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Commander: Claude Davenport 1st Vice Commander: Mike Freeman 2nd Vice Commander: Brent Carter Adjutant: George Morgan Finance Officer: Mike Hays 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: Laura Riggins Secretary: Patty Freeman Treasurer: Patty Freeman Chaplain: Savannah Christian Sergeant at Arms: Savannah Christian Historian: Vacant

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Director: Terrie Harne Assistant Director: Faye Brewster Adjutant: Brent Carter Treasurer: Steve Ralls Sergeant at Arms: Brian O'Loughlin Run Coordinator: Brent Carter Membership Chairman: Steve Ralls Chaplain: Samuel Jesselson

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The Commander's Corner

I would like thank Brent Carter for accepting the Chairmanship of the House (Building & Grounds) Committee. Brent secured the assistance of Brian O'Loughlin and Cindy Carter as committee members thus far and is looking for an SAL and Auxiliary member for the committee. The committee will be assessing what needs to be done around the Post and prioritizing those items for completion. If you would still like to throw your have in the ring for a committee, please contact me at my email, commander@legionpost72.org or my cell, 540-270-1442.

Our thoughts and prayers go out the Finance Officer Mike Hays and family on the passing of his mother, Ms. Eileen J. Hays. Eileen was the wife of a Korean War Veteran, the mother of a Gulf War Veteran, and grandmother of two current service members. Ms. Hays will be interned in Indiana this week. At present, it is expected that a celebration of her life will be at Grace Bible Church in Marshall, VA on Saturday 2 March, 2018. Additional information will be provided as received.

The property development project is moving along with infrastructure plans and possessing for finalization of construction funding. It is expected the official start of "ground breaking" will be this summer when the construction funding is awarded. We are moving forward as rapidly as possible. As always, I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received.

At the membership meeting 20 February, the subject of making the Post a nonsmoking facility was brought up. Brent Carter is collecting input from the Post family for presentation, and a possible motion at the 20 March membership meeting. Please contact Brent with any input you may have.

As always, 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

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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 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 Post home on the third Tuesday, 20 March, 2018 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting at the Post home, on the Thursday before the business meeting, 15 March, 2018, 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 <u>commander@legionpost72.org</u>.

For God and Country *Claude Davenport – Commander*



Adjutant's Corner

The Post has five new members, approved at the February General Membership Meeting. Please welcome Douglas Newton (USN), Lewis Arnette (USN), Daniel Weber (USA), Joseph Hays (USA), and Carol Kirkland (USN). We also have a new transfer to the Post, James Kerr (USA), from Post 39 in Arizona. Jim has already stepped up to help out on the Post's Service Committee.

The amendments proposed last month to the Post's By Laws and Constitution were approved by the membership at the February meeting. Updates formalize the change in the General Membership Meeting date from the 2nd to the 3rd Tuesday of the month, as well as minor text and format changes.

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.

I also want to thank all of our members who contributed to help pay for the recognition of my twenty years of dedicated service here at Post 72. Thanks to the SAL and Auxiliary for their donations as well as the social quarter for the D.J., the plaque and a special thanks to Brian. Our next breakfast is Sunday, March 11, 2018, and we could use some additional volunteer's help. Our monthly meeting will be held immediately following breakfast. I want to again recognize Brian for cooking breakfasts for the Auxiliary.

Our thanks also go out to Leroy, Brian and of course Neil for being here and constantly helping out with our post dinners.

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

On February 3rd, 2018, SAL member Darryl Lee participated in the picking up of the Christmas wreaths that decorated the graves at Oak Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg. Darryl has been involved with the Wreaths across America since it started. Every year the wreaths are placed the 2nd week of December. We thank him for his dedication to this event.

Clint Bolt recently attended the midwinter meeting in Norfolk. After the meeting, the SAL attendees participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the military cemetery in Phoebus. Dual member and SAL Commander Willie Morgan's post is named after this Korean war veteran.

I bumped into many old friends at the Saturday surprise party celebrating Donna's 20 years of service to the American Legion social quarters. Legionnaire Paul Baker presented her with a nice plaque for the event. Much thanks and congratulations to Donna for her years of

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service.

Our next SAL meeting will be held March 6, 2018 at 7:00pm at the post. Thank you to Mikie, Clint, Brandon and Paul for helping with February SAL breakfast. The next SAL breakfast will be March 18, 2018, and we hope to see many of our friends and neighbors there. If you can attend be sure to bring a friend.

The American Legion department of Virginia spring conference will be held March 9-11. Hope some members will be able to attend. For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

The winter chill may have forced our motorcycles into the garage for the season, but the Post 72 American Legion Riders continue to be a force for good supporting the post. During this month's breakfast, we thought we were heading for the most sold record again and ended up turning in a respectable 47 breakfasts sold. Although shy of the record 57 (also held by the Riders), it was another positive opportunity to fellowship with other members and serve the community while raising operating funds for the post. Our next sponsored breakfast will be held on March 25th from 0900 – noon. Come out and support our legion and meet Rider Brian whose waffles have become part of local legend.

Faye Brewster, our Deputy Director, is close on the final arrangements for the first annual 2018 Riders Spring Poker Run. The ride, scheduled for April 7th, will travel over 105 miles of beautiful Shenandoah Valley scenery and a run through the north side of beautiful Lake Anna before finishing at the Culpepper American Legion Post. For more information and to purchase hands, head to our website at http://www.legionpost72.0rg/2018-Spring-Poker-Run. Good luck and let's ride. 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:

- Scouts are planning for spring and summer events and upcoming Court of Honor.
- Our congratulations to Jeffrey for successfully completing his Eagle Board of Review. Jeffery is Troop 600 newest Eagle Scout!!

Upcoming Scout Events:

• 7 & 8 April, 2018: Spring mulch delivery **Meeting information:** The Scouts general meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday evening of the month, from 1915 – 2030 hours (7:15pm – 8:30pm) upstairs at the Post 72 meeting hall. 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,

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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 threepart program that combines the Basic Marksmanship Course, Qualification Awards and Air Rifle Competition into a well-rounded activity.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

- Twelve Warrenton Rifles participated in the 2018 Junior Olympic 3PAR, Virginia sectional on 25 February, 2018. Four of the "Rifles", Seth, John, Jacob & Carson, scored high enough to gualify for competition in the Final 8, which is the top 8 athletes, compete in standing position for 10 additional shots. Our congratulations to Seth for his 1st place finish in the Final 8. The Warrenton Rifles Cobra team, Seth, Jacob, John & Ryan, placed 2nd with a score of 2,082-38, which gualified them for the 2018 National JO Championship in Camp Perry, OH in June 2018. Way to go Cobra Team!! The Python team, Carson, Dylan, Hunter G & Gage, finished third in the competition with a 2,008-42, an awesome showing. Individual scores are below.
- Seven Warrenton Rifles have been invited to participate in the 2018 Civilian Marksmanship Program, North Eastern Regional Championship. John, Dylan, Jacob, & Seth, with Gage as the alternate, will represent the Cobra team. Carson and Hunter G have been invited as individuals. Ryan was invited but is unable to participate due to other activities.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL) February 2018 Individual Results: 59 shooters participated in the February match. The Warrenton Rifles athletes individual results were: 1st place – Seth 273-13; 3rd Ryan 262-8; 5th Jacob 261-3; 7th Dylan 257-6; 9th John 254-2; 12th Hunter G. 252-5; 15th Gage 246-2; 19th Hunter B 240-2; 20th Julia 234-2; 22nd Alexis 230-4; 28th Toly 233-1; 41th Daniel 192-0; 43rd and Brandon 177-1.

ODJRL January 2018 Team Results: 11 teams participated in the February match. Warrenton Rifles Cobra Team comprised of Seth, Ryan, Jacob & Dylan placed 1st place with a 1,053-30.

ODJRL December 2017 League Results:

Results for the December ODJRL class places are: Seth AAE class 1st; Jacob AAE class 2nd; John AAE class 3rd; Ryan AAE class 4th; Hunter G AAT class 1st; Gage AAT class 3rd; Julia B class 1st; Alexis B class 3rd; Toly C class 2nd; Brandon TYRO class 1st; and Daniel TYRO B class 6th.

ODJRL January 2018 League Results: Results for the December ODJRL class places are: Jacob AAE class 1st; Seth AAE class 2nd; John AAE class 3rd; Ryan AAE class 4th; Dylan AAE class 5th; Hunter G AAT class 1st; Gage AAT class 2nd; Julia A class 3rd; Alexis B class 2nd; Hunter B B class 3rd; Toly B class 4th; Brandon C class 1st; and Daniel TYRO B class 3rd.

Junior Olympic, State of Virginia Sectional Results: Individual results from the 25 February match are: Seth 533-8 3rd place; Carson 522-18, 6th; Jacob 522-9 7th; John 521-11 8th; Ryan 506-10 11th; Dylan 501-9 13th; Hunter G 501-9 14th; Gage 484-6 16th; Alexis 444-5 20th; Toly 422-8 21st; and Brandon400-6 22nd.

Qualifications (NRA): The following advancements were made in January 2018: Sharpshooter: Alexis & Daniel. Our congratulation to Alexis and Daniel on their personal accomplishment!

Personal High Score: New personal high 3x10 scores were achieved by: Dan 205-0 & Brandon 226-2. New personal high 3x20 scores were achieved by: Alexis 456-3, & Brandon 435-4. Congratulations to all on their awesome accomplishments!!

Upcoming Events:

- 3 March 2018: ODJRL match at Post 290 (last ODJRL match of season)
- 7 & 8 April 2018: Troop 600 Mulch Delivery
- 12-14 April 2018: CMP Regional Match, Camp Perry, OH (by invitation)
- 21 April 2018: Dept of Virginia, North Region Championship
- 5 May 2018: Dept of Virginia, State Championship (by invitation)
- 21-23 June 2016: CMP National Championship (by invitation)

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

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evenings, 1830-2030hrs in the Legion Hall. The Team follows the Fauguier 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

A very big thanks to all the volunteers that have taken of their own time to come in and help clean up around the Social Quarters. It is so good to see members giving back to their facility.

We will be losing our young Friday night help; Elizabeth, Chase, & Joseph this March. They have other things scheduled that will not let them be here to help us. So, until we are back to finding some other help we will be looking for volunteers to help serve the food on Fridays. Please let me know if you can help!

Just to let all our members know I told Claude this will be my last term as Social Quarters Manager. I would like to thank all the members that have supported me during my 7 years of service to the Post. I have tried to do the best I could to bring funding into the Social Ouarters to help support the Post cost. But it is time that I get back to just being a member that can enjoy the Post. Still, I will help out when I can! Thanks!

Don't forget to come in for lunch during the week, it is very good food at a very good price, and of course our Friday Night Dinners which has been and still a very big hit. Don't miss out on good fun, & food!

We still have plans to move the Tiki Bar to the pad and re-do the back patio with an over hang. We hope to make this place members can meet and eat outside as well as inside. There is still a lot of work to come to get this done and all the help we can get will be needed.

We still have our gun raffles and pull-tab games going on at your Social Quarters, so come on in and enjoy them.

Don't forget the Sunday breakfast from 9:00am to noon, still only \$7.00 for all you can eat. Brian O'Loughlin is cooking on the 1st, 2nd, &

4th Sundays as well as the 5th Sunday when needed, so he still plans to have Belgium Waffles as one of the specials when he is cooking, he also has been doing Scrapple. Brian has a special way of cooking his scrapple, so please come in and give it a try.

Wii-Fi is available at the Social Quarters at no cost or log in code. Please remember about our outstanding WEB page at www.legionpost72.org Paul L. Baker - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman

Articles for the April Newsletter are due by March 25, 2018. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor." Photos from around the Post:



Post 72 Junior Shooters display their medals won at the Junior Olympic 3PAR Competition. L-R Seth, John, Ryan and



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