



American Legion Post 74 Charlottesville & Albemarle, Inc.



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Commander's Report:

Welcome American Legion Family!

Thank you, **1st Vice Mary Garrison**, for conducting the November Exec-Com and General Membership meeting in my absence. **A Big Thank you** goes out to **Unit 74 Auxiliary** for preparing and serving (with help from others) a great meal; Ruthann Brown, Silvia Dowell, Sandy Everton, Robin Riddle, A.B. Brown, Lowell Badgley, and Randy Wood. Also, a thank you to **Girl Scout Troop 8120** for providing hand crafted Thanksgiving table decorations.

We now have a permanent **POW/MIA ceremonial table display** upstairs in the Main Hall. This was made possible by efforts of Roberta and Bob Humphrey. Currently we are searching for a "Crowd Control" rope and support stands.

On 12 Nov, a **Memorial Service** was held for **SAL member Steve Durand** and his mother, **Auxiliary member Ann Durand**. Steve was also actively involved with DAVA. Several military related books and brochures, along with 2 bookshelves, have been donated to our library. **His smile and warm Hello will be missed** when walking through the halls of our Legion Home.

A **Volunteer Luncheon** was held at the Post with **Department Commander Richard C. "Rick" Oertel**, attending, accompanied by his wife. Volunteers honored have been involved in BINGO, service members memorials, parades, meal preparation, visiting shut-ins to name a few. Lunch was provided by Vicki Plum and served by Cathy Pearson, Joyce Glasgow, Joyce Agee.

Auxiliary Unit 74 will be hosting (with help from the Marine Corps League) at the Post home our annual **Toys for Tots, drive thru/drop off** on 10 December, 9am-2pm. In the meantime, if you have new, unwrapped kids' items to donate, contact Robin Riddle, at the Post for more drop off arrangements. Also, on Dec 10 a **Holiday Craft Show**, sponsored by Heritage Inn Assisted Living, will be held at the Post home from 12-5pm. **Proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association**. Along with various Craft Venders there will be photos with Santa, a Kettle Corn maker, baked goods, and holiday meals (ham, sweet potato, mac-n-cheese...) available for purchase.

Take a moment and pause as we remember **Pearl Harbor Day on 7 December**.

On **17 December** many of us will be participating in **Wreaths Across America**. Blue Star group will be at the Veterans Cemetery in Culpeper and others will be at Quantico.

In closing, please continue to make "**Buddy Checks**" not only to members of The American Legion, but your own family and friends. From all of us at Post 74, have a **Merry Christmas and Peaceful New Year!**

For God and Country
Commander Bill Napier



DINNER MENU RSVP: 9 Dec 2022

Turkey with stuffing, Ham with pineapple, Sweet potatoes, Corn/Broccoli in Cheese Sauce, Coleslaw Tea/lemonade/water to drink. Shortcake and Pumpkin Pie.

Sign-in roster, ticket required to receive meal.
Please RSVP, 434-977-1050. Presented by Legion Ceremonial Unit and Legion Riders

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Legionnaire of the Year:
Robin Riddle

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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Honored guest, Virginia Department
Commander Richard C. "Rick" Oertel

Marine Corps Birthday
Oldest Marine: Mike McKee
Marine Corps League Leader:
Maurie Roesch
Youngest Marine: Marine Recruiter,
Sgt. Anthony Costanza, USMC



Sincere Condolences to the Durand Family for the loss of Steve Durand, long time Chaplain of our SAs Squadron. Short number of weeks after losing Steve, his mother Ann Durand passed away at the age of 99. She was a long-time member of Unit 74 Auxiliary. Their eligibility came from Ray Durand Sr., husband and father who honorably served in our U.S. Army during WW11. He fought through the hedge rows in Normandy, France and beyond. He was a major contributor to Post 74 and DAV Chapter 33, that meets at our Post home. The Post is most grateful to the Durand family for their donation of the massive library collection of WW11 books Ray had collected over the years. Though we lost Ray many years ago, we still talk about him often.

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 17 Nov 2022

Renewals are trickling in, Thank you! National sent out a second notice. Our current goal is 75% by 7 Dec. We mailed out a letter to members, who live in our surrounding area, who belong to Post 141 in hopes they will transfer to our Post. 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
294	137	4	0	435	624	69.71%

NEW MEMBERS

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
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Meetings are held at the Post Home, 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7pm. **“Toys for Tots”** Drive thru Drop off is Saturday, **10 December, 9am-2pm. Heritage Inn** will be hosting a **Holiday Craft Show** the same day at the Post Home, **12-5pm** with proceeds going to the Alzheimer’s Association. There will be handmade crafts, ham, sweet potatoes, mac-n-cheese lunch and pics with Santa, Kettle Corn...**Come support our community!**

Please mail membership renewal of **\$40** 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 5pm. 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 Post 74 ALR. I sure hope everyone had a very good Thanksgiving and remains healthy and safe. Please remember to use common sense, be courteous and **never operate your machine beyond your comfort level** and have fun. ALR Post 74 participated in the Gordonsville VA parade this year. Your participation is appreciated and demonstrates continued support of our post. A **big thank you** to our ALR representatives who sponsored and **assisted with the community dance** held at Post 74 on 11/25/22. Those who attended enjoyed the live music and dancing with many requesting that we schedule more dances soon. **I wish everyone a safe, healthy Christmas and New Year.** By the way, you might want to consider putting a battery tender on your ride to help protect the battery.

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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Blue Star Families had a **very successful packout on November 17.** We packed/shipped **79 CARE packages** to our deployed service members filled with all kinds of love from **Central Virginia.** Next packout will be in February. Please let us know if you know of anyone who will be deployed at that time.

It is not too late to sponsor wreaths at Culpeper National Cemetery in honor or memory of a loved one. **For every \$15.00 wreath you order through our chapter, \$5.00 is returned to our chapter to support the CARE package program.**



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



Once again we are participating in **Wreaths Across America.** We have had the honor to be present at Culpeper National Cemetery on Wreaths Across America Day in the past and have been humbled to help honor and remember those veterans and family members who are buried there. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 17 for Culpeper National Cemetery. At 12pm** a formal ceremony will begin with the laying of several memorial wreaths. Volunteers attending will then distribute remaining wreaths throughout the cemetery, saying aloud the name of the person being honored and thanking them for their service. If you are interested in joining , please let me know.



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December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BINGO—Sundays, Door opens 12pm, Game starts 1:30 pm	National Aviation, Christmas at the Monticello Holiday Hanukkah 18-26,	Gift of Sight Month Paramount—17 Tours 16-23, 26-30 Kwanzaa 26-1		1 Civil Air Pa- trol Birthday Rockefeller Tree Lighting	2 National Mutt Day	3 Hug a Friend! 
4 Symphony Holiday Con- cert @ Old Ca- bell Hall	5 Shelter Pets Day 	6	7 Exec mtg Pearl Harbor Day	8 Eat a Brown- ie Day	9 	10 Toys for Tots 9-2, Xmas Craft 12 -5pm
11 DAVA mtg 2pm	12 Ginger- Decorat 	13 Auxiliary mtg 7pm National Guard Birthday	14 Dinner 6pm, Gen. mem 7pm	15 Bill of Rights Day Cupcake & Tea Day	16	17 Wreaths Across Am- erica 
18	19	20 SAL mtg 5pm Go Day 	21 40&8 Christmas Dinner 5pm	22	23	24 Eggnog Day
25	26	27 Fruitcake Day 	28 Chocolate Candy Day	29 Skyline Har- mony Choru 	30 Bacon Day 	31

Chaplain's Corner: I've struggled, prayerfully, in trying to write this article for the December issue. For me personally, December is dominated by our Christmas celebration. Christmas, in the American tradition, commemorates the birth of Jesus. For the Christians among us, this is a time of spiritual reflection on the foundations of our faith. Christmas brings out our Christian spirit of giving and renews our relationships with our friends, loved ones, and our God.

I am mindful, though, that not everyone in our lives, in our Post, in the American Legion and in our Nation is a Christian. The American Legion as an organization is nondenominational, nonsectarian, and we embrace all religions, faiths and denominations. The Post Chaplain is charged to "...help Legionaries and others grow in their relationships with God, and to minister to people wherever there is a need."

As your Post Chaplain, I have to confess that I don't feel up to the task. I have comparatively little knowledge of faith traditions outside of the ones I have lived in (born Catholic, married Lutheran, most recently Methodist). So, I struggle to write something for the December newsletter that reaches out to everyone who reads it, across all faith traditions.

Perhaps there is hope for this issue of the Chaplain's Corner. As I said, I don't feel up to the task of being the Post Chaplain. There is so much that I don't know about being a Post Chaplain. Also, over the last months I've met some previous Post 74 Chaplains. I am amazed at their abilities and humbled by the size of the shoes to be filled. I suspect that we all have felt that same way, not up to the task.

From our time in the military, we were thrust into challenges that we were unprepared for, but we were committed and we stepped up. For me, after the military, in civilian life, I especially remember when becoming a new parent, I faced challenges that I was ridiculously unprepared for. Definitely, not up to the task, or so I thought. I am sure that we have all had that feeling. The feeling of not being up to the important task ahead, so that is something that I think we all share, across all faiths.

So, somehow, in our times when we felt not up to the task, it was our commitment to ourselves, our commitment to those things bigger than ourselves, and our faith in God that carried us through. Our sense of commitment and our faith in God are gifts that we all share.

Blessings to you and your loved ones during this Holiday season.

For God and Country, Wayne Snyder Chaplain

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