



American Legion Post 74

Charlottesville & Albemarle, Inc.

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Commander's Report:

Welcome American Legion Family. I hope everybody had a great Christmas and the beginning of a Happy New Year! December was a great month for the Post Home. A warm fellowship at our Christmas dinner with several members presented with **Certificates of Achievements and Appreciation**

for their outstanding support and dedication to our Legion Family. A thank you also goes out to our Food Committee Team for preparing and serving the Christmas dinner; Roberta and Robert Humphrey, Dawn and Lowell Badgley, Connie Critzer, Judy Shadman, and Randy Wood.



A special thank you to Lowell Badgley for setting up the Christmas tree and to Robin Riddle and Mary Garrison for decorating. As a member of Unit 74 American Legion Auxiliary, with support from the Marine Corps League, Robin organized a **Toy for Tots** drive thru drop off for a second year. **Good Job!**

Hopefully this becomes a regular event for us to support.

I would also like thank Connie Critzer for organizing Post support for **Wreaths Across America** support at Quantico National Cemetery. Members included Mary Garrison, Lowell Badgley, Randy Wood, Mike James, and me. Next year I hope to see more of our members join us.

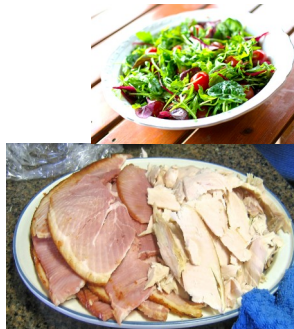


The **40& 8** will be having their Christmas Dinner in early January. Also the 13th District will be sponsoring its **Oratorical Scholarship Contest on Saturday, 29 January with start time 10am**. We will need member support for **3 Judges, 2 timers, 2 ushers and 2 monitors**. If interested please call and leave a message at the post or email Robin at legionpost74@legionpost74.com, subject line Oratorical. Unfortunately Post 74 does not have a student competing this year.

Please continue to make "Buddy Checks", not just on Legion members but your friends as well. Everybody needs to know they are important to someone, and we care about them.

For God and Country

Commander Bill Napier



DINNER MENU \$12.00 RSVP: 7 Jan 2022

Ham slices, Turkey and gravy, mac & cheese, green beans, salad, rolls and Jello with fruit

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

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.

Post 74 Officers

Commander: Bill Napier

Email: btb866251@gmail.com

First Vice: Vacant

Second Vice: Roberta Humphrey

Third Vice: Randy Wood

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: Anita Hamric

434-906-5339

At Large Officers:

Lowell Badgley

George Shadman

Bellamy Brown

Boyd Knott

W. Bruce Eades

Legionnaire of the Year:

Gary Hegemier

HELP WANTED & NEEDED

One of the goals Commander Bill Napier would like to establish is Legion members and our affiliates volunteering in maintaining the Post Home and Activities. Some things have to be contracted, i.e. electrical, sewer, and IT security. No one currently working at the Post is on our payroll, we are all volunteering our time and skills. Listed below are things we currently need help with:

1. Basic building maintenance— light bulbs, sweep of porches, clean hand rails, windows, shovel the walkways and deck when it snows.
2. Help with our food service in the kitchen— monthly dinner meals, taking out the trash after meetings ended.
3. Cleaning the post home monthly/twice a month— bathrooms, sweep/mop/ toilets/sinks, vacuum rugs, dust sweep upstairs floor, sanitize tables and chairs.
4. Assist the Ceremonial Guard, flag folding/rifle squad, for local veteran funerals.
5. BINGO— Manager, needs to be present for all games, callers, at least 2 in order to have a back up.

The **Auxiliary** has been busy this month. **Toys for Tots** was a success with over 400 gifts and money collected. Thank you to all who volunteered and donated.



We met with DAVA and had coco and

cookies before going Christmas caroling at several of "shut-ins" from the Auxiliary and Legion. Also on the route we witness the light display put on by local farmers at Belmont Farms. Sorry if you missed it.



We also gathered up **toys and gift cards** for 5 Airman families who are stationed with the **National Geospatial Intelligence Command** and new to the area. We will continue to reach out to our point of contact to help the families build on resources available to them within our area.



To help those less fortunate and to help with membership, donations are being accepted in increments of \$35. We need 16 renewals/new to reach current goal of 80% by Jan 5th . A letter went out to all members who were in good standing but did not pay their 2021 membership dues. These members qualify for the National Commanders **New Membership Engagement Initiative**.

MEMBERSHIP THROUGH Dec 2021

Renewals	PUFLs	New Members	Transfers	Total Membership	Goal for the Year	Percent of Goal Met
370	145	8	4	527	678	77.7%

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

Thank you to all who supported and helped with our many activities throughout 2022. Looking forward to a more prosperous year in 2022!
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

Website: www.al74riders.com Email: info@al74riders.com

Director: Bob Humphrey, wrench58@embarqmail.com

Happy New Year Post 74 ALR! I hope all of our members gave a healthy and safe 2022. Here are a few recommended tips if you should find yourself with a dead battery. Verify batteries are the same voltage. Avoid possibility of sparks and don't connect jumper to the negative terminal of the battery. Use an alternate connection i.e. frame. Make sure booster battery vehicle is not running (their system might be a different amperage and cause damage to your motorcycle). Consider using a battery tender to minimize battery failure.
For God and Country, RIDE ON MY FRIEND, RIDE ON!!



Blue Star Families of Central Virginia

Martha Horsfall, horsfalljm@comcast.net

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Charlottesville, VA 22905-5182 **Website:** www.bsfcv.avenue.org

As we begin a new year of service to our military, veterans, and families, we want to **THANK YOU** for all that the Post and the wider community have done to help us in our mission in 2021. We were able to ship 313 CARE packages to our deployed service members and look forward to another great year together.

If you know of anyone deployed at this time, please let us know so we can include them in our February 2022 shipment.



Disabled American Veterans Chapter 33

Meets 2nd Wed. of the month 5:30pm

DAV Commander: Bob Clouser

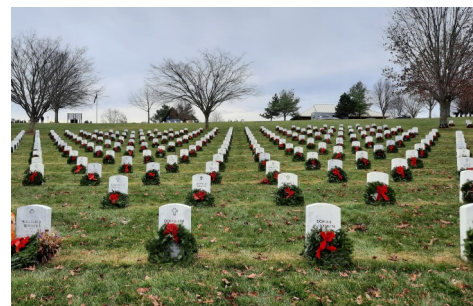
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

Meets 2nd Sun. of the month at 2:00pm

DAVA Commander Steve Durad



Wreaths Across America, Blue Star Family at Culpeper Cemetery on 18 December 2021.





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January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Blood Donor Month 26 Jan 3:00 PM Mapping the Historic Green Books at UVA 28 Jan, 7:00 PM Waynesboro: Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass						1
2	3	4 National Trivia Day	5	6	7	8 40&8 Christmas dinner
9	10	11 Auxiliary mtg 6:30,	12 Dinner 6pm General Membership 7pm	13	14	15
16 Dessert Storm Begins	17 Martin Luther King	18 Day on the Hill	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Vietnam War Cease Fire	28	29 Oratorical District 13, 10am
30	31 Panama Campaign Ended	19 Feb 10am, Regional Oratorical Scholarship competition				



Martin Luther King's Birthday, January 17, 2022

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "Letter from Birmingham Jail"

One of the greatest American civil rights leaders of the 20th century was Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. He was one of the most important figures in American civil rights history. The celebration of Dr. King's birthday has been sadly marked by some of the discrimination he fought so hard against. Legislation made Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday and it was passed in 1983, and the first nationwide observance took place in 1986.

King's birthday was not officially honored in all 50 states until the year 2000. Prior to that, some states combined his birthday in ways that would be quite controversial and unacceptable today. For example; Alabama, Arkansas, and Virginia had combined King's birthday observance with that of Confederate general Robert E. Lee. Fortunately, times have changed. This holiday will be observed this year nationwide on Monday, January 18th, 2021. It is always celebrated each year on the third Monday in January.

The United States military observes Martin Luther King's Birthday. The U.S. Department of Defense and all four branches of military service are dedicated to a set of values that include the vision of Dr. King. The Army official site includes a "Stand-To" blog entry commemorating King's birthday, which includes the following statement:

"The Army is aligned with the Department of Defense to ensure that everyone who is able and willing to serve has the full and equal opportunity to do so and will be treated with dignity and respect. America's Army remains mission ready by leveraging a diverse, all-volunteer force."

Wishing you and your family a very Happy New Year!

Mike James, Chaplain

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