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The Commander's Corner

Happy New Year! It's hard to imagine, but 2015 has arrived!

After a couple of years of research and voting, it is my pleasure to announce that Post 72 has all new HVAC systems fully installed. Thanks to the responses and donations from the recent mail out we were able to collect and borrow sufficient funds to replace all three of our aged systems! This should eliminate our annual repairs and further damage to our facility due to leaks, etc.

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

At this time it is my sad duty to announce Comrade John Livesay has passed away after courageously battling his illness. Please keep John, his 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!

I am still 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 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, January 13, 2015 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). Due to New Year's Day, the next executive meeting will be rescheduled to the second Thursday, on January 08, 2015 at 19:00 hours, (7:00pm).

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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 emailed to you or buy a subscription to have it mailed to you.

For God and Country

Mike Freeman - Commander

Adjutant's Corner

I don't have anything much to report at this time. I do want to thank everyone who have supported our organization and wish you all a safe and Happy New Year! Yours in continued service, 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.

Congratulations to Vickie White for winning the Snowblower!

Nothing much else going on this month to report. However, our recent silent auction was again a success and we want to thank everyone who helped out, donated items or made purchases. Thank you all who supported us!

Please keep Ginny Mills 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 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 hope everyone had a great holiday! I'd like to thank everyone who helped out with the Safeway gift card raffle especially Sandra Kilby.

I'd also like to thank Mike, Chip, Joe, Clint, Rusty and Teddy for helping out with the SAL breakfast.

Our next meeting is Tuesday January 6th 2015. The next SAL breakfast is January 18th 2015.

Please come and support your SAL squadron 72.

For God and Country

Jules Juliano – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

Happy New Year Riders, and also to everyone else! A new year means new beginnings, new challenges and new ideas for rides and events. I truly hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and got to spend a wonderful Christmas with their family and friends.

I would like to also thank everyone that came out for the Wreaths Across America in December. Anyone that would like to help get the wreaths removed off of the cemetery, the date is January 10, 2015 at 10am.

Would like to Thank all the riders, we made a huge donation to the Fauquier Co. Food bank. They were extremely excited to see our donation it was a huge help to feed families in the Warrenton Area. So, Thank You riders, for all your hard work this past year. Your efforts enabled us to donate so much...!

Watch your email for upcoming events soon for some of us it will be riding season again. Coming in the spring there is going to be a slow riding course at Manassas Post 10.

We will also be working on our "Thank You Card Project" getting schools on board, sending out letters. We would like to have every rider available this year to ride on the two days event. I'm also looking for anyone that has contact info: for Ships in Norfolk as we still have Thank You Cards to give out.

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I'm going to be in Norfolk in late
January and would like to deliver cards if
possible. If anyone has info: just email me.
Our first riders meeting for 2015 is
January 7th at 7pm, so come early for dinner.
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:

- The following scouts have been nominated and voted into the following leadership positions: Jake C., Senior Patrol Leader; Allen H., Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; Joshua J., Quartermaster
- One of the first tasks that this leadership completed was an inventory of troop 600 gear housed in the trailer. Once the weather breaks an inventory will be done of the shed.
- The troop held their annual lock-in.
 This year's lock in was held at the Vint Hill Community Center. A good time was had by all scouts and even the adults as they joined in on games like four square or pickle ball. Troop 600 scouts give a special thank you to troop 600 ASM's (Eagle Scout's) Jonathan Hall, Logan Jones and Billy Weitz for making the lock in a success.
- A special congratulations for troop 600's Eagle Scout Brad Nellis who will be a working as a Ranger at Philmont for the summer of 2015.

Recent Rank Advancements:

 Zack E. earned the rank advancement of Tenderfoot. Way to go Zack!

Upcoming Scout Events:

 First Night Warrenton December 31st community service project

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.

<u>Crew 600:</u> 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 Représentative*

Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Program

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

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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:

- We would like to welcome our newest Post 72 Air Rifle Team member Dylan. Dylan will be working on his American Legion Basic Marksmanship Certification and becoming familiar with shooting the National Standard Three Position course of fire.
- Our first year shooters will resume 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 several slots in the Civilian Marksmanship Program's national postal match. The match is a standard 3x10 competition which is a qualifier for the CMP regional, state and national matches.
- Carson and Tristan have shown some excellent personal advancement and achievement over the past six months and have been moved up to using the Crosman Challenger PCP air rifle.
 Please join us in congratulating them on their personal achievement.
- December was a FANTASTIC month for personal and team accomplishments!! Read on and joint the Post 72 Air Rifle Team's Cadre in congratulating the Team members on some outstanding accomplishment!

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL): The initial results of the ODJRL's December 2014 Match at Post 290 in Stafford,

VA are as follows:

- Post 72 was represented by Abram, Tristan, Sean, Jake, Savannah, Sam, and Carson.
- The Post 72 Team finished in first place (Sporter Class) out of seven teams with a score of 1036-25, setting a NEW HIGH TEAM SCORE!

Congratulations to Savannah (265-8), Sean (263-6), Abram (254-6), & Sam (254-5) for a job very well done!

- A special congratulations to Savannah for her first, 1st place finish! Way to go Savannah!!!!
- Individually, out of 35 shooters, the Post 72 Team members finished: Savannah 1st place, Sean 2nd place, Abram 3rd place, Sam 4th place, Jake 17th, Carson 18th place, and Tristan 22nd place.
- Kudos's to the Post 72 Team for their continued outstanding showing at the ODJRL Matches. Nice job Team!
- Individual December Class placements will be provided next month.

ODJRL Class Placements Results for October 2014:

- Sam 1st place AAT Class.
- Sean 3rd place AAT Class.
- Abram 2nd place A Class. Moves up to AAT Class.
- Savannah 1st place B Class. Moves up to A Class.
- Carson 3rd place C class.
- Jake 2nd place TYRO class. Moves up to C class.
- Cole 1st place TYRO B class.
- ODJRL placement: Post 72 Air Rifle Team 1st place.

ODJRL Class Placements Results for November 2014:

- Sean 1st place AAT Class. Moves up to AAE Class
- Savannah 3rd place AAT Class. Moves up from A Class to AAT Class
- Abram 5th place AAT Class.
- Sam 6th place AAT Class.
- Jake 1st place C class. Moves up to B class
- Tristan 2nd place C class.
- John 3rd place C class.
- Carson 4thplace C class.
- ODJRL placement: Post 72 Air Rifle Team 1st place.

Qualifications (NRA):

Results are pending scoring.

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New Personal High Score: The following shooters achieved a new personal high score during the month of December:

- Tristan 204-4
- Jacob 168-1
- Hunter 105-0
- John 223-2
- Jake 224-2 (tied)
- Akili 83-0
- Savannah 265-8
- Carson 225-0
- Hearty job well done to Tristan, Jacob, Hunter, John, Jake, Akili, Savannah and Carson on their fantastic personal achievements.

Upcoming Events:

- 10 January 2015: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 15 January 2015: Complete CMP Postal Match, Post 72
- 17 January 2015: American Legion National Postal Match, Post 72
- 14 February 2015: ODJRL match, Post 290, Stafford, VA
- 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.

We now have a very nice 40cal Pistol up for the gun raffle this time. Please remember the raffles and games at the Social Quarter help us keep the cost down.

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

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 Beretta 40 cal. 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. Remember 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

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adults. Children twelve and under is unchanged, at \$3.00 each.

We have a large Bar Lunch Menu! On Friday evenings continue to have our dinners. Please remember we have **Wi-Fi** in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is

www.legionpost72.org

We hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year 2015! **Paul L. Baker -** Past Commander & House Committee Chairman

Articles for the February Newsletter are due by January 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



"Miss Donna" Webb and her Grandaughter "Miss Ava" pose with Santa's helper, Chris Grimsley!



This little one is checking out Santa!



OK, who let the big kid sit on Santa's lap?



Our three new HVAC system units!

