

# News at Post 72 May 2015

John D. Sudduth American Legion, 345 Legion Drive, Warrenton, VA 20186

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## **Post 72 Officers**

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

*Commander: Mike Freeman*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Sam Jesselson*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Dean Jacobson*

*Adjutant: George Morgan*

*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: Lora Riggins*

*Secretary: Rochelle Ferguson "Shell"*

*Treasurer: Patty Freeman*

*Chaplain: Dee Johnson*

*Sergeant at Arms: Chris Ritchie*

*Historian: Judy Christian*

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

*Commander: Jules Juliano*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Joe Lechwar*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Ted Kilby*

*Adjutant: Clint Bolt*

*Finance Officer: Clint Bolt*

*Sergeant at Arms: Steve Ralls*

*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*

*Jack Flood*



## **The Commander's Corner**

It is my sad duty to announce that SAL Member, Rusty White has passed away after a valiant battle with his illness. Rusty could always be counted on to help out around our post when ever asked. He surely will be missed by all of us who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Our thoughts and prayers also go out to Comrade John Beals, who is currently recovering in Gainesville Rehab Center after his recent surgery.

I am proud to announce to all that as a cadre member of our Post 72 Junior Shooters Rifle Team, we have again represented Post 72 well in recent competitions. Last month our team came in First Place in the American Legion Northern Regional Competition held in Manassas, Virginia. This guarantees us a trip to the Virginia State American Legion Championship that will be held on May 02, 2015. Additionally, our shooters shot so good that we will have a second team competing as well!

If that isn't enough good news, the Post 72 Junior Shooters received an invitation to compete in the Civilian Marksmanship Program National Championship, in Anniston, Alabama in June. Only the top twenty seven teams in the country are invited, so this is quite an honor and speaks well for the dedication and hard work our team has put into this program!

I also want to make a correction. Last month I erroneously reported that St. James Catholic Church had donated this equipment. This was an error. It was donated by St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church!

At the April Business Meeting the Nominating Committee presented their slate of proposed officers for the upcoming, May elections. As required in our Constitution and By-Laws, Section 11, the members in attendance were asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor for any of the elected positions. There were no other nominations made from the floor.

This month is also when we elect the new executive and corporate officers, for the 2015-2016 year. Please attend the meeting and

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vote for the candidate of your choice.

The nominees are as follows:

## **Executive Officers**

Commander: Mike Freeman

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: John Desmedt

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Dean Jacobson

Adjutant: George Morgan

Finance Officer: Claude Davenport

Historian: Stan Adamowicz

Service Officer: Bill Patchet

Chaplain: Stephen "Steve" McLeod

Judge Advocate: Jonathan Leinhard

Sergeant-at-Arms: Ed Deneale

## **Corporation:**

Jim Rankin

Paul Baker

Bill Buck

Sam Jesselson

Jack Flood

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

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 03, 2015.

Remember to support the other groups of our Post Home, as well as the AUX, SAL, ALR, Junior Shooters and the Boy Scouts.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next executive meeting will be on the first Thursday, May 07, 2015 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.

Never forget that we are all members of the world's greatest brotherhood, we are American Veterans!

For God and Country

**Mike Freeman** – Commander



## **Adjutant's Corner**

Here are some area opportunities coming up soon. For more information, contact the Virginia Dept of the American Legion website: <http://valegion.org>.

## **2015 National American Legion**

### **Convention - 27 Aug – 3 Sep, Baltimore, MD:**

Cost is \$178 and the registration package can be found on-line at the above site. [If you plan to attend, let me, the Post 72 Adjutant, know](#) so I can forward our numbers to Department.

**American Legion Family Night at the Baltimore Orioles – 31 Aug:** Come join other Legionnaire families for at the American Legion Family Night at the Baltimore Orioles game vs. the Tampa Bay Rays! And if you are planning on attending the 2015 American Legion Family National Convention in Baltimore this year, you are already there. Get your seats now.

## **Youth Cadet Law Enforcement**

**Academy – 21-26 Jun:** The Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy (supported by the Virginia State Police) is seeking more candidates for this summer's program. This year, they have expanded the capacity from 40 to 55. The department is looking for male and female cadets who will be between their junior and senior year in HS, have a learners or driving permit, and have an interest in some aspect of law enforcement. The academy starts on Sunday, June 21 with graduation on Friday, June 26. Registration fees remain at \$200. You can find updated info on the Department website.

## **Manassas Air Show – 2 May**

For God and Country

**George Morgan** – Adjutant



## **Auxiliary News**

We want to thank all of our volunteers that help all the time. It is so nice for them to help me out. If it wasn't for their efforts, I would have a difficult time completing all of the tasks that are required here at our post. Your contributions are much appreciated by all of us.

The Auxiliary doesn't have anything planned for this month. However, the Social Quarters will be quite busy in May. We will be having our annual Memorial Day luncheon and a Cash Bash, the following Saturday here at Post 72.

Please keep Crissy Ritchie in your thoughts and prayers and wish that she returns

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in good health soon. Get well soon Crissy!

Also, our thoughts and prayers go to the friends and family of SAL Member, Rusty White who passed away recently.

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

Our next Auxiliary Sunday breakfast will be May 18, 2015, so please come out and give your support. Our next Auxiliary meeting will be held immediately following this breakfast at approximately 1:00pm. Please feel free to come in and join us!

For God and Country

**Donna Webb** – President



## Sons of the Legion News

It is my sad duty to report that SAL Member, Rusty White has passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

I would like to thank Mike Anderson, Donna Webb, Chip and Teddy for working last month's SAL breakfast.

The next SAL meeting is at 7 p.m. on Tuesday May the 5th at 7 p.m.

The next SAL breakfast is on Sunday May 17th at 9 a.m.

For God and Country

**Jules Juliano** – SAL Commander



## Legion Riders News

WOW!! 5 Years. Our Thank You Card Project turned 5. If you weren't there you missed all of the excitement we had on the 24th of April and May 1st. A huge Thank You to Liberty High School, Grace Miller Elementary, M. M. Pierce, Mary Walter Elm., HM Pearson, Fauquier High School, Coleman Elem., Marshall Middle School, and Claude Thompson Elem., Taylor Elem, Brumfield, Warrenton Middle, Kettle Run, Greenville Elem., C. Hunter Ritchie, Auburn Middle, P. B. Smith, for supporting this project once again this year.

Did everyone see how many Schools? Sam got us 17 schools this year. Way to go Sam excellent Job!!!

A special thanks also goes to Post 327 Tidewater for coming over from Norfolk Va.

To all the Riders from Post 72, and Riders from Post 10, the guys in the Jeep and the trucks, a special Thank You for your wonderful escort around town.

The schools went all out like always, expressing their patriotism, gratitude, and support for our Veteran's.

Your Director and Brian went for a very cold, sleet ride on Sat. with Post 32, Tidewater. We escorted them to the Marine Corps Museum. A great time was had by all other than the weather and I felt really bad about their long ride home in the rain and cold.

This month's breakfast was great as always and a thank you to all the volunteer's. Every month we have the best volunteer's so come see us at the next ALR breakfast on May 24th.

Our next rider's monthly meeting is May 6th at 7pm.

Reminder, if any member of our Post have any family members that would like some Thank You Cards please get in touch the Director or Sam.

We would like to do a Norfolk run in June so start thinking about the dates. Also, Rolling Thunder is coming up soon so be careful out there.

Post 177 is having a huge event on the 23th and 24th. I hope everyone has a great Memorial Day!

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 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:

- It is an honor for troop 600 to welcome Trever P. to the troop. Trever is not new to

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scouting and will be continuing his scouting experience with us. Welcome Trevor!

- Troop 600 attended the District Camporee which was held at the New Market Battlefield. Several districts were represented from as far away as Boston Massachusetts. There were about 1500 scouts at the camporee. The scouts toured the museum and reenacted the battle.
- The troop had a very successful spring mulch sale. The scouts would like to express their sincere appreciation to everyone who bought mulch and those who helped with the delivery. It was a day full of scout spirit. A special thanks to the Troop 600 Alumni who jumped in with a helping hand for the mulch deliveries. The Alumni's participation is an excellent example of the Scouting Spirit.
- The troop continues to prepare for summer camp.

## **Recent Rank & Merit Badge:**

- Rank: Jack C. – Scout; JJ – Life
- Merit Badges: Allen - Fingerprinting; Jake – Fire Safety & Wood Carving; Jeff - Photography

## **Upcoming Scout Events:**

- Swim Test May 11<sup>th</sup>
- Summer Camp June 14-20<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**Recent Notable Activities/Events:** Many Crew members continue to be away at college and have not been able to get together.

## **Upcoming Venturing Events:**

No events planned at this time.

**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.

For God and Country

**Michelle Hermsdorf** - Editor

**Claude Davenport** - Troop/Crew 600 Charter Organisation Representative



## **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 was invited to participate in the 2015 Civilian Marksmanship Program North Eastern Regional Match (3x20). The team entered the competition as the 20<sup>th</sup> placed Sporter Class and finished the two day competition in 7<sup>th</sup> place. The 7<sup>th</sup> place finish resulted in the Team being invited to the 2015 CMP National Championship in Anniston, AL 24-26 June. This is the first time any Post 72 team has been invited to an out of state competition. Congratulations to Sam, Sean, Savannah and Abram for a fantastic job representing Post 72!!
- The Post 72 Air Rifle Team, composed of Savannah, Abram, John, and Sean competed in the Junior Olympic, State of Virginia qualifier match in King George County. The 3x20 competition is the qualifier for the Jr. Olympic State of Virginia match. Everyone was on their game,

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completing the regional competition in 1<sup>st</sup> Place, bringing an awesome trophy home to Post 72. In addition to the first place finish, Sean was awarded a gold medal for his first place individual finish. Congratulation to the Team and Sean for a fantastic performance.

- Results of the 2015 Jr. Olympic State match, a combination of all regional matches, place Post 72 Air Rifle Team in 5<sup>th</sup> overall out of 20 teams in the Sporter Class Championship with a team score of 1972-29. Sean's performance at the Regional event earned him a 4<sup>th</sup> place overall out of 103 competitors at the State level. All of the Post 72 shooters placed in the top half. Sean placed 1<sup>st</sup> and Savannah placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the standing position. Outstanding job Savannah and Sean!
- Post 72 fielded two team at the 2015 American Legion, Dept. of VA, North Region Qualifier for the upcoming State Match. The team comprised of Savannah, Sean, Sam and Abram won the first place standing with a team score of 2085. Another outstanding performance! The second team comprised of John, Jacob S., Carson, Dylan and Hunter G. placed 6<sup>th</sup>, out of nine teams, with a team score of 1650. Considering four of the five team members are first year shooters, they made an excellent showing for Post 72. Congratulations to both teams on their accomplishment.
- Post 72 has been notified by the American Legion Department of Virginia the BOTH Post 72 teams participating in the North Region Qualifier match are invited to participate in the 2 May State Match! This is another first for the Post 72 Air Rifle Team! Our best wishes to John, Jacob S., Carson, Dylan, Savannah, Sean, Sam and Abram in the 2015 American Legion, Department of Virginia State match.

## Old Dominion Junior Rifle League

**(ODJRL):** Results of the ODJRL's March 2015 Match, shot at Post 72 & Post 290: Abram 249-8, Tristan 204-2, John 218-3, Hunter G. 148-1, Sean 264-6, Dylan 173-1, Sam 257-3, Savannah 246-6, Jacob S. 139-0, Carson 217-1,

## ODJRL Class Placements Results for March 2015:

- Sean: 1<sup>st</sup> place AAE Class

- Sam: 2<sup>nd</sup> place AAE Class
- Abram: 3<sup>rd</sup> place AAE Class
- Savannah: 4<sup>th</sup> place AAE Class
- Carson: 4<sup>th</sup> place A Class
- John: 1<sup>st</sup> place B Class
- Tristan: 4<sup>th</sup> place B Class
- Dylan: 1<sup>st</sup> place TYRO Class
- Hunter G: 3<sup>rd</sup> place TYRO B Class
- Jacob S: 4<sup>th</sup> place TYRO B Class
- Post 72: First place team (1016.023)

**Qualifications (NRA):** The following shooters accomplished NRA qualifications during the past month: John: 5<sup>th</sup> qualifying score of 9 for Expert; Hunter G.: Marksman 1<sup>st</sup> Class and Sharpshooter; Dylan: Marksman 1<sup>st</sup> Class and Sharpshooter; Jacob S: Marksman 1<sup>st</sup> Class and Sharpshooter; Carson: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> qualifying scores of 9 for Expert.

**New Personal High Score:** The following shooters achieved a new personal high score during the past month: Tristan 235-3; Hunter B 146-0; John 238-2; Hunter G 183-1; Sean 277-9 (a new Post 72 High Score); Dylan 227-3; Jake 238-3; and Jacob S. 207-3. Congratulations to all on their outstanding personal achievements.

## Upcoming Events:

- 2 May 2015: American Legion Department of Virginia State Match (invitation)
- 8 June 2015: Change to summer schedule of every other Thursday with voluntary attendance.
- 24-26 June 2015: CMP and Junior Olympic National Match (invitation)

**Practice Times:** The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team practices on Thursday evenings, 1830 – 2030hrs in the Legion Hall throughout the school year. Backup practices on Wednesday's from 1900 to 2030hrs. We welcome anyone from the Post family to come by to see the program and watch the shooters practice. We hold an additional practice time, on Wednesday's from 1830 to 2030 hrs. in order to facilitate the active schedules of our shooters. This practice time is set aside for those shooters who have a temporary conflict with the regular Thursday practices.

For God and Country,

**Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team**

**Cadre: Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Lance Davenport, Bob Roda, Andy**



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## ***Andrews and Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)***

### **American Legion Baseball Committee**

April 10, 2015 \$1,000 Raffle winner Robert Kemper with ticket number 849.

Post 72 and 247 American Legion Baseball tryouts for both Senior and Junior Baseball teams will be held at Liberty High School Sunday May 24, 2:00PM to 5:00PM and Wednesday May 27 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Post 247 will sponsor the Senior (16 to 19 with date of birth cutoff) Team and Post 72 will Sponsor the Junior (13 to 17) Team. Tryouts are open for both teams and for any player wishing to try out for either team.

Juniors may play up but Seniors CANNOT play down. Additional restrictions may apply.

Point of contact: Senior Team (Post 247) Gary Croson 540-336-5771, [katncro@gmail.com](mailto:katncro@gmail.com)

Junior Team (Post 72) Jim Lilek 703-855-7599, [Kelil68@comcast.net](mailto:Kelil68@comcast.net) and Chip Childs 540-270-4278, [chipchilds@starband.net](mailto:chipchilds@starband.net).

Appropriate attire for tryouts (including hat glove, helmet, bat and catching equipment as may be available), NO SHORTS please. Age confirmation will be required.

Please contact John Sinclair (540-270-3148) if you need additional information. For God and Country,  
**John Sinclair – Baseball Committee Chairman**

### **Social Quarters / House Committee**

Congratulations to our new Post Chili Queen & King! Patty Freeman took 1st place and Stan Adamowicz took 2nd place in the Chili Cook off at the Post on the 18th. Also, thanks again to Jerry Neri for his financial contribution that made this contest possible!

If you have not gotten your **Cash Bash** tickets for May 30th yet there are still some available, but you should get them ASAP while there are some left. If the weather permits, this event will be at the Tiki Bar outside.

The Social Quarters still has the 50" Element LED TV giveaway going on, and it too is

only a \$1.00 a chance. We would like to see all the tickets sold soon, so we can put out something different for the next drawing. Please take as many chances as you can. Let's get this drawing done!

We will continue to have the other favorite games of the membership like the HOGS, Booze Giveaway, and baskets of goodies etc. We have a very nice pistol up for drawing right now so get your tickets on this as well. I have been told that the members would like to continue with the other type we have done in the past. We can do that as soon as we complete this drawing, so help us out and get your tickets ASAP.

As always, we want to thank all of our volunteers who come in and work so hard. It takes all of them to help keep things running. Please don't forget Donna who works so hard to see that everything is running along, she really puts a lot of time in behind the scenes that most people don't know about. Remember to show Donna your appreciation. We also have Judy and Dee working part time with us which helps out a lot. A big thanks goes to them! Also a big thanks goes to Patty & Neal for all their help.

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 unchanged, at \$3.00 each.**

We have a large Bar Lunch Menu! On Friday evenings we continue to have our dinners. Please remember we have **Wi-Fi** in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is [www.legionpost72.org](http://www.legionpost72.org)

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

**Articles for the June Newsletter are due by May 25, 2015. Please email them to [Off2oc1@comcast.net](mailto:Off2oc1@comcast.net) Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor." Thank you!**  
**Patty Freeman, Editor**

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## Photos from around the Post



**Post 72 junior Shooters at the American Legion Northern Regional Competition**



**Fauquier County Students proudly display a sign they made for the annual Patriotic Card Pick-up Ride**



**Post 72 American Legion Riders and other groups on the annual Patriotic Card Pick-up Ride**

**American Legion Post 72**  
**Cash Bash!!**  
345 Legion Dr. Warrenton, Va. 20186-3536  
**Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2015**

2:00 pm: \$100.00	3:30 pm: \$50.00
2:15 pm: \$25.00	3:45 pm: \$50.00
2:30 pm: \$50.00	4:00 pm: GUN-4500
2:45 pm: \$100.00	4:15 pm: \$100.00
3:00 pm: GUN 9mm	4:30 pm: \$50.00
3:15 pm: \$50.00	4:45 pm: \$25.00
	5:00 pm \$500.00

**\$20.00 per Ticket:** includes dinner, draft beer, soda, or tea  
**Need not be present to win!!**  
**\*\*Only 300 tickets sold\*\***  
**Get your tickets now before they run out!!**  
**YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A LEGION MEMBER TO PLAY!!**



**Bob Perkins, USMC, from Post 327 poses with Fauquier County Students**



**John Beals poses after enjoying a green Cupcake in the Social Quarters**