

News at Post 72 May 2017

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American Legion Post 72 Officers:

*Commander: Claude Davenport
1st Vice Commander: Mike Freeman
2nd Vice Commander: Dan Seibel
Adjutant: George Morgan
Finance Officer: John Bush
Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard
Sergeant at Arms: Eris Wusthof
Chaplain: Steve McLeod
Service Officer: Dean Jacobson
Historian: Stan Adamowicz*

Auxiliary Officers:

*President: Donna Webb
Vice President: "Shell" Fergusons
Secretary: "Shell" Ferguson
Treasurer: Patty Freeman
Chaplain: Elaine Deneale
Sergeant at Arms: Vacant
Historian: Vacant*

Sons of the American Legion:

*Commander: Ted Kilby
1st Vice Commander: Jules Juliano
2nd Vice Commander:
Adjutant: Clint Bolt
Finance Officer: Clint Bolt
Sergeant at Arms: Steve Ralls
Chaplain:
Service Officer:
Historian:*

American Legion Riders:

*Director: Terrie Harne
Assistant Director: Mike Freeman
Adjutant: Paul Baker
Treasurer: Steve Ralls
Sergeant at Arms:
Run Coordinator:
Membership Chairman: Steve Ralls
Chaplain: Samuel Jesselson*

American Legion Post 72 Corporation:

*Jim Rankin
Paul Baker
Bill Buck
Sam Jesselson
Jack Flood*



The Commander's Corner

Post Officer and Board or Directors for the 2016/2017 year will be elected at the May General Membership meeting as directed in Article VI, Section 11 of the John D. Sudduth American Legion Post 72 Bylaws. My sincere thanks go to the slate of nominees who are stepping up to represent their Post in the upcoming year. The 2017/2018 slate of candidates for Post Officers are; Commander – Claude Davenport, 1st Vice Commander – Mike Freeman, 2nd Vice Commander – Dan Seibel, Adjutant - George Morgan, Finance Officer – Mike Hayes, Judge Advocate - Jonathan Lienhard, Sergeant at Arms – Ed Deneale, Chaplain - Steve McLeod, Service Officer – John Bush, Historian - Stan Adamowicz.

The 2017/2018 slate of candidates for Board of Directors are: James Rankin, Paul Baker, Bill Buck, Sam Jesselson, and Jack Flood.

The newly elected Officers and Directors will be installed at the regular membership meeting in June and will take office immediately following the final adjournment of that meeting.

The property development project is ready for approval by the Membership! On Tuesday 2 May, the Post's Board of Directors, LLC partners met with the builder/operator and finalized the agreement. After the meeting the Board of Directors unanimous voted to approve the property development project. At the next General Membership meeting on Tuesday 18 May, the LLC partners and builder/operator partners will at the meeting to present the project and answer any questions. After the presentation, the Legion membership will be asked to vote for final approval of the project. We are looking at a ground breaking this summer. I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received.

Spring is in full bloom, so if you've spotted something that needs some attention around the Post, or have a suggestion for an improvement, please email it to the Building & Grounds Chairman, Dan at: 2ndvicecommander@legionpost72.org

We all need to pitch in to make our Post home a better place. Please look at your

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calendar, and pick 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 the Post. 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 our Post home remains open for everyone to enjoy.

The Post's All-You-Can-Eat breakfast in the Social Quarters continues to be a hit! Come in for breakfast every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm. Come on out and enjoy the excellent chow and great fellowship.

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 regular business 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, 18 May, 2017 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on the Thursday before the business meeting, 11 May, 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

Nothing new to report, but a reminder that 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.

A personal thanks goes to Mike Anderson for cooking for the Auxiliary breakfast.

Last month the Auxiliary presented Ed Deneale a certificate of appreciation for all his hard work around the social quarters and for the Legion.

I don't have anything new to report this month. Our next breakfast is Sunday, May 14, 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

We still have quite a few long time members who have not renewed their membership. Please drop by the post and leave your renewals in time for us to have the new cards for the upcoming year printed.

Thanks to all the members who helped with the Easter Sunday breakfast. Please be advised that our next SAL meeting is Tuesday May 2, 2017 we would like to see as many members present as possible, this is when we have our yearly elections .

The next SAL breakfast will be May the 16th. We are always hoping to see some new faces. Happy Spring to everyone

For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

The weather might have been a bit unpredictable for planned group rides, but that didn't stop Post 72 American Legion Riders from

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engaging in several noteworthy activities during April. From frontline support to landscaping and setting the new quality standard on sponsored breakfast in the Social Quarters, ALR continued to excel at supporting worthy causes.

Rider Sam Jesselson continued his tireless efforts on the front line of troop support collaborating with local community schools to launch the 2017 Thank You Card Project. TYCP, in its 5th year of operations, allows local students to express their thanks to our service members by adorning personalized cards with patriotic themes and words of encouragement. Collected from the students during a day-long parade of Motorcycles to the individual schools, the cards are sorted and distributed to service personnel around the world. The impact is clear in the overjoyed responses received from service members who received the cards in theater. Look to the ALR web page for pick-up dates and think about riding along with us and thanking the kids for their awesome gifts! For more information, contact comrade Sam through the ALR website information line: alr@legionpost72.org.

ALR members Brent and Cindy Carter demonstrated the ALR commitment to community service by trading in their two wheel motorcycles for a pair of 4 wheel lawn tractors and volunteering to mow the grass around the legion covering for recovering comrade Stan Stan Adamowicz. Visitors to the Friday night Steak and Seafood Dinner at the Social Quarters were greeted by the smell of fresh cut grass and the two riders running race track pattern around the fields surrounding the post. Brent was heard to say that although the John Deere didn't have the pick-up of his Ultra Classic, the seat was way more comfortable and there is no helmet law for lawn mowing in Virginia!

Last but not least, our own Chef Brian O' (aka Gunny) thrilled breakfast attendees by presenting a new offering to the standard menu: Enormous Belgian Waffles with fresh blueberries and powdered sugar. For those of you who may not have enjoyed the treat of having Pudge cook your breakfast, you should know that he picks up a special order of sausage from a local butcher and biscuits from his local farm market each month to make your ALR breakfast a culinary marvel. So maybe the

freshly baked waffles oozing with fresh blueberries might be considered over the top. Suffice it to say, ALR will be holding on to the "Best Legion Breakfast Award" for a few more weeks. But don't believe all the customers who said those were the best waffles they had ever eaten. Join us for breakfast on May 20th from 9 to noon in the post Social Quarters. For our ALR members, remember, if you come in and help out, you get all of this for free!

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 division 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:

- Troop 600 has completed another successful spring mulch fundraiser. 6100 bags of mulch arrived on seven tractor trailers and were delivered to approximately 215 customers. We had some great teamwork to get the job done. A huge thank you to Advance Automotive Repair for hosting the troops delivery site.
- Troop 600 held its court of honor Monday, April 24th. Joshua R. is the new Senior Patrol leader. Five scouts received a total of eleven merit badges.
- Jeffery, Allen and Josh are all finalizing their propose Eagle Projects.

Upcoming Scout Events:

- May: Road clean up
- May: Camp out
- June: Summer camp

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

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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:

• On 6-9 April, 2017, Sean competed in the 2017 US Junior Olympic Junior National Championship, Colorado Springs, CO. The championship was attended by the top 200 junior air rifle athletes in the country. The match consisted of shooting in two 60 shots standing relays, scored in "decimal" which give the possible perfect score of 654. Going in to the competition, Sean was seated as 98th. After two days of intense competitive pressure, Sean's results were 1st day – 588.7 and 2nd day – 591.7 for a match total of 1,180.4, which seated Sean 88th in the nation. Sean is the first Warrenton Rifles athlete to

compete in this prestigious National event. Please join us in congratulating Sean on his excellent performance and representation of the Warrenton Rifles!!

• On 8-11 April, 2017, members, coaches, parents and supporter of the Warrenton Rifles assisted Troop 600 with delivering 6,100 bags of mulch to customers in the Warrenton area. Our most gracious thanks to shooters Carson, Jacob, Hunter G, Gage; Coaches Freeman, Andrews, Lance Davenport, Claude Davenport; and parents & supporters Mr. Grogg, Mr. Hardy, and Mr. Chase Davenport.

• On 23 April, 2017, 9 athletes from the Warrenton Rifles competed in the 2017 American Legion, Dept. of VA, North Region Qualifier match, held at the Arlington/Fairfax Izaak Walton League in Centerville, VA. 56 athletes comprised the 5 precision teams and 10 Sporter teams participating in the competition. The Cobra team (Sam, John, Seth, & Dylan) placed 1st place with the Python team (Jacob, Ryan, Hunter G, & Gage) placing 2nd place in Sporter class. Individually, out of 33 athletes, the "Rifles" placed: 1st Sam, 2nd, John, 3rd, Ryan, 4th, Seth, 5th, Jacob, 6th, Dylan, 9th, Hunter G, and 14thGage. In precision class of 23 athletes, Sean won 6th place. This was absolutely OUTSTANDING job by all of the Warrenton Rifles!!! Congratulation shooters!

• With securing 1st and 2nd place in the North Regional competition, Cobra & Python teams will both be going to the Department of Virginia 3 PAR State Championship, in Charlottesville on Saturday 6 May. This will be the fourth year in a row the Warrenton Rifles have been invited to the State Championships. Congratulations Cobra and Python teams. Bests of luck at the State championships.

• The Cobra Team (Sam, Carson, John, Dylan and Seth) have been invited to compete in the 2017 Civilian Marksmanship Programs 3 PAR (Sporter) National Championship, held in Camp Perry, OH on 24-26 June. Sean has been invited to the CMP (Precision) National Championship, held in Camp Perry, OH on 21-23 June. This will be first CMP National Championship Seth. Great job and best of luck shooters!

• Sam has received an invitation to participate in the 2017 American Legion National Championship, in Colorado Springs, CO this July.

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Sam will be the first athlete from the Warrenton Rifles to have earned an invitation to the Legion's national championship.

Fantastic job Sam, and our best wishes for a successful match

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

The Orion individual results from the March, out of 29 athletes are: 1st place, Sam - 369-6; 2nd place, Carson - 255-7; 3rd place, Jacob S - 253-10; 4th Dylan - 248-1; 5th Seth - 245-3; 6th Ryan - 244-5; 7th John - 244-3; 8th Hunter G - 238-4; 9th Gage - 234-4; 14th Hunter B - 193-1; and 18th Jacob K - 177-2. This is the end of the ODJRL season. The next results will be in October 2017.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL), MARCH LEAGUE RESULTS: The Warrenton Rifles Cobras (Sam, Carson, Jacob & Dylan) 1st out of four teams competing in Match. The Cobra Team won first place overall for the 2016/2017 tournament season. This is the end of the ODJRL 2016/2017 season. The 2017/2018 season will start in October 2017. Qualifications (NRA):

The Warrenton Rifles are very proud to announce that two of our shooters have earned the prestigious National Rifle Association's Distinguished Expert for Air Rifle. Our congratulations go to John and Carson on their well-deserved award.

New Personal High Score: This month the following Warrenton Rifles have set a new personal high score in 30x10 and/or 3x20 matches. Gage 3x10 242-4 & 3x20 470-6; Hunter G, 3x10 254-8 & 3x20 503-10; and Sam 3x20 552-18. Congratulation to these Warrenton Rifles athletes on setting a new personal high score!

Upcoming Events:

- 6 May, 2017: American Legion, Dept. of VA Championship match (invitation) Charlottesville, VA
- 21-23 June, 2017: CMP Precision National Championship (invitation), Camp Perry, OH
- 24-26 June, 2017: CMP Sporter National Championship (invitation), Camp Perry, OH
- 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, 1830-2030hrs 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

The weather has not permitted us to get the Tiki Bar up and running, but we are hoping to be able to get it ready soon. In the meantime bring your friends and family to the Post and enjoy your Social Quarters! Bring them out to dinner on Friday nights for some good food at a very good price! We have been doing very well on our Friday Night Dinners, so it would be a good idea to get there in the beginning of the night.

I need to thank all the volunteers that help on Fridays, without them we could never get it done. We also have a very good lunch menu for all to enjoy. Also remember we can always use some help during our lunches as well as our Friday Night Dinners. 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. This time we have a gun up for raffle from our own Junior Shooters, so please take a chance and support the teams. 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! 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

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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 www.legionpost72.org

Paul L. Baker - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman

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

Photos from around the Post:



L-R, Auxiliary President Donna Webb, Ed Deneale and Patty Freeman, Auxiliary Treasurer. Ed was awarded a Plaque of Appreciation for his many years of assistance around the post home.



L-R, Commander / Coach: Claude Davenport poses with Junior Shooters Seth C. and Dylan K. as they proudly display the Warrenton Rifles First and Second Place Team Awards for the American Legion VA North Region Championship



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

