

News at Post 72

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November 2013

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Director: Terrie Harne

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Adjutant: Paul Baker

Treasurer: Steve Ralls

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The Commander's Corner



This is the time of the year that we as a nation honor all of our Veterans. This Veterans' Day holds a special significance for many of our members, as it has been sixty years since the end of hostilities in Korea. In the aftermath of World War II, this was the first of America's "forgotten wars", and we need to remember their sacrifices for the cause of freedom.

We will hold our annual Veterans' Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11, 2013 at the Veteran's Memorial on Hospital Hill. There will be refreshments available in the Hospital Bistro Cafeteria at 10:00am. The observance will be held promptly at 11:00am, in the area of the flagpole.

Immediately after this service we will be holding a dedication for the Post 72 Veteran's Plaza, at 12:15pm. There will also be a luncheon in the Post 72 social quarters for \$5.00, per person. This will be open to all and the public is invited.

I want to personally thank our 1st Vice Commander Jesse Montgomery, for his hard work as our membership chairman. This is another one of those thankless, behind the scene jobs that tend to go unnoticed. Thanks to his efforts we have made our target goals to date, as suggested by Department of Virginia. Please pay your dues if you haven't already done so, and reach out to any veterans in our community and encourage them to join our post.

I also want to recognize the efforts of Donna Webb, as well as Dee and Randy Johnson, for their successful Halloween and Lock-up Party held here at the post. All who attended had a good time and can attest that nobody escaped being thrown in the clink!

The Post 72 American Legion Riders also held another successful poker run. As a member of the ALR, I can attest that it was unseasonably cold on the morning of the ride, but it warmed up enough that we were able to enjoy ourselves and raise money for our Nation's Wounded Warriors. Another job well done by our Post 72 Legion Riders!

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Recently it has been brought to my attention that many of the Post locker rental dues have not been paid and are long overdue. For anyone not currently paid up to date, there will be an "amnesty" period from now until January 01, 2014. The rental costs are unchanged, and will remain at \$25.00 annually. In the event a locker is not paid for by January 01, 2014, all items will be removed. Please check with Donna and verify if your rental dues are paid and if you wish to retain or rent a locker.

I am also asking that we all continue to support our Post Social Quarters, whenever you can and remember to thank Donna and our many volunteers, for all of their hard work.

We continue to 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, each month. Our next breakfast will be held on November 03, 2013.

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 again go out to "Miss Tootie". She is currently in Oak Springs Nursing Home, room 125A, in Warrenton. Also our prayers go to "Mr. Frank" Marino, Past Commander Roland Tapscott, Frieda Labell and Andy Andrew's wife who have all been hospitalized recently.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on the first Thursday again this month, on Thursday, November 07, 2013 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.

From both my wife Patty and I, we hope all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving!
For God and Country

Mike Freeman - Commander

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Adjutant's Corner

All are invited to Middleburg Post 295 for a special event Sunday November 10, 2013 at 2:00PM. The US Army will present a World War II Veteran his Bronze Star for his actions during WWII. Please RSVP to Post 295 Adjutant Ron Embrey via E-mail at: embreyelectric@gmail.com or call 703-606-0372 should you wish to attend. The Washington Post will cover this event. Middleburg Post 295 is located at 111 The Plains Rd., Middleburg, VA.

Remember to get out and vote Tuesday November 5, 2013. Also remember Veteran's Day Service Monday November 11, 2013 on Hospital Hill with snacks at the Bistro Café prior to the 11:00AM Ceremony.

Please keep all our Service men and women, Veterans and our members (especially Auxiliary members "Tootie" and Frieda, Comrade Andy Andrew's wife, and Comrade Roland Tapscott) in our prayers.

HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY THANKSGIVING!
For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America

John H. Sinclair - Adjutant



Auxiliary News

I'm happy to announce that the Post 72 Auxiliary had a surprise, unofficial visit on October 19th, by the Department Auxiliary Vice Commander, Joyce Miller, (pictured below).



The Auxiliary will also be having another Silent Auction beginning November 22 thru December 01, 2013. This auction will help raise the money necessary to hold our annual Children's Christmas Party. I am asking each and every one of you to please help out if you can. Bring in an item or just come in and bid on any of the fine gifts that will be available.

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I will be posting a sign up sheet and asking all of our members to help out on the planned Children's Christmas Party. The party and "Breakfast with Santa" will be held on Sunday, December 08, 2013. Come out and joins us and celebrate the Holiday Season.

Once again I would like to thank all of our volunteers who help out around the Post. Their efforts may go unnoticed but are much appreciated by all of our Post 72 members.

Remember to keep Miss Tootie and Frieda, and "Mr. Frank" in your thoughts and prayers.

We will be hosting the second Sunday of the month, breakfast, on November 10, 2013. Please come out and help work this breakfast if you are available. Also, the next Auxiliary meeting will be held this same day, Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 2:00pm. I am asking all of our members to attend.

For God and Country

Donna Webb – President



Sons of the Legion News

October is gone by and a chill is in the air. At the October breakfast, our raffle item was a gallon of cider and a bushel of apples, which was won by our Commander's wife Patty.

When she realized she won- she asked Donna what in the world am I gonna do with all those apples- I had a suggestion- how bout some apple pies?

The American Legion Department fall meeting is in Williamsburg October 25-27, 2013; I hope many of our members can attend.

I would like to thank Tim Nosal for attending the September SAL meeting. and giving us some valuable information having to do with cemeteries and battlefield monuments outside the US.

I hope all SAL members can attend our November meeting, which will be held on November 5th, 2013.

The next SAL monthly breakfast will be Sunday, November 17, 2013.

Our raffle tickets are now in for the holiday grocery give away. The grand prize is \$300 in Safeway cards, and second prize is \$100 in Safeway cards. Tickets are \$1 each. Donna has some at the counter and most SAL members have tickets for purchase. The

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drawing will be December 22, 2013

Thanks to Mike Anderson, Donna, Clint Joe, Jules and Cale for all their efforts at the October breakfast.

For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

As we can all see and feel November is blowing in with a bang!

Please remember Veterans Day is fast approaching; let's take the time to thank those that have served and those that are serving. We honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. We graciously thank all our troops who give "**Service to the Greater**"

Understanding of what "**Service to the Greater**" means. Soldiers, Airmen, Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, Coastguard, National Guard and Reservist all understand "**Service to the Greater**"; they understand that there is something more important than our individual selves. They serve the United States of America and are willing to sacrifice serving to the end. These men and women are a loyal bunch, most would say fiercely loyal. They will follow their leaders to the gates of Hell for no other reason then because they know their country needs them to do it. They do it willingly and proudly.

We can never thank them or repay them enough for their sacrifice.

Thanks so much to the October ALR breakfast crew of Mike, Claude, Mark Colin and Patty for another successful breakfast. Thanks also to Donna for the continued support preparing all the essentials, and a special thanks to SAL member Mike Anderson who helped with the clean up, afterwards. The next ALR breakfast will be on Sunday, November 24, 2013. Please volunteer to help if you can!

Our next ALR meeting is November 06, 2013 I would like for every rider to show up and support our meetings. We will be voting on some major issue this month and I want to make sure everyone voice is heard.

Thanks also to all the Poker Run people who came and supported another great ride. The route was great, although a little cold, but still fun for all who rode. Thanks to Poker Run Committee members, Faye, Greg, and Potter.

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On a short note James Potter, a well-known supporter of the Legion Riders, has been in the hospital for a while. The Legion Riders would like to send out Big Hugs to you in hopes that your stay in the hospital be a short one and that your back home soon. Sending good Mojo to you see you soon!

Be safe again this month, keep the shiny side up and watch out for deer, as they are still running.

Just a final reminder, we have a new email address legionriders72@aol.com.

For God and Country,

Terrie Harne - Director, American Legion Riders, Post 72

BSA Troop 600 & Crew 600

Boy Scout Troop 600 & Crew 600:

Activities: 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.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

Fall Court of Honor: Troop 600 held their Fall Court of Honor on Sunday 27 October. The COH started with a potluck dinner and scrumptious deserts. There were 92 presentations made; 6 rank advancements, 72 merit badges and 13 awards presented. A recap of the presentations:

Michael C: Archery, Robotics, and Salesmanship

Zachary E: Archery, Wilderness Survival, Fireman Chit, Totin' Chip.

Travis F: Archery.

Wesley F: Personal Management, Star Scout rank.

Allen H: Archery, Basketry, Computers, and Space Exploration

Joshua J: Archery, Citizenship in the Community, Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, and Kayaking

Chris K: Archery, First Aid, Robotics, Salesmanship, Shotgun Shooting, Wilderness Survival, First Class Scout rank.

CJ K: Space Exploration, Swimming, Fireman

Chit, Totin' Chip, Scout rank.

Andrew M: Archery, Communications, Environmental Science, Graphic Arts, Nuclear Science, and Robotics.

Matt M: Space Exploration, Swimming, Fireman Chit, Totin' Chip.

Peter N: Indian Lore, Swimming, Totin' Chip.

Zach O: Indian Lore, Space Exploration, Fireman Chit, Totin' Chip.

Jeffrey P: Camping, Communications, Forestry, Pioneering, Shotgun Shooting.

Daniel P: Communications, Graphic Arts, Robotics, Shotgun Shooting, Star Scout rank.

David P: Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, and Kayaking.

Anthony P: Archery, Citizenship in the World, Pioneering, Salesmanship, Shotgun Shooting, Wilderness Survival, Star Scout rank.

Michael P: Camping, Citizenship in the World, Salesmanship, Wood Carving.

Derek S: Citizenship in the Nation, Coin Collecting.

Kyle T: Indian Lore, Swimming, and Fireman Chit.

Luke W: Space Exploration, Swimming, Fireman Chit, Totin' Chip, Tenderfoot Scout rank.

Andrew W: Environmental Science, Shotgun Shooting.

Hunter W: Archery, Backpacking, Canoeing, Graphic Arts, Personal Fitness, and Shotgun Shooting.

Congratulations to the scouts on their outstanding accomplishment over the past six months!

Current Notices:

Many thanks to the American Legion Social Quarters for allowing Troop 600 to sell popcorn over the past two weeks. (Courtesy of Andy M.)

Logan J's Eagle Project to build dugouts for the Post 72 baseball field has launched. The benches are assembled, the building permit is issued and the excavating will start on or about 2 November. These dugouts will be a greatly appreciated addition to the Post 72 baseball field. (Courtesy Ms. J)

Turkey in the Hole is a week away. For those of you who don't know what it is, or have never been to one, it is an awesome campout. It is also the Troop's Thanksgiving feast. Every year we dig a giant hole, and build a giant fire.

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When the hole is full of hot coals we lower down into it six turkeys, burry them and let them cook, (Hints: the name "Turkey in the Hole") then we dig them up and eat them. What's more fun than digging holes, building fires, and eating! (Courtesy of Hunter W.)

Upcoming Events:

November 8-10 (Friday – Sunday) Turkey in the Hole

November 16-17 (Saturday & Sunday) Leaf Raking

November 23-24 (Saturday & Sunday) Leaf Raking

December 7 (Saturday) Lock-in

December 14 (Saturday) Shepard's Road Clean Up

December 27-30 (Friday – Monday) Ski Trip

Recent ranks advancements:

Wesley F: Star Scout rank.

Chris K: First Class Scout rank.

CJ K: Scout rank.

Daniel P: Star Scout rank.

Anthony P: Star Scout rank.

Luke W: Tenderfoot Scout rank.

Meeting information: BSA Troop 600 meets on Monday evenings, 1915 – 2030 hours (7:15pm – 8:30pm) in meeting hall at Post 72. We invite you to come by and see what Troop 600 is all about.

Crew 600: Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade and under 21 years of age. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Current Notices:

Northern Tier: The Crew is putting together plans to do the BSA Northern Tier this summer. The Northern Tier is the BSA's oldest national High Adventure program, outfitting scouting groups for canoe trips since the summer of 1923. The Charles L Sommers Base has been home to the program since 1941. North America's Canoe Country, a vast series of navigable lakes and rivers spanning thousands of square miles, is one of the last great wildernesses on the continent. This boreal forest of waterfalls and bogs, bears and wolves, granite crags and waist-deep mud remains

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nearly as much of a wilderness as it was for the first fur traders who explored the area in the 1600s. Two centuries after the fur trade's peak in the early 1800s, participants still follow in the footsteps of the French-Canadian voyageurs, paddling the same waters and straining over the same portage trails.

Upcoming Events:

December 27-30 (Friday – Monday) Ski Trip

Meeting information: BSA Crew 600 meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 1930 – 2030 hours (7:30 – 8:30 pm). We invite you to come by and see what Crew 600 is all about.

For God and Country

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 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.

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team is getting into a good practice routine. This month, we welcomed a new shooter, Chris K., to the Post 72 Team. Chris is also a member of Post 72's chartered Boy Scout Troop 600. Chris will be taking the American Legion Basic Marksmen Course (BMC) over the next several weeks and should be qualified for competition by December.

Jackson, Penny, Zack, and Savannah have completed the BMC and taken their final exam and anxiously awaiting the results. We are very confident they all did VERY well.

The Post 72 Team competed in the October Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL) at American Legion Post 290 in Stafford, VA, represented by Sam, Abram, Max, Jackson and Savannah. Initial results indicate

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the Post 72 team will place 2nd in the October match and Sam will place 5th out of 35 shooters with his score of 242, which by the way, is a new personal high score. Excellent work Sam and Post 72 Shooters!

This has been a fantastic month of accomplishments for the Post 72 Shooters. Personal high scores were achieved by Abram (226), Jackson (196), John (175), Jake (142), Sam (242), Penny (166), Savannah (188) and Zack (197). AWESOME accomplishments Shooter! The Cadre is just blown away with the way the Team is improving.

Remember that we have changed the starting time of weekly practice to 1800hrs (6pm). The earlier start gives us enough time to shoot two relays comfortably. The new times along with the new three position target stands is working out very well. We are also very fortunate to continue receiving Comrade Hugh Long's firearms displays and history just prior to the start of practices. Our thanks to Mr. Long for his continued support to the Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team.

Notices: NO PRACTICE ON 31 OCTOBER.

Upcoming Events:

31 October: Halloween, NO PRACTICE

9 November: ODJRL competition

14 December: ODJRL competition

December: American Legion National Post Competition (Postal Competition)

April 2014: ALJSSP Northern Region, Department of Virginia Competition

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.

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Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Bill Gouldthorpe, Lance Davenport, Quentin Peach - Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team Staff.

House Chairman News

As always we want to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work around the Social Quarters.

I also want to personally thank John

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Sinclair, who has been cleaning up our Social Quarters by himself every Monday. **Thanks John!!!**

We will be having a combination "Lock Up Party" and a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26, 2013, from 6:00 to 9:00pm.

Just a reminder to everyone, we are having daily lunch specials. The lunches are both tasty and affordable. The Thursday "hamburger steak special" seems to be the most popular with our members. But come out on any of the days and see what we are having. They are all terrific and a real bargain!

Remember, due to many requests by our membership we are once again having a **Thursday Night weekly 8 Ball Pool Tournament**, beginning on October 24, 2013 at 7:00pm. Come out and show off your skills!

Remember that the VA Representative will be available, the **third Wednesday, this month, on October 17, 2013, at 10:00am**, here at Post 72.

Again, we all want to send our thoughts and prayers to Tootie, and her family. Miss Tootie is still in Oak Springs of Warrenton, in room 125.

Also, remember that we still have raffles in the Social Quarters from time to time. For God & Country

Joe Grimsley – House Committee Chairman

Social Quarters

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 will remain at \$6.00 for adults. Children twelve and under is half price, at \$3.00 each.**

The **3rd Saturday each month** we have [Karaoke](#) with Terry at the club from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Come out and check this out, it is a lot of fun for all!

We are again having a **Weekly 8 Ball Pool Tournament**, starting Thursday, October 24, 2013. The costs are \$5.75 per player, and there will be a payout at the end of each contest. Come out and show your skills and try

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to win some money. The tournament is open to everyone. See the flyer posted in the Social quarters for more details.

Don't forget our 14-item Bar Menu! You can order from this menu for lunch or any time. Friday's evening 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.

We like to turn the jukebox up and dance and kick our feet up, so make Friday night your evening to spend with us! Please remember we have **WiFi** in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is www.legionpost72.org

Come out and have some fun with us!

Articles for the December Newsletter are due by November 25, 2013. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."

Thank you! Patty Freeman, Editor

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Photos from around the Post



"Jailbirds" Betty Lou Koplaski, Randy Johnson and Patty Freeman behind bars at the Halloween/Lock Up Party



"DJ" Dylan and Chris Ritchie at the jail



"Hoppy" Benjamin and Dee Johnson present Terry Benjamin her birthday cake while she is behind bars.



Sgt at Arms: Ed Deneale, 1st Vice: Jesse Montgomery, Miss Donna Webb, Commander: Mike Freeman and Past Commander: Paul Baker



Jules Juliano and his wife Bess share a moment while he is "incarcerated"



Crystal Graves, awaiting her release