 games so come on out and throw some shoes with us!

We also have <u>Corn Hole</u> on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm outside so you can have refreshments during the game.

We hope you have been enjoying the Kooleraters American Band the 4th Saturday of the month. I know I have. Mark your calendar for the 4th Saturday and come in for the fun! It?s also the Post Steak Night, so come out and enjoy a great dinner followed by some good music & dancing.

Thanks to Terry the DJ for our Karaoke night. Karaoke is on the 1st Saturday of the month. This needs your support if we are to continue with it. Remember Terry is doing this for tips only with no cost to the club, so please show your support and tip him for his good work!

## Don't forget our schedule of Saturday Night Events:

The 1<sup>1t</sup> Saturday each month

we have <u>Karaoke</u> with Terry at the club from 7pm to 10:00pm. Come out and check this out, it is a lot of fun for all!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month

is our Pot-Luck / Meet & Greet 6 pm to 9 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share or desert and join in the fun.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month



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we have our <u>Fried or BBQ Chicken Dinner</u> night from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday each month

we have <u>Steak Night</u>, (We will cook them on the outside grill when weather permits). We now offer prime cut New York Strip as well as prime cut Rib Eye at a little lower cost when ordering for two. The idea here is for you to



bring your love one or a friend to the club. We also have entertainment by the Kooleraters that night.



Every Friday night is our Steak & Seafood night which has been going every well, so come out and see what it is all about and enjoy some good food and company.

Don't forget our 16 item Bar Menu! You can order from this menu any time except Friday nights.

Right now if you come in for lunch at the club you can get a Lunch Card and have it punched each time you order a lunch with us. Then after 6 lunches you will get one free.



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

## GAMES at the Post:

<u>Corn Hole</u> Tuesdays at 6:30pm Horse Shoes Wednesdays at 6:30pm Queen of Hearts drawing is every Tuesday at 7pm. Come out and have some fun with us!



For God & Country **Paul Baker** — Manager



**Editors Note:** Do you have an interesting story of interest to other members of the post? Do you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share? It's YOUR Newsletter - your input is welcomed and invited! Articles for the **June** Newsletter are due by **May 25, 2011**. Please email them to PolkTruitt@aol.com, (in word format) or give them to Donna. Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor." Thank you! Barb Truitt, Editor

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