

# News at Post 72 September 2021

John D. Sudduth American Legion, 345 Legion Drive, Warrenton, VA 20186

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## **Post 72 Officers**

### **American Legion Post 72 Officers:**

Commander: Claude Davenport  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Dirk Wyckoff  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

Summer is coming to an end; the kids and grandkids are back in school, and the Post is carrying with some repairs and maintenance as it gets cooler. The floors in the Social Quarters and lockers are complete and looking good. We had to replace the faucets in the kitchen so while we were at it, we did some preventive maintenance of the restrooms in the Hall and Social Quarters. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 getting closer to being restarted as lumber prices have come down some. We are hoping to solicit bids mid-September and get rolling shortly after. If you know of a licensed contractor able to do the build, please have them contact the Post.

Monday Night Bar Bingo has had some pretty nice pots which are getting bigger each week. Bingo is Monday nights starting at 6pm. Please remember you must be a current Post 72 member in good standing to collect any winnings. Darts are still on target and sticking it on Thursday evenings. I understand the Social Quarters is pulling together some plans to restart activities for a couple more nights, along the lines of maybe a Trivia night, or karaoke night, or Low-Ball night. Stand by to see what excitement is coming our way.

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 and rentals.

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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](mailto: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.
- On a sad note, the 16<sup>th</sup> District lost a long-serving member and patriot, 'Ziggy' Levison, who died earlier last month.
- Late addition – Longtime member Larry Shumaker (USA) died suddenly September 15. Please be in prayer for his wife, Judy, and their family. Further information will be forthcoming.

For God and Country

**George Morgan** – Adjutant



## Auxiliary News

Please join the Legion Auxiliary as we rebuild!

**Next meeting will be 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 at the Post. September 23rd. NOTE THE CHANGE!!**

**MEMBERSHIP 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.

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

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

For God and Country

**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**

The "Thank You Card Project" rides are currently scheduled for Friday, November 5th and Friday, November 12th, 2021. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

The Post 72 fall poker run, chaired by Mike Jenkins, is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th, 2021. Route details will be provided at the next business meeting.

Welcome to our newest ALR member, Allan Kluse, who was voted in at the August meeting.

Our next ALR breakfast will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021, and as always, please volunteer to help if you're available.

The next ALR business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 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**

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 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 14 August, the Warrenton Rifles participated in the 2021 Virginia 4-H North District Shooting match

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at the Cedar Mountain Youth Range in Culpeper.

The Rifles took a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in air rifle with a top three-member score of 992-with 27 bulls' eyes.

Individually, out of the 29 participants, the Rifles finished: 1<sup>st</sup> place Seth, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Alexis, Brandon 5<sup>th</sup>, Matthew 9<sup>th</sup>, Evan 11<sup>th</sup>, Cole 12<sup>th</sup>, & Payton 21<sup>st</sup>.

Another great showing by the Warrenton Rifles!!

- In July, several of the Warrenton Rifles participated in the MidwayUSA Foundations "Hometown Challenge. Scores were uploaded to MidwayUSA for national placement. In the 3 Position Air Rifle, 14 & under age group, Matthew placed 1<sup>st</sup> with a 488 and Evan placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 418. An excellent performance! In the 14-25 age group (high school/college), Seth placed 9<sup>th</sup> with a 550, Hunter 12<sup>th</sup> with a 518, Julia 14<sup>th</sup> with a 514, Alexis 15<sup>th</sup> with a 508, Brandon 16<sup>th</sup> with a 477, and Daniel 17<sup>th</sup> with a 436. A great showing for shooting along with precision college students!
- Our 2021/2022 shooting season started on 18 August. This year we will be bringing on two new shooter/athletes.
- The Warrenton Rifles will be participation in the Orion National Air Rifle League. Starting in October 2021. We will shoot seven virtual matches over an eight-week period against other sporter teams across the nation. The Rifles have finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in previous league matches and are expected to do well this year.
- 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, 1830-2030hrs 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, Abram Baer, 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.