



American Legion Post 74 Charlottesville & Albemarle, Inc.



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Commander's Report:

Welcome American Legion Family! This month marks the **Anniversary of the American Legion's beginnings, at the St. Louis Caucus in 1919**. By the end of the St. Louis Caucus, drafts of The American Legion preamble and constitution are approved, temporary officers chosen, a national convention site was selected, and the name of the organization becomes permanent.

Thank you to Curt Bean for continuing teaching/mentoring through **Guitar for Vets Program** held downstairs at the post home every Monday, noon to 4pm .

A thank you also goes out to the Food Committee Team for preparing and serving the April meeting dinner; Roberta and Bob Humphrey, Connie Critzer, Dawn and Lowell Badgley.

To my members and family, we are coming up on the 1-year mark of our Post Home "**soft open**", post COVID-19. Our intentions are to resume all activities and meetings prior to the shutdown in addition to a few new activities. BINGO on Sunday is still in TBA status as we search for someone to manage the program. Meanwhile, we are considering **Karaoke, breakfast/lunch gatherings and more dances as fundraisers to support** the many veteran and scholastic programs **encouraged by National; Boys State, Middle School Essay Contest, JROTC, Oratorical Scholarship, Boy Scout/Venture Crew, Junior Shooters, Youth Law Cadet, Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation, Legion Baseball** to name a few. To make this work we desperately need volunteer to assist/organize these events. A **brainstorming session, for Post 74 Members**, will be held at the Post, **Saturday, 7 May at 10:30am**. If interested, please contact me at 804-512-5527, 2nd Vice Roberta Humphrey at the Post 74, 434-977-1050. These events will be open to all members, their families, and the community as we strive in building a rapport and letting people know what we are about, what we do and how we can help veterans and their family members. Also, we are holding a "Post-COVID" get together on 19 May at 1pm. The featured speaker will be **Mr. Paul Barbero**, author of the book "**A Far Cry From Green Mountain**", the story of **Sergeant Frank Peregoy** who grew up in Albemarle County and was awarded the Medal of Honor in World War II. This is to promote camaraderie and support for Legion Programs. Snacks and drinks will be available

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



Got ideas? Improvements?

We now have a **Suggestion Box** located upstairs, on the table, inside the double doors.

The wooden box has a lock on it and the contents will only be emptied and reviewed by the Commander or Adjutant.

DINNER MENU \$12.00 RSVP: 6 May 2022
Pork/Chicken BBQ, Baked Beans, Southern Green Beans, Salad w/ Fixins' Chocolate Éclair 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

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Post 74 Officers

Commander: Bill Napier

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First Vice: Mary Sue Garrison

Second Vice: Roberta Humphrey

Chaplain: Mike James

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Sgt. At Arms: Bob Humphrey

Athletic Officer: Solomon McCauley

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Rental Agent: Anita Hamric

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At Large Officers:

Lowell Badgley

George Shadman

Legionnaire of the Year:



On 12 April 2022, Phil Grimm represented Post 74 in presenting Medals and Certificates to 10 University of Virginia ROTC Cadets for their military and Scholastic Excellence.



Preparing for the Transition to 10-Digit Dialing to Enable 988 to Reach the Suicide Prevention Lifeline

On July 16, 2020, the [FCC adopted rules](#) to establish 988 as the new, nationwide, 3-digit phone number for Americans in crisis to connect with suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors. The rules require phone service providers to direct all 988 calls to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by July 16, 2022.

During the transition to 988, Americans who need help should continue to contact the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** by calling 1-800-273-8255 (**1-800-273-TALK**) and through [online chats](#). **Veterans and Service members** may reach the [Veterans Crisis Line](#) by **pressing 1 after dialing**, chatting online at www.veteranscrisisline.net, or texting 838255



For more online information:

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-371188A2.pdf>

MEMBERSHIP THROUGH April 2022

We need 81 renewals/new to reach current goal of 100% by 4 May. 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.**

Renewals	PUFLs	New Members	Transfers	Total Membership	Goal for the Year	Percent of Goal Met
442	145	10	4	597	678	88.05%

NEW MEMBERS

71 members currently have not renewed for 2022. We need 81 members to reach 100%

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

Girls State is just around the corner, cost is \$425/girl. We are sending 9 with 3 on a waitlist. We need to put **into action** ways to fundraise. One consideration is "Trunk" sale in the parking lot, with help from the Legion. All organizations involved will profit. We are at **75% (63/84)** for membership. 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

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Director: Bob Humphrey , wrench58@embarqmail.com

Hello, Post 74 ALR. Good weather has arrived, hopefully many opportunities to enjoy memorable rides. **Before you start logging in miles please consider, all that apply to your ride, the following maintenance protocols, in addition to manufactures maintenance recommendation: Inspect, change and/or replace brake, rotors, gas, oil, differential, battery, fuel/transmission fluids and fuel lines, air/gas filter, battery terminals/case, cables, all lights in addition to headlight and controls. Take into account things that cause vibration; tires, depth of tread, pressure, potential bent rim.** Keep in mind, cages do not always see or are not looking for you on a motorcycle. Remember, a well-maintained ride helps to ensure your safe driving/handling. **Never drive beyond your comfort level.** 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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Blue Star Families of Central Virginia is going strong. Thursday, April 28 we prepared another 70 CARE packages to ship to deployed service members. Our total since chartering in 2004 to 6,300+ CARE packages. That's a lot of love! Thank you to everyone at the Post for helping make that possible.

Please join us, Saturday, June 4 at Panorama Farms, Earlysville, **4 Our Freedom 5K** sponsored by **Parade Rest**. We are one of the beneficiaries of the race/walk.

Our next **meeting/pack-out** is **Thursday, June 17, 2022**. Please plan to join us at 6:30 pm at the Post. ALL ARE WELCOME. If you know of anyone who will be deployed at that time, please let us know so we can include them on the list for CARE packages. There is no cost involved.



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 Durand



The **Auxiliary is building a dollhouse** to be raffled off at Legion Department Convention, **July 2022**. Proceeds go to **Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) program**. The house will be painted, floored, and partially decorated with furniture and known as **"The Legion Home" on 1 LEGIONWAY**. Additional donated furniture/accessories will be provided if requested. Contact Robin or Ruthann for tickets \$3/ 1 ticket, \$5/ 2 tickets.



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May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Annual Highland Sheep Shearing	2 Teachers Appreciation	3	4 Exec mtg		6 Nelson Cty, Blue Grass 7pm	7 Fundraising Brainstorming 10:30
8 DAVA mtg 2pm	9	10 Auxiliary mtg 6:30	11 Dinner 6pm Gen mbr 7pm DAV 5:30pm	12	13 Navy Nurse Corps Est 1908	14 Stars & Stripes 4ever Madison 157 Shrimp Boil
15	16 Armed Forces Day	17 SAL mtg 7pm	18	19 Post-COVID Luncheon 1pm Marine Corps League Mtg	20	21 Armed Forces Day JROTC Dining Out at Post
22 Phil Casey Live Music at Ciderworks	23 Gin & Jazz at Oakhurst Hall	24	25 <u>Month of</u>	26	27 Fridays after 5, Chicken Heads with Runa-	28 Madison 157 Breakfast
29 Scottsville Memorial Bethal Church Memorial	30 Memorial Day	31	National Military Appreciation National Mental Health		7-8 Crozet Arts Festival 8- VE Day, 14-Boys State 21-American Red Cross	Orientation Founded 1881



May 12: Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is celebrated the Friday before Mother's Day, recognizing the sacrifice and support of military spouses. The holiday began in 1984 under Ronald Reagan, and subsequent presidents have begun the day with speeches or proclamations.

May 20: Armed Forces Day

On the third Saturday of every May, Armed Forces Day honors Americans serving in the military. It was originally designed to replace the days celebrating each individual service.

May 30: Memorial Day

Memorial Day is always observed on the final Monday of May. Memorial Day is the most widely recognized holiday out of the May military-themed observances. It began after the Civil War to remember the soldiers who fell on both sides during the war but grew to commemorate all Americans who died serving in the military.

May is a great month to celebrate our Military and fallen comrades. Hope you have a great month and enjoy these holidays in a special way!

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