

News at Post 72 November 2016

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The Commander's Corner

November is upon us and the start of the Holiday season as well. We have a new opportunity for the Post 72 family this year. The annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Friday 11 November, 2016 on Hospital Hill, Warrenton, VA. As in previous years, we will gather at Fauquier Hospitals Bistro for coffee starting at 1000hrs. We will proceed to the Veterans Memorial on Hospital Hill for a ceremony. After the ceremony, we will have the 2016 dedication of new pavers into the Post 72 Veterans Plaza at the Post home at 1200hrs. Light refreshments being served by the Social Quarters directly after. We will send out an email broadcast with final arrangements.

On Saturday, 12 November, our sponsored Boy Scout troop, Troop 600, has invited the Post family to be guests at their annual "Turkey in the Hole" celebration. The Troop cooks several turkeys in a hole, luau style, and celebrates an early Thanksgiving dinner. If you would like to attend this event, which will be on Post 72 grounds, please contact Troop 600 Committee Chairman, Michelle Hermsdorf at sheljim450@msn.com.

Our new 2nd Vice Commander and Chairman of the Building & Grounds committee is geared up to receive any suggestions to "spiffy" up our Post home and grounds. If you have spotted something that needs some attention or a suggestion to improve our Post, please email it to Dan at 2ndvicecommander@legionpost72.org. Dan will be putting a list together and forming some work parties to tackle your observations & suggestions.

The property development project continues to move forward. The partnership agreement is expected back from the proposed operators in final revision this week for review, approval and signature by the Post 72 corporate Board of Directors. We are still on track for starting the project in the spring of 2017. This project will generate a much needed residual income to the Post for many years to come. My thanks to the Board of Directors for their thoughtful review and input to the partnership

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agreement.

I would like to invite all Post 72 Legionnaire members in the Fauquier county area to attend our monthly business meetings whenever you can. It is imperative that we conduct our business as required and address any ideas, suggestions or concerns to help our post and organization perform better.

Our own Warrenton Rifles participated in the October Old Dominion Rifle League (ODJRL) match with outstanding results. Please see the Junior Shooting Sports article below for their performance. Please join me in congratulating our junior shooters on a job well done! I continue to be blown away by the dedication and skill of these young athletes.

My personal thanks to the Post 72 family volunteers who put in their valuable time to help out around the post. Their contributions ensure that our Post home remains open for everyone to enjoy. If you have some available time to help out with building & ground, or help in the Social Quarters, it would be greatly appreciated.

Our Al-You-Can-Eat breakfast in our Social Quarters continues to be a hit! Breakfast is 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 October 02, 2015. Friday night Steak & Seafood has been a resounding success. Come on out and enjoy the excellent chow and great fellowship.

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 the third Tuesday, 15 November, 2016 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on the second Thursday, 10 October, 2015 at 19:00 hours, (7:00pm).

As your Commander, if there are any questions or suggestions to improve our Post, please contact me at commander@legionpost72.org.

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

For God and Country

Claude Davenport – Commander



Adjutant's Corner

The Post recently received the new Department Constitution and Bylaws, along with new operating manuals. These are now posted for reference and I'm now reviewing them for updates to the Post's governance documents. Also for those interested: Over 300 resolutions were passed at the National Convention this year and are available in the Legion's Digital Archive, www.archive.legion.org.

There are a number of small business event and job fairs scheduled around the DC area that are geared for service members, veterans, and military spouses. Meet with hiring companies, attend seminars and get resume advice or tips on small business start-ups. For some fairs, you can upload your resume ahead of time to employers. Go online for details, registration info, lists of employers, etc. For fairs on military posts, non-military will need to pre-register for access to the base. Go to the Legion's link www.legion.org/careers for details. 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.

At the end of November we will be holding our annual Silent Auction. Everyone, please feel free to participate and enter your bids.

I don't have anything new to report this month. Our next breakfast is Sunday, November 13, 2016, with our monthly meeting to immediately follow afterwards.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chris Ritchie and Judy Christian, to get well soon.

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

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Donna Webb – President

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Sons of the Legion News

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the last SAL breakfast. Be sure to ask any SAL members about raffle tickets on our annual Safeway give away. The Drawing will be held December 18, 2016 at our last breakfast for the year.

This past weekend both Clint Bolt and I attended the Fall American Legion Conference. VA&R committeeman Fred Vacarella and I reported on various items having to do with updates on new clinics, and an updated wish list for the three Fisher houses in Virginia.

I also had the opportunity to give a trophy to our Department Chaplain, Robert Wilson who has missed the last few meeting due to health problems. Robert accepted a trophy from me and donation from others members to help offset his living expenses. He was very thankful for the well wishes and gifts.

Our next Squadron 72 meeting will be held at 7:00pm, November 1, 2016
For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

The threat of rain and cool temperatures weren't enough to prevent our American Legion Riders from storming onto the Fauquier County Fairgrounds for the 6th Annual ALR Bike and Car Show this month. Joined by more than 100 hearty visitors who turned out to see classic and modern motorcycles, cars, and trucks, and enjoy a freshly grilled lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. With a smaller crowd than expected, everyone's chances to win more than \$4,000 in door prizes and cash improved greatly and the excitement of the silent auction, raffle drawings every ten minutes, and the \$100 lottery apron added to the crowd's excitement as they braved the elements to support this year's designated charities, The Fisher House and Green Bean Coffee's Cup of Joe program.

This year offered something for everyone from every age. After a trip through the showground's to see a wide selection of

American auto manufacturing and shade tree mechanic-fueled hot rods, visitors relaxed in the comfort of the all-purpose building where they could enjoy lunch, shop at one of the show vendors, browse the auction prizes, or just relax and enjoy the day. Kids attending the event were given the opportunity to color and write personal messages to deployed troops through the ALR Thank You Card Program.

Friends and family are important to the ALR and we enjoyed a strong showing from several groups, most notably the Desert Knights Veteran Motorcycle Club, and our fellow Legion Riders from Post 10, Manassas, VA and Post 177, Fairfax, VA. At the end of the day, all of our visitors enjoyed a good show, many won valuable prizes, all while enabling the Post 72 ALR to support local charities and continue our Post legacy of supporting veterans past, present, and future. On the topic of future, it is important to note that we would not have had such a successful event had it not been for the incredible support provided by Troop 600 of the Boy Scouts of America and several members of our Warrenton Junior Rifle Team and their parents who braved the weather to help make the show a resounding success. Their efforts proved beyond a doubt that the future of Americanism viewed through our children is indeed bright.

Our breakfast in Oct. was not as busy as we would have liked. Our volunteer's come in every month and work very hard to make and serve breakfast please show your support to our Legion and Riders by coming in on the 27th of Nov. Remember all non-members can be signed in so bring a friend and share breakfast with us.

Our monthly meeting will be held on the 2nd of November, starting at 7pm. Come early for our spaghetti night. We need to decide where and when our Christmas Dinner is going to be scheduled, so be thinking about some dates, as it will be here before you know it.
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Terrie Harne – Director, America Legion Riders

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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 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 will be doing a wreath fundraiser during the Holiday season. We will be sending the flyer to our loyal mulch customers, but we would like to make the wreaths available to the Post 72 Family. We will ask the Commander to send out our flyer as soon as it is available.
- The Troops Fall Court of Honor was held Monday, October 17. Several scout rank advancements were awarded along with many summer Camp Merit Badges.
- The troop continues to finalize plans to Antietam battleground campout which should be spectacular!
- The semiannual road cleanup was successfully completed by the Scouts, Scouters and parents on October 23.
- The Scouts have been finalizing the planning for the annual Turkey in the Hole which will be held November 11-13th. All of the American Legion family organizations are invited to partake of the turkey dinner. We are very appreciative of the Legion for letting us hold this annual event on the Post property.

Upcoming Scout Events:

- Recharter November 8
- Turkey In Hole November 11-13
- Wreath Fundraiser November 5-14

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.

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:

- Congratulations to the Warrenton Rifles new shooters Seth, Jacob K, Gage, Colt and Garrett, who have all completed their American Legion Basic Marksmanship Course (BMC). Completion of the course allows them to participate in all upcoming 3 position air rifle competitions. Their first competition will be the upcoming November Old Dominion Junior Rifle Leagues (ODJRL) match.
- Nine shooters competed in the October ODJRL match, eight in the sporter class, and one in the precision class. The Warrenton Rifles Cobra Team came in 1st place in the sporter class, with shooters finishing in the top seven positions. Congratulations to Sam, Dylan, Carson, Jacob, Hunter G, Ryan,

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John and Hunter B. on an excellent job representing Post 72 and the "Rifles". Our congratulations also go out to Sean who came in 2nd place in his first competition in precision class! Great job Sean.

- The Warrenton Rifles will be sending eight senior shooters to the 2016 King George's CMP sanctioned 3x20 match on 28 October. This is the first sanctioned event of the season in which shooters can earn Excellence in Competition (EIC) points. These points will move them closer to the prestigious CMP Gold Distinguished Junior Shooters Badge. The Rifles have had three shooters earn the CMP's Gold Distinguished Shooter Badge in the past.
- The Warrenton Rifles are holding raffles for 10 each Browning fix blade knives and a pair of Zuiss 10x42 binoculars (a \$500 retail value) as a fall fundraiser (\$1 per chance). The Social Quarters is being very helpful by selling some of the raffle tickets for the shooters. Please see Donna in the Social Quarters for your raffle tickets.
- Five Rifles shooters assisting the Post 72 Riders with parking at their annual Bike & Car Show, at the Fauquier County Fairgrounds on 1 October.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL)

ORION RESULTS: October 2016. The 3x10 scores for the Warrenton Rifles participating in the October 2016 match are: Sam 274-7, Dylan 365-9, Carson 263-7, Jacob 251-5, Hunter G 248-5, Ryan 246-5, John 234-2 and Hunter B 179-2. An excellent showing for the first match of the season!

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League Results:

October 2016: Individual Sporter: match results will be published shortly. Individual Precision: match results will be published shortly. Team: match results will be published shortly.

Qualifications (NRA): Basic Marksman: Colt, Gage, Jacob, Seth, & Garrett. Expert: Ryan. Congratulations on your accomplishment!

New Personal High Score: Colt 120-1, Hunter B 202-0, Seth 166-4, Gage 127-0, Hunter G 248-5, Sean 290-16, Dylan 265-9, Jacob K, 106-0, Garrett 102-2, and Ryan 257-4.

Congratulation on setting a new personal high score!

Upcoming Events:

- 28 October, 2016: 2016 King George Invitational CMP sanctioned match, King George, VA
- 5 November, 2016: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 20 November, 2016: US Army Jr. Marksmanship Qualifier, IWL, Centerville, VA
- 3 December, 2016: ODJRL match, Post 72, Warrenton, VA
- 6 January, 2017: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- January, 2017 (NLT): CMP Postal Qualification match for regional competition, Post 72
- 27-29 January, 2017: US Army Jr. Marksmanship National Championship (invitation), Ft. Benning, GA
- 31 January, 2017 (NLT): American Legion Round 1 Postal Qualifier for National match.
- 3 February, 2017: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 3 March, 2017: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 31 March, 2017 (NLT): American Legion Round 2 Postal Qualifier (invitation) for National match.
- 15 April, 2017: American Legion, Dept. of VA, North Region Qualifier match, IWL, Centerville, VA
- 5-6 May, 2017: American Legion, Dept. of VA Championship match (invitation) Charlottesville, VA
- 26-28 June, 2017: CMP National Championship (invitation), Anniston, AL
- 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, 1800-2030hrs 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, Bob Roda, Andy

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Andrews, Patty Freeman, and Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)

Social Quarters / House Committee

We will be having some snacks in your Social Quarter on Veterans Day after the serves in town. It is almost time for Thanksgiving! The Social Quarters will be raffling off some Hams & Turkeys at \$1.00 per chances to help in your dinner plans. Come in and get a chance! Bring your friends out to dinner on Friday nights, good food at a good price!! We still have a very nice S&W 45cal pistol up for raffle in your Social Quarters right now some get your chance ASAP. 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 will continue our highly enjoyed lunch each day as well as our Friday night Steak & Sea Food dinners, please come out and enjoy and again always feel free to bring as many friends as you like. We also will continue with the Sunday breakfast.

As always, we want to thank all of our volunteers who come in and work so hard. Thanks to all of you!! We can always use more volunteers!! 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. Again, we will continue to serve "all you can eat" breakfasts every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm, just remember the kitchen is small and sometimes it takes a little time to get served. We are working to try and get your breakfast out to you faster.

Don't forget the people that are working the breakfast are volunteers!! 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 steak & seafood dinners. A reminder to all that there is no smoking permitted during Friday's dinner and 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 December Newsletter are due by November 25, 2016. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."

Photos from around the Post:



Post 72 Junior Shooters compete at King George Invitational CMP Match, Saturday, October 28, 2016



Post 72 ALR Bike and Car Show

