

News at Post 72

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February 2014

Post 72 Officers

American Legion Post 72 Officers:

Commander: Mike Freeman

1st Vice Commander: Jesse Montgomery

2nd Vice Commander: Bill Gouldthorpe, Jr.

Adjutant: John Sinclair

Finance Officer: Claude Davenport

Judge Advocate: Jonathan Lienhard

Sergeant at Arms: Ed Deneale

Chaplain: Steve McLeod

Service Officer: Wesley Simms

Historian: Stan Adamowicz

Auxiliary Officers:

President: Donna Webb

Vice President: Julie Gordon

Secretary: Rochelle Ferguson "Shell"

Treasurer: Rosie Limerick

Chaplain: Dottie Howell

Sergeant at Arms: Sandy Glascock

Historian: Patty Freeman

Sons of the American Legion:

Commander: Ted Kilby

1st Vice Commander: Joe Lechwar

2nd Vice Commander: Justin Labell

Adjutant: Clint Bolt

Finance Officer: Clint Bolt

Sergeant at Arms: Jules Juliano

Chaplain: Tom Carter

Service Officer: Tom Carter

Historian:

American Legion Riders:

Director: Terrie Harne

Assistant Director: Claude Davenport

Adjutant: Paul Baker

Treasurer: Steve Ralls

Sergeant at Arms: Mark Burdette

Run Coordinator: Mark Burdette

Membership Chairman: Steve Ralls

Chaplain: Samuel Jesselson

American Legion Post 72 Corporation:

Jim Rankin

Paul Baker

Bill Buck

Joe Grimsley

The Commander's Corner



It is my sad duty to announce that Past Commander Roland Tapscott, after a long and courageous battle with his illness, passed away last month and was laid to rest.

Several of us, including myself, Adjutant John Sinclair and Past Commanders Jim Rankin and Bill Buck had the privilege of being Honorary Pall Bearers at his funeral.

He was the epitome of a true American, who had served both our community and our nation. He was a personal friend to many of us and will be missed by all who knew him. Remember him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

At the upcoming Executive and Business meetings, our focus will still be on our post finances. I am asking again for everyone to get involved, and help us improve our precarious financial situation.

As reported last month, Past Commander Paul Baker has been appointed House Committee Chairman. He has already taken some steps to improve our social quarters, such as new flat screen TV's, started a campaign to buy new chairs for the bar, with raffles, gun sales and has requested donations from our membership, just to name a few.

Remember to thank him for his efforts and support him when possible, and also Donna and our many volunteers, for all of their hard work.

I will be asking some of you to volunteer for the Nominating Committee to get candidates for the upcoming elections. Please consider running for some of the elected positions, as it is always healthy for an organization such as ours to have new officers infused with fresh ideas.

I also want to thank our Post 72 American Legion Riders, who last month made another cash donation to our Post. The ALR not only gave a percentage of the monies earned by their several events, but also contributed an additional five hundred dollars to help our Post.

Additionally they contributed to the Wounded Warriors, Fisher House, USO, TAPS

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etc. to name a few of the other veteran's charities they supported throughout the year.

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, each month. Our next breakfast will be held on February 02, 2014.

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

Our thoughts and prayers go to "Mr. Frank" Marino, Service Officer Wes Simms, Jean Gillen, Frieda Labell, Betting Manning, (John Sinclair's sister), and Andy Andrew's wife who have all been hospitalized recently.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on the first Thursday again this month, on February 06, 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.

For God and Country

Mike Freeman - Commander

Adjutant's Corner

Functions and dates to consider through March 2014:

District Oratorical Contest Feb. 1, 2014 at Post 10

Four Chaplains Service Feb. 2, 2014 11:00AM at Arlington National Cemetery

Northern Region Oratorical contest Feb. 9, 2014 at Post 10

Cut-off date for registration Department Spring Conference Feb. 15, 2014

Dept. Spring Conference Mar. 14-16, 2014 at Virginia Beach

National Washington Conference Mar. 23-26, 2014/ National Commander Mar. 26, 2014

District Spring Conference Mar. 30, 2014 2:30PM at Post 290

ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS!

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Nominations for both Corporation and Executive Board are due at our March 11, 2014 General Membership meeting. Commander Freeman will be asking for volunteers for the Nominating Committee at our February 11, 2014. Anyone interested in the Corporation or Executive Board is asked to contact the Nominating Committee before the Mar. 11, 2014 General Membership meeting.

Anyone interested in helping with Boys State please contact Comrade Bill Buck and/or Wes Simms (subject to availability).

Best regards to Wes Simms and Jean Gillen for a speedy recovery. We miss you!

Remember dues are an annual thing, and if you overlook them, do not come down on Donna or anyone else, as it is your obligation annually. I am asking everyone to just step up when kindly reminded, and pay them to prevent the aggravation for all involved.

Thanks to Comrade Paul Baker for stepping up to become our new House Committee Chairman. Please show him your support by visiting our Social Quarters whenever possible and join in the various events and raffles to support your Post.

See Donna, yours truly and other members to get your March 21, 2014 Raffle tickets.

We will also be looking for volunteers for our annual Golf Tournament fund raiser.

For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America

John H. Sinclair - Adjutant



Auxiliary News

Once again I would like to thank all of our volunteers who help out around the Post. Their efforts may go unnoticed but are much appreciated by all of our Post 72 members.

Not much to report at this time. We all want to welcome Past Commander Paul Baker in his position as Club Manager and Social Quarters Chairman. Good luck Paul!

Everyone please keep Frieda Labell and Crissy Ritchie in your thoughts and prayers. From all of us, get better soon ladies!

Please come out and help work the Auxiliary breakfast on the second Sunday, February 09, 2014. Also, remember our Auxiliary

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meeting will be held immediately afterwards.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

For God and Country

Donna Webb – President



Sons of the Legion News

Our next SAL breakfast will be February 16, 2014. I hope many of you can attend, because chef Cale Bowers will once again be making his famous, from scratch breakfast burritos. The cost for these burritos will be an additional dollar to our normal charge of \$6.00. However, we will still be serving our standard breakfast at our regular price.

Thanks to Jules, Cale, Mike, Clint, Joe, Donna and new member Chip for helping with our January breakfast.

Clint Bolt will be attending the Department of Virginia SAL meeting to be held this month in Lynchburg. We are way behind on our renewals. Clint has a large stack of SAL cards that members have not picked up or paid for. Please remind anyone you know to please come by so you can renew your membership.

We were sorry to hear about Mike Anderson's stepfather passing a few weeks ago. We will miss him at our Sunday breakfast.

In December at our Holiday grocery give away raffle the \$300 grand prize was Doug Simmons and the \$100 was Mike Sposa. Congrats to both of them. Thank all of you who purchased raffle tickets this past holiday season.

Also a note to Legionnaires and SAL members, that the Department of Virginia Spring Conference will be held March 28-30 in VA Beach. You must register by February 15, 2014.

Let's hope spring time gets here soon
For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

This January has been a cold one and there has been very little riding from the group.

In the upcoming month we have a few items to consider.

We need to start planning our annual Spring Poker Run. In order to get this underway, we will need to establish a date and name a

volunteer Chairperson.

We also need a member to step up and be the Chairman for our biggest event in the ALR Post 72 and that is our Bike & Car Show planned for September 27, 2014. Sam is working on the flyers now and we need to get them out ASAP.

The ALR business meeting this month is going to be February 05, 2014 at 7:00pm. Please try and come out as we need to get some things done for the year!

January 26, 2014, was a good ALR breakfast and I hope to see you at the February 23, 2014 breakfast. A special thanks goes to the dedicated volunteers, and also to Donna and her crew for always supporting the Riders.

This year we have been able to give some funding out to a number of organizations; Wounded Warrior Project, Fisher House TAPS, & the USO. We were also able to help out the Post home with a donation as well. This was all made possible thanks to the good work of our members. I hope that the coming year we will do even better.

Thank You Card Project: Sam stated he is ready to send out the information to the schools. He is hoping that we will have a good turnout again this year. Pick-up is planned for May 22 & 23. He is looking for us and some students helping the USO on May 31 to pack up the boxes which will have the cards put in them. Remember all members of the Post and friends can come along with us even if they don't have a bike, we have trucks & cars going along as well to ride in.

For God and Country

Terrie Harne – Director, America Legion Riders

BSA Troop 600 & Crew 600

Boy Scout Troop 600 & Crew 600:

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.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

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The annual Troop 'Lock-In' was in Dec where the Scouts planned the monthly activities for 2014. It is impressive to see the planning and decision process organized and executed entirely by the youth - without the need for adult interjection.

Ski Trip to Timberline Resort, 27-30 Dec
Day hike on the Little Devil Stairs in Shenandoah National Park,

18 Jan Cub Scout Recruitment Night, 20 Jan.
Along with video presentations of troop outings, the scouts and Cubs had fun interacting in various skill competitions.

Day trip to the National Rifle Association Museum planned for 15 Feb

March plans include a rock climbing
Summer camp will be at Blue Ridge Mountain Scout Reservation in southwestern Virginia
Meeting themes in January have been focused on honing the scouts' cooking and land navigation skill – aided by our Crew Venturers.

Current Notices:

Congratulations to one of our youngest scouts, Peter N. of the Phoenix Patrol, on achieving state-wide recognition for an impressive accomplishment. Pete offered a terrific submission for the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Competition. He won first place in the local VFW Post 9835, and also in the VFW District 8 of Virginia. Then he captured 3rd place in the State Competition! Congratulations Pete!!! I'd like him to present his essay at our next regular troop meeting.

Upcoming Events:

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Recent ranks advancements:

Eagle candidates/projects status:

Hunter W – Eagle project complete, SM Conf complete, ESRA verified

David M – CC signature and District review/approval

6 scouts earned Snow Sports MB on ski trip (3 had never skied before)

Planning is underway for troop participation at Merit Badge Midway in Mar

Meeting information: BSA Troop 600 meets on Monday evenings, 1915 – 2030 hours (7:15pm –

8:30pm) in meeting hall at Post 72. We invite you to come by and see what Troop 600 is all about.

Crew 600: Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade and under 21 years of age. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

The Venture Crew is kicking off the year with a rigorous and ambitious schedule. Each month they will focus on a different set of outdoor skills activities. Our goal is for crew members to achieve the Outdoor Bronze Award by year's end, an important step to earning the coveted Ranger Award. Each month they will focus on a different topic - first learning it, then applying it, and finally in order to master the skill we will be teaching it to the troop.

Day hike on the Little Devil Stairs in Shenandoah National Park, 18 Jan. The Crew organized the outing as a joint event with the troop.

Current Notices:

Northern Tier: The Crew continues putting together plans to do the BSA Northern Tier this summer. The Northern Tier is the BSA's oldest national High Adventure program, outfitting scouting groups for canoe trips since the summer of 1923. The Charles L Sommers Base has been home to the program since 1941. North America's Canoe Country, a vast series of navigable lakes and rivers spanning thousands of square miles, is one of the last great wildernesses on the continent. This boreal forest of waterfalls and bogs, bears and wolves, granite crags and waist-deep mud remains nearly as much of a wilderness as it was for the first fur traders who explored the area in the 1600s. Two centuries after the fur trade's peak in the early 1800s, participants still follow in the footsteps of the French-Canadian voyageurs, paddling the same waters and straining over the same portage trails.

Upcoming Events:

Planning continues for summer's Northern Tier Canoe Trek.

Meeting information: BSA Crew 600 meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 1930 – 2030 hours

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(7:30 – 8:30 pm). We invite you to come by and see what Crew 600 are all about.

For God and Country

Claude Davenport - Troop 600 & Crew Liaison

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 Post 72 Air Rifle Team's high score record, 253, has been held by Max since 29 September, 2013, (the longest a record has been held by the way). Then 16 January, 2014 happened... the record high was bettered, twice. The Team was practicing with a 2X20 (standing & kneeling), and in a second round some shooters volunteered to shoot an additional 1X20 from the prone to complete a 3X20. The scores were tabulated and broken into two 3X10's, as we have done in the past. The first set of scores revealed a new Post high score of 254-5, shot by Sam. The second set of scores revealed a new Post high score of 257-5, again by Sam. A fantastic accomplishment!

Our congratulations to you Sam on your outstanding shooting! Enjoy your time Sam on the throne, as we hear some other team members want that throne as well.

On 14 January, the Post 72 Air Rifle Team participated in the January ODJRL Competition, held at Post 290. We had 8 shooters represent the Team. Post 72 was very well represented by Zachary, Penny, Sam, Jake, Jackson, Sean, Chris and Abram. Once again the team did an excellent job, coming in 2nd place overall with a team score of 942 and 13 bulls!

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Our Team results, from four teams shooting at Post 290, include a first place finish; and out of 24 shooters, our top four were: Sam with a 1st place finish 257-4, Sean with a 2nd place finish of 251-6, Abram a 7th place finish with a 232-2 and Zachary with a 202-1. The final overall ODJRL results will be out in a week or so after a couple more teams get their results into ODJRL.

At present, Post 72 will have an overall 2nd place finish. In addition to Team accomplishments, our congratulations go to Sam and Sean for tying their personal high scores.

During the month of January, twelve of the Team members qualified in the American Legion National Postal Match. The National Match closes 1 February and the results will be tabulated. Twenty of the top teams and eighty of the top shooters will be invited to qualify for the second round. At present a couple of our shooters and the team in general have a very good chance in moving up to the next level. We will publish the results month.

During January the Team members made several advancement on their NRA certifications for the below levels were awarded to the Post 72 Air Rifle Team members as noted.

Pro-Marksman: Compete

Marksman: Chris and Isaiah, John.

Marksman 1st Class: Abram, Isaiah, John, Chris & Jake

Sharpshooter Bar Levels: Sean

Sharpshooter: Abram, John & Zachary.

Expert: Max & Sean (Max and Sean are the second and third members of the Post 72 Air Rifle Team to earn the coveted Expert Certification). The Expert Certification requires the shooter to record 3 relays at 220+, 3 relays at 230+ and 3 relays at 240+. This is an outstanding achievement, congratulations Max & Sean.

As always, our thanks to Comrade Hugh Long for his firearms displays and history presentations.

Notices: None

Upcoming Events:

8 February, 2014: ODJRL competition

8 March, 2014: 4-H Spring Air Rifle Match

15 March, 2014: ODJRL competition

12 April 2014: ALJSSP Northern Region, Department of Virginia Competition

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Practice Times: The Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team practices on Thursday evenings, 1830 – 2030hrs in the Legion Hall throughout the school year. We welcome anyone from the Post family to come by to see the program and watch the shooters practice
For God and Country,

Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Bill Gouldthorpe, Lance Davenport, Quentin Peach, - Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team Cadre.

House Chairman News

We are moving forward in improving the Social Quarters as a place for all members and friends to enjoy. Thanks to all that have stepped up to help in this effort.

We are still working to get someone to be in the kitchen each day during lunch so Donna can be out front to serve you. So please be patient until we get this resolved.

As you have seen, we have been able to get a new Flat Screen TV up in the Social Quarters. A big thanks to Claude for stepping up to make it happen. We are selling pull tabs on another Flat Screen 50" just like the one in the corner at \$1.00 each. The sale of these Pull Tabs will in the end pay for both TVs, so please buy them up so we can pay back Claude for his investment.

You may also know we are trying to get new Bar Stools to replace the ones at the Social Quarter. We have had a number of members who have put up \$120.00 to pay for a new stool and in some other cases we have had others come up with even more funding to help out in this effort. If you would like to pay for a stool yourself please give Donna or me a check. If you don't feel you can pay for a whole stool yourself, we would be happy to receive any funds you can swing. There is a jar on the bar that you can put any funds you can swing into. Thanks to Jim Rankin, we got a really good deal on the stools and I think everyone will like them.

We made some changes in the smoking rules within the Social Quarters, and everyone has been very helpful in insuring it has worked out. If you don't remember the change was effective January 1st. We continued to have No Smoking during the dinner hours on Friday

nights. We only permit smoking at the bar during lunch hours each day of the week (11:30am to 1:30pm). We also now have no smoking during the breakfast time each Sunday (9:00am to Noon).

If any members wish to address and discuss anything with me about the Social Quarters, good or bad, please feel free to do so. I would like it is done via a signed letter with a number that I can replay to, with an answer. However, I open to verbal request and statements as well.

I would like to thank all the volunteers at the Post that help the Social Quarters and hope they will continue this coming year. I also hope others that want to see the Social Quarter's prosper continue to come out and help.

Members, always remember that you can bring as many friends to the Social Quarters & the events within. Please check the calendar for more information.

For God and Country

Paul L. Baker - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman

Social Quarters

The Queen of Hearts is back on Tuesday nights at 7pm, only \$1.00 per chance to win. For details swing by the post and ask for a copy of the rules. The first drawing is on Feb. 4th.

Don't forget we will have a Valentine Lock-up party on Feb 15, 2014. Bring your friends and family to this event and have some fun.

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.

As always, we want to thank all of our volunteers who come in and work so hard.

Remember, 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 will remain at \$6.00 for adults. Children twelve and under is half price, at \$3.00 each.**

This month we will have [Karaoke](#) on the

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second Saturday, with Terry at the club from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Come out and check this out, it is a lot of fun for all!

Don't forget our 14-item Bar Menu! You can order from this menu for lunch or any time. We also have luncheon specials during the week. The Thursday hamburger steak special has become a favorite for many!

Friday evening we continue to serve Steak and Seafood dinners. However, we do make exceptions for those that have food allergies that would like to order something other than seafood on that night.

We also have our popular pool table is open for play after dinner.

Please remember we have **WiFi** in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is

www.legionpost72.org

Come out and have some fun with us!

Articles for the March Newsletter are due by February 25, 2014. Please email them to Off2oc1@comcast.net Please mark them "Attn: Newsletter Editor." Thank you! Patty Freeman, Editor

Photos from around the Post



Having fun with group singing and dancing on Karaoke night



Sergeants at Arms, Sandy Glascock and Ed Deneale dance at Karaoke night

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Post 72 Bartender, "Miss Donna" Webb at our Karaoke night



Post 72 Veteran's Plaza after a recent snowstorm



Legionnaire Randy Johnson sings at Karaoke night



Past Commander and House Committee Chairman, Paul Baker blows out the candles on his birthday cake