

News at Post 72

June 2014

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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



Summer is now upon us and here in Virginia we can expect the usual, hazy, hot and humid weather to come.

Again it is my sad duty to announce that Post 72 has lost another member, Comrade Frank Marino. "Mr. Frank", was laid to rest on May 03, 2014. He was universally liked and will be missed by us all.

June is also the month that we will install the new Post 72 Officers, as they will assume their responsibilities, effective July 01, 2014. Please extend them the same courtesy and support that you have provided to me during the past year.

I also want to personally thank the outgoing officers, 1st Vice Commander, Jesse Montgomery, 2nd Vice Commander, Bill Gouldthorpe, Jr, (Deceased), and Adjutant John Sinclair. It has been my honor and privilege working with you and I along with all of our members are forever indebted to you for your service to our Post.

I have to report that again we have had trouble with our heating and air conditioning systems, here at our post home. At this time we are obtaining bids from several HVAC contractors and once this information is received it will be discussed at a business meeting, and we will decide on a course of action. These systems have been a constant ongoing problem over the past years and we have spent an inordinate amount of money for repairs. Additionally, we have damaged the ceilings and floors from these system failures, and we simply can't "put our heads in the sand" and hope the problems go away. As expected, funding for this will be another issue to be addressed.

I want to recognize Comrade Sam Jesselson, for organizing our annual Patriotic Card project. It was another successful event, and we believe that we collected approximately 8,000 cards to send to our troops overseas, and to various VA Hospitals. Also thanks to everyone who helped and participated.

We also had another successful Memorial Day Service and thanks to all who

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participated. I want to give a special thanks to Donna Webb and the other Auxiliary members who assisted on this event.

I also want to thank those who worked the recent ALR scheduled breakfast. This allowed the ALR members to participate in Rolling Thunder, that Sunday. The workers were Andy Andrews, Stan Adamowicz, Paul Baker, Jack Flood and Jules Juliano.

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 June 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.

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family of the late "Mr. Frank" Marino. Also to Andy Andrew's wife who is in a nursing home in Warrenton.

The next regular Legion business meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The Executive meeting will be held on the first Thursday again this month, on June 05, 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

I want to thank all my Comrades who have helped me with the school awards over the years. It's that time again and I will be calling on you once again for presentations June 4th, 9th and 10th. I am already set for June 4th but I will be reaching out for help for June 9th AM & PM and June 10th AM.

In addition I would like to thank all my Comrades for your support of our fund raising Golf Tournament held at Stonewall Golf Club in Gainesville Monday May 12, 2014. We netted in excess of \$11,000 for a new high due to all

those who supported the program. My sincere THANKS go out to all the volunteers, players, sponsors, donors and my fellow committee members.

They tell me time flies when you are having fun and it seems like it was just yesterday when I joined the Post 35 years ago. I now find it the appropriate time for me to step aside and welcome Comrade George Morgan as your new Adjutant effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and beyond. It's been a good ride for me over the years but it's time to go, and to welcome George aboard. It's been my pleasure serving my fellow Veterans and the Legion family. I appreciate the faith you have had in me as your Adjutant as well as Finance Officer over the years.

This appears to be the right time for me to step down, knowing that you have in my opinion another loyal Comrade to step up to a leadership role. It was my suggestion that George be considered as my replacement and I am very proud that you took my recommendation and selected him as your new Adjutant.

Congratulations George and I wish you all the best. In the event, you find you need any guidance please do not hesitate to call upon me as your mentor.

For the good of the Legion, and God Bless America

John H. Sinclair – Adjutant



Auxiliary News

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

Also, our thanks go to Dottie for hosting our recent silent auction, which was another well done and successful event.

I want to personally thank all of those who helped me with our annual Memorial Day celebration. One of our Junior Auxiliary members, Savannah, assisted as well and we thank her for her efforts.

As previously announced, our newly elected officers will be installed this month. Thanks to all of you who have accepted these positions and responsibilities. A special thanks goes out to those officers who served this past year.

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The officers for the 2014-2015 are:

President: Donna Webb
Secretary: Rochelle Ferguson
1st Vice: Lora Riggins
Sgt-at-Arms: Chris Ritchie
Treasurer: Patty Freeman
Chaplain: Dee Johnson

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be on Sunday, June 08, 2014 at 2:00pm. This is also our monthly second Sunday breakfast, so please come out and help and attend the meeting immediately afterwards.

Remember that Auxiliary Member Ginni Mills has been ill recently. We all hope she is on the road to recovery and will get well soon. For God and Country

Donna Webb – President



Sons of the Legion News

Last month Squadron 72 held their elections. The new slate of officers is as follows:

Commander: Jules Juliano
1st Vice Commander: Joe Lechwar
2nd Vice Commander: Ted Kilby
Chaplain/Service Officer: Tom Carter
Sergeant at Arms- Steve Ralls.

The next monthly SAL meeting will be Tuesday June 3rd at 7:00 at the post. The next SAL breakfast will be Father's Day June 15, 2014.

We got a chance to visit with Tom Carter at our last breakfast. Tom was healing from cataract surgery. We're glad to see Tom on the mend so quickly. I am sure he enjoyed his trip to Florida.

It has been my privilege to serve as the commander of the SAL for the past four and 1/2 years. I would like to wish Jules good luck as he takes over the position. Taking the position as second Vice will perhaps free up a little of my spare time to visit and help our wounded veterans throughout the area.

God bless all of our veterans and all of their service

For God and Country

Ted Kilby – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

First we like to ask for prayers for our Director Terrie. She had a motorcycle accident on Memorial Day weekend, and is at home recovering.

We are planning a Poker Run for June 28th which will start at the Post and run through the Country Side, please mark your schedules. While you are marking your schedules don't forget our Bike & Car Show on September the 27th here at the Post.

We had a lot of fun running around the local Schools picking up the home made cards the students put together this last month. It was well planned and run event and we would like to thank everyone that came out for it. If you didn't make it this year you should plan to be there next year, as it is something you will never forget.

Our next meeting is June 4, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Post Social Quarters. We also will be hosting the Sunday breakfast on June 22nd.

We need to give a big thanks to the Legion for taking over our scheduled breakfast in May so a number of the Riders could go to Rolling Thunder 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. Scouting helps boys grow, understand self-reliance and the importance of community spirit.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

- The SPL position was passed from David M. to Hunter W. Hunter's leadership staff includes his ASPL, Jarod R.; Scribe, Jake C. and Quartermaster, Chris K.
- At the May 19th meeting scouts learned what to pack on a backcountry campout. The scouts who presented this information did a terrific job and

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everyone learned a wealth of knowledge.

- The troop will be looking at the equipment inventory to assure there is enough for the backcountry campout.
- The cooking merit badge that the troop spent several Monday meetings working on is completed.

Recent Rank Advancements:

- Chris K.: advanced to Star Scout. Congratulations Chris!

Special Recognition:

- Vince Manzella who has served as the ASM for the Golden Eagles patrol recently retired. Congratulations Vince!

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:

- The bake sale went very well; the crew also handed out information on the Crew had free giveaways and a display. This was the first big fundraiser for the Crew and many valuable lessons were learned. The Crew expresses a sincere thank you to all those who donated items for the bake sale.
- The Crew completed their swim test with the Troop.

Upcoming Venturing Events:

- Northern Tier trip this summer.

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

**Barb Nooger & Michelle Hermsdorf –
Editors, 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:

- On 5 April, Sam won a 3rd place medal at the Department of Virginia North Region match in the standing position. Excellent shooting Sam!
- On 3 May, the Post 72 Air Rifle Team competed in the Department of Virginia State Competition. Out of the nine qualified teams invited, Post 72 came in a very strong 5th place. The Post 72 team will be comprised of: Sam, Sean, Abram, Savannah and Zachary. This is the first time Post 72 has participated in an American Legion state level competition. Our congratulations to the Post 72 shooters for an exceptional job well done and representing the Post so well.
- At the Department of VA State Competition, with Sean's 8th place overall standing position qualified to shoot in the final round of shooters, in the "Standing Eight". Sean's score of

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87.1 was enough to promote him to a final 7th place overall standing in the State of Virginia! In addition, Sean was awarded a 3rd place medal for his performance in the regular match standing position. Congratulation Sean for an excellent performance.

- On 14 May, at the general membership meeting, Post 72 Commander Mike Freeman presented Certificates of Appreciation to the State Competition Team, for their contributions to the Post's Junior Shooting Sports Program.
- The team is winding down its 2013/2014 season. The last official practice for the season is Thursday 5 June. We will be reworking some of the rifles & target stands with a small party at the end of practice. The 2014/2015 season will start on Thursday, 21 August, 2014.

Match Results:

- **The Old Dominion Junior Rifle League (ODJRL)** No competition this month. Next season starts in October 2014.
- **ALJSSP Dept. of VA State Competition** As mentioned above, Post 72 was very well represented at the Department of Virginia State Match on 3 May by Abram, Sean, Sam, Savannah, and Zachary. Our Team score was **989 with 20 bulls, a new team high score.** The new team high score was the result of some exceptional shooting by Sam with a 255-6, Sean with a 258-4, Abram with a 229-4 and Savannah with a 247-6. Sean and Savannah also achieved new personal high scores. The Team's personal overall standing in the State competition are: Sean 7th place, Sam 13th place, Savannah 20th, and Abram 29th.

Qualifications: During the last month, the below NRA qualifications were achieved:

- No new qualification.

New Personal High Score: The following shooters achieved a new personal high score during the past month: John 202-0; Sean 258-4; Savannah 247-6; Caden 217-2; and Zachary 230-1

Upcoming Events:

- **5 June 2014:** Last practice of the 2013/2014 Post 72 ALJSSP season
- **16 August 2014:** 4-H Northern District of Virginia Fall Match, Culpeper, VA
- **21 August 2014:** Start of the Post 72 ALJSSP 2014/2015 season.
- **27 September 2014:** Shot Group Challenge during the Post 72 Bike & Car Show, American Legion Post 72, Warrenton, VA.
- **October 2014:** Start of the 2014/2015 Old Dominion Junior Rifle League season

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,

Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team

Cadre: Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Lance Davenport, Quentin Peach, Bob Roda, Andy Andrews, Patty Freeman, and Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)

House Chairman News

Our Social Quarters is a place for all members and friends to enjoy. Thanks to everyone who have stepped up to help in this effort.

We hope you have seen the sofa we have as a raffle item to support the Post. This is a High Grade Leather Sofa with two electric recliners, one on each side. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We also offer a pull tab game on this sofa where you can win 36 additional tickets on the sofa, if you win. Again, the pull tabs are only \$1 ea. We want to give a Special Thanks to Rankin's Furniture for providing the sofa! Please buy as many chances you can so we can sell all the tickets and find out who is the winner!

Again, some of you may also think we have too many raffles and games at the Social Quarter. But the idea is to have something for everyone and at the same time make some money to support the Post. To keep the Post open it takes money and we need to make that funding in different ways to ensure Post 72

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stays around for a long time. So play the games you can, and enjoy.

I again would like to thank all that have volunteered to help out around the Social Quarters and more so on Friday nights. It takes help to run the Steak & Seafood night and any help is much appreciated.

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

For God and Country

Paul L. Baker - Past Commander & House Committee Chairman

Social Quarters

I have discontinued the Queen of Hearts as no one was buying any tickets. We can try it later down the road when more feel interested in it. It appeared that too many would say they wanted to hold off buying tickets until the Jack Pot was up there. I must say that is not the way to look at it. To get the Jack Pot up there you need to buy tickets!

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 and give you the cost of the gun in place of the gun. Then we would try and raffle it off again to someone that wants it. So again please buy tickets on it when you are in the Social Quarters.

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 is \$7.00 for adults. Children twelve and under is unchanged, at \$3.00 each.**

Don't forget our 14-item Bar Lunch Menu! After 3:00pm when the grill is off we still have a smaller Menu for you to order from. On Friday evenings we continue to have our 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. So bring as many friends as you like to enjoy dinner with you.

We also have our popular pool table is open for play after dinner. Come out and have some fun with us! Also don't forget to say hi to Donna, (our hostess), and Bobby, (our cook & new member), as they do an outstanding job! We all need to give them a big thank you!

Please remember we have **Wi-Fi** in the Social Quarters and our WEB page is

www.legionpost72.org.

Articles for the July Newsletter are due by June 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



Post 72 Junior Shooters Team after placing fifth in the American Legion Department of Virginia State Competition, held in Charlottesville, VA.



The winners of the 2014 Post 72 Golf Tournament was John F. Sinclair, Andrew Johnson, Ken Kelliher and Matt Coffin