



American Legion Post 74 Charlottesville & Albemarle, Inc.



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Commander's Report:

Welcome American Legion Family! I would like to thank Carrol White and Sandra Short from Albemarle Chapter of NSDAR for their presentation on Leashes of Valor. Slides were provided of Darby, one of the dogs in training.

A thank you also goes out to the Food Committee Team for preparing and serving the March meeting dinner; Roberta and Bob Humphrey, Connie Critzer, Dawn and Lowell Badgley.

On 26 March, the Fighting 13th District held their Spring Conference at Post 128 in Stanardsville. State Commander Frank Hillyard and incoming candidate for State Commander, Richard Oertel were both in attendance. Their message centered around membership and completing the annual Membership Impact Reports that are due in April. This is where you can help the Post. We need for all members to submit, via email or letter, any volunteer work, miles traveled, and money spent by you, that supported/helped a fellow veteran or child of a veteran (not family member). The assistance will have had to occur between June 2021 thru May 2022. Examples would include, driving a veteran to a Dr. appointment, sending get well cards/hospital visits, providing a meal, donating to Toys for Tots/ Operation Comfort, Donated Blood/Plasma, and "Buddy Checks". The veteran does not need to be a Legion member for your assistance to count. Robin Riddle and Mary Garrison have graciously volunteered to record/consolidate and file the reports to Department.

April is the month of the Military Child and marked as Children and Youth Activities for the American Legion. It is an important one for children who have one or both parents serving in uniform. Since 1986 there have been an increasing number of awareness campaigns aimed at recognizing the needs of military children in all areas from coping with the deployment of parents to war zones to education of military dependents at on-base Department of Defense Dependent School System campuses around the globe.

Our Nomination Committee will present the slate of officers for the 2022-2023 Executive Committee Positions. Afterwards, nominations will be taken from the floor for members in good standing. If nominated and you choose to decline, please inform the committee at that time.

In closing, please continue to make "Buddy Checks" not only to members of The American Legion, but your own family and friends.

For God and Country
Commander Bill Napier

Sick Bay— Nancy Carver



DINNER MENU \$12.00 RSVP: 8 March 2022

Ham, Mac & Cheese, Beans Bacon & Tomato Bake, Salad w/ Fixins' Rolls, Pineapple Tea/lemonade to drink.

Sign-in roster, ticket required to receive meal.

First time members eat free!

Please RSVP, 434-977-1050. Presented by Post 74 Ceremonial Unit and Legion Riders

 Condolences go out to friends and family of Post 74 member Bill Suhler who passed over to Post Everlasting

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At Large Officers:

Lowell Badgley

George Shadman

Legionnaire of the Year:

Post 74 ALR would like to recognize our Vietnam/Korean War Veterans by hosting a luncheon. This is a **FREE** event. The **proposed date is 23 April, at 1pm**. The **afternoon time frame** we hope this will help facilitate veterans who are not comfortable driving in the dark; improving safety concerns and allowing for camaraderie associated with this type of gathering. As most of our members are aware, funds are limited. However, our ALR Chapter feels it is important to recognize this group of Veterans. The luncheon menu is **spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and a dessert**. Not many responses were received in March. To help determine number interested/amount of food needed, **RSVP is 18 April 2022. We will unfortunately need to cancel the event if the response is once again low**. Contact Post 74 at 434-977-1050. Thank you for your attention to this worthy cause. A guest speaker is scheduled. We look forward to seeing you. – Bob Humphrey, Director, Post 74, ALR

More than 100 women were honored at the Virginia War Memorial as part of a Virginia Women Veterans Week pinning ceremony.

Virginia Lt. Governor Winsome Earle Sears, herself a Marine Corp veteran, took part in the ceremony.



VA Benefit for Surviving Spouses that Many Are Missing Out On.

A Survivor's Pension also referred to as Widows Pension, is a monthly monetary **benefit paid to the low-income spouses of a deceased veteran**. A veteran's **unmarried dependent children may also be eligible** for this benefit.

The spouse must have been **married to the veteran for at least a year, and never remarried (some exceptions)**. There are also various income and net worth criteria established by Congress.

The **new net worth cap set by the VA for 2022 is \$138,489**. The house and car are exempt.

The **2022 maximum monthly pension with Aid and Attendance for a veteran's widow is \$1,310 per month (\$15,816 per year)**. Once the benefit is approved it will be paid on a monthly basis just like Social Security.

If you know someone who may qualify, contact your Post 74 Veterans Service Officer Gary Hegemier at ghegemier@gmail.com.

We need 96 renewals/new to reach current goal of 100% by 6 April. A Postcard reminder went out to all members who have not paid the 2022 membership dues. **To help those less fortunate and to help with membership, donations are being accepted in increments of \$35.**

MEMBERSHIP THROUGH 26 MARCH 2022

Renewals	PUFLs	New Members	Transfers	Total Membership	Goal for the Year	Percent of Goal Met
427	145	10	4	582	678	85.84%

NEW EMBERS

76 members currently have not renewed for 2022. We need 96 members to reach 100%

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 held at the Post Home, 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 630PM. Meet and Greet at 6PM

Northern Zone workshop, was a success with 4/5 Districts were represented. **Girls State** is just around the corner, **cost is \$425/girl**. We are sending 4/39 for now. We need to put **into action** ways to fundraise. We are at **60% (51/84)** for membership. Please mail membership renewal to PO Box 364, Crozet, VA 22936.



S.A.L. (Sons of American Legion) Squadron 74
Commander Lowell Badgley
 General Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of the month, dinner at 6pm, meeting at 7pm
 Membership cards for 21-22 are in. Dues are \$15.00 per member.



American Legion Riders Chapter 74
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Hello, Post 74 ALR. Spring is here and nice weather to ride. *However, road hazards created by a winter of ice, rain and wind lend to dangerous road conditions.* Keep in mind, cages don't always see you/looking out for you. **Bad drivers, aside, other motorcyclist continue to do foolish things out on the road, giving all riders a bad name. Let's not be one of them.** Perform before/after maintenance. Wear bright colors and have good lighting. Our primary goal is safety first. Thank you for your time and support.
For God and Country, Ride On My Friend, Ride On



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Join us, **Sat., 9 April, 11am to 3pm**, for an **Easter Extravaganza** (free event) hosted by Catherine Benson, **all proceeds going to our chapter.** This is a family-oriented event with **Egg Hunts** for children, **craft/food vendors, music**, and an opportunity to have fun together outdoors. 1017 Forest Lodge Lane, Charlottesville.

Thank you to all who continue to help in our efforts. If you know of anyone deployed at this time, please let us know so we can include them in our next **pack-out on Thursday, April 28.**



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



The **Auxiliary is building a dollhouse** to be raffled off at Legion Department Convention, **July 2022.** Proceeds go to **Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) program.** The house will be painted, floored, and partially decorated with furniture and known as **"The Legion Home" on 1 LEGIONWAY.** Additional donated furniture/ accessories will be provided if requested.



Contact Robin or Ruthann for tickets \$3/ 1 ticket, \$5/ 2 tickets.

Got ideas? Like to Organize Activities?

- Who or what speakers would you like to have at our dinners/ special events?
- What ideas and activities can you bring to the table, participate in?

Like to participate?



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April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Military Child Month	6 & 23– Tour the Paramount Theater 7– UVA New Music Ensemble 9 & 10– Tandem School Quilt Show 9–Blue Star Egg Hunt Extravaganza	14–National Geographic 15–"DUNE" Free Movie, at PVCC 17– Easter egg Hunt, Eastwood Farm/Winery 30– National Prescription Drug Take Back			1 Simcoe for SARA-local breweries fundraiser	2  Ramadan begins
3 National Chocolate Mousse Day Post 90 Beaverdam Music Jam 2-5pm	4 School Librarian Day	5 Gold Star Spouses Day, Deep Dish Pizza Day	6 EXEC mtg US Entered WWI-1917	7 National Beer & No Housework Day	8 National Day of Silene	9 National Former POW Day Catfish dinner, Madison Post
10 DAVA 2pm	11 Desert Storm Cease-fire, National Submarine Day	12 Auxiliary mtg, 6:30pm Civil War Began 1861	13 Dinner 6pm Gen Mbr 7pm DAV 5:30pm	14 Airforce Reserves BDay	15 Good Friday \$\$Tax Day\$\$	16 Purple Up!
17 	18 World Heritage Day	19 SAL mtg 7pm	20	21 Marine Corps League 6:30	22 National Girl Scout Leaders Day National Oratorical Competition	23 Army Reserve B-Day
24	25 Spanish-American War Began 1898	26 National Kids & Pets Day	27	28 Blue Star pack-out 6pm	29 National Arbor Day	30 National Military Brats Day



Purple Up! For Military Kids Day

Defense Secretary, **Caspar Weinberger**, was responsible for establishing April as the month of **The Military Child in 1986**, Department of Defense has honored his initiative ever since.

Wearing **PURPLE** shows support/thanks to military children for their strength and sacrifices. Combine all colors of the military branches; Air Force **blue**, Army **green**, Navy **blue**, Marine **red**, and Coast Guard **blue**, blends as a single color, **PURPLE**.

The U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity, operates **166 schools** for military children worldwide, to “plan special events to honor military children and have administrators/principals incorporate the themes of this month into their everyday duties and responsibilities” according to the DoDEA official site.

- Department of Defense: **700 military child development** program facilities around the world, running approximately **155,000 child-care spaces**, with another **3,000 Family Child Care homes**.
- Military child development centers welcome around **200,000 children daily**. There are **300 youth/teen centers** worldwide **servicing more than 645,000 youth** through a variety of educational and recreational programs.
- Approximately **2 million** military children have experienced a **parental deployment since 9/11**.
- **Nearly 80% children of active duty members attend public schools throughout the United States**.
- There are **nearly two million “total-force dependent children”**; over 900,000 Army dependents, 400,000 Air Force dependents, 300,000 Navy and approximately 118,000 Marine dependents.
- The average military family **moves three times more often than their civilian counterpart**.

Let’s not forget to honor these children during the month of April! 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](tel:1-800-273-8255) and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text 838255