



American Legion Post 74
 Charlottesville & Albemarle, Inc.
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August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Exec mtg 6:30 pm US Coast Guard	5	6	7 Vietnam War begins # LT. Col. Tallon's
8	9	10 Auxiliary mtg 6pm, snack 5:30 pm	11 General Membership 7pm, Dinner 6pm	12	13	14 Legion Riders Mtg 10am
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Fluvanna County Fair		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Rucking for 22, Gypsy Hill, Staunton VA
29	30	31	# on the Vietnam War, book signing, 8am-12 at C-ville City Market TAX FREE DAYS Aug 6-8; school supplies, appliances			

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month. The terrorist threats faced today are as complex as they have been at any time in the nation's history. These threats are persistent and constantly evolving. The purpose of Antiterrorism Awareness Month is to instill heightened awareness and vigilance to protect communities from acts of terrorism.

What Activities Should Be Report?

- People drawing or measuring important buildings.
- Cars or trucks left in "No Parking" zones in front of important buildings.
- A person wearing clothes that are too big and bulky and/or too hot for the weather.
- Chemical smells or fumes that worry you.
- Purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs.
- Unattended briefcase, suitcase, backpacks or packages.

These reminders may sound familiar; they are the same types of things posted in airports, train stations, bus terminals, etc. Antiterrorism Awareness Month is designed to bring these reminders back into the spotlight, serving as a reminder that we live in times which require this added watchfulness.

Hope everyone enjoys these last days of summer and relish their family and friends!
 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



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Commander's Report:

Commander Bill Napier

Good afternoon Legion Family. Yes, the summer is here, along with the heat and sudden thunderstorms. We opened the Post Home and are reestablishing activities back to normal occurrences. Our Meal Planning Committee is already coordinating for general members meeting dinner in August. Cost of the meal is back to the usual \$12.00 as we return to a dinner style plate setting. Participants that Post 74 sponsored in attending **Boys State** will be attending, along with their families, our August dinner meeting. Also invited is Eric Miles, Post 74 American Legion Baseball Coach. Let's give them a warm welcome.

Post members and myself participated in the 4th of July Scottsville parade this year. I appreciate those that attended this or any 4th July events as fireworks bursting in the night air was any indication of the many celebrations going on.

Our Ceremonial Unit has been very busy performing burial services for service members all over Central Virginia. Our prayers and condolences go out to the family members of Charles McGuire (Army), Randall Haycock (Army), James Beck (Army) and Ron Fischer (Army). We welcome anyone who is interested in joining our Ceremonial Unit to leave a message for Mary Garrison at the Post Home.

BINGO! Is planning a comeback at our Post Home in September. More details will follow in the September. Volunteers are greatly needed for this program to succeed.

Let us call a buddy and check on their welfare. Remind them to get their COVID vaccine if they are able, as CDC says this will make us safe when we gather together once again.

I look forward in being your Commander during the 2021-2022 year. With your volunteer help we can make this a successful and rewarding Post 74 Year!

For God and Country,

New Year...Be HAPPY!

DINNER MENU \$12.00

RSVP: 5 August 2021

Meatloaf, Baked Potato with sour cream, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Rolls with butter and Apple Crisp for dessert.

Ice tea, Lemonade, Water,

Sign-in roster, ticket required to receive meal
First time New Members eat free! RSVP please

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Presented by Post 74 Ceremonial Unit and Legion Riders

If you would prefer to receive the Newsletter by e-mail, please contact us by phone or at 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.

On 14 July leaders from Post 74 awarded **American Legion Heroism Medals** to two Charlottesville Deputies! Sheriff's Deputies Peter O'Malley and De'Quan Neal were recognized for their bravery, courage and selfless service when they rescued seven residents from an apartment fire on Prospect Avenue in September of 2020. Legionnaire Pat Kelly from Post 74 coordinated with local, department and national level staff to make the award presentation possible.



Post 74 Officers

Commander: Bill Napier
Email: btb866257@gmail.com

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: vacant
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At Large Officers:

Lowell Badgley George Shadman

Bellamy Brown Boyd Knott

W. Bruce Eades

Legionnaire of the Year:
Gary Hegemier

The new JROTC Cadet Battalion initiated last year at Monticello High School is looking for mentors for their cadets. The first level of mentors will be student led and the second will be veterans, like you, to work with these cadets. Details follow:

"Each student-cadet registered for JROTC will be assigned a mentor from the local community. Each adult mentor will be a volunteer with prior or active military experience, selected by JROTC instructors for their ability and willingness to effectively serve as a mentor. Prior to serving as a mentor, volunteers will comply with the Albemarle County Schools Volunteer Application and Guideline requirements and commit to serving as an example of the Cavalier Battalion values of respect, integrity, selfless service, dedication, courage and teamwork. Mentors will provide a friendly and experienced resource to students, assisting with character development, problem solving, and post-high school goals. Each mentor will commit to meeting with their assigned student once in the first month of the school year and providing contact information to the mentee in order to be able to be a resource to the student. Following this initial interaction, each mentor will commit to meeting with mentees at least once a semester. If requested by the mentee and time is available, more frequent interactions are encouraged. All interactions will be conducted in a professional manner and will avoid any perception of impropriety. All interactions will be held at the school or in a public space. JROTC instructors will assist with facilitating meetings as required and may be held during class time once a semester. Mentors will be paired with mentees with regard to shared interests as much as possible. For instance, a student interested in the United States Navy officer corps will be paired with a mentor with experience in that field if possible.

If you are interested in inspiring the next generation of military personnel, please contact LTC Christopher Wingate (ret) Director, Albemarle County Schools JROTC/NDCC Program cwingate@k12albemarle.org 757 333-2920

For more information about the new Cadet battalion, their webpage is

<https://mohs.k12albemarle.org/students/jrotc>

To help those less fortunate and to help with membership, donations are being accepted in increments of \$35. To achieve the current goal of 100%, we need 109 additional renewals or new members. Our membership team is currently contacting those who have yet to renew.

MEMBERSHIP THROUGH July 2021

Renewals	PUFLs	New Members	Transfers	Total Membership	Goal for the Year	Percent of Goal Met
522	148	12		682	791	86.2%

For those who have not renewed for 2021, 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 6PM., Meet and Greet at 5:30PM (Meal Wayside Chicken, RSVP by 5 Aug 21)
Congratulations to Silvia for becoming 13th District President!! Commander Bill Napier is invited to express his hopes in having the Auxiliary help achieve the aims and purposes of Legion Post 74. Agenda: updates, feedback, suggestions/ideas for fund raising and upcoming events. If you are unable to attend please email your input for consideration. 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**

Membership cards for 20-21 are in. Dues are \$15.00 per member. Several members have submitted renewal early, you can be one also. The next meeting will be held in early September, date and time yet to be announced.
 If possible, submit an email address in order to receive the newsletter faster upon publication.
 Thank you



American Legion Riders Chapter 74

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Director: Bob Humphrey , wrench58@embarqmail.com

Hello ALR. Sure hope you have had opportunities to enjoy your ride. Remember it is your responsibility to protect yourself. Safety should always be #1! You may want to make/update a First Aide Kit "Just in Case". Items include: sunscreen, antibiotic ointment, band aids, rolled gauze, tape, eye flush and medication list. Let someone know your anticipated route and have a mode of communication. For God and Country, RIDE ON MY FRIEND, RIDE ON!!



Blue Star Families of Central Virginia

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Despite COVID restrictions we have continued our mission to support our deployed service members with CARE packages Please let us know if you know of anyone who will be deployed at that time. It would be our honor to include them in the shipment.



Disabled American Veterans Chapter 33

DAV Commander: Bob Clouser Robertclouser@msn.com

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

DAVA Commander: Amanda Schaad



Post family's members are needed to assist with our BINGO program which the post is planning to resume in September. Bingo income is critical in the maintenance of our post home and to support veterans, children and youth programs, and our community. Those interested in volunteering please call adjutant Phil Grimm at 434-977-1050. Thank you for your membership.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! We are in the planning stages to honor and commemorate **Patriot's Day/9/11 20th Anniversary** on Saturday, **11 September 2021**, here at the Post Home. More will be provided as the planning committee finalizes coordination.