

News at Post 72 August 2017

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American Legion Post 72 Officers:

Commander: Claude Davenport

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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

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Secretary: "Shell" Ferguson

Treasurer: Patty Freeman

Chaplain: Elaine Deneale

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Historian: Vacant

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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

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. The property development project is moving along at a nice pace, with the infrastructure and easement surveys and documents submitted to the Town this month. As always, I will keep everyone updated as additional information is received.

Please join me in congratulating Sam Jesselson for being recognized by the American Legion, Department of Virginia, Legion Riders, with a special appreciation plaque for his work setting up the Veterans Thank You Card Project.

Those in attendance at the Social Quarters Tiki Bar Opening had a great time! There was some excellent comradery, chow and beverages. Chef Paul did an awesome job on the burgers and dogs. The Social Quarters has a few more tickets for the upcoming Cash Bash, on Saturday, 5 August, 2017. Only 300 tickets will be sold for dinner and beverages as well as chances of winning hundreds of dollars in cash and two firearms. Please see the Social Quarters for you tickets.

With comrades heading out of town on vacations and such, we need some additional volunteers to step up and help out with the Post upkeep and projects.

- If you have a couple hours on Friday evening, and would like a free dinner, please call the Social Quarters to help with the Friday Night Steak and Seafood dinner.
- We can also use some help with 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.

• 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 4 August.

My heartfelt thanks to the Post 72 volunteers who put in their time to help out around the post. Their contributions ensure that

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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, 15 August, 2017 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next Executive Committee meeting will be on the Thursday before the business meeting, 10 August, 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.

For God and Country

Claude Davenport – Commander



Adjutant's Corner

Please welcome Will Robinson/USN and Emory Fletcher/USN to Post 72, two new members approved at July General Membership Meeting.

John Bush, our new Service Officer, is working on hosting a Disabilities Claim Clinic for the area's veterans. Stay tuned. John also has information on the 'Tech for Troops' program, run out of Richmond, which provides refurbished I5 and I7 computers to veterans. Though there is no fee, the program requests the recipient to make a donation to the cause. If interested in a refurbished laptop, see John.

Please congratulate Sam Jesselson. At the Department of Virginia's annual Convention in July, Sam was (finally) recognized at the state

level for his efforts in starting up and running the Post's very successful Patriotic Card program. His program has become a model for other veteran organizations.

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.

Another personal thanks goes to Mike Anderson for cooking for the Auxiliary breakfast.

I don't have anything new to report this month. Our next breakfast is Sunday, August 13, 2017, and we could use some additional volunteer's help. Our monthly meeting will be held immediately following breakfast.

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, or Donna Webb on 540-345-7740.

Please keep Auxiliary Member, Haldeen Wilson in your thoughts and prayers as she is recovering from recent surgery. 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

Thanks to all who helped with the July SAL breakfast. It was nice to see a couple of different faces help us out. Thanks to Chase and Lance, who helped us with breakfast. SAL member John Andrews was trying his best to work with a back brace, we're sorry for his health problems and we hope he is doing better.

Clint Bolt and I recently attended the American Legion convention held at the Dulles Hilton, and we would like to welcome our new SAL Commander Willie Morgan. Clint and I both have known Willie for a number of years and know he will be a great commander. I would

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also like to thank outgoing SAL Commander Johnny Baker, who had a positive and productive year as our past commander.

While at the convention I picked up 2 certificates for SAL 72, one for contributing to the Commander's project, St. Jude's Children's Hospital. We also received one for our donations to the Child Welfare Foundation, and received a banner for reaching 100% on our membership for the year.

The next SAL meeting will be August 1, 2017 at 7:00 PM, and the next SAL breakfast will be August 20, 2017. Hope everyone is having a great summer, and hope to see you soon.

For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

It is my sad duty to announce to all that Bob Perkins, from Norfolk Post 327 has passed away. Bob was a highly decorated Marine who was severely wounded in Viet Nam combat while serving our country. Bob was also a big supporter of our Patriotic Card project and would ride from Norfolk, Virginia annually to participate in our rides to Fauquier County Schools.

Bob's ashes were carried from Norfolk Virginia by motorcycle to Quantico National cemetery and laid to rest on August 2, 2017. Please keep Bob, his family and his friends in your thoughts and prayers, as he will be missed by all.

We will need help for the Rider's monthly breakfast on Sunday, August, 27, 2017, so please come out and help if you are available.

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. 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:

- As usual, the summer activities have been slow, but Troop 600 Eagle Scout Candidates continue to complete their Eagle projects.
- The Retired Flag Box has been installed at American Legion Post 72 by Jeffrey, and is already receiving flags for retirement.
- Allen's Eagle Project is almost completed, just needs to add the trim, doors and shingles to his shed at Heartwood Ministries.
- Joshua has completed his project paperwork to begin a walking path at the outdoor classroom at Auburn Middle School.
- Scouts and leaders are building a coordinating with Pack 1166 and other some other scouts for some future joint adventures.

Upcoming Scout Events:

- Events will be planned this month

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

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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 will start on Thursday, 17 August at 1800hrs (6:00pm) at the Post home. We will be inviting six new shooters to join the "Rifles" this year. 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 or 540-270-1442.
- Sean, Sam and Abram were honored, along with seven other Northern Virginia junior shooters, by Mr. Gary Anderson for their achieving the CMP's Gold Distinguished Shooter badge. Mr. Anderson is an Olympic Gold Medal recipient and former Director of the Civilian Marksmanship Program.
- Sam competed in the 2017 American Legion National Championship, in Colorado Springs, CO. The competition was by invitation to the top 30 junior shooter in the American Legion Program. Sam finished in 13th in the nation in the sporter class, and was awarded a plaque and medal by the American Legions National Commander. Sam was the first athlete from the Warrenton Rifles to have earned an invitation to the Legion's

national championship. Congratulations to Sam on his stellar accomplishment!

- It is with great sadness that we must bid farewell to our graduating seniors, Sean and Sam. We have watched them grow from boys unsure of their capabilities and themselves to outstanding young men who are nationally recognized for their shooting skills and expertise. It has been an absolute honor for us to have been able to coach them. Both Sam and Sean will be starting their university lives this August. Our best wishes to them as they start a new experience.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL), ORION INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

The 2016/2017 ODJRL season has ended. The next results will be in October 2017 with the start of the 2017/2018 season.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL), MARCH LEAGUE RESULTS

: The 2016/2017 ODJRL season has ended. The next results will be in October 2017 with the start of the 2017/2018 season.

Qualifications (NRA):

No NRA advancements this month.

Personal High Score:

This season's Warrenton Rifles members high 3x10 scores 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:

- 3 August, 2017: Open practice, Post 72, 1830-2030hrs
- 10 August, 2017: Open practice, Post 72, 1830-2030hrs
- 12 August, 2017: 4-H North District Shooting Sports Championship match.
- 17 August, 2017: Start of the 2017/2018 Warrenton Rifles season.
- 28-29 October, 2017: CMP Cup and Virginia Sectional qualifier for the US Army Junior Marksmanship Championships

Practice Times:

During the regular season, the Post 72 Warrenton Rifles Teams primary practice is on Thursday evenings, 1830-2030hrs in the Legion Hall. When needed, a secondary practice is

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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

The Cash Bash is Aug 5th! Thanks to all that supported this event, and for the ones that didn't you missed out on a good thing!!

The Tiki Bar party was not well supported so we will not go to all the work to have another one for a while. 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
Paul L. Baker - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman

Articles for the September Newsletter are due by August 25, 2017. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."

Photos from around the Post:



Warrenton Post 72 Junior Shooter Sam O. (center) poses with fellow Virginia Junior Shooters at the American Legion National Championship in Colorado Springs, Colorado

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Long time Post 72 supporter, "Miss Peggy Goff" sits on Past Commander and ALR member Mike Freeman's Harley Davidson in front of our post home



**Cash Bash August 05,
2017**

American Legion Post 72

Cash Bash!!

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Saturday Aug. 5th, 2017

2:00 pm: \$100.00

3:30 pm: \$50.00

2:15 pm: \$25.00

3:45 pm: \$50.00

2:30 pm: \$50.00

4:00 pm: GUN 45 Cal.

2:45 pm: \$100.00

4:15 pm: \$100.00

3:00 pm: GUN 9mm

4:30 pm: \$50.00

3:15 pm: \$50.00

4:45 pm: \$25.00

"5:00 pm \$500.00"

You must have a Ticket to get in!

\$20.00 per Ticket: includes dinner, draft beer, soda, or tea

Need not be present to win!!

****Only 300 tickets sold****

**Get your tickets now before
they run out!!**

**From past experience! Most
likely there will NOT be tickets
at the door**

**YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A
LEGION MEMBER TO BE
THERE
OR PLAY!!**