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Legionnaire of the Year:
Robin Riddle

FOR THE GOOD OF
THE LEGION



Charles Leveille
recruiting at Mission BBQ

Wayne Snyder making
"Buddy Calls"



Consolidated Post Report (CPR) shows the many ways Legionnaires are making a difference in the lives of **veterans, families, communities**, and beyond. Here is the flow on how the **"numbers"** are gathered and reported: **Legion Posts** send reports to their respective **Legion Department** (States, territories and overseas Departments), who consolidate the information and submit a **report to National Legion Headquarters**. They then **consolidate all received reports** into one big report and submit their findings to **Congress** to justify what we do is vital in servicing our/their veterans. For the **2021-2022** schedule, **National Legion office** reported the overall numbers were **conservative due to 35% of Legion Posts did not file reports** and some Legion Posts underestimated their numbers. Congress then transcribes the numbers into "if we were provided payment/reimbursement" **what our value/net worth would look like**. Although **The American Legion receives no money or grants from the federal government**, the numbers provide a tool in **Legislative consideration and decision making** for American Legion programs to **pick up and fill the void** left by government agencies. By **providing us** with your **volunteer hours**, miles driven, money (item purchase cost) donated, assistance provided, **veteran events/programs attended**, cards/letters sent, and **veterans visited**, our numbers will have a better **representation** of what we voluntarily do. Individual reports can be **emailed, mailed**, or call and leave a message. If coming to Post 74 and we are closed put it in an envelope, drop it in our **mailbox 3025**. Our delivery person doesn't take mail out, only delivers. Your **personal information**, if provided, **will not be included in the reports**, we just need the **numbers/data**. For more information of past reports go to <https://www.legion.org/bythenumbers>. Please respond by 15 May as our CPR is due to Department by 18 May. Robin Riddle and Mary Garrison **Thank you** as they are filing our report.

ATTENTION: If you **renew for 2023** and are not able to make up for the years of missed payments, you will continue to receive the newsletter but will start the continuous years count at 1 year.

MEMBERSHIP THROUGH 30 Mar 2023

Renewals are trickling in, Thank you! We have achieved/surpassed each months goal until now. Unfortunately, we fell short of the 90% goal for March. The goal for April is 95%. We need only 52 new/renewals to meet next month's goal of by 19 April. To help those less fortunate and to help with membership, donations are being accepted in increments of \$35.

Renewals	PUFLs	New Members	Transfers	Total Membership	Goal for the Year	Percent of Goal Met
396	137	6	3	542	624	86.86%

NEW MEMBERS
Elliott Folston, Marines-Bill Napier James Watt, Army-Phil Grimm
Roger Honeycutt, Marines-Mary Garrison

August marks the start of a new membership year, 2023. Your dues \$35.
Your membership is the life blood of American Legion Post 74



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 74
Unit President Ruthann Brown 434-978-1863
rsk8mom@aol.com We meet at 7pm, on the 2nd Tue of the month, at the Post Home.
With warmer weather comes more activities/opportunities to serve and honor our veterans; Dogwood Vietnam Memorial/parade, Purple-Up, and Patriot's Day.
Spring Dance- 22 April, 8-10pm, tickets are \$10/advance & \$15/door. We are selling Pigs-n-blanket, BBQ, chips, popcorn, cake, candy and more. Robin will be in Indianapolis for National Oratorical. Money raised is to defer cost for Girl State. Please come and help us.
Let us know if interested in holding a **Unit office**. Also, **year end reports (volunteer/mileage/money spent)** are due to National by 15 April. Remember this information is sent to Congress. Prayers for Jane and Brenda who are on our sick list.
We hope to see you soon. Have a great month and a Happy Easter!
If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so. We are always looking for new members. Mail membership renewal of \$40 to PO Box 364, Crozet, VA 22932.

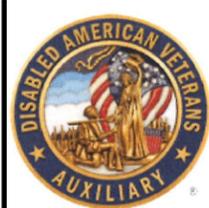
S.A.L. (Sons of American Legion) Squadron 74
Commander Lowell Badgley 434-409-4326
General Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of the month, dinner at 6pm, meeting at 5pm.
Post 74 came to the aid of 3 scouting Units. They were in need of a new charter partner. Post CDR signed both new charters; troop 37 (boys) and Troop 3711 (girls). Both were formerly chartered by Hinton Ave. Methodist Church. Lowell Badgley, SAL Squadron CDR signed the charter to sponsor the third Unit, Cub Pack 36, formerly chartered by 1st Methodist Church. All 3 units will continue to meet at their former charter partners locations. Starting 1 June dues for the 22-23 year are increased to \$20.00 per member.

American Legion Riders Chapter 74
Website: www.al74riders.com Email: info@al74riders.com
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Spring is here and nice weather to ride. May is **National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month**. Remember, we are all responsible to make **EVERY month** a Safety Awareness month. There will be no shortage of cage drivers out there but some motorcyclists also do foolish/unsafe things. Remember, when a motorcycle and a car/truck collide it's frequently the non-motorcyclist who violates a riders right-of-way. Drivers frequently do **NOT anticipate** a motorcycle's movement; driver's view is obstructed (often in their blind spot); motorcycles are relatively small and drivers "don't see them". Remember, proper motorcycle road worthiness, performing **pre-ride and routine maintenance**; bright colors, good lighting, safe driving habits, awareness of other vehicles and not competing with bigger vehicles every rider should consider **EVERY TIME** you ride. Our **primary goal is safety** first. Enjoy the good riding days and **STAY SAFE!** Our next meeting is **Saturday April 8, 2023 @ 1000 hrs**.
Thank you for your time, interest and support For God and Country, Post 74 and the USA. Bob Humphrey, Director, Post 74 ALR

Blue Star Families of Central Virginia
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Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, April 19** for our next meeting/packout of CARE packages. We gather at 6 pm and have our meeting at 6:30 pm with our packout immediately following the adjournment of the meeting. **If you know of anyone deployed at this time, PLEASE let us know so they can be included in the April shipment of CARE packages.** Also, please mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 6 for Our Community Salutes** at 10 am at Lane Auditorium in the Albemarle County Office Building as we honor those graduating high school seniors who have chosen to enlist in the military.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 33
Meets 2nd Wed. of the month 5:30pm
DAV Commander: Lee Everton
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
Meets 2nd Sun. of the month at 2:00pm
DAVA Commander : Jane Ferneyhough

ATTENTION LEGIONAIRES!
We need volunteers to help with Sunday BINGO and an additional person for BINGO manager...
We are looking for a member to take Adjutant position as Phil has given his all and stepped down as of 1 February 2023.





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April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BINGO—Sundays, Door opens 12pm, Game starts 1:30 pm	Month of: Military America Beautiful, Poetry, Adopt a Pet	Child, Keep Stress Awareness,	Every Sunday, 9am-1pm C-Ville City Market,			1 40&8 Lunch Eggstravaganza Carter Mtn
2 PB&J Day 	3 Chocolate Mousse Day 	4 Librarian Day	5 Exec mtg Gold Star Spouses Day	6 UVA Twinkie Day	7 Good Friday, Beer Day, UVA 	8 ALR mtg 10am UVA
9 Easter No BINGO	10 Siblings Day 	11 ALA mtg 7pm, UVA, Pet Day 	12 Dinner 6pm, General mem 7pm UVA 	13 Founders Day-Jefferson B-day	14 Air Force Reserves B-day UVA 	15 Purple-Up UVA Dogwood Festival Parade
16 AHS Jazz Swing to Spring UVA, Orthodox Easter 	17 Patriots Day 	18 SAL Mtg 5pm Lineman Appreciation	19 Blue Star Packout Amaretto Day, Garlic Day	20 Marine Corps League Lima Bean Day	21 Dogwood Vietnam Memorial Kindergarten Day 	22 Legion Dance 8-11 RX Take back Day, Earth Day
23 Army Reserves B-day Girls on the RUN 5k 	24 Pigs in a Blanket Day 	25 UVA Penguin Day	26 UVA Admin Professionals Day	27 Babe Ruth Day NFL Draft begins	28 UVA National Arbor Day	29 Gimme Gimme Disco @ Jefferson Theater UVA
30 Military BRAT Day UVA 	April History of Events: Ponce De Leon first sighting of Florida, American Revolution began, George Washington was Inaugurated as President, First Webster Dictionary Published, Sinking of the Titanic, President Linden B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968					29— Foxfield Races

Chaplain's Corner: In reading this newsletter, your American Legion Post 74 will be in the middle of its yearly Officer election cycle. This is an important time as the results of the election will determine the leadership for the Post for the next year and beyond. At our April 2023 General Membership meeting, the Nomination Committee will put forward nominations for the six elected leadership positions: Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Sergeant-at-Arms, Historian and Chaplain. A call for nominations from the floor will be conducted. Members must be present and nominated by someone other than yourself.

I volunteered to serve as interim Chaplain after Mike James asked to be released from his commitment in September 2022. Over the last 8 months I have found it to be rewarding and challenging, but I do feel as though I'm not very good at it. I do take the responsibility seriously, and work to be prepared to carry out the ceremonial portion of my Chaplain duties. I enjoyed the hospital visits, the phone check-ins and, most recently, the Buddy Calls.

Ending about a decade ago, I played softball for several years in leagues organized by Charlottesville Parks and Recreation. I was a reliable D league (the lowest level) player, participating in every opportunity that I could. Occasionally, I was called to substitute for a much more competitive B league team; being their 10th player, to make a full squad. I would routinely play catcher, a low-impact position at that level. I loved the opportunities to "play up" amongst much more talented players, to help the team and not risk a forfeit. I never got called if they had a full squad, never got invited to join the regular team, and I was thankful for that. We all knew that I didn't belong on a B league team. I clearly didn't have B league talent, but in a pinch, I did love it when I could contribute.

I have the same feeling about serving as the Chaplain for Post 74. I do love it when I can contribute, but I know that I don't have the talent the role needs. I think that I am occupying a role that needs and deserves a better servant-leader. With a membership of over 500 veterans from all walks and stages of life, I am confident that the better Chaplain is among us. We just need him or her to step forward and agree to serve. If you have ever considered becoming more involved in the Post, more involved in the support of our members, this could be a perfect opportunity for you. Our Post needs members to step forward and serve in these leadership positions. If you have ever thought about becoming more involved in the American Legion and the service work that we do, this is your time.

For God and Country, Wayne Snyder Chaplain

If you know of someone, or you yourself are ill or in the hospital, feel free to contact us at 434-977-1050. If this is an emergency or you are in crises, please call 911. Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255, or dial "988" press 1.

Website: <http://www.legionpost74.com> E-mail: legionpost74@legionpost74.com

Commander's Report:

I would like to thank the **Food Committee** for preparing and serving the general meeting monthly meal; Roberta and Bob Humphrey, Lowell Badgley, and Connie Critzer. A special thanks to **Werner Gstattenbauer and his wife** for preparing an **authentic German meal**. This months meal has brought **STEAK** back on the menu! As a result the cost will be **\$15 per person**. Sorry— no green beans.

Bingo is progressing along nicely, but we are desperately in need of volunteers to share the "load" and prevent worker "burn-out". Contact Sol McCauley or leave a voice message at the Post if you are able to lend your time.

April is Children and Youth Month recognized with the phrase "**Purple Up**" with actual events at Military Installations and Veteran Support Groups the **weekend of 15 April**. We are also encouraged to **wear purple** to represent unity among all branches of the military.

Don't forget the **tax deadline**. April 15 falls on a weekend therefore filing by date has moved to **18 April**. Check online services as some military assistance groups will provide filing for Veterans for free.

We will be presenting **Military of Excellence and Scholastic of Excellence Certificates and ribbons** to members attending University of Virginia, James Madison University, and Liberty University **ROTC program**. The ceremony is being held at 1600 on Tuesday, **18 April**, at the McLeod Auditorium on UVA Grounds. Due to limited space and provisions this event is by invitation only, sorry.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday 22 April** for our Spring Fling Dance (yes the **date has changed** for the bands availability). Dance **starts at 8pm ends at 11pm** with doors opening **no earlier than 7pm**. **Tickets are \$10 in advance** at Tubby's restaurant, The Wine shop, Post 74 or through Beverly Bunch, Sol McCauley, or Bill Napier. Cost at **the door is \$15** and no refunds. This is a **fund raising event** with proceeds going to the Sons of American Legion (**SAL Squadron 74 and Legion Riders Chapter 74**, to provide support to their respective Military Children Support Groups. We will have mixers available for **BYOB (bottle)**. A variety of **beer, seltzers are available for purchase (not brought in from outside)**. **NO Outside food is to be brought in, Thank you**. The auxiliary will make available for purchase **Pigs-n-a blanket, BBQ on a bun, chips, popcorn, cake slices, candy pieces** and much more. The **proceeds help the Auxiliary defer the cost for upcoming High School female Seniors attend Girls State**.

DINNER MENU RSVP: 10 April 2023

Price for this meal is \$15.00

Steak, Baked potato loaded, Vegetable, Salad Bar, Roll Tea/lemonade/water to drink.

Pig Picking (mandarin oranges) Cake

Sign-in roster, ticket required to receive meal.

First time members eat free!

Please RSVP, 434-977-1050. Presented by Legion Riders



In closing, please continue to make "**Buddy Checks**" not only to members but your families and friends.

For God and Country
 Commander Bill Napier

Sick Bay

Carrol Hoffman
 Bob Pritchard

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