



# American Legion Post 74

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### Commander's Report:

Welcome American Legion Family! Thank you goes out to the SAL Family for preparing and serving an outstanding dinner for our July meeting; Dawn and Lowell Badgley, Bob and Helen Pitts, Tom Estes and Sol McCauley. Also, Thank you to Lowell Badgley for standing in as guest speaker for Joe Gallagher, SAL Detachment State Commander, as he was unable to attend.

Our Ceremonial Guard honorably participated In the Scottsville 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. It was a hot day, but we managed to stay upright and moving forward.

BINGO is going well with over 100 people in attendance. Sessions currently on schedule for every Sunday, except major holidays. Doors open at 12pm, game calling starts at 1:30pm. Thank you Legion Family for stepping up and to help manage the sessions. Because BINGO committee went ahead and scheduled for every Sunday, they need additional volunteers to help share the work. For more information contact Solomon McCauley at 434-760-0855 or Beverly Bunch at 302-750-5348.

At American Legion, Department of Virginia Convention our Post was presented a certificate for attaining the following membership goals: 35% Cardinal, 50% Jefferson, 55% Jamestown, 65% Veteran's Day and 80% Yorktown awards. As of 1 July, we met 91.15% of our set goal of 678 members. Our goal for 2023 will be posted by Department in the coming weeks. Here is the break down for 2023 membership cards. The computerized Membership program at National records it as PUFL, Honorary Life and 1 year (for individuals who pay year to year). Don't worry, your continuous years are still annotated on your actual Membership Card and a certificate, in five-year increments, for continuous Membership .

Feedback on Legion Leadership College will be posted in September's newsletter because it occurs after this is published.

I realize, like myself, many of our members are taking vacations this month. If you are in town, take part in the many community and veteran support events in our and surrounding counties.

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

#### Got ideas? Improvements?

We now have a **Suggestion Box** located upstairs, on the table, inside the double doors.

The wooden box has a lock on it and the contents will only be emptied and reviewed by the Commander or Adjutant.



#### **DINNER MENU \$12.00 RSVP: 6 Aug 2022**

Not your mamas meatloaf, vegetable paella rice with Spanish Chorizo, green beans, mac-n-cheese, Salad w/ Fixins', cupcakes, Tea/lemonade/water to drink.

Sign-in roster, ticket required to receive meal.

**First time members eat free!**

**Please RSVP, 434-977-1050. Presented by Volunteers of Legion Family**

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# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Medical Alert Awareness month	1 U.S. Airforce Day	2	3 Exec mtg	4 Coast Guard B-day Albemarle County Greene (County) Farm & Livestock show	5 Fair at James Monroe Highland	6
7 Purple Heart Day 	8 VJ Day – 1945	9 Auxiliary mtg 7pm	10 Dinner 6pm, Gen. mem 7pm DAV 5:30pm	11 Sturgeon Moon	12 Red Shoe Day 	13
14 DAVA Mtg 2pm, National Code Talkers	15	16 SAL mtg 5pm National Airborne D 	17	18	19 National Aviation Day	20 Soldiers Chorus, Waynsboro
21	22 National Senior citizen Day	23	24	25	26 Woman's Equality Day	27 Botanical Garden Butterfly walk
28 SEAS the DAY 12-3pm	29 Marine Forces Res. B-Day	30	31	5 THRU 7– VIRGINIA TAX FREE SHOPPING 14 thru 20– Maryland tax free Days 14– Living Free Picnic Polo, 11:30 am 16 - Living Free, Burgers & BINGO 7pm		



## Navajo Code Talkers Day observed on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022

This holiday honors the contributions of indigenous people who contributed to the **United States war effort during World War II**. It also recognizes the evolution of U.S. code related to indigenous languages and the participation of First Nations tribe members in U.S. military efforts from many conflicts. The story of the **Navajo Code Talkers** is very complex. The name of the holiday refers not to the Navajo tribe itself but is a broader term which refers to the “Navajo code” used to fool Axis powers including the Nazis and Japanese Imperial forces.

The Navajo code depended on the complexity of the Navajo language as well as further encoding the messages. These combined factors rendered it impossible to break as a code, and some sources report it is one of the few, possibly the only “code” used by the U.S. military, that was never broken during the conflicts when it was used. Why wasn't the code ever broken? The Navajo language has no definite rules and a tone that is guttural. According to Carl Gorman, one of the 29 original Navajo code talkers, **“You had to base it solely on the sounds you were hearing”**.

Philip Johnston, a son of missionaries who grew up on the Navajo Nation, came up with the idea for the Navajo Code Talker program after reading a news article about Native American soldiers delivering messages during Army training exercises in their native language. The US Army was the first branch of the military that began recruiting code talkers from places like Oklahoma in 1940. Recruiting for the US Marines and Navy soon followed. The first class of 29 Navajo code talkers graduated were US Marine recruits who completed their training in 1942.

President Ronald Reagan established Navajo Code Talkers Day in 1982, honoring all the tribes associated with the war effort including: Cherokee, Choctaw, Comanche, Hopi, and Navajo.

On December 21, 2000, President Bill Clinton signed Public Law 106-554, 114 Statute 2763, which **awarded the Congressional Gold Medal** to the original **29 World War II Navajo Code Talkers** and Silver Medals to each person who **qualified as a Navajo code talker** (approximately 300 people). In **July 2001, President George W. Bush** honored the code talkers by **presenting the medals to four out of the five surviving** original code talkers at a ceremony held in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, DC. Gold medals were also **presented to the families of the deceased 24 original code talkers.**

**God Bless 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, or dial “988” press 1.

## Post 74 Officers

Commander: Bill Napier  
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At Large Officers:

Lowell Badgley  
George Shadman  
Ray Satterfield Jr  
Werner Gstattenbaur

Legionnaire of the Year:

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4th of July Parade in Scottsville Ceremonial Guard; Lee Everton, Bod Knott, Marry Garrison, Lowell Badgley and Hugh Underwood



**Seas the Day** is an outdoor event for veterans, active-duty military, Guard, and Reserve (together referenced in this note as “veterans”), and their families, at no cost to

attendees. The purpose of Seas the Day is for attendees to have a **carefree, fun-filled day for the whole family and to become acquainted with over twenty veteran-related organizations that have information stations with knowledgeable staff members and volunteers.** These charities and businesses are typically recreational, mental health, and veteran-assistance organizations. Seas the Day makes it possible for veterans and their families to have fun, try new activities, learn about organizations that provide help and services, and take inspiration from other veterans. It is also a day for the greater Charlottesville community to celebrate our veterans and their loved ones. At the Seas the Day last year we had over 200 attendees. We feature a **free catered lunch** (for you as well!), and the event will be held rain or shine.

**MEMBERSHIP THROUGH 28 July 2022**

Registration for this free event: <https://cville-seastheday.weebly.com/>

Renewals are already flowing in, Thank you! Cards will be mailed out in August once Department receives them from National. National ran into a printing problem but hopes to up and running soon. Our current goal is TBD for 1 Sept. PUFL's will be posted in September. 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
136	0	1	0	137		

**NEW MEMBERS**

David Wilcox– ARMY- Bill Napier

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  
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Meetings held at the Post Home, 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7pm.  
 Throughout 21-22 year sold tickets for Legion Family Home dollhouse raffle, raising over \$700 in donations for the VA&R Program in Virginia. Thank you to all who participated. We did make it to 100% in membership before the year ended. Now it's a new year and dues are still \$40. Please mail membership renewal to PO Box 364, Crozet, VA 22936.



**S.A.L. (Sons of American Legion) Squadron 74**  
**Commander Lowell Badgley 434-825-5759**

We celebrated in July with silver tipped cupcakes, our Squadron's 25th Anniversary. General Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of the month, dinner at 6pm, meeting at 5pm  
 Membership cards for 21-22 are in. Starting 1 June dues for the 22-23 year are increased to \$20.00 per member.



**American Legion Riders Chapter 74**

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Hello and sure hope this note finds everyone safe and healthy. Just a reminder to not only "Ride your Ride" but to be aware of you hydration status especially with the high temperatures we all have been experiencing. Remember, do not wait until you feel thirsty to rehydrate. Also, some medications may accelerate your dehydration status. A motion was made and voted on unanimously that there will not be ALR meetings conducted for the month of August. If you have any questions please contact me at my listed phone number. Stay safe, enjoy you summer and family and see you in September.

For God and Country  
 Thank you

Bob Humphrey ALR Post 74, Director



**Blue Star Families of Central Virginia**

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Please join us for SEAS THE DAY on Sunday, August 28, as we gather together, socialize, and have an opportunity to learn more about the community services available to our veterans.

Blue Star Families of Central Virginia is going strong. Thank you to everyone at the Post for helping make this possible. Our next pack-out of CARE packages is Thursday, September 22, 2022. Please let us know if you know of anyone deployed at that time. We gather at 6:00 pm in the lower level of the Post. Stop by and help pack a CARE package or two with us. Hope to see you then."



**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 Steve Durand 434-293-8309



**Fish Fry**

**Friday, Sept 9, 2022**

**4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

**\$16 per meal**

**Menu**



**Cod or Catfish (Please specify choice of fish when placing order)**

**French Fries Coleslaw Tarter sauce, lemon wedge**