

News at Post 72 March 2015

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The Commander's Corner



Again we have been weathering some record extreme cold and winds, here in the great Commonwealth of Virginia. So much for "Global Warming"! Thankfully, spring is not too far off!

I am again asking all members to help out whenever you can here at our Post. If you can volunteer some of your time and skills it will benefit all of us.

Our thanks to Donna, Paul and the other volunteers who helped make our Valentine's Day dinner a successful event. Our resident "Grill Master" Stan Adamowicz, cooked steaks outside throughout the evening during a driving snowstorm!

I am proud to 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. Nice job guys!

Also, two of our shooters, Sam and Sean have been invited to participate in the North East Region individual competition at Camp Perry, OH on 26-28 March.

I am also pleased to report that our Junior Shooters Team has been awarded a much needed NRA grant. This grant will provide additional rifles, stands etc. Due to our team's dedication and hard work, our program is recognized as one of the largest and most successful in the region.

Recently both Claude and I attended a NRA class held at Stafford Post 290 and were awarded certification as NRA Range Safety officers.

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 March 01, 2015.

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, March 17, 2015 at 19:30 hours, (7:30pm). The next executive meeting will be on the first Thursday, March 05,

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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.

Never forget that we are all members of the world's greatest brotherhood, we are American Veterans!

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



Everyone remember that our next monthly business meeting is now the **third Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 19:30 hours.**

Ever heard of the VA's benefits program called 'Special Monthly Compensation' (SMC)? This program provides benefits that can be in addition to, or instead of, any existing disability compensation. The program is often disregarded because of its complexity and confusing categories – but it worth a look. Go to www.legion.org/serviceofficers for assistance.

Have you been involved in recruiting new members for the Post? If your efforts have resulted in 3 new members, or the renewal of five existing members, then you can apply for the National Commander's 'Stay the Course' recruiter's pin. See more at www.legin.org/commander/pin.

Want to help Post 72 earn the Post Excellence Award? The areas considered are Membership, Youth Activities, Community Service, and Service to veterans and the troops. Pick an area and talk with the Post Commander as to how you can get involved –

www.legion.org/commander/postexcellence.

For God and Country

George Morgan – Adjutant



Auxiliary News

I am happy to report that our Valentine's Day steak dinner was an overwhelming success! Thanks to everyone who

came out and helped and also to those who supported us. A good time was had by all who attended.

We are planning on having a Cash Bash sometime this spring. The date has not been determined as of this writing.

Please keep Crissy Ritchie and 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 March 08, 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 thank Donna Webb for staying Saturday night and preparing all the food for us in the morning. I'd also like to thank Mike, Chip, Clint, Rusty and Teddy for helping out with the breakfast.

Mr. Carter is having eye surgery in Florida again, and we hope he is enjoying the warm weather.

Our next Sal meeting is March the third 2015 at 7 p.m. Our next Sal breakfast is March 15th 2015. Remember to support your SAL, Legionnaires, Ladies Auxiliary and the ALR. For God and Country

Jules Juliano – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

Another winter is drawing to a close and spring is not too far off. Riding season will soon start once again, and we can hardly wait to get back on the road!

Thanks to all those members who worked the February ALR breakfast. Our next ALR breakfast will be March 29, 2015, so please volunteer to help if you can.

Our monthly meeting is going to be March 04, 2015 at 7pm. I would like to see more of our riders coming to the monthly meetings and participating in our various events.

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Unfortunately, the Norfolk Post 327 Riders were unable to visit our post on February 21st as planned due to the inclement weather. We are looking forward to getting together with them in the future. If you recall, they were the ones who provided me with a tour of the Naval Base and made the arrangements to distribute some of the cards we collected during our Patriotic Card project last 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:

- Scouts from Troop 600 helped out with Pack 957's Pinewood Derby.
- The scouts have decided that they will attend camp Ottari for summer camp.
- The recent weather and snow accumulation has required the scouts to reschedule a campout that was to be held on February 27-March 1st.
- A one day Knife and Axe skills was held where scouts will be reviewing or earning their Totin' Chip.
- The cross over event for Jack C. was also rescheduled for March 7th.

Upcoming Scout Events:

- Cross Over March 7th
- Merit Badge Midway March 21st
- Spring Mulch April 11th
- Court of Honor April 13th
- Spring Camporee April 17th
- Summer Camp June 14-20th

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:

- Three of the Crew participated in the district fall camporee.
- The crew advisor and district crew leader visited the Lyon's Youth Camp ahead to check out conditions for a canoe trip.
- The crew members than planned and went on a canoe trip during the camporee.

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

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Marksmanship Course, Qualification Awards and Air Rifle Competition into a well-rounded activity.

Recent Notable Activities/Events:

- We would like to welcome three new shooters to the Post 72 Air Rifle Team; Hunter G, Dylan K, and Jacob S. The addition of these shooters fills our complement of 14 shooters.
- Our new shooters have resumed work on their Winchester/National Rifle Association's Marksman Qualification program.
- Eight shooters from Post 72 Air Rifle Team, formed two teams, and competed in the Civilian Marksmanship Program National Postal Match (3x20). The first team finished 58th nationally out of 240 teams and 21st in the North East region, missing qualification in the CMP Regional finals by three points. The second team came in 169th nationally. Congratulation to both teams on their first CMP competition.
- Two shooters, Sam and Sean have been invited to participate in the North East Region individual competition at Camp Perry, OH on 26-28 March. This is the first time any Post 72 team member has been invited to an out of state competition. Outstanding performance!!
- 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.

Old Dominion Junior Rifle League

(ODJRL): The initial results of the ODJRL's February 2015 Match, shot at Post 72, VA are as follows:

- Post 72 was represented by John, Jake, 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 1056-25, a new Post 72 Team high score!! Congratulations to Sam (262-2), Sean (272-8), Abram (258-6), Savannah (264-9), Carson (230-6), Tristan (214-2), John (219-1), and Jake (206-1) for representing Post 72 so well.

- Individually overall, out of 32 shooters, the Post 72 Team members finished: Sean 1st place, Savannah 2nd, Sam 3rd, Abram 5th, Carson 10th, John 17th, Tristan 18th, and Jake 19th.
- Kudos's to the Post 72 Team for their 5th first place finish in the 2014-2015 ODJRL season. Excellent job Team!

ODJRL Class Placements Results for February 2015:

- Pending final scoring

Qualifications (NRA):

- Jacob B.: Pro-Marksman and Marksman
- Tristan: Pro-Marksman, Marksman, Marksman 1st Class and Sharpshooter
- Hunter B.: Pro-Marksman and Marksman
- John: 4th qualifying score of 9 for Expert
- Hunter G.: Pro-Marksman and Marksman
- Dylan: Pro-Marksman and Marksman
- Jake: 3rd qualifying scores of 9 for Expert
- Akili: Pro-Marksman, Marksman, Marksman 1st Class and Sharpshooter
- Savannah: Expert
- Jacob S: Pro-Marksman and Marksman
- Carson: Marksman 1st Class, Sharpshooter and 4th qualifying scores of 9 for Expert.

New Personal High Score: The following shooters achieved a new personal high score during the past month: John 233-3; Hunter G 103-0; Sean 272-8 (a new Post 72 high score); Dylan 169-1; Akili 113-1; Jacob S.; and Carson 237-9. Congratulations to all on their outstanding personal achievements.

Upcoming Events:

- 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
- 18 April 2015: American Legion North Region Qualification Match
- 9 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

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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

I know we are all ready for this snow to go and spring to get here!

The winning number for the gun raffle for our own Junior Shooting Sports Team was #200.

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. 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 April Newsletter are due by March 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



Post 72 Veterans Plaza after a recent Snowstorm



John Andrews' vintage military vehicle in front of Post 72



Members and guests enjoy themselves at the Post 72 Valentine's Day dinner!

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Instructor Claude Davenport and Junior Shooter Akili



Post 72 Junior Shooters at practice



Post 72 Social Quarters Chili Cook Off

April 18, 2015 1:00PM – 2:00PM

Cook your dish at home!

\$5.00 Entry Fee

Cash Prizes

1st Place - \$100.00

2nd Place - \$50.00

Sponsored by Jerry and Donna

**All the chili and corn bread you
want!**