



American Legion Post 74

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Commander's Report:

I would like to thank **Chaplain COL Joel Jenkins** (retired) for taking the time to be our guest speaker for **Four Chaplains Service** at Post 74. Also, to be recognized are members of the **Honor Guard in firing Volleys and rendering TAPS**; Roberta & Bob Humphrey, Phil Grimm, A.B. Brown, Randy Wood, and myself. A special recognition to Post 74 Chaplain Wayne Snyder for organizing this year's event and key players, Lowell Badgley, Pat Kelly, Gary Hegemier, Boyd Knott, Tim Thomas, and Tommy Estes. Thank you **Unit 74 Auxiliary** members Robin Riddle and President Ruthann Brown for providing support and carrying on the tradition of handing out Poppy's.

Thank you to the **Food Committee** for preparing and serving the general meeting monthly meal; Roberta and Bob Humphrey, Lowell Badgley, and Connie Critzer. There was **mention of serving steaks again** if members are willing to accept an increase in admission for a meal ticket. Still looking for feed back and finding a meat supplier willing to negotiate.

March is **Community Service and Women Veterans month**. Wayne Snyder has provided us with a Women Veteran history timeline in his Chaplains Corner. We will also be making selections and interviewing High School students for **Boys State** to include Home-Schooled. If eligible and interested, please contact Post 74 for additional information.

Bingo is progressing along nicely, but we are desperately in need of volunteers to share the "load" and prevent worker "burn-out". Contact Sol McCauley or leave a voice message at the Post if able to lend your time.

On **Friday, 17 March** we will be holding a **St Patrick's Day Dance** at the Post, 8-11pm. **Mark Patterson and the Midnight Special** will be playing "Oldies but Goodies" with a few requests thrown in. **Tickets are \$10 in advance** at Tubby's restaurant, The Wine shop, Post 74 or through Beverly Bunch, Sol McCauley, or Bill Napier. Cost at **the door is \$15** and no refunds. This is a fund raising event with proceeds going to the Sons of American Legion (**SAL**) **Squadron 74** and **Legion Riders Chapter 74** to provide support to their respective Military Children Support Groups. We will have mixers available for BYOB (bottle). A variety of beer, wine coolers, seltzers are available for purchase (not brought in from outside). **Unit 74 Auxiliary** will be selling food; **BBQ** on a bun, pigs in a blanket, **pretzels**, **apple fritter** muffins, soda **ice cream floats**, candy and more. Because this is to help them **raise money for Girl's State and other veteran support obligations**, **outside food items are not allowed**. So, come on down, **get your jig** on and just maybe you will **find your pot of gold**, or at least a **rainbow**.

In closing, please continue to make **"Buddy Checks"** not only to members but your families and friends.

For God and Country
Commander Bill Napier

DINNER MENU RSVP: 3 Mar 2023

German Goulash with Spätzle, Red cabbage, Pretzel Rolls, Cucumber Salad, Tea/lemonade/water to drink. Variety of German Desserts
Sign-in roster, ticket required to receive meal.

Please RSVP, 434-977-1050. Presented by Legion Riders

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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

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THE LEGION



Adjutant Phil
Grimm-Retiring

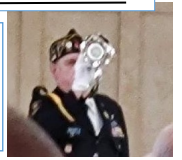
Appreciation
presented to
Joe Thomas



Valentines Dance- Mark Patterson &
Midnight Special 10 Feb 2023



CDR Bill Napier
rendering TAPS
for Post 74
member Col.
Alfonso Pena



In Honor of Women Veterans Month

According to Virginia Women Veteran Program (VWVP) located in Richmond, VA

- ◆ 109,000+ Number of Women Veterans in Virginia
- ◆ 15% Percentage of Virginia Veterans are Women
- ◆ 4,500+ Number of Women Veterans Served by VWVP

Final Salute Inc., located in Alexandria, VA estimates- "there are **55,000+** homeless woman veterans in the United States on any given day." Their mission is to provide Homeless Women Veterans and their children with safe and suitable housing.

- ◆ **17,000+** Transitional housing days provided.
- ◆ **6598** -Received Financial Assistance & Resources through the **S.A.F.E** program.
- ◆ **1494**-Received Employment Transition Support with **Next Uniform** program.
- ◆ **74**-Received Transitional Housing through the **H.O.M.E** program.

Center for Women Veterans— "VA's Center for Women Veterans **monitors/coordinates** the VA's administration of benefit services and programs for women Veterans. The Center advocates for a **cultural transformation** that recognizes the service and contributions of women Veterans ... Raising awareness of the responsibility to treat women Veterans with **dignity and respect.**"

ServiceWomen.org - Service Women's Action Network (SWAN) is We are a member-driven network dedicated to **supporting, connecting, and advocating** for the individual and collective needs of service women; **past, present, and future.** Through **legislative advocacy** and research, **holding sex offenders accountable** in the military justice system, **eliminating barriers to disability claims** who have experienced military sexual trauma, and access to a broad range of reproductive healthcare services.

Military Women Memorial, located in ARLINGTON, Virginia is a one-of-a-kind tribute to America's Servicewomen, past and present. The Memorial features an education center, interactive exhibits, and a **world-class collection of military women's stories** through "Preserving Her Story" recordings.

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 24 Feb 2023

Renewals are trickling in, Thank you! We need only 26 new/renewals to meet next month's goal of 90% by 9 March. 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
392	137	5	1	535	624	85.74%

**NEW
MEMBERS**

Pratt Valentine, Marines- Robin Riddle

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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We meet at **7pm, on the 2nd Tue of the month, at the Post Home.** Department Spring conference is in Portsmouth, **2-5 March.** The National Commander/National President will be attending with many ideas for our next meeting. A **dance** will be held at the Post , on **17 Mar, 8-10pm.** Tickets are **\$10/advance and \$15/door.** We are selling **BBQ, pigs in a blanket, soda floats and more to support our Auxiliary Programs.** With spring arriving, our yearly projects/department reporting are due. We will be holding **Girls State interviews** soon. May is our annual **Poppy distribution.** We welcome your participation/input. Prayers for Jane and Brenda who are on our sick list. Please 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.

SAL- Thank you Bob Pitts, a new member, for donating a Bolo Filipino Dagger Sword, his father acquired in the Philippines during the Korean War. This is included as part of our Post's Asian Pacific conflicts display.

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 hope everyone is feeling well and staying safe. Spring is approaching. If you have not performed the **recommended maintenance on your ride, now would be a good time.** This should allow for safer riding with minimal breakdown potential. Please remember to use common sense, be courteous, never operate your machine beyond your comfort level and have fun. **A big thank you to our ALR representatives** who sponsored/assisted with the community dance held at Post 74 on 2/10/23 in addition to table/dance floor/table reset for Bingo. Largest dance attendance to date. Those who attended enjoyed the live music/dancing. The next scheduled community dance is 3/17/23. Also, a thank you to the Unit 74 Auxiliary who offered snack items during the dance and was well received. Next ALR meeting is 3/11/23 at 1000 hrs.

Thank you for your time, interest and support For God and Country, Post 74 and the USA. Bob Humphrey, Director, Post 74 ALR



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A BIG Thank You! To everyone who helped with our February Packout of CARE packages. The packages will bring smiles to the faces and warmth to their hearts with the hand written Valentines' cards. Please mark your calendars for our next packout on Wednesday, 19 April. You are most welcome to join us that evening for our meeting and packout.

If you know of anyone deployed at this time, PLEASE let us know so they can be included in the April shipment of CARE packages.



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 : Jane Ferneyhough



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 stepped down as of 1 February 2023.



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March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BINGO — Sundays, Door opens 12pm, Game starts 1:30 pm	Moth of Community Service, Craft, and Women Veterans 23-26 Virginia Festival of the Book 25-26 Hot wheels Monster Truck		1 Exec mtg	2 Dr Suess B -day	3 Magic show at Agnor Hurt Elementary	4 Hug a GI day Baseball, N Basketball
5 Seabee B -day UVA Baseball	6 Navy Reserves B -day	7 Trivia Night at Firefly UVA Baseball	8 Dinner 6pm, Gen. mem 7pm	9 Nitty Gritty Dirt Band ~ Paramount	10 Square Dancing at Potters Craft Cider	11 Rebba McEnt
12 DAVA mtg 2pm Daylight Savings	13 K-9 Veterans Day	14 Auxiliary mtg 7pm UVA Baseball	15 American Legion B-day, Ides of March	16	17 St Patrick's Day Dance 8- 11pm	18 Live Music at Eastwood Farm
19 Pou Day	20 First Day of Spring	21 SAL mtg 5pm UVA Baseball	22 Ramadan begins UVA Baseball	23 Trivia & Thai at Potters Craft Cider	24 Cocktail Day UVA Baseball	25 13th District Spring Conference C-Ville 10 Miler
26 UVA Baseball	27 Harlem Globetrotter JPJ	28 Bryan Stevens Concert UVA Baseball	29 Vietnam War Veterans Day	30 Literacy Volunteers Trivia Night	31	

Chaplain's Corner: On 16 March 1987, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation dedicating **March as Women's History Month**. *"From earliest times, women have **helped shape our Nation**. Historians today stress all that women have meant to our national life, but the rest of us too should remember, with pride and gratitude, the achievements of women throughout American history...Women have served our Nation with **valor and distinction** during wartime, nursing the wounded, piloting airplanes, performing vital jobs in defense plants. Women have forged a place for themselves in public life, serving on the Supreme Court, in the Congress, and in Cabinet posts; becoming Ambassadors; and holding Federal Executive posts that affect the lives of every citizen..."*

Women played key **support roles in early U.S. warfare**, including the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. Not until **17 March 1917**, right before the start of World War I, they could **enlist, legally**. During World War I, about **35,000 women** officially served, in the **Army and the Navy**, primarily as nurses and support staff. World War II saw **140,000 women** serving in the **Army and the Women's Army Corps (WAC)** performing critical jobs such as military intelligence, cryptography and parachute rigging.

President Harry S. Truman signed the **Women's Armed Services Integration Act on 12 June 1948**. For the first time, women were **recognized as full members of the Armed Forces**. This meant they could finally claim the same benefits as their male counterparts, and for women to make a career in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

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

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**.

Last month, over **113 million people** around the world watched **Super Bowl LVII**. In honoring **50 years of women in Naval Aviation**, an **all-female team** flew in formation **over the stadium**; a F-35C Lightning II, two FA-18F Super Hornets and an EA-18G Growler. Thank you to all our Military Women for a Job Well Done!

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.