

News at Post 72 December 2014

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The Commander's Corner



It's hard to believe, but another Thanksgiving has come and gone, and Christmas is just around the corner. Soon it will be 2015!

Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in our recent Veterans Day observation and our Veterans Plaza ceremony.

At this time I want to personally apologize to Comrade Jerry Neri for my omission in last month's newsletter. As many of you know, Jerri has once again generously donated his company's time, labor and materials in trimming the trees around Post 72. His efforts have saved our organization significant additional expenditures. Jerry your donation and dedication is much appreciated and enjoyed by all of us and we thank you!

It is my sad duty to announce that Lois Sours, wife of Comrade Lloyd Sours has passed away after courageously battling her illness. Please keep Lloyd, his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Also, Lorraine Beales, wife of Comrade John Beales has passed away. Please keep John, his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as well.

Please keep Comrade John Lively and Lee Martin, (wife of Past Commander Ken Martin), in your thoughts and prayers and wish they get well soon.

As another year is almost gone, I want to thank everyone who has contributed their time, personal resources and donations that ensured our post home has remained open and profitable for all to enjoy.

As your Commander I have appointed Comrade John Desmedt as Building and Grounds Chairman. John joined our post earlier this year and has volunteered to help out in this capacity. Thanks John for stepping up and please give him your support!

I am soliciting bids for the upcoming winter snow removal for our post home. If you know anyone who is interested, please contact myself or Paul Baker and obtain a copy of our snow removal proposal.

We still have all you can eat breakfast in

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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 December 07, 2014.

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, December 09, 2014 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on the first Thursday again this month, on December 04, 2014 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.

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.

My wife Patty and I want to wish that everyone have a safe and Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

For God and Country

Mike Freeman - Commander

Adjutant's Corner



Nothing much to report at this time. I do want to thank everyone who have supported our organization and wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Yours in continued service,

For God and Country

George Morgan - Adjutant



Auxiliary News

We want to thank and recognize all of our volunteers who help out here at the Post.

Our recent bake sale was another success! Thanks to everyone who helped out, donated bake goods or made purchases. Thank you all!

Please remember that we are having our annual silent auction, beginning December 02, 2014. Come in and bid on as many items as you can to help our Auxiliary Unit and our post.

Also remember that the Post 72

Christmas Party will be held on December 06, 2014, here at our post home. I am happy to announce that our Auxiliary Unit 72 held several raffles to pay for the DJ and music for this party.

We are again having our annual Children's Christmas Party on December 14, 2014, from 09:00am until 11:00am. There is a signup sheet available in our social quarters. Please make sure you sign up and indicate the number of children who will be attending as soon as you can.

Unit 72 is also selling chances on a new, Troy-Bilt Storm Model 2410, 179cc, 24-in, Two-Stage, Electric Start, Gas Snow Blower. This blower has all-wheel drive with choice of 6 forward and 2 reverse speeds to give you control and versatility in winter conditions. Please come in and take a chance and support our Auxiliary. Also thanks to Commander Mike Freeman for picking up and delivering the snow blower to us.

Please keep Barbara Miles, Ginny Mills, Crissy Ritchie and Lee Martin in your thoughts and prayers and wish that they all return to good health soon. 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 December 14, 2014, so please come out and give your support. Our next Auxiliary meeting will be held immediately following this breakfast at 1:00pm. 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 Donna, Chip, Joe, Clint, Rusty and Teddy for working at our recent SAL breakfast.

To all SAL members we are meeting at the overlook on Hospital Hill on Monday December 8th at 9 a.m., to visit and hand out gifts to all the veterans.

Please remember to get your holiday grocery giveaway tickets ask any Sal member or miss Donna behind the bar.

Our next SAL meeting will be on December 02, 2014 at 7 p.m.

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The next SAL breakfast will be Sunday December 21, 2014. On this day we will also draw the holiday grocery giveaway.

To all the veterans, Ladies Auxiliary and Sal members, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Please come and support your SAL squadron 72.

For God and Country

Jules Juliano – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

Riders don't forget our Post Christmas Party on Dec. 6th, 2014.

If anyone would like to support Quantico for their wreath laying on Dec. 6 at 10am, remember to be a little early... Also Dec. 13 is the wreath laying at 10am in Culpeper also, be there early.

I did want to let everyone know that PGR is having their Christmas party also on Dec. 13 at 6pm at Mojitos and Tapas restaurant. I don't think they would mind if the legion riders show up for dinner for the meet and greet.

No rides are scheduled but if up the temperature gets up to 50 degrees please text me or call I'll go for a ride.

Our last breakfast was pretty successful but I guess the cold weather kept some of you away. Our next ALR breakfast is Dec. 28th so if you can volunteer please do. If you can just come in for breakfast we would love to see you.

As always thank you to Miss Donna for all the support she and other volunteers show the riders.

Our next ALR meeting is Wednesday, December 03, 2014.

Wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year
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:

- Troop 600 parented a spin off troop, Troop 360. We wish the departing scouts the best of luck in their new endeavor
- Mr. Jones has accepted the position as Troop 600 Scoutmaster
- A new patrol name "The Radioactive Tacos" was selected by the scouts
- Scouts, scouters and parents enjoyed a bonfire at the Jones' residence where copious amounts of s'mores were consumed

Recent Rank Advancements: None reported.

Upcoming Scout Events:

December: Re-chartering of Troop & Crew 600 for 2015 will be completed

6 - 7 December: Troop campout

8 December: Troop/Crew committee meeting

13 December: Troop/Crew lock-in

26 – 28 December: Timberline Ski Trip

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, advisors and parents enjoyed a bonfire at the Jones'

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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 are working on the Winchester/National Rifle Association's Marksman Qualification program to recognize their accomplishments as their skills grow.

The Post 72 Air Rifle Team has secured eight slots in the American Legion National Postal Match which is a 3x20 match. The "postal" phase will record the shooters scores which will be used as an initial national ranking and used for invitations to upcoming regional, state and nationally American Legion matches.

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.

On Tuesday, 11 November, at the Post 72 monthly membership meeting, four members of the Post 72 Air Rifle Club (Abram, Sam, Sean, and Savannah) presented with the first place Sporter team medals from the recent CMP Columbus Day Cup match. In addition, Sam received a 1st place individual medal, Sean a 2nd place individual medal and Savannah a 3rd place individual medal. Congratulation again to the Post 72 Air Rifle Team for a job well done.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League

(ODJRL): The initial results of the ODJRL's November 2014 Match, shot at Post 290 in Stafford, VA are as follows: Post 72 was represented by Abram, Tristan, Sean, Jake, John, Savannah, Sam, and Carson. **The Post 72 Team finished in first place (Sporter Class) out of five teams with a score of 999-15 (Abram 241-4, Sean 267-3, Savannah 255-3, Sam 236-5,).**

Individually, out of 31 shooters, the Post 72 shooters finished in the top half of the match. Post 72 Team members finished: Sean 1st place, Savannah 4th, Abram 6th, Sam 7th, Jake 10th, Tristan 13th, John 15th, and Carson 16th. This was another excellent showing by the Post 72 Air Rifle Team the ODJRL Match. Nice job Team! Individual Class placements will be provided next month.

Qualifications (NRA): Results are pending scoring.

New Personal High Score: The following shooters achieved a new personal high score during the past month: Tristan 196-1; Jacob 118-1; Hunter 104-0; John 221-0; Jake 224-2; Akili 81-0; and Carson 222-1. Hearty congratulations to Tristan, Jacob, Hunter, John, Jake, Akili and Carson on their fantastic personal achievements.

Upcoming Events:

- 13 December 2014: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 20 December 2014: American Legion National Postal Match, Post 72
- 10 January 2015: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 14 February 2015: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA

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- 14 March 2015: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- April 2015: American Legion North Region Qualification Match
- May 2015: American Legion Department of Virginia 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)**

House Chairman News

A big thanks to the members that have been supporting the Social Quarters, remember this is YOUR Social Quarters and it is here for the members, their families & friends as well as the guest of the membership. Please continue to come in and enjoy all the Social Quarters has to offer.

The grill winner never claimed the grill with their winning ticket, so due to the Social Quarters policy that winners must claim their win within 30 days, the Grill will be raffled off again. Please buy your chances and hold on to your tickets. Again it will be \$1.00 per chance and only 500 sold.

We now have a very nice S&W M&P 45cal Pistol up for the gun raffle this time. Please remember the raffles and games at the Social Quarter help us keep the cost down. The turkeys went off very well last month with seven drawings in all. Thanks for the support!

Make sure you mark your calendar for the Post Christmas Party on December the 6th.

As always, a big thank you goes to all that have volunteered to help out around the Social Quarters and more so on Friday nights.

Please remember that you may bring in as many friends to the Social Quarters as you like to enjoy the club with you.

Our Tiki Bar is closed for the season, but it will be open back in full swing in the early springtime.

For God and Country

**Paul L. Baker - Past Commander & House
Committee Chairman**

Social Quarters

Don't forget the Post 72 Christmas Party will be held on December 6th.

The Social Quarters is still having gun pull tabs where you can be the owner of a new pistol for just \$1.00 per chance. Again if you win and don't want the gun I can work something out. I can give you our cost of the gun in lieu of the gun. Right now we have a S&W M&P 45cal pistol up for raffle. If you prefer this option, we would try and raffle it off again to someone that wants it for their very own. So again please buy tickets on it when you are in the Social Quarters.

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

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. Don't forget to show Donna your appreciation and support by tipping her as much as you can!

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! And for how we will keep the grill on after 3pm due to the request of the membership and the agreement by Donna to work the extra work it takes to do so. On Friday evenings continue to have our dinners.

Please remember we have **Wi-Fi** in the Social

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Paul L. Baker - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman

Articles for the January Newsletter are due by December 25, 2014. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net, and please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor."

Thank you! Patty Freeman, Editor

Photos from around the Post



SAL Commander "Jules" Juliano presents a check from Squadron 72 to Sharon Ames of the Fauquier County Food Bank.



Veterans Day 2014 cake made and donated by Maggie Shadle



Finance Officer/Veterans Plaza Chairman Claude Davenport and Commander Mike Freeman speak at the Veterans Day ceremony



Unit 72 Snow Blower, \$1.00 per chance



Merry Christmas!!