



# American Legion Post 74 Charlottesville & Albemarle, Inc.



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## Commander's Report:

Welcome Legion Family. I would like to thank all who made the **9-11 Patriot Day Memorial** event possible. Details are published in a separate article on the following page.

A thank you also goes out to our food committee as they continue to plan, coordinate, and prepare outstanding meals for the monthly general membership meeting; Roberta and Bob Humphrey, Connie Critzer, Dawn and Lowell Badgley, Ana Hickory and Randy Wood.

Legion Post 74 held their **Anniversary picnic** on 3 Oct 2021, at Darden Towe Park, under the pavilion. Food catered by Mission BBQ and music presented by Joey Knott.

Thank you to all who attended Department Fall Conference in Williamsburg. Some good ideas for membership, fundraising, continuity, among other things, were shared.

The tentative date for **Wreaths Across America** is Saturday, 18 Dec 2021, at Quantico National Cemetery, with COVID-19 contingency in place. To participate and for more information, contact Connie Critzer at [CLC6KK@gmail.com](mailto:CLC6KK@gmail.com).

Also, I would like to note that **Unit 74 Auxiliary** will be hosting, preparing and paying for the general membership meeting Thanksgiving meal on 10 Nov 2021. This has been a long held tradition within the Post Family and am grateful it can be continued. They ask for members attending to bring and share their favorite dessert, enough to feed 10 people. **Please RSVP by 6 Nov 2021 if possibly attending and what dessert you are thankful to share.**

**Middle school Essay Contest** [valedion.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2022-Middle-School-Essay-Contest-1.pdf](http://valedion.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2022-Middle-School-Essay-Contest-1.pdf) Written essays due in to Post no later than **17 December 2021**.

**High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest** [valedion.org/programs/high-school-oratorical-contest/](http://valedion.org/programs/high-school-oratorical-contest/) Competition dates are Post 74– **22 Jan 22, 13th District– 29 Jan 22, Regional 19 Feb 22, Dept - 6 March 21**.

Judge Advocate Pat Kelly announced a proposed change to the Post Bylaws, Section 6, to delete the statement, "The Post will have an external audit of the financial records each year." He reported that the Department Constitution approved in 2015 states, "The judge advocate commonly has the duty, with others, of auditing post financial accounts. This is done annually, usually before the election of officers, or more frequently at their discretion". Pat proposed that the latter statement should replace the former statement, thereby excluding the requirement for an "external audit". The proposed change will be printed in the November and December Post newsletters, **with a vote of the membership to be held at the January 2022 dinner meeting.**

**Reservations are being taken for U.S. Army National Museum at Ft Belvoir, VA** on 2 Dec. Tours are sponsored by The Center, in Charlottesville. Contact Connie Critzer email at [CLC6KK@gmail.com](mailto:CLC6KK@gmail.com) for more information.

Commander Bill Napier

For God and Country



Condolences go out to friends and family of Post 74 member Nelson Dillehunt who have passed over to Post Everlasting

## **DINNER MENU RSVP: 6 NOV 2021, 434-977-1050**

Turkey, stuffing, ham, cranberry sauce, sweet potato fluff, green beans... They would like for members attending to **bring your favorite dessert**; pie, pudding, cupcakes, enough to feed 10 people. When RSVP, please provide dessert you intend to bring, thank you.

**As tradition, Thanksgiving meal is hosted by and paid for by Unit 74 Auxiliary.**

**If you would prefer to receive the Newsletter by e-mail, please contact us by phone or at [legionpost74@legionpost74.com](mailto:legionpost74@legionpost74.com) with a current e-mail address. Also, please keep us apprised of any changes in your e-mail address to prevent interruptions in receipt of newsletters.**

## Post 74 Officers

Commander: Bill Napier

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First Vice: Vacant

Second Vice: Randy Wood

Third Vice: Roberta Humphrey

Chaplain: Mike James

Finance: David Drayer

Adjutant: Phil Grimm

Historian: Al Underwood

Judge Advocate: Pat Kelly

Sgt. At Arms: Mary Sue Garrison

Athletic Officer: Solomon McCauley

Service Officer: Gary Hegemier

Rental Agent: Anita Hamric

At Large Officers:

Lowell Badgley  
George Shadman  
Bellamy Brown  
Boyd Knott  
W. Bruce Eades

Legionnaire of the Year:  
Gary Hegemier

## Post 74 Memorial on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11

At 11 A.M. on September 11 the Post hosted a Memorial Ceremony recognizing the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attack on America. It provided a unique opportunity to engage the public and elected and appointed officials to come together on a **Day to Remember**. There were many participants each of whom played a part in the event. The East Rivanna VFD arrived with a fire truck to strike the **Four Fives at 12 Noon**. Two students from Charlottesville High School blew echo Taps. Dignitaries from the City of Charlottesville and County of Albemarle were each presented a Blue Star **"We Honor Those Who Serve"** flag for their respective local governments. Members of the Charlottesville Fire Department and Albemarle County Police Department laid a wreath dedicated to **Patriot Day** under the banner **"September 11, 2001 United In Memory"**. The wreath was later that day laid at the Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the County Office Building.

Thanks to the Post 74 Family Members who gave of their time to provide a memorable ceremony. Immediate Past Post Commander Bruce Eades acted as Master of Ceremonies; Post Chaplain Mike James gave the Invocation; Post Historian Al Underwood spoke of his personal perspective on the Global War on Terror; Post Commander Bill Napier thanked those in attendance and provided the American Legion perspective on the meaning of Patriot Day; Keynote speaker and Post member CH (COL) U.S. Army (Ret) spoke of his experiences as Chaplain of the 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Virginia National Guard when he was assigned to officiate at the first Memorial Service held in the Pentagon for those lost on 9/11; Legion Riders Chapter 74 Chaplain Donald Cersley gave the Memorial Prayer; the Post 74 Ceremonial Guard rendered a 7 rifle salute; and Past Post Chaplain, Past Post Historian and retired Army Chaplain Harv Ayers gave the Benediction.

Dual member Robin Riddle representing Legion Auxiliary Unit 74 presented the 9-11 Freedom Flag and 9-11 Memorial Poster Exhibit in the Post Hall for viewing after the ceremony.

Thanks to Post Adjutant Pat Kelly and Post member Clarence Roberts for their extensive contact with elected and appointed officials as invitees to the ceremony.

To help those less fortunate and to help with membership, donations are being accepted in increments of \$35. We have achieved the current goal of 65% for Nov 6 goal. We need to continue renewals and enrolling new members. Our membership teams will be making the first contact of the year those who have yet to renew.

## MEMBERSHIP THROUGH Oct 2021

Renewals	PUFLs	New Members	Transfers	Total Membership	Goal for the Year	Percent of Goal Met
314	139	6	2	461	678	68%

For those who have not renewed for 2022, please consider remitting your dues now of \$35.

Your membership is the life blood of American Legion Post 74



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 74  
 Unit President Ruthann Brown  
 rsk8mom@aol.com

Meetings are held at the Post Home, 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 630PM.

Meet and Greet at 6PM

If you are unable to attend please email your input for consideration. Most of this meeting will be prepping for the following nights dinner. Please come and join us, we want to show a good turn out. Thank you for your support. Please mail membership renewal to PO Box 364, Crozet, VA 22936.



**S.A.L. (Sons of American Legion) Squadron 74**  
**Commander Lowell Badgley**

Meeting 3rd Tues, 17 Nov 2021, dinner at 6pm  
 Membership cards for 21-22 are in. Dues are \$15.00 per member.



**American Legion Riders Chapter 74**

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**Director: Bob Humphrey at [wrench58@embarqmail.com](mailto:wrench58@embarqmail.com)**

Hello Post ALR members. I sure hope everyone remains healthy and safe. Please be mindful when riding with the fall season upon us. Tree leaves are falling and creating potential road surface danger conditions. Also, it is important to practice good communication. Let someone know your anticipated route and approximate time of arrival. If riding in a group, verify communication method(s); flashing lights, hand signals, CB, cell phone, Bluetooth etc., between all riders. Never drive beyond your comfort level. We remain scheduled For God and Country, RIDE ON MY FRIEND, RIDE ON!!



**Blue Star Families of Central Virginia**

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Our next packing of CARE packages is Thursday, November 18. This is usually our biggest one of the year and we would love to have you join us! We gather about 6 pm to prepare for the packout, have a meeting at 6:30 pm and pack the CARE packages immediately following the conclusion of the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Horsfall. **DON'T FORGET, IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE DEPLOYED AT THIS TIME, PLEASE GET THAT INFORMATION TO MARTHA SO HE/SHE CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE PACKOUT.** Thank you again for all you do to help us continue fulfilling our mission.



**Disabled American Veterans Chapter 33**

Meets 2nd Wed. of the month 5:30pm

DAV Commander: Bob Clouser

**Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary**

Meets 2nd Sun. of the month at 2:00pm

DAVA Commander Steve Durad



**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA.** Once again our chapter is sponsoring holiday wreaths at **Culpeper National Cemetery.** If you would like to sponsor a wreath at Culpeper, please contact **Martha of Blue Star Families.** You can order online or use a printed form. Printed forms will be available at Post 74 office as well as available from Martha. The cost is \$15.00 per wreath. If you order through our chapter, \$5.00 of the cost is returned to our chapter to help support the CARE package program. All support is greatly appreciated.






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# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6 United Nations Comedy Tour Ciderworks Apple Harvest
7 Daylight savings Ends	8	9 Auxiliary mtg 7pm, snack 6:30	10 Dinner 6pm, Gen membership 7pm, DAV 5:30pm	11 Veterans Day	12 University Singers Fall Concert	13 Marine Corps League Birthday Party
14	15	16 SAL mtg, dinner 6pm	17	18	19	20 Ceremonial Guard Change of CMD-1100, Girls State Luncheon
21 Grenada Campaign Ended	22	23	24		26 Native American Heritage Day	27
28	29	30	<b>10 Nov. Marine Corps Birthday</b> <b>11 Nov 2021 All Post Members are welcome to attend our Veterans Day Ceremony at the Post at 11am.</b>			



## The History of Veteran's Day

Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. Most Americans confuse this holiday with Memorial Day. Some Americans don't know why we commemorate our Veterans on November 11th. It's essential that all Americans know the history of Veterans Day so that we can honor our former service members properly.

Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. Legislation that passed in 1938, noted that November 11 was dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day". This new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress prompted by the urging of veteran's service organizations -- amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of the 83rd Congress on June 1, November 11, 1954 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and Veteran's Day this month let us not forget to be thankful for all the men and women who fought and gave their lives for our freedom. Let us also be thankful for all our military men and women who are currently serving in the Armed Forces both at home and overseas.

Wishing you and your families a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

God Bless America! Mike James Chaplin

If you know of someone, or you yourself are ill or in the hospital, feel free to contact Chaplain Mike James at 309-825-2851.  
 Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255