

News at Post 72

October 2013

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The Commander's Corner



Another Fall Season has arrived and there is distinct chill in the evening air. Soon, Mother Nature will once again display her colorful foliage for all of us to enjoy, here in Virginia.

Fauquier County Veterans Bridge Council President, Jay Pinsky was unable to attend our September business meeting to discuss this organization as planned. Hopefully he will be available for this month's meeting.

Also last month we briefly discussed the need to form a committee, as recommended by Comrade Bill Gouldthorpe, to address some of our Post's many needs and do some strategic and long term planning. I will be asking each of you to volunteer or make some suggestions on how we can improve our facility and our financial situation.

As a member of the Post 72 Junior Shooters Team, I am happy to report that our Junior Shooters are continuing to improve with the new rifles and our upgraded equipment. As our team's reputation grows, just last week we had a visitor from the Winchester American Legion Post attend our practice to learn how to organize and run a shooting program.

Also, recently our own Claude Davenport has assumed the position of 16th District Junior Shooter Chairman, and we need to thank him and give him all of our support.

I want to congratulate our Post 72 American Legion Riders for another great car and Bike Show held last Saturday. Due to the hard work of the ALR, and with help from the Social Quarters and the Junior Shooters it was quite a successful event.

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 October 06, 2013.

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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.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, October 08, 2013 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on the first Thursday again this month, on Thursday, October 03, 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.

For God and Country

Mike Freeman - Commander

Adjutant's Corner

Just a reminder to all especially the Executive Committee that the 16th District Fall Conference is scheduled for Sunday October 6, 2013 beginning at 2:00PM at Post 330 in Culpeper. Anyone wishing a ride can meet at Post 72 by not later than 1:30PM.

Also a reminder to the SQ, SAL, ALR, Plaza and General Account that Claude (F/O) and myself need your Income and Expense report for the year (July 1, 2012 through June 30,2013) to file our tax return as soon as possible. Please see Claude or myself with your information.

A special thanks goes to 1st Vice Commander Jesse Montgomery for a great job as our Membership Chairman.

Everyone keep "Miss Tootie" and all our members who are in ill health, all Veterans and those that serve America in your prayers. For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America

John H. Sinclair - Adjutant



Auxiliary News

Not much news to report at this time, as things have been fairly quiet around our Post.

October 2013

We will be having a "Lock Up Party" and a Halloween Party together on October 26, 2013, from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Come out and enjoy the festivities and bring friends and family along as well.

The Auxiliary will also be having another Silent Auction and Bake Sale in November. As additional information becomes available, I'll keep everyone posted.

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 Freda in your thoughts and prayers.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be held on Sunday, October 13, 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

At our September SAL breakfast, our Commander's wife, Patty Freeman, won the gift card from Tractor Supply. Also, thanks to Donna, Joe, Cale, Jules, Clint and Mike Anderson for all their efforts. Our October breakfast will be the 20th. This is the time of the year that the air gets cool and along with your breakfast you can receive some of Uncle Ted's fried apples. These apples are fresh from the orchard. We will also be giving away a gallon of cider and a bushel of apples to some lucky winner.

Our next SAL meeting is October 1, 2013. All members are pleased asked to attend for the meeting at 6:30. The same night at 7:00 we will have a guest speaker Mr. Tim Nosal, a Legionnaire who works with The American Battle Monument Commission. He will be telling us about some of the things he is responsible for and the various duties of his group. His son Pete is one of the boy scouts that meet at our Legion.

I have some more good news. We will once again be giving away, at our December breakfast, \$400 Safeway gift cards. It is our annual holiday food raffle. Tickets will be available sometime in early October. I hope many of our members can help with our wintertime project.

Looking forward to October - boy oh

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boy can't you just smell those apples cooking!
For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

Old Man Winter is lurking around the corner, the weather's is turning cold and the leaves are changing and dropping. Time to breakout the winter riding gear!

I must take time to thank this month's breakfast crew Sam, Cathy, Donna and myself for another successful breakfast. Thanks again to Donna for her continued support preparing all the essentials, and helping throughout the breakfast.

If you missed the ALR Bike and Car Show you missed a perfect day of weather, Bikes, Cars, and Trucks. As your Riders Director I would like to Thank the supporters of our show, from our t-shirt sponsors to our vendors who set up the tables, and other supporters that gave us items for out goodie-bags. Thanks to Joe Grimsley, his helpers and the Social Quarters staff for doing the food and refreshments.

A HUGE thanks goes to Paul Baker for working the t-shirt details out, the trophies, and our new dash plates this year. Our t-shirts will be available for anyone that did not get one the day of the event for a small fee of \$12.00 each, or you can save \$3 if you by two for \$21.00. I would like to also thank all of the riders who worked tirelessly to make this a successful event, again this year. So please give them a big slap on the back, or buy them a drink they need it, LOL. We hope that next year even more of our members will be able to pitch in to make the event bigger and better. The Bike & Car Show is our biggest fundraiser for our veteran's charities. We also hold annual Poker Runs, which help raise additional funds to support numerous veteran charities.

Our next ALR meeting is Oct.2, 2013 I would like for every rider to show up and support our meeting this month. We will be voting on some major issues and I would like all voices to be heard.

There are some great events coming up this month and a few rides that we should support. One ride is Oct.26 we will be doing an

ALR poker run from our post. Hope all can come out and volunteer for stops, or ride in what might be one of the last rides of your year, those fair weather riders.

As reported previously, we will also be holding a raffle for the corn hole boards on October 26th at our poker run. Please see a member to purchase tickets.

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

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

For God and Country,

Terrie Harné - 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:

White Water Campout: Everybody had a great time at the white water campout. We had a total of 30 youth and adults participate this year. In addition to the white water rafting, some of us were able to do the zip line experience, as well as go fishing and swimming in the lake. We had great camping conditions and the water temperature of the Gauley River was warmer than usual. While on the river no one fell out of the raft this year. We had several new people including five new scouts, six moms, and two from the Crew who went for their first time this year. It sounds like they want to go back next year. (Courtesy of Hunter W.)

Beach Campout: The beach campout was a great success. Despite the weather being windy and cool we had a lot of opportunities for bonding and having fun. Some kids went out crabbing. We met a coed troop next door from New Jersey; part Boy Scout Troop, part Crew and part Girl Scout Troop. We invited them over

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and played games in which we established some new friendships. The troop dug holes and we had a big slingshot to shoot water balloons at the new troop trailer. There is more than one way to get it washed! (Courtesy of Heather W.)

Assateague Barrier Island: The Assateague barrier island habitat can be harsh if you are not prepared but following the Scout Motto of "Be Prepared" fifteen Scouts and six adults of American Legion Troop 600 found camping at Assateague to be a pleasant experience. Camping in the Maryland district of Assateague Island they were prepared with firewood, sunscreen, insect repellent, screen tents for shade and insect protection, and long tent stakes to anchor tents in the sand and wind. While the Scouts explored the sandy beaches, salt marshes, maritime forests and coastal bays when not swimming, fishing or crabbing the adults rested, relaxed, and enjoy some time on the edge of the continent. All Troop 600 enjoyed the extraordinary Assateague Island wild horses beauty from a distance. (Courtesy of Mr. Kulick)

WIFI upgrade: To upgrade the Internet and wireless capabilities for the Post 72 Social Quarters customers, Troop 600 donated a brand new LinkSys AC1200 wireless router to the Post. Mr. Jones volunteered his time to install, configure and test the new router and reports that it is working just fine!

Current Notices:

Mulch Sale: The 2013 Fall Mulch Fundraiser matched last years' sales. With a forecast of sunny skies & mild temps, Troop 600 couldn't ask for a better day for delivery! We thank everyone for their continued support of the Troop and our mulch fundraisers. Troop 600 has some VERY loyal customers returning season after season! (Courtesy of Ms. Wotton)

Communications Merit Badge: The Cobra Patrol will be working on the Communications Merit Badge with Mrs. Wotton starting October 3rd. The merit badge was also opened up to the entire Troop if any other scout wanted to work on the merit badge. (Courtesy of Ms. Wotton)

Upcoming Events:

Sept 28 (Saturday) Mulch delivery
Oct 5-6 (Saturday & Sunday) Mulch spreading

October 12-13 (Saturday & Sunday)

Mulch spreading

October 27 (Sunday) Fall Court of Honor

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: None

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:

The Crew is also looking into holding a Wilderness First Aid class in the near future, if there are enough participants.

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):

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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 up and running with its 2013 / 2014 season. This last month, we welcomed two new shooters, Jackson and Penny to the Post 72 Team. Jackson and Penny will be taking the American Legion Basic Marksmen Course (BMC) along with John, Zack, and Savannah. Once the course is completed, they will be qualified to compete in the American Legion and other sanctioned competitions in the area.

We would also like to welcome Quentin Peach on board as a Certified 4H Rifle Instructor/Coach. Quentin will be assisting the current cadre with weekly practices and competitions. Quentin is a member of Post 72 and is also closely involved with the Post 72 scouting program as the Advisor to Crew 600.

The Team as a whole continues to enhance their 3 position shooting skills. A specific example is Max H. who recorded a new personal and Post 72 Team high score of 254. Congratulations to Max on his outstanding accomplishment!

As mentioned last month, the Post 72 Team will be competing in six competitions with the Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL). This year, the Post 72 Team cadre is teaming up with the Post 290 ALJSSP Team cadre to open a new "ODJRL North" location. The new location will be hosted at Post 290, in Stafford, VA, and will be supported by the Post 72 cadre and Orion scoring system. Not only will the closer location save the Post 72 Team almost two hours driving time each month, it will open up the completion to several more ALJSSP teams in Northern Virginia. Mark your calendars: The scheduled competitions so far are: 12 October, 9 November, and 14 December. We will try to schedule the Post 72 team mid morning.

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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.

Upcoming Events:

12 October: ODJRL competition

9 November: ODJRL competition

14 December: ODJRL competition

December: American Legion National Post Competition

April 2014: ALJSSP Northern Region, Department of Virginia Competition

Practice Times: The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team practices on Thursday evenings, from 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 & Country

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 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

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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 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 want all to enjoy the night of dining out we will gladly make that hamburger with love!

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

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Come out and have some fun with us!

Articles for the November Newsletter are due by October 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



ALR Director Terrie Harne and Sgt at Arms Ed Deneale have a dance at the Car and Bike Show



Post 72 Junior Shooters at a recent practice



Judy Shoemaker and Julie Gordon at the Car and Bike show.