

News at Post 72 February 2015

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The Commander's Corner



As of this writing, we have thankfully missed the "mega" snowstorm that has engulfed our New England states! We are holding on as yet another "clipper" is heading our way this coming week.

Fortunately for all of u, our new HVAC heating systems are performing flawlessly, and are keeping our post home warm and cozy.

I want to thank Andy Andrews, (AKA "Young Andy"), for helping me install the new door seals in our foyer entrance. The old seals were leaking badly and these new seals have eliminated the drafts that have been plaguing us for several years.

Happy Birthday to Past Commander Paul Baker, and to World War II Veteran "Mr. Andy" Andrews, who both have birthdays this month.

Remember that at the January business meeting we voted on and approved a Constitution and By-laws amendment to change the regular business meeting from the second Tuesday of each month to the third Tuesday.

The upcoming business meeting will be held on February 17, 2015!

At this time it is my sad duty to announce that Auxiliary Member Ginni Mills has passed away after courageously battling her illness. Ginni was "Miss Tootie's" daughter, so please keep Ginni and her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

As previous announced, Comrade John Desmedt has jumped right in as Building and Grounds Chairman, and has begun making several much needed repairs. Thank John for stepping up and please give him your support!

Next month I will be asking some of you to serve on 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 Auxiliary who last month made another cash donation of a thousand dollars to our Post! The Auxiliary not only contributed a

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percentage of the monies they earn annually, from their various fund raisers, but they still managed to make this recent major donation to help our Post.

I want to proudly announce to all that as a cadre member of our Post 72 Junior Shooters Rifle Team, we have again come in first place in a recent ODJRL competition. **This is six consecutive first place finishes by our Post Team! Way to go guys! You have once again represented our post well!**

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 February 01, 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, February 17, 2015 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next executive meeting will be on the first Thursday, February 04, 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.

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



Remember that our monthly business meeting is now the **third Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 19:30 hours.**

I thought I'd pass on a couple of notices from the VA Department HQ ...

Removal of Social Security Numbers from ID Cards: To protect your privacy and personal identity information, the Department of Defense (DoD) is removing Social Security Numbers (SSNs) from all ID cards. A DoD Identification number and a unique DoD Benefits Number (DBN) will be printed on the

cards. You'll get the new ID card when your current ID card expires. Current cards will not be replaced until your card is within 30 days of expiration. If your ID card has an "INDEF" expiration date, schedule an appointment if you want it replaced.

Do not let your card expire. Some members of the Legion have reported having their old cards confiscated at gate checks. Please read the full article on the Tricare website: <http://www.tricare.mil/SSN>

Veteran's Choice Card for medical:

Many Veterans will now have the option to receive non-VA health care rather than waiting for a VA appointment or traveling to a VA facility.

Beginning November 5, 2014, the new Choice Program will begin to cover non-VA care for eligible Veterans enrolled in VA healthcare. Every Veteran will receive a letter and a Choice Card in the mail with details about the program. The Choice Program does not impact your existing VA health care or any other VA benefit. Find out more at

<http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/>

Dept of VA 2015 Spring

Conference, March 13-15: The conference will be at Beach Resort Virginia Beach and is open to all Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary members. The complete activities package is \$54 plus hotel accommodations for \$102. Here are the links to the registration form, [2015 Department Spring Conference Registration Form](#) and hotel information, [Hotel Website](#).

For God and Country

George Morgan - Adjutant



Auxiliary News

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

A personal thanks goes to SAL Member Mike Anderson for cooking at the January breakfast. Also thanks to all the others who helped with breakfast last month as well.

Nothing much else is going on this month to report.

However, our recent silent auction was again a success and we want to thank everyone

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who helped out, donated items or made purchases. Thank you all who supported us!

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Please keep Lee Martin in your thoughts and prayers and wish that she returns 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 January 11, 2015, 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'd like to start off by thanking Mike, Joe, Clint and Rusty for helping with the January breakfast. Our next breakfast will be on February 15th 2015.

Please remember to support not only the SAL, but the Legionnaires, the Ladies Auxiliary and the ALR.

Our next SAL meeting is Tuesday February 03, 2015. The next SAL breakfast is February 15th 2015.

Please come and support your SAL squadron 72.

For God and Country

Jules Juliano – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

I truly hope everyone is staying safe, healthy, and warm these days.

Our monthly meeting is going to be Feb. 4th at 7pm. I would like to see more of our riders coming to the monthly meetings. We need more ideas for the upcoming year.

Our next monthly breakfast is February 22, 2015 and we are in need of some help this

month, and it would nice to see some fresh faces help out.

I would like to tell you about the warm welcome that I received on January 24th, at Post 327 in Norfolk. We had about 4000 thank you cards left over from last year. I had a conference I needed to attend on the 21-25th in Norfolk and had idea about a week before hand. Not wanting to forget Navy and Air Force, I asked for help. After contacting Post 327 ALR we worked together quickly to secure ships at the Naval base. We had a meet and greet on the 24th, after talking with them, I felt good about releasing our cards knowing that cards would get to the service men and woman on the base.

They also gave me a tour of the naval base, where I got to see some amazing ships, took pictures and met some amazing service members all weekend long. I tried my best not to act like a school girl, but trust me it was hard! The Post itself was so warm and welcoming that I felt like a queen.

After the Naval base tour we came back, had a wonderful dinner, drinks and Bill (director of ALR Post 327) talked of plans for the future. The ladies Auxiliary president (mama) and other ladies were there to meet with me also. The contact I made with them, more in likely will have secured more visits in the future. I formerly invited them to our post on 21st of February, as they are planning a trip to the Marine Corps Museum. I would like for all of our riders, if possible to make themselves available on that day so we can show them the respect they showed me. Pictures will be available at our monthly meeting so please come by, and take a look.

Again, please come to the monthly meetings to get more info: about upcoming events.

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

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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 welcomed in the New Year by giving back to the community at First Night Warrenton.
- Several scouts braved the cooler weather to participate in the recent Shepherdstown road clean up. This road has been maintained by Troop 600 for several years. The troop filled up the trailer not only with bags of trash but several tires that had been dumped along the road.
- The scouts held their own New Year party on Monday, January 19th. They enjoyed pizza, chips and cookies and ended the evening with a knot tying contest.

Upcoming Scout Events:

- Merit Badge Midway March 21st

Meeting information: The Scouts general meetings are the 1st, 3rd and 4th Monday evenings from 1915 – 2030 hours (7:15pm – 8:30pm), in the 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:

- Two crew members from Crew 600 attended the annual Timberline Ski trip

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 will be resuming their work on the Winchester/National Rifle Association's Marksman Qualification program in February.
- Eight shooters from Post 72 Air Rifle Team, formed two teams, and competed in the American Legion National Postal Match which is a 3x20 match. **As of 28 January, Post 72 was doing very well, holding a 4th place for Team -1 (Sean, Sam, Savannah and Abram) and 17th for Team 2 (John, Jake, Tristan and Carson), out of 39 teams in the Sporter Division.** The official national rankings will be out the first or second week of February.
- We are continuing an additional practice time, on Wednesday's from 1900 to 2030 hours, 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): The initial results of the ODJRL's

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January 2015 Match, shot at Post 72, VA are as follows:

- Post 72 was represented by Savannah, Sam, Sean, Tristan, Abram and Carson.
- **The Post 72 Team finished in first place (Sporter Class) out of six teams with a score of 1027-26.** Congratulations to Sam (261-4), Sean (260-7), Abram (255-12), Savannah (251-3), Carson (213-4) and Tristan (205-3) for a representing Post 72 so well.
- Individually overall, out of 36 shooters, the Post 72 Team members finished: Sam 1st place, Sean 2nd, Abram 4th, Savannah 8th, Carson 18th, and Tristan 20th.
- Kudos's to the Post 72 Team for their continued professional showing at the ODJRL Matches. Nice job Team!

ODJRL Class Placements Results for December 2014:

- Savannah – 1st place AAT Class, Moves up to AAE Class.
- Sean – 2nd place AAE Class.
- Abram – 3rd place AAT Class.
- Sam – 4th place AAT Class.
- Jake - 3rd place B class.
- Carson – 1st place C Class. Moves up to B class.
- Tristan – 3rd place C Class.
- ODJRL placement: Post 72 Air Rifle Team 1st place.

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- Savannah – 2nd place AAE Class.
- Sam – 1st place AAT Class.
- Abram – 2nd place AAT Class.
- Carson – 4th place B class.
- Tristan – 2nd place C class.
- ODJRL placement: Post 72 Air Rifle Team 1st place.

Qualifications (NRA):

Results are pending scoring.

New Personal High Score: The following shooters achieved a new personal high score during the past month: Tristan 218-2; Jacob 168-1; Hunter 105-0; John 230-3; Dylan 169-1, Jake 226-2; Akili 014-1; Savannah 265-8 and Carson 229-1. Hearty congratulations to all on their outstanding personal achievements.

Upcoming Events:

- 5 February 2015: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 7 March 2015: 4-H Spring match, Holiday Lake, VA
- 14 March 2015: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 21 March 2015: National Jr. Olympic qualification Match, King George, 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)***

Social Quarters / House Committee

Don't forget to mark you schedule down for the Valentine dinner at the Social Quarters on Saturday February the 14th, from 5pm till 8pm. It will be Non-Smoking during the dinner hours. We are offering TWO (2) steak dinners for just \$21.00 and if you can be with you partner or friend then we will do ONE (1) steak dinner for \$11.00. Hope to see all of you there!

At this time the Social Quarters is having a gun raffle for our own Junior Shooting Sports Team. It is a S&W M&P 9 mil., pull tabs for just \$1.00 per chance.

The Social Quarters still has the 50" Element LED TV giveaway going on, and it too is only a \$1.00 a chance.

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.

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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.

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 March Newsletter are due by February 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



All of us at Post 72 wish a Happy Birthday to World War II Veteran, "Mr. Andy" Andrews



"Mr. Andy's" Birthday cake



To All Veterans



Whether At Home Or Abroad

Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired

All Americans Say:

THANK YOU!