



American Legion Post 74 Charlottesville & Albemarle, Inc.



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Commander's Report:

Welcome American Legion Family! I hope everybody is safe and in good health. I would like to thank all who participated in the Four Chaplains Services. Chaplain (Ret) Joel Jenkins was the guest speaker and Pastor David Allison provided the benediction.

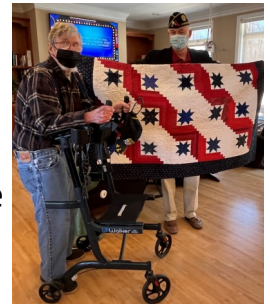


Thank you goes out to the Food Committee Team for an outstanding job preparing and serving the spaghetti February dinner; Dawn and Lowell Badgley, Connie Critzer, Roberta and Bob Humphrey.

March is Women's History Month. By way of recognizing the month, I want to honor all women Veterans, who have served and sacrificed their time, hard work, and sometimes blood for our Country. Thank you and may God Bless you for all your service. March 4-6 is the Virginia Department Spring Conference in Portsmouth. Friday night at 7pm, the Oratorical Scholarship Competition will commence. How the youth of today interpret the U.S. Constitution and Amendments can be eye-opening. March 26 is 13th District spring conference at Post 128 in Stanardsville. Hope to see you there.

Our Post is starting a Fund-Raising Program. The goal is to bring members and the community together. We have events in the works; dances, special veteran dinners, karaoke to name a few. We desperately need volunteers to make the program work. If you are able and would like to help and are willing to help, we would greatly appreciate.

A Quilt of Valor, made by the Crozet Quilting Guild was presented to Legion Member Lawrence Baxter. He is a Vietnam Navy Veteran, awarded the Bronze Star and resides at Arcadia Care in Afton.



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



DINNER MENU \$12.00 RSVP: 5 March 2022

Irish Stew, Sautéed Cabbage, Crusty Bread,
Salad Fix'ns, St. Pat's Poke Cake
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**



Condolences go out to friends and family of Post 74 member Len Hartman who passed over to Post Everlasting

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Post 74 Officers

Commander: Bill Napier
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First Vice: Mary Sue Garrison

Second Vice: Roberta Humphrey

Third Vice: Vacant

Chaplain: Mike James

Finance: David Drayer

Adjutant: Phil Grimm

Historian: Al Underwood

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

Legionnaire of the Year:

Post 74 ALR would like to recognize our **Vietnam/Korean War Veterans** by hosting a luncheon. The proposed date would be in April with date/time TBD. As most of our members are aware, funds are limited. However, our ALR Chapter feel it is important to recognize this group of Veterans. The proposed luncheon menu will be spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, salad, beverage, and a dessert. An **afternoon time frame** will help facilitate veterans who are not comfortable driving in the dark; improving safety concerns and allowing for camaraderie associated with this type of gathering. It is important to **RSVP by 8 March 2022** to help determine number interested and the amount of food needed. Contact Post 74 at 434-977-1050. Thank you for your attention to this worthy cause. Suggestions for a guest speaker are welcome. We look forward to seeing you. – Bob Humphrey, Director, Post 74, ALR

Proposed changes in By Laws (1st reading)

1. Currently read: Section 6 – Duties of Finance officer, last sentence: “The Post will have an external audit of the financial records each year.” Recommend this sentence be removed.

Reason: superseded by the American Legion Department of Virginia Constitution.

2. Judge Advocate: Currently reads: Last sentence: “The judge advocate commonly has the duty, with other, of auditing post financial accounts. This is done annually, usually before the election of officers, or more frequently at their discretion.”

Recommend this sentence be removed.

Reason: superseded by the American Legion Department of Virginia Constitution.

Recommend the following new paragraph be added from the Department of Virginia Constitution:

Post Audit

“The post commander shall appoint a 3 person audit team comprised of general members of the post to conduct an annual post finance audit to be completed before June 30th of each year and before new officers take office.”

“A report of the audit will be made at the general membership meeting and recorded in the meeting minutes.”

We need 47 renewals/new to reach current goal of 90% by 3 March. A Postcard reminder went out to all members who have not paid the 2022 membership dues. **To help those less fortunate and to help with membership, donations are being accepted in increments of \$35.**

MEMBERSHIP THROUGH Jan 2022

Renewals	PUFLs	New Members	Transfers	Total Membership	Goal for the Year	Percent of Goal Met
410	145	10	4	564	678	83.33%
NEW EMBERS	Timothy Snapp– Phil Grimm					

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

Department Spring Conference 2-4 March in Portsmouth. Northern Zone workshop, 19 March, 10am, at Post 74. District 13 Spring meeting, 26 Mar, at Post 128 in Stanardsville. Girls State is just around the corner, the cost has increased as we attempt meeting in person. We need to put into action ways to fundraise. 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 at wrench58@embarqmail.com

Hello, Post 74 ALR. Spring is almost here and nice weather to ride. There will be no shortage of cage drivers out there, including unsafe habits by motorcyclists. *Frequently, it's non-motorcyclists who violates a rider's right of way when motorcycle and car/truck collides. Drivers often DO NOT anticipate a motorcycles movement; view is obstructed, "don't see them", or driver is distracted.* EVERY TIME you ride practice safe driving/proper motorcycle road worthiness, be aware of other vehicles/not competing with bigger vehicles, perform before/routine maintenance, wear bright colors, have good lighting. Our primary goal is safety first. Thank you for your time and support.

For God and Country, Ride On My Friend, Ride On



Blue Star Families of Central Virginia

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Our pack-out in February was a great success! Over Valentine's cards were made and boxes packed. Thank you to all who continue to help in our efforts. If you know of anyone deployed at this time, please let us know so we can include them in the Feb 2022 shipment.



Disabled American Veterans Chapter 33

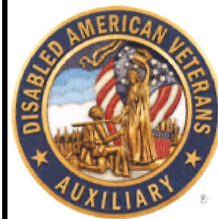
Meets 2nd Wed. of the month 5:30pm

DAV Commander: Bob Clouser

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

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

DAVA Commander Steve Durad



Albemarle Chapter, NSDAR Leashes of Valor DARby will be our guest speaker at this months dinner.

Got ideas? Like to Organize Activities?

- Who or what speakers would you like to have at our dinners/ special events?
- What ideas and activities can you bring to the table, participate in?



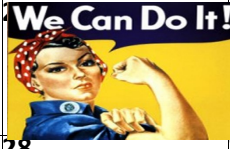
Like to participate?



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March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Women's History Month 3- Star Spangled Banner Day 13- Swing Into Spring Jazz Ben. Concert 19- Iraqi War Began 2003	Month Banner Day	1 Mardi Gras National Pancake Day 	2 Exec mtg Dr. Suess Day	3 Navy Reserve Birthday	4 Hug a GI Day	5 Seabee Birthday
6 Sacred Music of Monticello Conference	7	8 Auxiliary mtg 6:30pm	9 Dinner 6pm Gen member 7pm DAV 5:30pm	10	Department Spring	12 National Girl Scout Day St Pat's Pipes & Drums Waynesboro
13 DAVA 2pm K-9 Veterans Day Daylight Savings	14 National π National Nap Day	15 SAL mtg American Legion Birthday Electricians 7pm	16	17 Marine Corps League 6:30 pm 	18	19 Auxiliary North Zone 10am Certified Nurses Day
20	We Can Do It! 	22	23 National Puppy Day	24 Kosovo Campaign began 1999	25 National Medal of Honor Day	26 13th District at Stanardsville
27	28	29 Vietnam Veterans Day, Free BBQ for Vets at Mission BBQ	30	31 Somalia Campaign Ended 1995	Next Month: Easter, April Fools, Tax Day ,	Yum Hashoah



March is Women's History Month

It is time to recognize, honor and celebrate the accomplishments, contributions, and sacrifices, of women in the United States Military.

From the Revolutionary War to present day conflicts, women have proudly served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and now the Airspace Command, as doctors, pilots, engineers, linguists, and other specialties.

Women in the WASP, WAC, Coast Guard Women's Reserve (or SPARs), Marine Corps Women's Reserve and the Navy's WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service), embodied the "We Can Do It" attitude. Over **1,000 women flew aircraft** for the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

President Truman's determination to make changes within the military led to the **Women's Armed Services Integration Act** signed into law **12 June 1948**. By recognizing women as full members of the armed forces, they could finally claim the same benefits as their male counterparts and allowing women to make a career in the Armed Forces.

World War I- about 35,000 women officially served as nurses and support staff.

World War II- 140,000 women served in the U.S. Army and the Women's Army Corps (WAC) performing critical jobs; military intelligence, cryptography, and parachute rigging.

Vietnam War- over 7,000 American military women served.

1976- women integrated into America's service academies – the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD., and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.

Persian Gulf War in 1991- over 41,000 women deployed to combat zones.

Post-9/11, including Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom- over 700,000 women served.

Women not only shape our armed services but the country as well. They continue to use the skills and experiences from their military service to make achievements in their careers, contributions to their communities, and to become public service leaders.

Thank you to all our Military Women for a Job Well Done!

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