

News at Post 72 August 2021

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Post 72 Officers

American Legion Post 72 Officers:

Commander: Claude Davenport

1st Vice Commander: Dirk Wyckoff

2nd Vice Commander: Mike Jenkins

Adjutant: George Morgan

Finance Officer: John Frederick

Sergeant at Arms: Vacant

Chaplain: Dennis Di Mauro

Service Officer: Mike Esso

Historian: Doug Gorham

Auxiliary Officers:

President: Odetta Dietz

Vice President: Jan Callahan

Secretary: Lisa Kemper

Treasurer: Lora Riggins

Chaplain: Vacant

Sergeant at Arms: Lora Riggins

Historian: Lisa Kemper

Sons of the American Legion:

SAL Commander John Kemper

SAL 1st vice Vacant

SAL 2nd vice John Juliano

SAL Adjutant John Bush

SAL Finance Officer John (Boogie) Kemper

SAL Chaplain Vacant

SAL Sgt.at Arms Vacant

American Legion Riders:

Director: Mike Freeman

Asst. Director: Ryan Blankenship

Adjutant: Claude Davenport

Treasurer: Steve Rawls

Appointed positions:

Sgt. at Arms: Jules Juliano

Chaplain: Sam Jesselson

Rider Coordinator: Mike Jenkins

Membership Chairman: Paul Baker

American Legion Post 72 Corporation:

Jim Rankin

Paul Baker

Mike Freeman

Sam Jesselson

Jack Flood



The Commander's Corner

On Sunday 25 July 2021, Post 72 played an instrumental role in honoring a Fauquier County Legionnaire, Carroll "Ziggy" Levison who is in Hospice. There was a tremendous turnout for the "Ziggy Rocks" Ride By! Friends, family, Legion officials, and comrades came together to honor a fellow legionnaire, whose hard work, dedication and commitment exemplifies what the Legion family is all about! It is estimated over 100 motorcycles and some 30 to 40 cars, trucks and jeeps participated in the Ride By from the Warrenton Horse Show Grounds past Ziggy's. UPDATE: Ziggy passed onto Post Everlasting on July 29, 2021. He will be missed.

This event would not have been as successful or even happened if it weren't for the Post 72 volunteers who answered the call for assistance. I would like to personally thank the many Post 72 Legionnaire, Auxiliary and SAL members who came out to help support the event. I know I probably will miss a name or two but to the following, please accept Ziggy's and my thanks for your help and support of the event. Thank you to Mike, Paul, George, John, Ron, Dirk, Chase, Carolyn, Kim, Mike, Doug, Eric, Duncan, Darrel, Deb, Jeff, and Sarah for answering the call to support the event on Sunday. Sylvia did a stellar job in the Social Quarter keeping the crowds happy and well attended to. I would also like to thank the Post 10 American Legion Riders chapter members for handling the parking, and the Post 247 members for handling the Ziggy Rocks breakfast upstairs. We also owe a heartfelt thank you to the Warrenton Horse Show Grounds for providing the show grounds for parking, as well as the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office and Warrenton Police Department for their Ride By escort. Last but definitely not least, a HUGE THANK YOU to Christine who immediately jumped on board and prepared the five egg casseroles, fruit bowl, Danishes, breakfast breads, donuts and all the fixings for the Ride By participants breakfast upstairs. Christine, a superior job well done!!

As part of their giving back focus, Mission BBQ in Gainesville will be providing Post 72 members lunch on Friday 6 August at the Social Quarters starting at noon. I'm not sure what the menu will be, but with my past experiences at Mission BBQ I know it will be good!!

The Post and White Springs Adult Living Center sponsored a Car Show on Father's Day, which was a

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great success and raised \$2,200 for Alzheimer Research charity. Plans are being made to hold another car show the first part of October 2021.

The Tiki bar cover project is still on hold until lumber prices come down to a doable level. It is hoped the temporary sunscreen for the Tiki Bar will go up this coming week. Once the price of lumber comes down, we will solicit bids for the patio cover. If you know of a licensed contractor able to do the build, please have them contact the Post. We hope to start the construction mid-October.

Bar Bingo has been moved to Monday nights starting at 6pm. Please remember you must be a current Post 72 member to collect any winnings. Darts are still on Thursday evenings. I understand the Social Quarters is pulling together some plans to restart activities for a couple more nights, along the lines of maybe a Trivia night, or karaoke night, or Low Ball night. Stand by to see what excitement is coming our way.

Just as a reminder, that if you have received your COVID inoculations, you are not required to wear a face covering while in the Post. We can now host gatherings up to 150 persons in the Hall and so are good to go with meetings and rentals.

I would like to reiterate that for the Post to succeed, especially in these tough times, everyone who can, should try to do a little volunteering to make the Post all it can be. We can use additional assistance around the Post. Please consider becoming involved in any way you are comfortable and volunteer just a couple hours a month. It will make the Post a better place to enjoy. We have had some folks step up, but we sure can use some more to keep thing running smoothly.

I encourage 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. Our next regularly scheduled Legionnaire membership/business meeting will be Tuesday 17 August at 1930 hours, (7:30pm).

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, John D Sudduth American Legion Post 72



Adjutant's Corner

We have started the new 2021-2022 year for the American Legion. Last Tuesday, we installed the new Post 72 Officers and Board Members.

Be sure to get with our new 2nd Vice Commander, Mike Jenkins, regarding any Building & Grounds issues you find, as well as your availability to help out on one of our numerous projects. And Mike Ezzo is fast coming up to speed to assist the membership as our new Service Officers.

Please also welcome our five newest members to the Post: Jeffery Kadesh/USN, James Matheny/USAF, Stanley Naudus/USN, Daniel Rivard/USA, Theodor Zyla/USA.

And a great thanks to Jeff & Sara Wagner for volunteering to take on the redesign and sorely needed updating of the Post's website. Please pass to them your improvement ideas.

For God and Country

George Morgan – Adjutant



Auxiliary News

Please join the Legion Auxiliary as we rebuild!

Next meeting will be 4th Tuesday at 6:30 at the Post. August 24th. NOTE THE CHANGE!!

Officer elections were held by unanimous consent at the July meeting. A separate email will follow.

RENEWALS ARE DUE. PLEASE SEE KIM

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DAVENPORT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. If you have your membership card/number, you can renew online, which is quick and easy.

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

Sunday breakfast has changed slightly. If we provide at least 3 volunteers to greet, serve, and clean up, the Legion will split the profits with us 50-50. Please let Odetta Dietz know if you can help, even for an hour or so. Our next breakfast is July 11th. Please let me know if you can help, if only for an hour or so.

For God and Country

Odetta Dietz – President



Sons of the Legion News

I hope everybody is having a great time this summer enjoying family and friends.

2022 SAL membership renewal are now due. Please drop your payment off at the Legion. We have a box hanging on the wall at the back door. If you choose to mail it in please mail to American Legion Post 72, attention SAL, 345 Legion Dr, Warrenton VA 20186. Be sure to include your name and member number as well as current address so we can mail your card to you. The more information you provide such as email and phone number the easier it is for us to identify your membership.

Our Sunday breakfast is on August 15th at 9 AM. Please if you have time to volunteer it would be greatly appreciated. We have had four of the same people for the last several months. I would like to see some faces.

Our monthly meeting is on August 15th at 1 PM. Please come out. I will be sending out a reminder email to everybody.

For God and Country.

John Kemper – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

At this time, I would like to extend thanks from all of us riders to Paul Baker for his tenure as our Post 72 ALR Director, especially during the difficult Covid period and into this current year. Under Paul's leadership, Post 72 American Legion Riders have prospered and remain a valuable entity of the American Legion family. Great job Paul!

Post 72 ALR held its annual; officer elections on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. The newly elected officers were nominated, accepted, and voted upon by unanimous decision, and are listed below.

Elected Officers

Director: Mike Freeman

Asst. Director: Ryan Blankenship

Adjutant: Claude Davenport

Treasurer: Steve Rawls

Appointed positions:

Sgt. at Arms: Jules Juliano

Chaplain: Sam Jesselson

Rider Coordinator: Mike Jenkins

Membership Chairman: Paul Baker

The "Thank You Card Project" is currently scheduled for the Friday before Veterans Day and the Friday after Veterans Day. More detailed information will be forthcoming. Also, Post 72 will have a fall poker run, chaired by Mike Jenkins. Date and route to be determined.

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the recent ALR breakfast and the "Ziggy Rocks" honor ride on Sunday, July 25, 2021.

The next ALR business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 19:00 hours, (7:00 PM). Please attend if you are available as information is presented and new ideas and suggestions are both welcomed and encouraged to make our organization remain successful. The next ALR breakfast will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2021, and as always, please volunteer to help if you're available.

Remember always, ride safe!

For God and Country,

Mike Freeman - Director

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Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Program

Warrenton Rifles Junior Shooting Sports Program:

The Warrenton Rifles 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:

- Warrenton Rifles Cobra team (Seth, Alexis, Julia, Hunter & Brandon) participated in the 2021 Civilian Marksmanship National Championships & the Junior Olympic National Championship at Camp Perry, OH on 24-26 June. This is the 7th year the Warrenton Rifles have participated in the National Championships. The Rifles finished in 21st place in the Jr. Olympic and 15th in the CMP Championships nationally. An outstanding finish for the Cobra team. Seth finished 6th in both the Camp Perry competition and 9th overall nationally. Congratulations to Seth and the Cobra team for their accomplishments!!
- The Cobra Team (Seth, Hunter, Alexis & Julia) and Python Team (Brandon, Evan, Daniel & Matthew) competed in the 2021 Virginia Commonwealth Game for air rifle. Neither team let the Warrenton Rifles down with the Python Team placed 3rd and the Cobra Team placed 1st. Individually, the Warrenton Rifles placed: Matthew 21st, Julia 19th, Daniel 16th, Evan 15th, Brandon 6th, Hunter 3rd, Alexis 2nd and Seth 1st. Please join the Cadre in congratulating the Warrenton Rifles on a fantastic job!
- We continue to follow the COVID-19 protocols as recommend by the Commonwealth and 4-H. Please remember to wear your face protection and practice good social distancing.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League Individual

Results: Season to resume in October 2021

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League Team Results:

Season to resume in October 2021

Qualifications (NRA): No report.

Personal High Score (3x10): Hunter 260-6, Seth, 278-10, and Alexis 266-8. Congratulations on your new personal high score.

Personal High Score (3x20): Hunter 508-11, Seth 554-17, and Alexis 521-15. Congratulations on your new personal high score.

Upcoming Events:

- 13 August 2021: MidwayUSA Foundation Hometown Challenge, Postal.
- 14 August 2021: 4-H North Region Shooting Sports Championship, Culpeper, VA
- 10-12 September 2021, 4-H Virginia State Championship, Holiday Lake, Appomattox, VA
- Additional match will be posted as received.

Practice Times: During the regular season, the Post 72 Warrenton Rifles Teams primary practice is on Wednesday & Thursday evenings, 1830-2030hrs in the Legion Hall. 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, Rick Lehr, Lance Davenport, Andy Andrews, Abram Baer, and Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)

Social Quarters / House Committee

Hello from the Social Quarters Crew,

Watch for the Commander's weekly emails for menus, and updates as needed from Sean.

I hope this finds everyone healthy. Things have been running smoothly since our last literary contribution. Our new team continues to get better and I hope it shows when you come in. Breakfast continues to grow. Since we are one of the only Posts that remains open, we are getting fellow Legion members from around the area coming in to visit, eat and catch up on what's going on.

The Social Quarters continues to adapt to the ever-changing state restrictions. That said, if you can donate any time at all to help out, please come in. Remember, got time to lean, got time to clean.

So... that's the latest and greatest from SQ72. Please call 347-7740 to place an order or to just comment on how we're doing. Stay Safe. Sean and the gang.