



# American Legion Post 74

## Charlottesville & Albemarle, Inc.



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### Commander's Report:

Welcome American Legion Family!

I would like to thank the **Food Committee** for preparing and serving the general meeting monthly meal; Roberta and Bob Humphrey, Lowell Badgley, and Connie Critzer. Having STEAK sure did make us proud and feel special. I look forward to having it served one more time before I relinquish my position as Commander.

On April 18, 2023, the Post Commander and Phil Grimm presented Military of Excellence and Scholastic of Excellence Certificates and Ribbons to students enrolled in the ROTC Programs at James Madison University, Liberty University or University of Virginia.

BINGO is doing well. We are still in need of volunteers to help out with tickets, verifying, and organization.

May is the anniversary of the St Louis Caucus, where the organization of the American Legion was completed in 1919. Here are a few events we will be participating in to honor and recognize Military Veterans past, present and individuals who have made an oath for their future.

- **"Our Community Salutes"** to recognize/honor graduating High School Seniors, who have made a commitment to join a Branch of the Armed Forces, will be held **6 May 2023, 10am** at Lane Auditorium (Albemarle County office Building). We ask that **everyone register** so that we have a good count for refreshments and other needs at [OCS of Charlottesville – OCS Communities \(ocsusa.org\)](https://ocsusa.org). Guest Speaker is **Brigadier General Beth Salisbury**, Deputy Commanding General-Operations, 99th Readiness Division (USAR).
- Honor Guard will be providing services at two separate locations on **20 May for Armed Forces Day**.
- Memorial Service on 28 May at Bethany Church and at Alberene Cemetery Chapel.
- Memorial Day invite by CDR Alexis Roman, VFW 1827 at Ting Pavilion. Catering provided afterwards at VFW Post 1827.

The April Spring Dance helped the SAL, Legion Riders and Legion Auxiliary raise funds for their different programs. We enjoyed h our community interaction; laughing and joking along the way. In honor of Mothers Day, our next dance will be held **Friday, 12 May, 8pm - 11pm** with doors opening **no earlier than 7pm**. **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 Groups. We will have mixers available for **BYOB (bottle)**. A variety of **beer, seltzers are available for purchase (not brought in from outside)**. **NO Outside food is to be brought in, Thank you**. The Auxiliary will have for purchase **Pigs-n-a blanket, BBQ on a bun, chips, popcorn, cake slices, candy pieces** and much more. The **proceeds help the Auxiliary** defer the cost for **upcoming female High School Seniors attend Girls State**.

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

For God and Country  
Commander Bill Napier



Condolences go out to friends and family of Post 74 member Mac (Malcom) Woodward, 34 year member, Vietnam Veteran

### **DINNER MENU RSVP: 8 May 2023**

**Price for this meal is \$12.00**

Grilled Hamburgers/Hotdogs with buns, pickles, onions, relish, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, chips, Tea/lemonade/water to drink, peach cobbler with ice-cream  
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 Gstattenbauer

Legionnaire of the Year:  
**Robin Riddle**

**MEMBERSHIP THROUGH 27 April 2023**

FOR THE GOOD OF THE  
LEGION



Founder's Day at  
Monticello April 13, 2023  
Lowell Badgley, Lee  
Everton, Randy Wood,  
William Napier, Hugh  
Underwood,  
and Phil Grimm



CDR Bill Napier &  
ADJ Phil Grimm  
presenting awards



Rededication of the Dogwood Vietnam Memorial  
at McIntire Municipal Park on April 21, 2023  
Phil Grimm, Hugh Underwood, Gary Hegemier,  
Lowell Badgley, Randy Wood, William Napier, and  
Pat Kelly

The Nominating Committee has  
slated the following members for  
2023-2024

**Commander:** Mary Garrison  
Robin Riddle

**First Vice:** no nomination

**Second Vice:** No nomination

**Chaplain:** Wayne Snyder

**Finance Officer:** David Dryer

**Historian:** No nomination

**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 Gstattenbauer

George Shadman

Per Post 74 Bylaws, Article II, Section 3, Paragraph 5:

**In May, nominations are closed.** Candidates for office may express their qualifications, goals, and other factors relating to their candidacy. **At the May Post meeting, elections will be held by secret ballot for contested positions.** For offices where there is but one candidate for office, election will be by acclamation in a voice vote of members present. In contested positions, winners are determined by a simple majority vote by secret ballot. In the event of a tie, the candidate with the earliest Post membership date will prevail. **Members voting must present a valid American Legion Membership Card, or other proof of renewal, demonstrating they are members in good standing, in order to receive a ballot. A roster for members in good standing will be provided to the Sgt at Arms to receive ballot.**

**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.

**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
396	137	6	3	542	624	86.86%
<b>NEW MEMBERS</b>	Dane McKeon, Army-Charlie Leveille					

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](mailto:rsk8mom@aol.com)**

We plan to have a **dinner meeting on 9 May** at 6pm. Please **advise if attending**. The location is TBD.  
Thank you for the hard work on **Year End Reports**. Proposed **slate of officers for 23-24** is Silvia Dowell President, Ruthann Brown Vice President, Sandy Everton Treasurer. We need for **other members** to step up and fill valuable positions within our **Unit office**. **Robin is on the slate for Post Commander**. Let's support her and hope she has the votes.

Upcoming events- 6 May Community Salutes, 12 May Mother's Day Dance, 26 May Poppy Day, and 28 May Memorial Day Ceremonies.

**MOM's Day dance, Friday, 12 May, 8-10pm**, tickets are \$10/advance & \$15/door. We are selling Pigs-n-blanket, BBQ, chips, popcorn, cake, candy and more. Money raised is to defer cost for Girl State. Please come and help us. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so. We are always looking for new members. 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. The slate of officers for 23-24 will be voted on.**

**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](mailto:rhwrench58@gmail.com)**

Remember, May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Proper motorcycle road worthiness, performing pre-ride and routine maintenance; Bright colors, good lighting, safe driving habits, awareness of other vehicles and not competing with bigger vehicles every rider should consider **EVERY TIME** you ride. Keep in mind, **"IT'S YOUR RIDE", RIDE WITHIN YOUR SKILL LEVEL!** Our primary goal is safety first. Enjoy the good riding days and STAY SAFE! Thank you for your time and interest. Safe riding to all. Next meeting 5/13/23@1000hrs.

**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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Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, June 15**, for our next meeting/packout of CARE packages. We gather at 6 pm and have our meeting at 6:30 pm with our packout immediately following the adjournment of the meeting. **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.** Also, please mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 6** for **Our Community Salutes** at 10 am at Lane Auditorium in the Albemarle County Office Building as we honor those graduating high school seniors who have chosen to enlist in the military.



**Disabled American Veterans Chapter 33**

Meets 2nd Wed. of the month 5:30pm, DAV Commander: Lee Everton  
Slate of Officers will be selected and voted on. Please be prompt as Post 74 voting for the CDR position will take place upstairs later that evening.

**Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary**

Meets 2nd Sun. of the month at 2:00pm  
DAVA Commander : Jane Ferneyhough













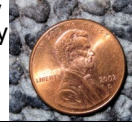




**ATTENTION LEGIONAIRES!**

We need volunteers to help with Sunday BINGO 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.**



# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>BINGO—Sundays,</b> Door opens 12pm, Game starts 1:30 pm	<b>1 Living Free Together</b>  Nickel Creek @ TING Pavilion	<b>2 Teacher Appreciation</b>  	<b>3 Exec mtg</b>	<b>4 Eddy &amp; The JackWagons @ Carter MTN</b> National Day of Prayer	<b>5</b> 	<b>6 Kentucky Derby Our Community Salutes</b>  JROTC Dinner
<b>7 Little Shop of Horrors @ Waynesboro</b>	<b>8 No socks Day</b> 	<b>9 FABBA tribute to ABBA @Paramount</b>	<b>10 Dinner 6pm, General mem 7pm</b>  Zach Ryan @ JPJ	<b>11 Hostess Cupcake Day</b> 	<b>12 MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY</b> 	<b>13 ALR mtg 10am</b> 13 & 14 Crozet Arts/Crafts Fair
<b>14 DAVA mtg 2pm</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 	<b>15 Chocolate Chip Day</b>	<b>16 SAL mtg 5pm</b>	<b>17 Cherry Cobbler Day</b> 	<b>18 Marine Corps League</b> Robert Plant & Alison Krauss @ TING	<b>19 Bike to Work Day</b> 	<b>20 Armed Forces Day</b> Rivanna River-fest
<b>21 Founders Day</b> 	<b>22 National Maritime Day</b> 	<b>23 Lucky Penny Day</b> 	<b>24 National Brother Day</b>	<b>25 Shavuot (start)</b> National Wine Day	<b>26 Paper Air-plane Day</b> 	<b>27 Shavuot (end)</b> Post 157 Legion Riders Breakfast 7am, music 7pm
<b>28 Brisket Day</b> 	<b>29</b>  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE	<b>30 Mint Julep Day</b>	<b>31 Save your Hearing Day</b> 	<b>Month of:</b> Military Appreciation, South Asian/Islander American Heritage, Mental Health Awareness, Lupus/Lyme Disease Awareness, Physical Fitness and Sports		<b>11-13 JMU Graduation</b> <b>11-13 Liberty Graduation</b> <b>19-21 UVA Graduation</b>

**Chaplain's Corner** As you read this newsletter, your American Legion Post 74 will be preparing to conclude the yearly **Officer election** cycle. It is an important time for the Post, as the results of the election will determine the leadership for the Post for the next year and beyond.

**We are blessed to have two worthy candidates for the position of Commander.** Please, if you are able, come to the May meeting and cast your vote. Also, there are positions open on the Post Leadership team. If you value the services and support offered by The American Legion and what our Post does for our veterans and our community, here is your opportunity to step up and serve, and be a bigger part of that service.

May is a busy month for those of us that appreciate and honor veterans. **Armed Forces Day** is celebrated on the third Saturday in May; this year it is **20 May 2023**. Armed Forces Day honors all U.S. military personnel, **past and present**. First observed in 1950, the day was **announced on 31 August 1949 by then Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson**. President Harry S. Truman, in a speech announcing the formation of the day, *"praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "it is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace."*

Towards the end of the month, we have **Memorial Day, on Monday, 29 May 2023**. Memorial Day honors the **men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military**. Our modern Memorial Day is a **Federal Holiday** and is always observed on the **final Monday of May** and has been that way since the 1970s. In times prior to that, Memorial Day was celebrated on 30 May, regardless of the day of the week. Also in prior times, it was called Decoration Day, beginning as a day to mourn and honor the over 620,000 American soldiers that served and died on both sides of the Civil War.

I don't know if this happens everywhere, but here in Charlottesville, on Memorial Day weekend, local **Scouts place Flags at the graves of veterans**. I've seen **local veteran grave markers dating back to the Mexican-American War**. Seeing these young Scouts honor our departed citizens, whom they did not know, solely because those citizens were willing to serve our country, warms my heart. This gives me great hope for the future of our nation.

**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.