

News at Post 72 October 2021

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5 Wreath Challenge to all ALA Members

Post 72 Officers

American Legion Post 72 Officers:

Commander: Claude Davenport
1st Vice Commander: Dirk Wyckoff
2nd Vice Commander: Mike Jenkins
Adjutant: George Morgan
Finance Officer: John Frederick
Sergeant at Arms: Duncan Graham
Chaplain: Dennis Di Mauro
Service Officer: Mike Esso
Historian: Doug Gorham

Auxiliary Officers:

President: Odetta Dietz
Vice President: Jan Callahan
Secretary: Lisa Kemper
Treasurer: Lora Riggins
Chaplain: Vacant
Sergeant at Arms: Lora Riggins
Historian: Lisa Kemper

Sons of the American Legion:

SAL Commander John Kemper
SAL 1st vice Vacant
SAL 2nd vice John Juliano
SAL Adjutant John Bush
SAL Finance Officer John (Boogie) Kemper
SAL Chaplain Vacant
SAL Sgt.at Arms Vacant

American Legion Riders:

Director: Mike Freeman
Asst. Director: Ryan Blankenship
Adjutant: Claude Davenport
Treasurer: Steve Rawls

Appointed positions:

Sgt. at Arms: Jules Juliano
Chaplain: Sam Jesselson
Rider Coordinator: Mike Jenkins
Membership Chairman: Paul Baker

American Legion Post 72 Corporation:

Jim Rankin
Paul Baker
Mike Freeman
Sam Jesselson
Jack Flood



The Commander's Corner

Fall is officially here, and cooler weather is on its way. The Post can use some help with a few repairs and maintenance now that it's cooler. 2nd Vice Mike Jenkins has a list of little projects needing done, so if you have a couple hours, get with Mike, and see what's on the list.

The Tiki bar cover project is still in standby mode waiting on lumber prices to come down a bit more. We are hoping to solicit bids mid-October and get rolling shortly after. If you know of a licensed contractor able to do the build, please have them contact the Post.

We are continuing to make improvements to the Social Quarter. We've purchased a new can cooler to go under the bar to replace the old bottle cooler. We are looking at a sandwich prep table/refrigerator for the kitchen.

We are greatly saddened to have transferred two long time members to Post Everlasting. Lawrence "Larry" Shumaker and , Robert "Bob" Touhey. Larry served his country proudly in the U.S. Army. He loved riding his motorcycle with friends, but his biggest passion was hunting. Bob was a 1959 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School. He was on active duty in the Navy for 11 years as a pilot. Bob was active with the Salvation Army, the Quiet Birds, and the Warrenton Barber Shoppers quartet. Please remember Larry' and Bob's families in your thoughts and prayers.

Just as a reminder, that if you have not received your COVID inoculations, we ask you to wear a face covering while in the Post. We can now host gatherings up to 150 persons in the Hall and so are good to go with meetings

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and rentals.

As always, for the Post to succeed, especially in these tough times, everyone who can, should try to do a little volunteering to make the Post all it can be. We can use additional assistance around the Post. Please consider becoming involved in any way you are comfortable and volunteer just a couple hours a month. It will make the Post a better place to enjoy. We have had some folks step up, but we sure can use some more to keep thing running smoothly.

I encourage all Post 72 Legionnaires to attend the monthly business meetings. It is imperative that we conduct our regular business and address any ideas; suggestions or concerns to help our Post and organization perform better. Our next regularly scheduled Legionnaire membership/business meeting will be Tuesday 21 September at 1930 hours, (7:30pm).

Never forget that we are all members of the world's greatest brotherhood, we are American Veterans! As your Commander, if there are any questions or suggestions to improve our Post, please contact me at commander@legionpost72.org.

For God and Country

Claude Davenport
Commander, John D Sudduth American Legion Post 72



Adjutant's Corner

- Please welcome our four newest members: Steven Butlander/USMC; Harold Bryant,/USA; Henry Meade/USMC; and Lawrence Peccatiello.
- We have a new Sgt at Arms, Duncan Graham.
- A fall car show is planned for 30 Oct and might include a 'Trunk & Treat' activity for kids.

- Volunteer hours for July: 75.5 (Legion 40.5, SAL 21, Aux 14)
- Jeff and Sara Wagner have graciously volunteered to revamp the Post's website.
- As of last month: Total Assets (Checking/Savings) was \$253,786. Social Quarters net: \$8819.

For God and Country

George Morgan – Adjutant



Auxiliary News

Please join the Legion Auxiliary as we rebuild!

Next meeting will be 4th Tuesday at 6:00 at the Post. October 28. NOTE THE CHANGE!! DATE AND TIME

MEMBESHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE. PLEASE SEE KIM DAVENPORT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. If you have your membership card/number, you can renew online, which is quick and easy.

We are doing a fundraiser for Wreaths Across America, and all ALA members are challenged to donate 5 wreaths (\$15.00 per wreath). We are also asking for donations of desserts the second Wednesday of October and November (Desserts for Donations).

If you know of anyone that is ill or needs some assistance, please contact me at the post, 540-347-7740, or 703-209-9421.

Sunday breakfast has changed slightly. If we provide at least 3 volunteers to greet, serve, and clean up, the Legion will split the profits with us 50-50. Please let Odetta Dietz know if you can help, even for an hour or

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so. Thank you, Ryan, for being our cook!. Please let me know if you can help.

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Odetta Dietz – President



Sons of the Legion News

I hope everybody is having a great time this summer enjoying family and friends.

2022 SAL membership renewal are now due. Please drop your payment off at the Legion. We have a box hanging on the wall at the back door. If you choose to mail it in please mail to American Legion Post 72, attention SAL, 345 Legion Dr, Warrenton VA 20186. Be sure to include your name and member number as well as current address so we can mail your card to you. The more information you provide such as email and phone number the easier it is for us to identify your membership.

Our Sunday breakfast is on September 19th at 9 AM. Please if you have time to volunteer it would be greatly appreciated. We have had four of the same people for the last several months. I would like to see some faces.

Our monthly meeting is on September 19th at 1 PM. Please come out. I will be sending out a reminder email to everybody.

For God and Country.

John Kemper – SAL Commander



Legion Riders News

We unfortunately lost one of our fellow riders in

September, Larry Shumaker, a long time Post 72 ALR member. Please keep Judy and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks to Paul Baker for presenting the design for the Post 72 ALR challenge coin. The design was approved by those in attendance and pricing and availability will be announced.

The "Thank You Card Project" rides are scheduled for Friday, November 5th and Friday, November 12th, 2021. More detailed information will be forthcoming. To date, Claude Davenport has contacted all the schools and several have responded positively.

The Post 72 fall poker run, chaired by Mike Jenkins, is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th, 2021. A flyer was presented and approved. Route details will be provided the day of the ride.

A motion was made and approved to donate \$200.00 for the Wreaths Across America project.

Our next ALR breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2021, and as always, please volunteer to help if you're available. Thanks to Jules and Claude, and especially to Kim Davenport for working breakfast this past Sunday. Again I am asking all to volunteer to help on our next ALR breakfasts.

The next ALR business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 19:00 hours, (7:00 PM). Please attend if you are available as information is presented and new ideas and suggestions are both welcomed and encouraged to make our organization remain successful.

For God and Country,
Mike Freeman - Director



Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Program

Warrenton Rifles Junior Shooting Sports Program:

The Warrenton Rifles 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

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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:

- Welcome to our two new shooter/athletes, Owen & Andrew. They've started their Basic Marksmanship Course and should be up to speed next month.
- The Warrenton Rifles will be participation in the Orion National Air Rifle League starting at the end of September. We will shoot seven virtual matches over an eight-week period against other sporter teams across the nation. The Rifles have finished 1st and 2nd in previous league matches and are expected to do well this year.
- Starting in October, the Rifles will also be participating in the Old Dominion Junior Rifle League. They will be shooting one match a month through March 2022.
- Several Warrenton Rifles and family members will be attending the 2021 Piedmont Friends of the NRA Banquet on 9 October. The Friends of the NRA provides grants in the form of equipment to shooting sports team across the country. These equipment grants have been a true blessing to the Warrenton Rifles.
- We continue to follow the COVID-19 protocols as recommend by the Commonwealth and 4-H. Please remember to wear your face protection and practice good social distancing.

Practice Times: During the regular season, the Post 72 Warrenton Rifles Teams primary practice is on Wednesday & Thursday evenings, 1800-2030hrs in the

Legion Hall. We welcome visitors and the Post family to come by to see the program.

For God and Country,

Post 72 Junior Shooting Sports Team Cadre: Claude Davenport, Mike Freeman, Rick Lehr, and Bill Gouldthorpe (in Memorial)

Social Quarters / House Committee

Hello from the Social Quarters Crew,

Watch for the Commander's weekly emails for menus, and updates as needed from Sean.

I hope this finds everyone healthy. Things have been running smoothly since our last literary contribution. Our new team continues to get better and I hope it shows when you come in. Breakfast continues to grow. Since we are one of the only Posts that remains open, we are getting fellow Legion members from around the area coming in to visit, eat and catch up on what's going on.

The Social Quarters continues to adapt to the ever-changing state restrictions. That said, if you can donate any time at all to help out, please come in. Remember, got time to lean, got time to clean.

So... that's the latest and greatest from SQ72. Please call 347-7740 to place an order or to just comment on how we're doing. Stay Safe. Sean and the gang.