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Post 72 Officers

American Legion Post 72 Officers:

Commander: Claude Davenport 1st Vice Commander: Mike Freeman 2nd Vice Commander: Mike Hays Adjutant: George Morgan Finance Officer: Vacant Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard Sergeant at Arms: Brian O'Loughlin Chaplain: Steve McLeod Service Officer: John Bush Historian: Vacant

Auxiliary Officers:

President: Odetta Dietz Vice President: Samantha Hays Secretary: Vicki White Treasurer: Michelle Hays Chaplain: Julie Anderson Sergeant at Arms: Vacant Historian: Lisa Kemper

Sons of the American Legion:

Commander: Ted Kilby 1st Vice Commander: Jules Juliano 2nd Vice Commander: Darryl Lee Adjutant: Clint Bolt Finance Officer: Clint Bolt Sergeant at Arms: Joe Lechuar Chaplain: Corky Church Service Officer: Vacant Historian: Vacant

American Legion Riders:

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

American Legion Post 72 Corporation:

Jim Rankin Paul Baker Vacant Sam Jesselson Jack Flood



The Commander's Corner

Congratulations to the 2018/2019 Post Officers and Board of Directors elected at the 19 June membership meeting. Post Officers elected were: Commander - Claude Davenport; 1st Vice Commander - Mike Freeman; 2nd Vice Commander - Brent Carter (resigned); Service Officer - John Bush; Chaplin - Steve McLeod; Finance Officer – Cindy Carter (resigned); Judge Advocate – Jonathan Lienhard; and Sergeant At Arms – Mike Hays. Since the election, Brent and Cindy have resigned their positions. The Executive Committee has met and appointed Mike Hays as 2nd Vice Commander and Brian O'Loughlin as Sergeant At Arms to fulfill the terms.

Board of Directors elected were: Paul Baker, Jim Rankin, Sam Jesselson and Jack Flood. The Executive Committee is in the process of locating a member to fill the open Historian position and the Board of Directors is in the process of locating a member to fill one open Board of Directors seat. Newly elected Post officers will be installed at the 17 July membership meeting.

The property development project building plans have been submitted and accepted and is expecting to receive the building permit very soon. The official ground breaking is tentatively scheduled for late August. We will send out an invite for the ground breaking event when the schedule is confirmed and final arrangements made. We are moving forward as rapidly as possible. As always, I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received.

The House Committee has completed extensive research on updating the Social Quarters menu and pricing. The new pricing structure is directly linked to the Social Quarters cost of food and beverages. Please join me in thanking the House Committee getting us up to date and on a job well done. The new menu and pricing should be launched on 15 July.

Our thanks to Comrade Ed Deneale for his donation of two new patio table/chair sets to enhance our Tiki Bar area experience.

My heartfelt thanks to all of the Post 72 volunteers who put in their time to help out

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around the post. Their contributions ensure that our Post home remains open for everyone to enjoy.

I invite all Post 72 Legionnaires 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, 17 July, 2018 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting is at the Post home, the Thursday before the business meeting, 12 July, 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

At the June General Members Business meeting, the Post held its annual elections for the 2018-2019 term. The Executive Committee officers voted in are Claude Davenport -Commander, George Morgan – Adjutant, Mike Freeman - 1st Vice Commander, Brent Carter-(resigned) 2nd Vice, Cindy Carter – (resigned) Finance, John Bush - Service, Steve McLeod -Chaplain, Jonathan Lienhard - Judge Advocate, and Mike Hays – Sqt-at-Arms. At time of vote, there was no candidate for Historian and so the position will be appointed by the Executive Committee. The Board of Directors voted in are Paul Baker, Jim Rankin, Jack Flood, Sam Jesselson. The fifth position was unfilled at the time and a new member will appointment by the Board.

Other items of interest from the meeting: The theme for the July 'First Friday' in Warrenton is Veteran appreciation. Come out and join the festivities.

Post 72 welcomes two more new

members: George Hinkley/USMC and Bryant Anderson/USAF. 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.

Our next breakfast is Sunday, July 08, 2018, and we could use some additional volunteer's help.

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

For God and Country *Odetta Dietz* – *President*



Sons of the Legion News

The SAL served 54 adults and 5 children at our Father's Day breakfast. Thanks to Clint Bolt, John Andrews, Darryl Lee, Jules Juliano, and one of our newer members John Kemper. Also thanks to Terri Harne for keeping things going behind the counter. In attendance at our breakfast, was Robert, Ziggy and Paula from post 247, and Sonny Dickerson, the incoming 16th District Commander, who is from Post 330 in Culpeper. It was good to see so many familiar faces and thanks to everyone that attended.

We would like to remind every of our Convention July 12-14, at Dulles. We would like as many SAL members to attend as possible. Our portion of meeting is from 12-4 on Saturday.

The results of our yearly election are as follows: Commander- Ted Kilby; 1st Vice- Jules Juliano; 2nd Vice- Darryl Lee; Adjutant and Finance- Clint Bolt; Sergeant at Arms- Joe Lechuar; Chaplain- Corky Church

The next SAL breakfast will be Sunday, July 15, 2018 For God and Country **Ted Kilby** – SAL Commander

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Legion Riders News

Thanks to all of you who participated in the ALR poker run Last Saturday, June 30, 2018. You guys are the best!!!

Special thanks to Claude Davenport, Brian O'Loughlin, Judy Shoemaker, Deb Olson, Paul Baker, Brent and Cindy Carter, Darrell Lee and Juanita Barnett! Without all of you this would not have been the success it was!

I believe we should be able to send a boy and girl to State with these funds raised from this successful event.

On Tuesday, 24 July 2018, from 1130 to 2300hrs, Dogfish Head Alehouse, 13041 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy, Fairfax, will be holding a fundraiser for the Northern Virginia Veterans Association. 15% of ALL sales will go to NOVA Vets. Hope to see you there.

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:

• Troop 600 is finalizing an upcoming canoe trip. The date will be announced after we know how many people will be attending.

Upcoming Scout Events:

• Canoe trip in July.

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.

<u>Crew 600:</u>

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

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

- On 21-23 June, six Warrenton Rifles participate in the 2018 CMP and Junior Olympic National Championship in Camp Perry, Ohio. Seth, Ryan, Jacob, John, Hunter G and Gage represented the Warrenton Rifles well. Seth finished 4th place for his age group in both the Junior Olympic and CMP National matches. This was the fifth time in as many years that Post 72 was represented at the CMP & JO National Championships. A job well done to the Warrenton Rifles.
- Excellence in Competition points were awarded to John and Seth for their performance at the CMP National

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Championship. Congratulations to John and Seth for their accomplishment!

 The Warrenton rifles have completed a very successful 2017/2018 season. We have shifted to the summer practice schedule and will have open practice about every other Thursday until the start to school, Wednesday 15 August, 2018.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL) Individual Results: ODJRL season will

resume in October 2018.

ODJRL Team Results: ODJRL season will resume in October 2018.

ODJRL February 2018 League Results: ODJRL season will resume in October 2018.

Qualifications (NRA): NRA qualifications will resume on 15 August 2018.

Personal High Score: Tracking of personal scores will resume on 15 August 2018

Upcoming Events:

- 11 Aug 2018: 4-H, North region Fall Shooting Sports, Culpeper, VA
- 7-9 Sep 2018: VA 4-H State match, Holiday Lake 4-H Center, Appomattox, VA
- 1 Oct 16 Dec 2018: US Army Junior Air Rifle Sectional
- 19-21 Oct: 4-H Instructors Course, Holiday Lake 4-H Center, Appomattox, VA
- 31 Jan 2 Feb 2019 US Army Junior Rifle National Championships Fort Benning, GA.

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.

Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team Cadre: Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Lance Davenport, Andy Andrews, and Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)

Social Quarters / House Committee

First and most importantly, let me take this opportunity to thank all of you, our loyal

patrons and guests, who are the key to the success of the Post 72 Social Quarters. I hope you have enjoyed the service and opportunity upgrades that Cathy, Terrie, Kim, Joe, and our amazing volunteers have put into the post. We look forward to our next opportunity to serve you while raising important resources to support veterans' charities in the local community.

A special thanks to Ed Deneale who routinely takes out the trash and has bought two sets of patio furniture for our post. Also thanks goes to Brian O'Loughlin for the new popcorn popper. I would also be remiss if we didn't recognize all of our volunteers... Bruce, Julie, Mike Hayes, Kim Davenport, and Ed Deneale.

Over the past few months, The Social Quarters' Manager and House Committee identified several areas requiring improvement in the way the facility operates, the quality and variety of our food and beverage service, the performance of our staff, and the entertainment value of our various gaming opportunities. During our review, we determined that many of our food and beverage prices, originally set more than five years ago, were actually costing the post money rather than allowing us to raise funds for our many programs. In short, we were losing money on some of our more popular items and the dramatic increase in customers made the rate of loss unsustainable.

This month, on behalf of the House Committee, I asked the Executive committee to approve pricing increases to many of our menu items to return our operations to positive revenue generation so we could continue our improvement while providing the lifeblood necessary for the post and our programs to operate in the future. We were diligent to ensure price increases were modest and did not change the nature of our Social Quarters: **A Great Place to get a Great Meal at a Great Price.** Even with the price increases, we remain well below similar offerings in the community that are available to non-members and guests.

On behalf of the House Committee, thanks for your continued support and patience as we work to improve your social quarters.

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For more information on these and other post programs, visit our website at <u>www.leginpost72.org</u>. *Brent Carter - House Committee Chairman*

Articles for the August Newsletter are due by July 25, 2018. Please email them to <u>Off2oc1@comcast.net</u> Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor." Photos from around the Post







One of the groups riding in the Post 72 ALR Poker Run, Saturday, June 30, 2018



Post 72 Junior Shooters at the CMP Nationals, Camp Perry, Ohio, L-R, Front row, Gage, Ryan. Back Row, L-R, Commander/Coach Claude Davenport, Coach "JD" Davenport, Jacob, Hunter, Seth, John, Past Commander/Coach Mike Freeman