



American Legion Post 74 Charlottesville & Albemarle, Inc.



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Commander's Report:

Welcome American Legion Family!

Thank you goes out to the Food Committee and American Legion Riders for **preparing and serving** a great Christmas Holiday meal; Roberta and Bob Humphrey, Dawn and Lowell Badgley, Martha Horsfall, and Connie Critzer. I think I can speak for most; we all had a good time laughing and sharing stories of the past. The Holiday Tree with Bubba the Bear and Waddles the Penguin was a nice touch-Thank you Unit 74 Auxiliary.

Recognized that night with Certificates of Appreciation and Plaques were Martha Horsfall of The Blue Star Families of Central Virginia, members of the Food Committee- Roberta and Bob Humphrey, Dawn and Lowell Badgley Connie Critzer, and Mary Garrison and Roberta Humphrey for their dedication and display of honor as leaders of our Ceremonial Guard. **The Service Officer Medal and a Certificate of Appreciation** was presented to Gary Hegemier for assisting veterans with medical claims and connecting them with other Military Service Agencies within our area. A **Certificate and Plaque** was presented to our **Phil Grimm** for his detailed attention and responsibilities while serving as Post 74 Adjutant. *(He will be stepping down at the end of January 2023.)*

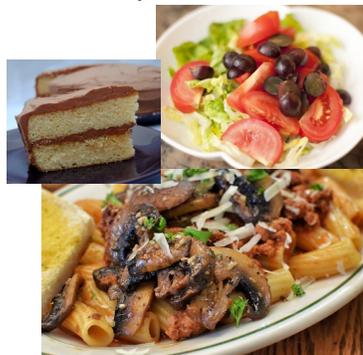
A special thanks goes to our Historian and Unit Auxiliary Member, Robin Riddle for coordinating and establishing a **Drive thru/Dropoff Toys for Tots for 2022**. Assisting were other **Auxiliary and Legion members** along with **Marine Corps League members**. Over 250 toys, games, books and dolls were collected. Monetary donations were also taken in. Thank you Mary Garrison and Lowell Badgley for transporting the items to the Central Virginia collection point for distribution. Robin Riddle also oversaw and participated in the **Holiday Craft Show put on by Heritage Assisted Living** held at the Post. They arranged for local crafters, a kid's craft making corner and the purchase of a holiday meal. A portion of the **proceeds went to the Alzheimer's Association**. A **small fee was charged for each table** the vendors used as a way of the **Post raising a little money**. This might become an annual event.

. We have a few upcoming events I would like to bring to your attention. **January is Membership Month**. A **Winter Dance** on Friday, 13 January, 8-11pm at the Post home. **Mark Patterson and the Midnight Special Band** will be playing, advance **ticket purchase \$10 (by 9 Jan 2023)**, \$15 at the door, BYOB (bottle), beer/soda/water/snacks available.

As mentioned earlier, Phil Grimm will be stepping down as our Adjutant (he will volunteer in a limited capacity). Hence, we are in **desperate need of a replacement**. Some of his duties and responsibilities have been delegated to Robin Riddle and 1st Vice Mary Garrison. Anybody who would like to volunteer for his position please contact me or leave a message with Robin.

We are starting the preparation/planning for the **Four Chaplains Service** to be held on the **first Sunday in February**. In closing, please continue to make **"Buddy Checks"** not only to members but your families and friends. Oh, whomever **performed as little elves** by moving all the books, cabinets and shelves out of the conference room and neatly into the library, **Thank you!**

For God and Country
Commander Bill Napier



DINNER MENU RSVP: 6 Jan 2023

Pasta with meat sauce & mushrooms,
Southern Green Beans, Garlic bread, Salad
with fixen's, Tea/lemonade/water to drink.
Banana cake, Coconut cake & Yellow cake
Sign-in roster, ticket required to receive meal.
**Please RSVP, 434-977-1050. Presented by
Legion 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.



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 74
Unit President Ruthann Brown
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Meetings are held at Post Home, 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7pm.

Our "Toys for Tots" was a success, Thank you for taking the time to support. Membership cards are being mailed out for those who have already renewed. We are at 29% of set goal 72. 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. . Sure hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas holiday and a happy New Year. My wish is that we all remain healthy and safe in this new year. Perhaps "Santa" brought you some nice toys or equipment that you can use to improve or enhance your ride. Please keep in mind Our primary goal is safety first.

A big thank you to Commander Napier who presented a check in the amount of \$150.00, and donated the same, to our ALR Post 74 for sponsoring and assisting with the community dance held on November 28, 2022.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Saturday January 14 at 1000 hrs., lower lever at the post. (Weather permitting)

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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Our next pack-out is February. We are looking at Wednesday, 15 February.

Please let us know if you know of anyone who will be deployed at that time.



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



ATTENTION LEGIONAIRES!

We need volunteers to help with Sunday BINGO ...

We need an additional person for BINGO manager...

We are looking for a member to take Adjutant position as Phil has given his all and stepping down at the end of January 2023, regardless of replacement.

Post 74 Officers

Commander: Bill Napier
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First Vice: Mary Sue Garrison

Second Vice: Roberta Humphrey

Chaplain: Wayne Snyder

Finance: David Drayer

Adjutant: Phil Grimm

Historian: Robin Riddle

Judge Advocate: Pat Kelly

Sgt. At Arms: Bob Humphrey

Athletic Officer: Solomon McCauley

Service Officer: Gary Hegemier

Rental Agent: Anita Hamric

At Large Officers:

Lowell Badgley

George Shadman

Werner Gstattenbauer

Legionnaire of the Year:

Robin Riddle

FOR THE GOOD OF THE
LEGION



Awards & Display of Appreciation



Toys for Tots and Holiday Craft Show



Post Everlasting 2022

ARCHIE BINGLER	JOE L. MURRAY
LAWRENCE CABELL	DENNIS PAINE
HARRY DANNALS	JAMES SUDDARTH
MATT FARRELL	WILLIAM (Bill) SUHLER
JOHN GALBRIATH	THOMAS TAYLOR
LEN HARTMAN	LARRY TYLER
MONTE HATFIELD	JAMES M. VANHOOK
ROBERT HOLMAN	HARRY VILLWOCK
WALTER "SKIP" MAYS	ARTHUR WATSON
CARLTON MORRIS	

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 30 Dec 2022

January is MEMBERSHIP Month! Renewals are trickling in, Thank you! We need only 31 new/renewals to meet the next months goal of 85% by 10 Feb. 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
358	137	5	1	501	624	80.29%

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



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January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 BINGO—Sundays, Door opens 12pm, Game starts 1:30 pm	2	3 Chocolate covered Cherry 	4 Exec mtg	5 Bird Day 	6	7 UVA Men's B-ball Weekend at Lowes 
8 DAVA mtg 2pm	9 Law Enforce Day 	10 Auxiliary mtg 7pm UVA B-ball	11 Dinner 6pm, Gen. mem 7pm	12 Hot TEA Day, UVA Women B-ball 	13 Winter Dance 8-11 pm 	14 ALR mtg 10am
15 UVA Women B-ball 	16 Martin Luther King Day	17 SAL mtg 5pm	18 UVA Men's B-ball 	19 UVA Women B-ball 	20	21 Give Day 
22	23 National Pie Day 	24	25	26	27 Chocolate Cake Day 	28 District 13 Oratorical Quilters Day 
29 UVA Women B-ball 	30 Croissant Day 	31	Month of Mentoring, Poverty Awareness			
			NEXT MONTH— Four Chaplains, Legion Bowling Tournament,			Regional Oratorical

Chaplain's Corner: We, at the Post are well-pleased and privileged to be a part of you and your family "ringing in the New Year." We are blessed to have a community here at Post 74, in the broader American Legion and with veterans and current service members all across the world.

A New Year is filled with hope! On New Year's Eve, at 11:59 PM, it is estimated that **over one million people** will be watching the ball drop in New York City's Times Square, live and in person. Over 1 billion people all across the world will be watching on some sort of broadcast. That is a moment of incredible connection. All of us seeing the same thing, as we bid farewell to the year 2022. With **hope in our hearts** and a healthy dose of **good intentions, we begin the year 2023.** I love the hopefulness of that moment, hope for myself, for my family and friends, and for the world around us.

On Monday, **16 January 2023, we celebrate the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,** the Honorable American Civil Rights leader. Another milepost of hopefulness. Dr. King led efforts that moved us toward equal opportunity and treatment for all Americans. I was nine years old when Dr. King's life was cut short in 1968. From what I read about him and the recorded speeches I heard, he seemed to me to be a hopeful man. **Hopeful for us to be our better selves and for us to become a better nation.** There will always be more to do, but hope for a better future has us moving in the right direction.

As veterans, we can be proud of our participation in the move to equal opportunity and treatment for all Americans. **On 26 July 1948, President Harry Truman issued an Executive Order 9981** stated that "there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the Armed Forces without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin." The Executive Order was issued nearly two decades before the time we refer to as the Civil Rights Movement. A quick look back shows that the spirit of the Executive Order was not immediately adopted in the military, but it was another hopeful step forward, and it set us in motion to where we are today.

I'll end with this quotation **"I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."**

—Martin Luther King Jr.

For God and Country, Wayne Snyder Chaplain

If you know of someone, or you yourself are ill or in the hospital, feel free to contact us at 434-977-1050. If this is an emergency or you are in crises, please call 911. Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255, or dial "988" press 1.