

News at Post 72 April 2015

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The Commander's Corner



After a very cold winter, spring has finally arrived here in Virginia!

I am again asking all members to help out whenever you can here at our Post. If you can volunteer some of your time and skills it will benefit all of us.

I am proud to announce to all that as a cadre member of our Post 72 Junior Shooters Rifle Team, we have again represented Post 72 well in recent competitions. Two weeks ago Post 72 competed in the Regional Junior Olympic Qualifier, and came home with a First Place Trophy! One of our shooters, Sean H., was awarded a gold medal for first place overall!

Last weekend we competed in a Civilian Marksmanship Competition in Camp Perry Ohio. Although we didn't do as well as hoped, we came in a very respectable 7th place. This placed us in the top third of all the other teams invited. We are hoping to get an invite to the CMP Nationals in Alabama in June. Way to go guys, all of us at Post 72 are proud of your accomplishments.

Some time ago we had voted to possibly start up bingo again to earn some much needed additional revenue. Comrade Jim Rankin had graciously offered to pay for a system if one could be found at a reasonable price. I am happy to inform everyone that I was advised that St. James Catholic Church had stopped doing bingo and they may want to sell their equipment. I went there recently and talked to Father Gould, and to my surprise, he donated all the equipment, flash boards, etc. to us and wanted nothing in return. He simply wanted to thank all of us for our service to our country!!!

This is a state of the art system, with two large flashboards, that are worth approximately four to six thousand dollars! Paul, Jesse and I have since picked up this equipment and it is in the shed here at our post.

Remember that the elections will be coming soon and if you want to run for any position please volunteer to be nominated.

Remember to keep SAL member Rusty White, and his friends and family in your

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thoughts and prayers. Rusty is currently hospitalized in Georgetown Hospital in Washington, DC.

We still have all you can eat breakfast in our Social Quarters, every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm. The Legionnaires serve breakfast the first Sunday of each month. Our next breakfast will be held on April 05, 2015.

Remember to support the other groups of our Post Home, as well as the AUX, SAL, ALR, Junior Shooters and the Boy Scouts.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next executive meeting will be on the first Thursday, April 02, 2015 at 19:00 hours, (7:00pm).

As your Commander, if there are any questions or suggestions to improve our Post, please contact myself or any of the other officers, at your convenience.

Never forget that we are all members of the world's greatest brotherhood, we are American Veterans!

You can also pick up a copy of the Monthly News Letter at the Post, have it e-mailed to you or buy a subscription to have it mailed to you.

For God and Country

Mike Freeman – Commander

Adjutant's Corner



Everyone remember that our next monthly business meeting is now the **third Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 19:30 hours.**

Want to help Post 72 earn the Post Excellence Award? The areas considered are Membership, Youth Activities, Community Service, and Service to veterans and the troops. Pick an area and talk with the Post Commander as to how you can get involved –

www.legion.org/commander/postexcellence.

For God and Country

George Morgan – Adjutant



Auxiliary News

We want to thank all of our volunteers that help all the time. Your efforts are appreciated by all of us here at the post.

We are having a Chili Cook Off on Saturday, April 18, 2015, from 1:00 – 2:00pm. You can cook your chili at home, and then bring it in for the contest. There will be cash prizes for the winners!

On May 30, 2015 we will be having another "Cash Bash". This will be held outside at the "Tiki Bar". Not much else to report at this time.

Please keep Crissy Ritchie and Lee Martin in your thoughts and prayers and wish that they return to good health soon. Also, Rusty White, SAL Member, who is hospitalized at this time. If you know of anyone else that is ill or needs some assistance, please contact me on 540-347-7740.

Our next Auxiliary Sunday breakfast will be April 12, 2015, so please come out and give your support. Our next Auxiliary meeting will be held immediately following this breakfast at approximately 1:00pm. Please feel free to come in and join us!

For God and Country

Donna Webb – President



Sons of the Legion News

I'd like to start out by thanking Mike Anderson and Donna Webb and Clint Bolt for helping out with breakfast.

The SAL will start a raffle for the Popular Springs Resort coming soon to squadron 72. Our next meeting is April 7th 2015 at 7pm.

Now for the members who don't recall that every third Sunday of the month we have the breakfast for the SAL. This month it is on April 19th 2015 at 8:00 am!

For God and Country

Jules Juliano – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

ARE YOU READY? Riding season is fast approaching for the riders and now is the time to get geared up... Let's Ride! This past weekend was the Chartering of a new Chapter ALR Chapter 157 (Madison) hopefully some of us made it.

April 1st will be our monthly meeting @ 7pm and no, this is not an April fool's joke! We will have it, so come and find out all of the new

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things we will be doing in the next couple of months.

As you all know the Thank You Card Project is fast approaching April 24th and May 1st. Both days we will meet at 7am at McDonald's in Warrenton KSU 8AM. We will also have police help for parts of our rides through town. Legion Riders this one ride out of any other, that if you can make it you should. We are saying Thank You to all the kids that made all of these cards for our troops and veterans. Sam and I are working extremely hard on this project so your support as a rider is needed.

We are going to have many visitors on the 24th Post 327 Norfolk have already got some rooms for the 23th and will be doing the project on the 24th with us. They are staying the night and would like to go see the Marine museum in Quantico on Sat. 25th, so if any of you guys would like to ride and visit the museum let me know. Also Friday night, the 24th of April at our post is a steak night so if the riders could invade the place for dinner and keep our guest from Norfolk company we could have that great night out that all of us have been talking about.

Breakfast this month is on the 26th of April please come out and support and volunteer we have had the same group working the breakfast for months now and new faces are needed. A thanks goes out to Donna for helping us each month. Also the volunteers last month Claude, Mike, Greg, Jules, and Brian did a great job last month.

April 10th Missing in America Project with be having their next mission. They will lay to rest the unclaimed cremains of 2 WW1 and 4 WWII veterans at Quantico service will be at 11:00 get there early, I hope to see a lot of us there for this one. For more info: email Terrie WldRebRose@comcast.net.

Again our meeting is April 1st I will ride info: and Thank You Card Project info: which you will want to hear all about. Could be very interesting what your Director has up her sleeve.... Also be thinking about the new positions for the riders that you may want to take over. Director, Assistant Director, Adjutant, Treasurer and other positions all need fresh faces and new ideas. Remember you're not only

part of the riders but your also part of the Post 72.

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 divisions 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 fifth grade and are at least 10, OR who are 11, but not yet 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:

- It was an honor for troop 600 scouts to attend the Cross Over event on March 14th where Jack C was granted permission to join troop 600. Welcome Jack!
- Scouts recently attended the district Merit Badge Midway. This is held every year and scouts completed merit badges like engineering, woodcarving, fire safety and crime prevention just to name a few.
- Scouts began to work on the cooking merit badge this month. This is now an Eagle required Merit Badge. The badge will be completed over the next several Monday night meetings and campouts.
- Troop 600 braved the late March bitter cold nights to enjoy a weekend of camping. The scouts participated in some orienteering activities that the Assistant Scout Master planned. The scouts were surprised when reaching some destinations to find plastic eggs filled with treats.
- The Troop would like to welcome Joshua R and his father to Troop 600. Joshua is a Life Scout and attends Kettle Run High School.
- The troop continues to be very busy preparing for the spring mulch sale and preparing for summer camp.

Upcoming Scout Events:

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- Spring Mulch Delivery April 11th
- Court of Honor April 13th
- Spring Camporee April 17th- 19th
- Summer Camp June 14-20th

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.

Recent Notable Activities/Events: Many Crew members continue to be away at college and have not been able to get together.

Upcoming Venturing Events:

No events planned at this time.

Meeting information: Venturing meets on Monday evenings with the exception of the 2nd Monday of the month, from 1915 – 2030 hours (7:15pm – 8:30pm) in the meeting hall at Post 72. We invite young people to come by and see what Venturing is all about.

For God and Country

Michelle Hermsdorf - Editor

Claude Davenport - Troop/Crew 600 Charter Organisation Representative

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:

- Our new shooters continue work on their Winchester/National Rifle Association's Marksman Qualification program.
- The Post 72 Air Rifle Team was invited to participate in the 2015 Civilian Marksmanship Program North Eastern Regional Match (3x20). The team entered the competition as the 20th placed Sporter Class and finished the two day competition in 7th place. The 7th place finish means there is a good chance of being invited to the 2015 CMP National Championship in Anniston, AL in June. This is the first time any Post 72 team has been invited to an out of state competition. Congratulations to Sam, Sean, Savannah and Abram for a fantastic job representing Post 72!!
- The Post 72 Air Rifle Team, composed of Savannah, Abram, John, and Sean competed in the Junior Olympic, State of Virginia qualifier match in King George County. The 3x20 competition is the qualifier for the Jr. Olympic State of Virginia match. Everyone was on their game, completing the competition in 1st Place, bringing an awesome trophy home to Post 72. In addition to the first place finish, Sean was awarded a gold medal for his first place individually finish. Congratulation to the Team and Sean for a fantastic performance.
- We are continuing an additional practice time, on Wednesday's from 1900 to 2030 hrs. in order to facilitate the active schedules of our shooters. This practice time is set aside for those shooters who have a temporary conflict with the regular Thursday practices.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League

(ODJRL): Results of the ODJRL's March 2015 Match, shot at Post 72, VA are not yet released.

ODJRL Class Placements Results for February 2015:

- Sean: 1st place AAE Class

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- Savannah: 2nd place AAE Class
- Sam: 1st place AAT Class
- Abram: 3rd place AAT Class
- Carson: 2nd place B Class. Moving up to A Class
- Tristan: 5th place B Class
- Jake: 6th place B Class
- John: 3rd place C Class. Moving up to B Class
- Post 72: First place team (1056.025)

Qualifications (NRA): The following shooters accomplished NRA qualifications during the past month: John: 5th qualifying score of 9 for Expert; Hunter G.: Marksman 1st Class and Sharpshooter; Dylan: Marksman 1st Class and Sharpshooter; Jacob S: Marksman 1st Class and Sharpshooter; Carson: 5th & 6th qualifying scores of 9 for Expert.

New Personal High Score: The following shooters achieved a new personal high score during the past month: Abram 270-9; Hunter B 128-1; Hunter G 156-0; Dylan 195-3; Savannah 266-9; and Jacob S. 168-2. Congratulations to all on their outstanding personal achievements.

Upcoming Events:

- 11 April 2015: Assist Troop 600 with mulch deliveries
- 18 April 2015: American Legion North Region Qualification Match
- 2 May 2015: American Legion Department of Virginia Match (invitation)
- 24-26 June 2015: CMP National Match (invitation)

Practice Times:

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team practices on Thursday evenings, 1830 – 2030hrs in the Legion Hall throughout the school year. Backup practices on Wednesday's from 1900 to 2030hrs. We welcome anyone from the Post family to come by to see the program and watch the shooters practice.

For God and Country,

Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team

Cadre: Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Lance Davenport, Bob Roda, Andy Andrews, Patty Freeman, and Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)

Social Quarters / House Committee

Spring to get here??

The Social Quarters still has the 50" Element LED TV giveaway going on, and it too is only a \$1.00 a chance. We would like to see all the tickets sold soon, so we can put a BBQ Grill up for the next drawing, so please take as many chances as you can.

We will continue to have the other favorite games of the membership like the HOGS, Booze Giveaway, and baskets of goodies etc. We have a very nice pistol up for drawing right now so get your tickets on this as well.

As always, we want to thank all of our volunteers who come in and work so hard. It takes all of them to help keep things running. Please don't forget Donna who works so hard to see that everything is running along, she really puts a lot of time in behind the scenes that most people don't know about. Remember to show Donna your appreciation.

Don't forget the Chili Cook Off on April 18th; it is only a \$5.00 entry fee with a chance to win \$100.00 for 1st place and \$50.00 for 2nd place.

We will continue to serve "all you can eat" breakfasts every Sunday, from 09:00am until 12:00pm. 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 \$7.00 for adults. Children twelve and under is unchanged, at \$3.00 each.

We have a large Bar Lunch Menu! On Friday evenings we continue to have our dinners. 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 May Newsletter are due by April 25, 2015. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor." Thank you! Patty Freeman, Editor

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Photos from around the Post



Post 72 Junior Shooters compete in the CMP Regionals at Camp Perry, Ohio, held on March 26-28, 2015



Post 72 Junior Shooters proudly display Their First Place Trophy for the Virginia Junior Olympics Qualifier held in King George, VA, March 21, 2015



Post 72 Social Quarters Chili Cook Off

April 18, 2015 1:00PM – 2:00PM

Cook your dish at home!

\$5.00 Entry Fee

Cash Prizes

1st Place - \$100.00 2nd Place - \$50.00

Sponsored by Jerry and Donna

All the chili and corn bread you want!