



American Legion Post 74 Charlottesville & Albemarle, Inc.

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Commander's Report:

Welcome American Legion Family!

Thank you goes out to the **Food Committee** for preparing and serving a great meal; Bob and Roberta Humphrey, Dawn and Lowell Badgley, and Connie Critzer. I think we all enjoyed having steak for a change.

Bingo continues to be a success thanks to our members involvement and their volunteering. With that said, we would still like to have additional members' to volunteer to prevent "burnout".

We are planning to hold a benefit Dance at our Post on 25 November 2022, from 8pm to 11pm. Tickets will be \$10/person in advance and \$15/person at the door. BYOB setup will be available. Beer will be available for purchase from the bar only. For more information, please contact Phil Grimm, Beverly Bunch, or Sol McCauley. Tickets will be available for purchase during Bingo sessions up until 20 Nov 2022.

We will be participating in Several Veterans Day activities throughout Albemarle County. Our main event will be held at the County Office Building (Old Lane High School), the eleventh hour, on the 11/11/2022. Our color guard will also be providing services at the Commonwealth of Virginia, Senior Living Center later in the day; and assisting at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church Veterans Day service at 6pm. Our Post will also be laying a wreath at a ceremony held at Ashlawn.

On a sad note, Elbert Dale's grandson, Eric Hahn, died during a diving incident at the age of 27. Eric was a Post 74 oratorical contestant, Boys State attendee, Virginia Tech graduate and trained professional scuba diver.

Don't forget to **RSVP for our November Thanksgiving dinner meal**. The meal is prepared and paid for by our Unit 74 Legion Auxiliary.

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



Condolences go out to friends and family of Post 74 members Monte Hatfield-14 continuous years and Honorary Life Time member/Korean War Veteran.



DINNER MENU (FREE) RSVP: 6 Nov 2022

Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Sweet potato fluff, Mac n Cheese, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Deviled Eggs, Tea/lemonade/water to drink. ***We ask for you to bring a dessert-enough to feed ten people.***

Sign-in roster, ticket required to receive meal.
Please RSVP, 434-977-1050. Presented by Legion Auxiliary Unit 74

If you would prefer to receive the Newsletter by e-mail, please contact us by phone or at legionpost74@legionpost74.com with a current e-mail address. Also, please keep us apprised of any changes in your e-mail address to prevent interruptions in receipt of newsletters.

Post 74 Officers

Commander: Bill Napier

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First Vice: Mary Sue Garrison

Second Vice: Roberta Humphrey

Chaplain: Wayne Snyder

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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



**MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY
AT GOLDEN CORRAL WAYNESBORO
NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

FROM 4-8PM



Different nonprofit agencies were able to fund raise money by holding craft/yard sale at the Post. We hope to schedule another one in the Spring with more Crafters.



Veterans Day Discounts

Bed Bath & Beyond, Dollar General, Duluth Trading, Mattress Firm, Meineke, Rack Room Shoes, Regal Theaters, Staples, Target, Walgreens, Applebee's, BJ's Brewhouse, Buffalo

Wild Wings, Cracker Barrel, Dunkin Donuts, Hooter, IHOP, McDonalds, O'Charley's, Qdoba, Red Lobster, Red Robin, Smoothie King, TCBY, Texas Roadhouse, Wendy's, Starbucks **(This is a brief list. Check with local vendors)**

While serving with the Military some members may have been exposed to a variety of **airborne hazards to include:** smoke and fumes from open burn pits, sand, dust, and particulate matter; general air pollution in certain countries; fuel, aircraft exhaust, and other mechanical fumes; smoke from burning oil well fires. You may have or currently are experiencing health effects related to these potential exposures. **Waste products commonly disposed of in open burn pits include: chemicals, paint, medical and human waste, metal aluminum cans, munitions' and unexploded ordnance, petroleum and lubricant products, plastic, rubber, wood and food waste.** Exposure to the **smoke created by these materials** may cause irritation and burning of the eyes or throat, coughing, breathing difficulties, skin itching or rashes. Many of these conditions are temporary and resolve on their own when the exposure ends. The closer you were to the burn pit and exposure time periods *may have put you at greater risk* for long term health conditions. Veterans who may be eligible may **consider registering with (AHOBPR) Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry.**

For God and Country,

Roberta Humphrey R.N., BSN, MA, MSN, CRRN, CM

2nd Vice Commander, American Legion Post 74

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 27 Oct 2022

Renewals are already flowing in, Thank you! Our current goal is 65% by 11 Nov. Which has been exceeded but not by much. A Letter went out to members who live in our surrounding area and who belong to Post 141 in hopes they will transfer to our Post. 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 |
|----------|-------|-------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 294 | 137 | 4 | 0 | 435 | 624 | 69.71% |

**NEW
MEMBERS**

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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Meetings are held at the Post Home, 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7pm. (We will not be holding a meeting in Nov. as we will be upstairs **preparing a Thanksgiving Feast** for Legion General Membership meeting the next night.)

We will be reaching out to families station within **NGIC and Air Space Command** to support those with children for Christmas. Also, we will start collecting toys, games and other kids stuff for **"Toys for Tots"**.

Please mail membership renewal of **\$40** 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 5pm.

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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Director: Bob Humphrey wrench58@embarqmail.com

Hello Post 74 ALR. Just a reminder that **fall/winter riding season** is/will be here and along with the seasonal change inclement weather, road hazards i.e. **falling leaves, wet roadways with sudden temperature drop, fog and decreased visibility**. Please keep this in mind and **dress appropriately**. 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 this EVERY TIME you ride. **Our primary goal is safety first. This seasonal change may provide a good opportunity to have maintenance performed in order to be ready to ride in the spring and avoid having to wait for service and compete with other riders regarding maintenance.** Enjoy the good riding days when you have an opportunity and **STAY SAFE!** Thank you for your time and interest.

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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In the past several years, my husband and I have chosen to remember both of our fathers and honor our son, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law who have served honorably. It is quite moving to hear the reactions of our children as they read the notes we send them at Christmas telling them about it. I do have printed notecards with the Wreaths Across America logo on them if you would like any. Just let me know.

Our next meeting/packout is Thursday, 17 November 2022. Please mark your calendars now to join us. If you know of anyone deployed at this time, please let us know. We can include them in future pack-outs.



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



Once again we are participating in **Wreaths Across America**. We have had the honor to be present at Culpeper National Cemetery on Wreaths Across America Day in the past and have been humbled to help honor and remember those veterans and family members who are buried there.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 17 for Culpeper National Cemetery**. At **12pm** a formal ceremony will begin with the laying of several memorial wreaths. Volunteers attending will then distribute remaining wreaths throughout the cemetery, saying aloud the name of the person being honored and thanking them for their service. If you are interested in joining, please let me know.










We also help support the purchase of the wreaths distributed at Culpeper National Cemetery.; **\$15.00 per wreath**. Order through **our Chapter** and **\$5.00** is returned to help fund our CARE package program sent to deployed service members.



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November 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| BINGO—Sundays, Door opens 12pm, Game starts 1:30 pm |  UVA Home Game | 1 | 2 Exec mtg | 3 Sandwich Day 3-6 Virginia Film Festival | 4 Shadwell Speakers Tour | 5 Ruck the Hill event All Saints Day  |
| 6  | 7 | 8 Election Day-get out  | 9 Dinner 6pm, Gen. mem 7pm | 10 Marine Corps Birth- day/mtg | 11 Veterans Day— See CDR's Notes | 12 Duran Memorial at Post  |
| 13 DAVA mtg 2pm, | 14 American Educators Week  | 15 SAL mtg 5pm | 16 National Button Day  | 17 Great Smoke-out | 18 United Nations Com- edy Tour | 19 National Adoption Day  |
| 20 Bird walk @ Highland | 21 | 22 Relish Day | 23 Espresso Day  | 24  | 25 Benefit Dance 8- 11pm  | 26 World cup; USA vs England  |
| 27 | 28  | 29 | 30 Operation Bizarre/ Bazaar— Rich- mond 4:30- | National Veterans & Family Month, Caregiver, American Indian & Alaskan Native month Next Month— Toys for Tots | | |

November is busy and significant month for the American Legion family. The **Marine Corps birthday**, **Veterans Day** and of course, **Thanksgiving**.

On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution established the Continental Marines and thus marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. If you happen upon a Marine on **10 November 2022**, say **"Happy Birthday, Marine!"**

Veterans Day for Legionnaires is a day of special significance. Each of us is a Veteran, and we are part of an **organization that supports Veterans**. Living in and around Charlottesville, we are all familiar with local historical figures, but we might not be so aware that those founding fathers were Veterans as well. **George Washington** was a **General and Commander-in-Chief** for the U.S. Continental Army. **Thomas Jefferson** and **James Madison** were both **Colonels** in the Virginia Militia and **James Monroe** was a **Major** in the Continental Army. From our earliest days as a nation, we were built on the efforts of Veterans and their service to a cause beyond themselves. From the beginning of the republic to present day, service to a cause beyond oneself is a cornerstone of the American military experience, and that carries forward into our lives as Veterans.

Ah, **Thanksgiving!** The word thanksgiving, with the **lower case "t"**, means the act of expressing or feeling thankfulness. In other words, it is the act of giving thanks for what we are grateful for. The **Thanksgiving Day holiday** is a time for us to **express our gratitude for all the blessings we have**, as Americans, as Veterans and as members of our families and communities. Life comes at us, that's for sure, and there will always be struggles in front of us, but we have more blessings than we can count. **For that, we can all be thankful.**

As you celebrate Thanksgiving, **if it calls to you, include in your prayers of gratitude all the military men and women who are currently serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad.** Without their service, our lives would be very different.

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.