



American Legion Post 74
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Commander's Report:

Welcome American Legion Family. This will be my last report as Commander. The last two years have been quite a challenge. We were coming out of COVID-19 when I became Commander. Most members of the Executive Committee did stay on during my tenor. The few empty slots were filled by members with Legion experience, and I thought would be a good fit for the plans and direction I thought Post 74 could achieve. We were able to **participate in community activities, support Legion Programs, bring Legion Family and veteran support agencies back in the building for their meetings. As well as perform much needed building and equipment maintenance. As COVID restrictions eased, we continued with BINGO and entertain rentals within our home. Speaking of entertainment, we held fundraising dances with a live band and food concession, benefiting the endeavors of SAL, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders. I hope to continue dances in the fall.**

Thank you to those who attended the **"Our Community Salutes"** at the County Office building on 6 May. Honored were high school seniors who have raised their hand in making a commitment to join a branch of the Armed Forces. Also, on 6 May we hosted the **2nd Annual Albemarle County JROTC Awards Dinner**, grog bowl (nonalcoholic). Roberta Humphrey and I presented American Legion Scholastic of Excellence Awards to two graduating high school seniors. Also in attendance were members Bob Humphrey, Robin Riddle, James O'Kelly (presented award from Son of the American Revolution) and Lettie Bean as guest speaker. Other Ceremonies members attended and/or provided honors for include **Armed Forces Day- 20 May, Bethany Church and Alberene Cemetery Chapel and Scottsville Memorial Service-28 May, Earlysville, and Charlottesville Memorial Day Services-29 May.**

I will **summarize upcoming events for June**, in case I miss something, refer to our monthly calendar at the back of the newsletter. On **14 June, Flag Day**, we will be replacing the flags flown in front of the Post **starting at 2:30pm** followed by flag (78+) retirement ceremony and assisted by Scout Troop members at 3:30pm. At 6pm, we will commence with monthly **dinner followed by general membership meeting at 7pm.** Agenda for the night is **presenting awards and installing the Commander and Executive Committee members for 2023-2024, effective date 1 July 2023.**

Before I wrap up my time as Commander need to **thank groups who have helped in bringing Post 74 back to life.** Our **Food Committee**, Roberta and Bob Humphrey, Connie Critzer, Lowell Badgley, Wayne Snyder, and when other members stepped in when **kitchen activities** seemed to burn at both ends or lacking a pilot light. Sol McCauley for stepping up to record **meeting minutes** as we do not have an Adjutant. David Dryer for **keeping the finances straight** and simplifying the process. George Shadman, Gary Hegemier, and Warner Gstattenbaur for contributions in **building/landscaping beatification** in addition input noted at Legion meetings. To Mary Garrison and Pat Kelly for **stepping in to lead meetings** when my health made it, so I was unable to attend. For those not mentioned and contributed to Post 74's recognition and success, **I thank you also.** I hope all is not lost and we continue to embrace what we have done and continue to do for the survival and growth of this our legacy, **American Legion Post 74.**

For God and Country
Commander Bill Napier



DINNER MENU RSVP: 12 June 2023

Price for this meal is \$15.00

Grilled Ribeye Steak, Baked Potato, Cheddar Corn, salad bar, Roll w/ Butter, Sheet cake w/ Ice-cream.

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 Legion Riders

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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: VACANT

Historian: Robin Riddle
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Judge Advocate: Pat Kelly

Sgt. At Arms: Bob Humphrey

Athletic Officer: Solomon McCauley

Service Officer: Gary Hegemier

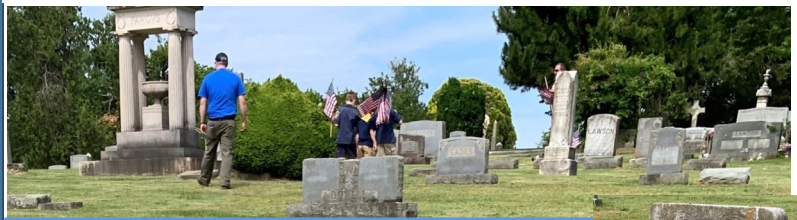
Rental Agent: Anita Hamric

At Large Officers:

Lowell Badgley
George Shadman
Werner Gstatenbauer

Legionnaire of the Year:
Robin Riddle

FOR THE GOOD OF
THE LEGION



Post 74 sponsored Scout Troops, Troop 37/Troop 3711 helped place over 500 flags on veteran gravesites at local commentaries'.

Bob & Roberta Humphrey rendering Honors to Legion Riders on Memorial Day at Pavilion



Frank Ware Woods Died in France, 1918, serving his Country Honored this day. Gone but not forgotten.



CDR Bill Napier presenting SAL with a check for all the work they did at fund raising dances.

Alberene Church Memorial Day Services

Bill Napier, A.B. Brown, Bob Humphrey, Phil Grimm (Not pictured Roberta Humphrey)



The following members are elected for 2023-2024 term and will be sworn in 14 June, during our regularly scheduled meeting. Their term begins on 1 July.

Commander: Mary Garrison
First Vice: Vacant
Second Vice: Vacant
Chaplain: Wayne Snyder
Finance Officer: David Dryer
Historian: Vacant

Judge Advocate: Pat Kelly
Sgt At Arms: Robert Humphrey
Athletic Officer: Sol McCauley
Service Officer: Gary Hegemier
Executive Committee Members at Large:
Lowell Badgley
Werner Gstatenbauer
George Shadman
Bill Napier

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 28 May 2023

Renewals are trickling in, Thank you! We have once again have falling short of meeting the 95% goal for April. The goal for May is 100%. We need only 71 new/renewals to meet next month's goal of by 11 May. 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
415	137	7	4	563	624	90.22%
NEW MEMBERS	Gary Becker, Navy, Xfer-Robin Riddle Shawn Denby, Nay, Xfer-Mary Garrison					

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 rsk8mom@aol.com.
We meet at 7pm, 2nd Tues of the month, at the Post home.

Many thanks to Post 74 for their support over the years. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who came to **honor our fallen heroes** at one of many meaningful **Memorial Day services**. We were well represented. We have had a busy month **completing year-end reports for Department**. We also worked the **concession stand for "Moms" Day dance** at the post. **Please let Ruthann know** if you are interested in a position for next year. Our slate for next year is as follows: **Silvia Dowell - President, Ruthann Brown - Vice President, Sandy Everton - Treasurer**. Next meeting is **Tue, 3 June**. Discussion: Department Convention/vote for delegates. We look forward to seeing you there. Mail membership renewal of **\$40** to PO Box 364, Crozet, VA 22932.



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. Dues for the 23-24 year are \$20.00 per member.**



American Legion Riders Chapter 74

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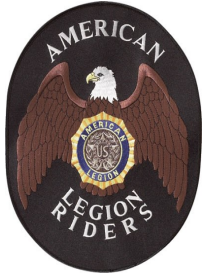
Director: Bob Humphrey , rhwrench58@gmail.com

I sure hope everyone is doing well, staying safe and enjoying the good weather to ride your ride. Post 74 ALR will have our **monthly meeting on 6/10/23 @ 1000hrs lower lever**. Please mark your calendars to indicate **no ALR meetings for July and August 2023** since many members will be enjoying family time and vacations.

Please remember to perform **pre-ride and routine maintenance EVERY TIME** you ride. Our primary goal is safety first. Enjoy the good riding days and **STAY SAFE!**

Thank you for your time, interest and support.

For God and Country, Bob Humphrey, Director, Post 74 ALR



Blue Star Families of Central Virginia

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Blue Star Families of Central Virginia wants to remind you of the **4 Our Freedom 5K** taking place this Saturday, **June 3 at Panorama Farms in Earlysville**. This event hosted by Parade-Rest benefits several **non-profit organizations** in the area that **support our military and veterans**. Come enjoy a 5K walk/run in a gorgeous setting. Hope to see you there.

Our next **packout** is scheduled for **Thursday, June 15**. We gather at **6 pm**, have a short business meeting at 6:30 pm, and pack CARE packages for our deployed military immediately after the meeting. Please come and join us! And do let us know if you know of anyone deployed at this time.

Many thanks to Post 74 for all their support over the years. It is greatly appreciated.



Disabled American Veterans Chapter 33

Meets 3rd Saturday of the month 10am-2pm, DAV Commander: Robert Reese

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

Meets 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00pm

DAVA Commander : Jane Ferneyhough

















ATTENTION LEGIONAIRES!

We need volunteers to help with Sunday BINGO and an additional person for BINGO manager...

We are looking for a member to take Adjutant position as Phil has given his all and stepped down as of 1 February 2023.

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri (After 5)	Sat
BINGO—Sundays, Door opens 12pm, Game starts 1:30 pm	Month of: Safety, PTSD, Pride, Awareness, Mens Health 18-24-Boys/Girls State 18-23-Youth Law Cadet, 23-24-ALR	Cataract Legacy Run		1 Sunset Series Carter Mtn 	2 Gladstones  National Doughnut Day	3 Freedom 5K Run National Trails Day
4 Cancer Survivors Day Bluegrass Brunch@ Potter Craft Cider	5 Gin & Jazz @ Oakhurst Inn 	6 WWII D-Day Trombone Shorty @ TING	7 Exec mtg Wine Down @ Keswick Vine-	8 Jazz 1-2-3 @ The Center Tailgate Thurs in Crozet	9 The Chicken Heads Square Dance Party @ Potter	10 ALR 10am District 13 Conference @ Goochland
11 DAVA mtg 2pm Corn COB Day 	12 Women Veterans Day Charlie Puth @ TING	13 ALA Mtg 7pm Sewing Machine Day 	14 Dinner 6pm, Gen. mem. 7pm 	15 Marine Corps picnic @ Elks Lodge Blue Stars packout	16 100 Proof Band C-Ville Band @ Hazy Mtn	17 The Fritz/ Litz-Co-Bill @ Southern Café 
18 	19 Gin & Jazz @ Oakhurst Inn National Martini Day 	20 SAL Mtg 5pm C-Ville Band Summer Concert-Crozet 	21 Wavelength Trio @ Whiskey Jar 	22 Wild Gypsy Rumba @ The Bebebero	23 Coast Guard Auxiliary B-day Pink Day (Breast Cancer Awareness)	24 DAV 10am -2pm Guys & Dolls @ Paramount
25 Korean War (1950)	26 National Beautician's Day 	27 PTSD Awareness The Mountain Grass Unit @ Southern Cafe	28 Jim Waive Live @ Blue Moon Dinner 	29 Wavelength @ Carter Mtn	30 Sisters and Brothers 	Next Month Department Convention

We would like for whomever **borrowed the 2 Chip racks and Candy Bar rack to please return** them to the Post. They were **used during BINGO by individuals working the concession area**. There might be a reward the person who return the items.

Chaplain's Corner 14 June 2023, we celebrate Flag Day and United States Army's Birthday!

Flag Day has been celebrated in one way or another since the late 1800's. On **3 August 1949**, Congress approved the bill for **Flag Day to be a National Holiday** and signed into law by **President Harry Truman**. American Legion Post 74, as tradition demonstrates, will be conducting a Flag Retirement ceremony on 14 June at 5:00 PM, in the grassy area, east side of the Post Home. We have around **100 flags** to retire and with help of air blower the process is done in a shortened amount of time. This is the same evening as our **monthly dinner and general membership meeting**. So, come early and help us honorably retire American Flags that have served us well but can serve no more. Then stay for dinner, I hear we are having **steak!**

The **U.S. Army is the longest standing** of the now five branches of our military. On **14 June 1775**, Congress "Resolved, that six companies of expert riflemen, be immediately raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland, and two in Virginia... [and] as soon as completed, shall march and join the army near Boston, to be there employed as light infantry, under the command of the chief Officer in that army." This was the official start of the U.S. Army.

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.