

News at Post 72 August 2015

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Finance Officer: Claude Davenport

Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard

Sergeant at Arms: Ed Deneale

Chaplain: Steve McLeod

Service Officer: Bill Patchet

Historian: Stan Adamowicz

Auxiliary Officers:

President: Donna Webb

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Sergeant at Arms: Steve Ralls

Chaplain:

Service Officer:

Historian:

American Legion Riders:

Director: Terrie Harne

Assistant Director: Claude Davenport

Adjutant: Mel Cannon

Treasurer: Steve Ralls

Sergeant at Arms:

Run Coordinator:

Membership Chairman: Steve Ralls

Chaplain: Samuel Jesselson

American Legion Post 72 Corporation:

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Paul Baker

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Jack Flood



The Commander's Corner

Another typical August has arrived and with it the usual hazy, hot and humid days are upon us. Everyone remember that if you are outside try to remain as cool as possible and keep hydrated to minimize and prevent heat related injuries that inevitably occur.

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of members Conrad Reid, John Wyan and Past Commander John Mayhugh. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends.

The proposed property development is still going forward. Although we have encountered some obstacles, we are making progress as expected.

First Vice Commander John Desmedt has made significant progress in getting our planned bingo operations going. Additional information will be presented for review as it becomes available.

Remember that the Post 72 Social Quarters will be having another "Cash Bash", on Saturday, October 03, 2015. Get your tickets for this fun event now!

Our thanks go to Past Commander and Social Quarters Chairman, Paul Baker, who has put in much time and effort to improve the outdoor grill area. There is a new roof, side walls, with removable windows and a door.

Also thanks to all of our many volunteers who help out around the post. Their contributions ensure that our home remains open for all to enjoy.

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 August 02, 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 the third Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next executive meeting will be on the first Thursday, August 06, 2015 at 19:00 hours, (7:00pm).

As your Commander, if there are any

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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!

For God and Country

Mike Freeman – Commander



Adjutant's Corner

If looking for something to do on weekends, most Posts around the area host various events and festivals that are open to the public. Our own Bike & Car Show is one example. Not only are these outings a lot of fun, but your participation helps with needed funds for the Post.

On August 15th, Shenandoah Post 77 is hosting a Bluegrass Festival in Strasburg, VA featuring: Nickel Misery, Roadside Grass, Stoney Creek Bluegrass, and Marvin Asby & High Octane. Entry fee is \$20. Gates open at 11 am and Festival Hours are 1-6 pm. Directions– Va. Rte. 11 South of Strasburg (1.2 miles), left turn on Funk Road, take very first left into River Lot. Parking is free.

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.

We are pleased to announce that Crissy Ritchie and Dee Johnson are doing better!

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 August 09, 2015, so please come out and give your support.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be held in September, as we are taking a break during July and August. Mark your calendars and please feel free to come in and join us!

For God and Country

Donna Webb – President



Sons of the Legion News

I would like to thank Mike, John, Doug, Chip, Greg and his son Kyle, and also Auxiliary and SAL member Donna Webb for their help with the SAL breakfast on Sunday.

Please remember that we have a raffle worth over \$1,000 at Popular Springs Inn Spa & Manor House. Please support this raffle it helps the SAL support all of the veteran programs. The next SAL meeting will be held on August 4th 2015 at 7:00 pm. The next Sal breakfast will be Sunday, August 16th at 9:00 am.

For God and Country

Jules Juliano – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

Hello riders and fellow Post 72 Family members. I wanted to let you know that our Bike and Car show is quickly approaching, Sept 12th. I would like to invite all Post members, family and friends to come out and see the show and enjoy the day with us. Claude Davenport will be our show leader this year and we need some support from members to make it a success.

We really need a bunch of raffle prizes, so if you would like to donate please get in touch with Claude or Terrie. Sponsors for our tee shirt deadline are due by Aug the 5th. It's very easy to ask a business to sponsor for a small donation of \$50.00 (or more) which will get their company info on the back of the 2015 Bike & Car Show t-shirts.

We would also love to accept any items they would like to donate to our raffle table. Please let Claude or Terrie know. Also, please feel free to get in touch with Terrie if you know of any businesses that she can get contact on your behalf. Anyone that would like to help out with the Show, please let us know.

So sorry I was not at our last members meeting, I was in Nashville, TN for Moose Lodge International Convention. You may ask yourself, why is that important to the riders? Well it is just another part of my efforts to promote our "Patriot Card Project" and it has lead me down many paths. One path being, working with Moose Lodges. Back in January I was able to

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show the cards and explain to Moose members what we do. I also found a lot of Veterans were excited, very gracious, and appreciative of our efforts for our service members. That was also our introduction to Legion Post 327 in Norfolk Virginia, the Post to which I delivered four thousand cards for them to distribute.

As a result of my efforts, in January, the Head woman of the Moose decided that since I was going to be in Nashville to pick up my Star Recorder Award, she would mention our little project. I was honored when I received recognition for our project and efforts. The convention attendees received a full description with video of our project. I cannot tell you how totally surprised I was to be recognized in this way for our project. I was asked to stand up in front of about 4,000 people; it was extremely emotional for me with this recognition. The whole weekend for me in Nashville was literally talking about our Patriot Card Project. I was humbled by being recognized everywhere. I was overwhelmed by how many contacts I received out of the mentioning of this project.

A wonderful group of women in California would like to take on this project and do it through the Moose, as well as ladies from Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, Illinois, and Chicago all showing interest in the project. I also have put forward a challenge to the kids at "Mooseheart", to make cards for soldiers. I will find a special place just for those cards. There was one special lady from Florida who asked if she could donate crocheted skull caps for the soldiers; I of course said yes. As soon as they arrive, they will be shipped out with our cards to our troops downrange.

It totally amazes me, how much the Patriot Card Project has taken on a life of its own. Through the efforts of Post 72, Rider Sam Jesselson, coming up with an idea. We still don't have a full count of the number of cards from this year just yet, but I soon as I know I will let you know. Some have been counted and were taken to Norfolk with the help of Post 327 will be distributed to a local Va. And some were left with the USS Bush during our tour.

Breakfast last month was very good thanks the Michael, George, Claude, Sam, Paul, Sidney and Cindy. Thank you all for volunteering your time. This month's breakfast for the riders

will be Aug. 23rd so if you like to volunteer please let us know at the meeting Aug. 5th. Remember that all proceeds go to the post, so please come out and show your support.

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 is not uncommon for scout troops to go dormant in the summer months simply because it is a busy time for families. That is not the case with Troop 600; the scouts have continued to be very active this month

- Scouts continued to complete work on summer camp merit badges that had a few requirements that were not able to be done at camp.
- The scouts also worked with the small hiking Whisper Light stoves and are planning a hike that would include the use of the new stoves by cooking a meal on it.
- And they scouts continued to refine their work on tying of several different knots which they will be demonstrating at the Frist Friday event on 7 August in Old Town Warrenton.
- It is exciting to announce that two Life Scouts have begun the journey to Eagle.
- Joshua J. has had his project proposal approved and is in the fundraising stages to complete a hydration station for our favorite K 9's that visit the Piedmont Dog Park at Vint Hill.
- For Jake C's Eagle Project, he has organized several groups in the community for a Community Safety Fair. The American Red Cross bloodmobile will be on site, the sheriff's office will be helping to install and

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check child safety seats, and the SPCA will talk about pet safety in the hot summer temperatures; and this is just a sneak peek at all some of the vendors! Jake would like to extend an invitation to the Post 72 families, the Legionnaires, Sons of the Legion, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders to help with his project. The project will take place on August 22 from 4-6pm at the Warrenton Community Center. Please stop in for some food and fun!

Upcoming Scout Events:

- August 7: First Friday, Old Town Warrenton
- August 22: Community Safety Fair, Warrenton Community Center
- TBD: White Water Rafting

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: Crew members have continued to work on different recruitment opportunities. No activities are planned at this time.

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:

- The Junior Shooters are in the summer voluntary practice schedule.
- Nine shooters, two senior teams and one junior team, will be representing Post 72 at the 2015 4-H Northern Region Shooting Sports competition in Culpeper, VA on 15 August, 2015. The shooters are: Tristan, Dylan, Carson, Jacob, Abram, Hunter G, Sam, Savannah and Sean. Our best wishes for a great match.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League

(ODJRL): No ODJRL competition between the months of April – September.

Qualifications (NRA): No updates during the summer schedule.

New Personal High Score: No updates during the summer schedule

Upcoming Events:

- 8 June – 17 August 2015: Summer schedule in effect with voluntary attendance.
- 15 August 2015: Northern District 4-H Shoot. Culpeper
- 11-13 September State 4-H Shoot, Holiday Lake 4-H Center

Practice Times:

The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team practices on Thursday evenings, 1800 – 2030hrs in the Legion Hall throughout the school year. As needed, secondary practices are on

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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. We hold an additional practice time, on Wednesday's from 1830 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.

For God and Country,

Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team Cadre:

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

American Legion Baseball Committee

REMINDER: Junior State Tournament will take place Tues Aug 4 - 8, 2015 at Riverbend HS (12301 Spotswood Furnace Rd, Fredericksburg, VA 22407).

Point of contact: Senior Team (Post 247) Gary Croson 540-336-5771, katncro@gmail.com

Junior Team (Post 72) Jim Lilek 703-855-7599, Kelil68@comcast.net and Chip Childs 540-270-4278, chipchilds@starband.net.

Please contact John Sinclair, (540-270-3148, if you need additional information.

For God and Country,

John Sinclair – Baseball Committee/Post 72 Schools Award Chairman

Social Quarters / House Committee

Comrades, it's Cash Bash time again at the John D. Sudduth American Legion Post 72 Social Quarters!! The "Cash Bash", will be held on 3 October 2015, from 1400hrs to 1700hrs (2-5pm).

Only 300 \$20 tickets will be sold. Each ticket will include dinner, draft beer, soda or tea. A winning ticket will be drawn every 15 minutes for prizes ranging from \$20 to \$500, to include a 9mm and a 45 caliber pistol.

Get your tickets now (from the Social Quarters) before they run out!! Based on past Cash Bash ticket sales, there will not be tickets available for sale at the door.

We will continue to have the other favorite games of the membership like the HOGS, Booze Giveaway, and baskets of goodies etc. We will also continue to have pistols up for

drawing. Right now it is a 45cal S&W M&P.

As always, we want to thank all of our volunteers who come in and work so hard. Thanks Patty, Neal, Stan, & Jules for your help. It takes all of them to help keep things running. Please don't forget to thank Donna as well for all she does. We can always use help to keep your Social Quarters open and running to be able to give you a nice place to have a little food, drink, & fun.

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 September Newsletter are due by August 25, 2015. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor." Thank you! Patty Freeman, Editor

Photos from around the Post



Several of Fauquier County's "finest", relax and enjoy a recent lunch. Post 72 appreciates and supports our police, fire and rescue personnel for their service to our community and our country!

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Andy Andrews and "Miss Donna" Webb strike a pose for the event honoring our World War II veterans.



First Vice Commander John Desmedt, gets ready for a takeoff with his "drone".



American Legion Post 72 Cash Bash!!

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Saturday Oct. 3rd, 2015

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 available at the
door!**

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