

# News at Post 72 September 2017

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## **Post 72 Officers**

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

*Commander: Claude Davenport*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Mike Freeman*

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

### **Auxiliary Officers:**

*President: Donna Webb*

*Vice President: "Shell" Ferguson*

*Secretary: "Shell" Ferguson*

*Treasurer: Patty Freeman*

*Chaplain: Elaine Deneale*

*Sergeant at Arms: Vacant*

*Historian: Vacant*

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

*Commander: Ted Kilby*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Jules Juliano*

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

As you have seen on tv, we are in the middle of the 2017 hurricane season. I would like to ask everyone to take a moment to remember all of the folks affected by Hurricane Harvey and Irma.

We have recently learned that Past Post 72 Commander Ken Martin's adult son Kevin Martin, is undergoing treatment for cancer. Past Commander Ken Martin has said he would sincerely appreciate our thoughts and prayers for his son and family during this trying time.

Ken is in touch with his son every day. Kevin will be heading to New York for his second treatment this week. Kevin lives in Crozet, VA, and has 2 children, a son who has just started classes at Christopher Newport College and a daughter who is a senior in High School.

Our thanks to SAL Adjutant Clint Bolt for following up with Ken and providing the information on Kevin's status.

We were very successful in rebuilding both doors of the large shed this past Saturday. My personal thanks to Mike Freeman, George Morgan, Brent & Cindy Carter, Greg Pinelli, and Chuck Trude for jumping in to complete the task, a job well done. An additional thanks to Brent & Cindy for cleaning out and reorganizing the medical aid equipment we have on hand in the shed.

If anyone knows of a veteran who is in need of any wheelchairs, crutches, toilet chairs, adjustable bed, or other items, please let Service Officer John Bush at: [serviceofficer@legionpost72.org](mailto:serviceofficer@legionpost72.org) so he can follow up on the request.

The property development project continues to move forward. Final documents have been signed for funding and initial construction agreements. As always, I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received.

### **We still have several projects the Post can use a hand with:**

- We can really use a couple folks on Friday evening, to collect on a free dinner by just helping with the Friday Night Steak and Seafood dinner. Please contact the Social

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Quarters to help out and collect your dinner!

- We can use some help serving the daily lunch service.

- If you can volunteer for a Sunday Breakfast, please contact Paul Baker at the Social Quarters.

- We can always use some extra hands for building and grounds tasks around the Post. Brent and Cindy have done a great job with the grass cutting, filling in for Stan while he is out of pocket.

- Come join us on the First Friday of each month at the Town of Warrenton First Friday's events. The Post will have a booth set up on Main Street. This month's event is on 1 September.

Once again, 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 is still a great way to start a Sunday! Come in for breakfast every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm. Enjoy the excellent chow and great fellowship.

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.

I would like to invite and encourage all Post 72 Legionnaire members to attend the monthly business meetings. It is imperative that we conduct our regular business and address any ideas; suggestions or concerns to help our post and organization perform better.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on the third Tuesday, 19 September, 2017 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on the Thursday before the business meeting, 14 September, 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](mailto:commander@legionpost72.org)

For God and Country

**Claude Davenport** – Commander



## Adjutant's Corner

Folks, Here is the link to the Texas American Legion site should you like work through them to help out with the hurricane and flooding disaster there. Department of Texas web site <https://txlegion.org/2017/08/28/national-emergency-fund-available-for-texas>

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.

We also need some members to volunteer their time and skills as Auxiliary Officers. If you are interested in serving, please contact Patty Freeman, via email: [off2oc1@comcast.net](mailto:off2oc1@comcast.net), or Donna Webb on 540-345-7740.

I don't have anything else to report this month. Our next breakfast is Sunday, September 10, 2017, and we could use some additional volunteer's help. Our monthly meeting will be held immediately following breakfast.

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

This coming week we will be receiving raffle tickets for our annual grocery give away. The drawing for this event will be held on December 17, 2017 at noon. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting to get some tickets to start selling for our annual fundraiser.

I had the opportunity to attend the Legion College last month in Richmond. It was good to see many new faces at the college, and it was very encouraging.

Adjutant Clint Bolt just returned from the annual meeting in Reno, Nevada. Clint just finished one year as being the chairman of the

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National VA&R committee for the Sons. This now makes Clint the front runner to be the National Commander of the SAL for 2019 - 2020. Congratulations to Clint and thanks for the many hours he has put in here in Virginia and the many offices he has held.

The next SAL meeting is at 7:00pm, Tuesday, September 5th 2017.

For God and Country

**Ted Kilby** – SAL Commander



## Legion Riders News

August is always a busy month for motorcycle enthusiasts and the American Legion Riders are certainly flush with motor fans from all walks of life. As enjoyable as a summer ride can be down the byways of Virginia, we are all frequently reminded of the danger associated with riding a motorcycle even in large groups on less travelled roadways. Nationwide in 2015, more than 4500 motorcyclists lost their lives, many of those involving contact with another motor vehicle or in an attempt to avoid contact. While accidents do happen and there may be no explanation for all of them, many of these fatalities could have been avoided if both drivers and riders were more alert to their surroundings. Although the 2016 statistics are not yet released, it is expected that these numbers remained fairly flat last year.

As a public engagement arm of the American Legion, the ALR would like to remind riders to exercise particular caution when operating motorcycles on roadways shared by other motor vehicles and to personally take responsibility for your safety and the safety of those around you by adhering to the laws and rules of the road whenever you are riding. Be alert for distracted drivers and give yourself plenty of room to maneuver should the need arise. Ensure your motorcycle is in good running order (or as good as possible for foreign motorcycles) especially making sure your machine is well lit and all signals are bright and operational. If riding in a group, maintain a close but safe distance between motorcycles and remain alert for cars that may want to join in on the ride without invitation. Finally, always take the high road by avoiding confrontations

with other road users and elect to slow down or pull off in order to live another day to ride. Each member of our group is a precious possession and we want everyone to ride safe and stay alert.

In September, the ALR is looking forward to its first group ride this season, a ride on the famous skyline drive following by an evening of camping at the Willville Motorcycle Campground, Meadows of Dan, VA. We will depart the legion on September 9<sup>th</sup> and return late on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We are excited for this opportunity to stretch our legs on a long ride and then tell motorcycle war stories around the campfire while we sip hot chocolate and eat Smores (or similar).

The ALR is also proud to announce a charity event being hosted by fellow veteran Motorcycle club. The desert Knights will be hosting the 3d Annual Desert Knights MC Dustoff benefitting the Fisher House charities. The event will be held at American Legion Post 28 in Triangle, Virginia from 2PM to 7 PM and will include live music, drawings, and plenty of motorcycle games. We encourage riders and non-riders to support this worthwhile event and continue the charitable giving that is the lifeblood for veteran support activities like Fisher House.

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 5 th 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 Eagle Scout Candidates continue to complete their Eagle projects.
- Allen's Eagle Project is almost completed. The roofing is done and just needs to add the

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trim, doors, and paint his shed at Heartwood Ministries.

- Joshua has project paperwork is completed and he is ready to begin a walking path at the outdoor classroom at Auburn Middle School.
- Scouts and leaders are coordinating with Pack 1166 and other some other scouts for some future joint adventures.

### **Upcoming Scout Events:**

- Scouts are planning a day trip to Go Ape on September 23rd
- Planning has begun on the annual Turkey In the Hole campout and dinner.

### **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:**

- The 2017/2018 Warrenton Rifles season has started!! We would like to welcome six new shooters to the "Rifles" this year. Help us provide a warm Post 72 welcome to Julia, Alexia, Dan, Ian, Brandon, and Toly. They have started their Basic Marksmanship Certification and should be a viable part of the Rifles in the next six weeks. Welcome aboard!
  - Eight Warrenton Rifles competed in the 2017 4-H North District air rifle competition in Culpeper, Va. The Rifles results out of the 23 competitors were outstanding, with winning overall individual 1st thru 5th, 8th, 9th & 11th place, **And the 1st place sporter team.** Individual scores were Seth 255-4, Carson 255-4, Jacob S 253-5, John 251-2, Dylan 249-5, Hunter G 244-2, Gage 231-0, and Hunter B 195-4.
  - In the 4-H North District Senior Division, Carson placed 1st, Jacob 2nd, and John 3rd . In the Junior Division, Seth placed 1st and Gage placed 2<sup>nd</sup> , an awesome performance to represent the Rifles!!!
  - The Warrenton Rifles Team score (top 3 shooters) was an excellent 759-11, an awesome 184 points above the 2nd place team. Congratulations Warrenton Rifle on your superior performance!!
  - We are rebuilding our standby list for next year, so if you know of a boy or girl, 11-18 who would be interested in becoming a team member, please have them contact Mr. D at [ssa\\_davenport@hotmail.com](mailto:ssa_davenport@hotmail.com) or 540-270-1442.
- Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL),  
**ORION Individual Results:**  
The 2017/2018 season will start in October 2017.
- Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL),  
**MARCH League Results:**  
The 2017/2018 season will start in October 2017.
- Qualifications (NRA):**  
No NRA advancements this month.  
Personal High Score:

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Last season's Warrenton Rifles members high 3x10 sores are as follows: Hunter B – 229; Seth – 265; John – 267; Gage – 242; Hunter G – 258; Dylan -265; Jacob K – 204; Ryan – 269; Jacob S. – 267; and Carson – 273. This has been a fantastic season and has resulted in some awesome records for the Warrenton Rifles.

## Upcoming Events:

- 9 & 10 September, 2017: Virginia 4-H State Championship, Holiday Lake, VA
- October 2017: ODJRL match at Post 290
- 28 October, 2017: CMP Cup, King George High School, King George, VA
- 29 October, 2017: CMP Cup and US Army Junior Marksmanship Sectional
- November 2017: ODJRL match at Post 290
- December 2017: ODJRL match at Post 290

## Practice Times:

During the regular season, the Post 72 Warrenton Rifles Teams 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, Andy Andrews, and Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)**

## Social Quarters / House Committee

Don't forget to 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 want to thank all the people that help out on Friday night, without them we couldn't do the dinners. Remember we always can use help on Friday nights serving the dinners we have. It is fun and you get your dinner free for helping. Please let Paul or Donna know if you can help on a Friday night dinner.

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.

We have a gun up for raffle from our your Social Quarters, so please take a chance and support us. 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. We always need **help** for this event if you want it to continue.

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](http://www.legionpost72.org)  
**Paul L. Baker - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman**

**Articles for the October Newsletter are due by September 25, 2017. Please email them to [Off2oc1@comcast.net](mailto:Off2oc1@comcast.net) Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."**

## Photos from around the Post:



**New doors built and installed by our member volunteers on the Post 72 shed**