

News at Post 72

May 2014

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American Legion Post 72 Officers:

Commander: Mike Freeman
1st Vice Commander: Jesse Montgomery
2nd 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
1st Vice Commander: Joe Lechwar
2nd 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
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Chaplain: Samuel Jesselson

American Legion Post 72 Corporation:

Jim Rankin
Paul Baker
Bill Buck
Joe Grimsley

The Commander's Corner



May is here and we will soon be celebrating one of our most treasured holidays, Memorial Day. This is the day that all of us veterans need to pause and reflect on the ultimate sacrifices made by our comrades in arms. Also if you are so inclined, please take a moment and say a prayer for all of them and their families. It is our solemn duty and responsibility to ensure that they will never be forgotten!

Memorial Day we will assemble in town between 09:00 and 09:30am. The parade will start promptly at 10:00am, and conclude with the actual service in Warrenton Cemetery at 11:00am. Please come out and participate if you can. As usual, the Post 72 Legion Riders will be there as well.

This month is also when we elect the new executive and corporate officers, for the 2014-2015 year. Please attend the meeting and vote for the candidate of your choice.

The nominees are as follows:

Executive Officers

Commander: Mike Freeman
1st Vice Commander: Sam Jesselson
2nd Vice Commander: Dean Jacobson
Adjutant: George Morgan
Finance Officer: Claude Davenport
Historian: Stan Adamowicz
Service Officer: Wesley Simms
Chaplain: Stephen "Steve" McLeod
Judge Advocate: Jonathan Leinhard
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ed Deneale

Corporation:

Jim Rankin
Paul Baker
Bill Buck
Joe Grimsley
Jack Flood

Once again I feel both honored and privileged to be nominated to serve another term as your Post 72 Commander.

Also, please volunteer your time and skills to serve on some of the many committees that help keep our Post functioning, and financially sound. These committees are our

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lifeblood and they need your help.

As your commander I was honored once again to attend and present another Eagle Scout Award at a recent Boy Scout Court of Honor meeting here at our Post 72 home. I want to personally recognize the outstanding job done by Scout leaders, Comrade Quentin Peach, Finance Officer, Claude Davenport and Nominee Adjutant, George Morgan. Their dedication and efforts are demonstrated by the quality and number of Eagle Scouts from Troop 600, and the excellent program that they have built over the years.

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 04, 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, Bill White, and Andy Andrew's wife who have all been hospitalized recently.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on the first Thursday again this month, on May 01, 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

GOLF, GOLF, GOLF Tournament

May 12, 2014. All you golfers get your clubs out for our biggest fundraiser of the year! Stop by the Post or call me at 540-270-3148 or Comrade Paul Baker 540-270-7540 to get your application. Cost is t \$135 per player until May 5, 2014. We need to have all applications in by May 5, 2014 to give Stonewall GC the teams and player rosters. After May 5th there will be a slight

increase of \$10 per player as late fee. Any entries at Stonewall GC May 12th will be charged and additional \$10 per player. So get those entries as quickly as possible. Volunteers to help at tournament will be welcomed.

Remember I need all Legion Program information for our Consolidated Report due May 22, 2014. So get me your information by not later than May 17, 2014. I will provide information at our May 13, 2014 General Membership meeting.

ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS vote due at May 13, 2014 General Membership meeting. Please come

and show your support by raising your hand for the nominated new slate of officers for the Executive Committee as well as the Board of Directors. We especially need your attendance to make sure we have a quorum. The list of those nominated officers and directors for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America

John H. Sinclair – Adjutant



Auxiliary News

We want to thank and recognize all of our volunteers who help out here at the Post.

At present we have a silent auction going on in the social quarters. This will continue until Friday, May 16, 2014. Please come out, buy something, and help support our Auxiliary.

Our April bake sale did very well once again. Thanks to all who baked and purchased our goodies.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be on Sunday, May 11, 2014 at 2:00pm. This is also our monthly second Sunday breakfast, so please come out and help and attend the meeting immediately afterwards.

Auxiliary Member Ginni Mills has been ill recently. We all hope she is on the road to recovery and will get well soon.

Happy Mother's Day to everyone!

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Donna Webb – President

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Sons of the Legion News

I was pleasantly surprised to have 30 friends and guests for breakfast on Easter Sunday. Thanks to Clint, Jules, Donna, Mike Anderson. Sorry to hear that our buddy, Cale, was under the weather, but Mike Anderson jumped in and did a great job.

I also got a chance to meet the SAL commander from the Madison and his lady friend, when they stopped by for a visit. It is always good to see a fellow SAL from another post.

The next SAL may meeting will be Tuesday, May 6, 2014. I hope all current SAL members can attend, as it is election night for new officers.

The next SAL breakfast will be Sunday, May 18, 2014. Please come out and help if you can.

Our buddy Joe Lechwar will be going in the hospital for minor surgery to improve his hearing. We wish him the best and look forward to his continued attendance at our post. We also wish him a belated Happy Birthday. I understand that his wife took him out dinner at McMahon's Irish Pub to celebrate, and all the waitresses gave him a kiss for his birthday. Here it is two weeks later and he still has a smile on his face!

We still have a few SAL members that have not renewed their membership. We hope they will do so very soon so we can reach our 100% goal.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our friend Tom Carter who will be having cataract surgery. We are sure he will be up and around in no time.

For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

The weather is starting to change so please look out for Motorcyclist out there.

Keep this date open, June 28th was decided as our next poker run so mark your calendar now. I hope to see a lot more riders coming out and supporting this.

We have had a change with the Thank

You Card Project. The date had to be changed from the 22nd to May 16th... Don't forget May 16th instead of the 22nd. May 23rd is still a go! Also plans are being made and routes are now being worked on. Again, please get as many riders to come to this event as I plan on videotaping and getting pictures for new a video.

Also for the one's that didn't make the meeting last month, Sam and Terrie will be the co-chairs for our Bike and Car show. Paul would be an expectative advisor.

We are not having the ALR breakfast due to the fact that it is Rolling Thunder weekend and Sunday is the Ride to the Wall. As Legion Riders we should be supporting Rolling Thunder with the ride to the Wall. The Fairfax and Vienna Posts, as always, are having a huge event on that weekend. So check them out online to see a list of events.

A special thanks goes out to the dedicated volunteers Paul, Mike, Terrie, Greg, Jules and of course Judy, for working our recent Sunday, ALR breakfast. Thank you all so much and also please remember to thank Donna and her crew for always supporting the riders.

Our next meeting is May. 7, 2014 starting at 7:00.

For God and Country

Terrie Harné – 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 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:

A warm welcome to 5 Webelo's joined the thunderous scouting family of our troop. The scouts had a special ceremony at the April Verdun campout. At the campout scouts also worked on their scout skills. Three of our newest

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scouts jumped right in and attended the campout to be able to take full advantage of some new skills which they will need as boy scouts.

Our scouts are constantly working on their needed merit badges. 17 scouts attended BSA's Merit Badge Midway programs to achieve a variety of required merit badges. The purpose of the merit badge program is for scouts to explore subjects in which they might like to further pursue as a career/vocation, interest or hobby.

Our Mulch Sale, under the superb direction of Dawn Wotton, was again a thunderous success. Hoo-rah to the scouts, crew, leaders and parents who worked relentlessly for a long 16 hours delivering 6,134 bags of mulch, coming from 7 tractor trailer loads plus an additional 9 pallets to our mulch clients. Everyone who participated should be very proud of their accomplishment! A special note to one of our newest scouts, Jackson S, for his participation in all of those 16 hours. This is remarkable because Jackson is as tall as a stack of 6 mulch bags.

Congratulations to the newly elected Order of the Arrow members, Hunter W., Jake C., JJ J., Chris K., and Andy M. Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society of Boy Scouting. It uses American Indian-styled traditions and ceremonies to bestow recognition on scouts who were selected by their peers as best exemplifying the ideals of Scouting in their daily lives.

BATTER UP! Our baseball season got underway with a ribbon cutting ceremony for our new dugouts done by Logan J for his Eagle Project. Participating in the celebration were Logan J., Andy and Matt M., Chris A., and Carter A.

A Special "Thank you" to Allen H. for coming out to help to move pavers for the American Legion Memorial.

Recent Rank Advancements:

Second Class: Kyle K.

Upcoming Events:

July: Blue Ridge Mountain camp this summer

Special Recognition:

Congratulation to the troop's newest Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM), Tim Nosal. Since our troop is growing, Tim will be responsible for guiding

our new scout patrol.

Meeting information: The Scouts general meeting 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. Crew 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 attended a joint Leadership Training program at Harper's Ferry with Crew 196. Copper W., Tom W. and Rob L. taught the advanced leadership skills. The setting couldn't have been more perfect. They enjoyed their stay in Harpers Ferry's uniquely, cozy hostel lodge that stands high on a bluff overlooking the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers.

Upcoming Venturing Events:

TBD: Back country and canoeing shakedown

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 boys and girls to come by and see what Venturing is all about.

For God and Country

**Barb Nooger & Michelle Hermsdorf –
Editors, 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

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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:

On 5 April, the Post 72 Air Rifle Team competed in the Department of Virginia State Qualifier, North Region. Out of the five teams participating, Post 72 came in a very strong 3rd place, which qualifies the top four shooters to go on to the Dept. of VA State Finals. **This is the first time any team from Post 72 has made it to the Dept. of VA finals!** The Post 72 team will be comprised of: Sam, Sean, Abram and Savannah. Our congratulations all 10 of the Post 72 shooters participating in the Regional Match!

Match Results: The Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL) Class results for March are: Sean with a 256 for 1st place AAT Class (Top Class); Sam with a 244 for 7th place ATT Class; Abram with a 237 for a 4th place A Class; Savannah with a 210, 4th place B Class; Zachary with a 209, 5th place B Class; Jake with a 180, 1st place in TYRO B Class (moving up to TYRO Class); Penny with a 180 for a 2nd place TYRO Class B (moving up to TYRO Class); Caden with a 147 for a 4rd place TYRO B Class; and Isiah with a 141 for a 5th place in TYRO B Class.

The Team's final standing in the ODJRL 1st in the North Region and 2nd place overall for the 2013-2014 ODJRL season. This was the best performance in the ODJRL in our three years participation.

During the 2013/2014 ODJRL season, **17** shooting medal were awarded to the Post 72 Air Rifle Team members: Penny 1; Jake 2; Max 2; Sam 2; Savanna 2; Abram 2; Sean 3; and Zachary 3. A very stellar accomplishment.

ALJSSP Dept of VA Qualifier (North Region) As mentioned above, Post 72 was very well represented at the Department of Virginia Qualifier Match on 5 May, by 10 shooters; Abram, Sean, Max, Jake, Sam, Penny, Savannah, John, Zachary and Caden. Our Team score was **963 with 12 bulls**. This score was

achieved by the top four shooters: Sam with a 259-8, Sean with a 241-1, Abram with a 234-1 and Savannah with a 229-2. The team did an excellent job, coming in 3rd place in the North Region.

Post 72 was a key contributor in the final organization and facilitation of the North Region qualifier match and further assisted by providing the official scoring system and results tabulation.

Qualifications: During the last month, the below NRA qualifications were achieved: Caden: Basic Practical, Pro-Marksman, Marksman, Marksman 1st Class, and Sharpshooter.

Additional congratulations go to Caden on his successful competition of the American Legion Basic Marksmanship Course. A very nice job Caden, congratulation!

New Personal High Score: The following shooters achieved a new personal high score during the past month: Abram 250-1; Chris 120-0; Jake 199-1; Penny 209-2; Savannah 236-4; Caden 180-0; and Zachary 227-3

Upcoming Events:

3 May 2014: ALJSSP Department of VA Finals, Rivanna Rifle & Pistol Club in Charlottesville, VA
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.

For God and Country,

**Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team
Cadre: Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman,
Lance Davenport, Quentin Peach, Bob
Roda, Andy Andrews, Patty Freeman, and
Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)**

House Chairman News

Our Social Quarters is a place for all members and friends to enjoy. Thanks to everyone who have stepped up to help in this effort. We now have a new Cook in our kitchen his name is Bobby and he has many, many years of cooking experience, please welcome him aboard.

We hope you have seen the sofa we

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have as a raffle item to support the Post. This is a High Grade Leather Sofa with two electric recliners, one on each side. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We also offer a pull tab game on this sofa where you can win 36 additional tickets on the sofa, if you win. Again, the pull tabs are only \$1 ea. We want to give a Special Thanks to Rankin's Furniture for providing the sofa! Please buy as many chances you can so we can sell all the tickets and find out who is the winner!

Again, some of you may also think we have too many raffles and games at the Social Quarter. But the idea is to have something for everyone and at the same time make some money to support the Post. To keep the Post open it takes money and we need to make that funding in different ways to ensure Post 72 stays around for a long time. So play the games you can, and enjoy.

I again would like to thank all that have volunteered to help out around the Social Quarters and more so on Friday nights. It takes help to run the Steak & Seafood night and any help is much appreciated.

Please remember that you may bring in as many friends to the Social Quarters as you like to enjoy the club with you.

May is here and thanks to Joe we have a Tiki Bar to enjoy the outdoors. We plan to have a Welcome to Summer Saturday at our Tiki Bar, May 10th, from 1pm until? The Club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, plus some sides for all to enjoy. Please mark your calendar. For God and Country

Paul L. Baker - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman

Social Quarters

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The Queen of Hearts will be on Wednesday nights at 7pm, only \$1.00 per chance to win. For details swing by the post and ask for a copy of the rules.

Social Quarters is still having gun pull tabs where you can be the owner of a new

pistol for just \$1.00 per chance.

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. 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 still, at \$3.00 each.

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!

On Friday evenings we continue to serve Steak and Seafood dinners. However, we do make exceptions for those that have food allergies that would like to order something other than seafood on that night.

We also have our popular pool table is open for play after dinner. Come out and have some fun with us!

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

Articles for the June Newsletter are due by May 25, 2014. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor." Thank you!
Patty Freeman, Editor

Photos from around the Post



Post 72 Junior Shooters Team after placing third in the American Legion Northern Region Competition, in Manassas, VA. Next stop is the Department of Virginia State Finals Competition, to be held in Charlottesville, VA!