



American Legion Post 74 Charlottesville & Albemarle, Inc.



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Commander's Report:

Welcome Legion Family. Fall has arrived. I would like to inform everyone of events that took place this month in our U.S. Military History. October 6, 2001, Enduring Freedom began, and War was declared in Afghanistan 7 October 2001. The U.S. Navy was established on the 13th, 1775 and the Women's Army Corps was established on the 23rd in 1978. The Grenada Campaign began 24 October 1983.

I would like to thank all who helped and attended our **9-11 Patriot Day Memorial** here at the Post Home. Much coordination and many hands went into the making of this event. Some recommendations for improvement were brought to our attention during an after-action review of which we will take under advisement for future events.

I would like thank Robin Riddle as the Charlottesville/Central Virginia, Project Linus Chapter Coordinator, for her efforts in making Project Linus a much sought-after event where volunteers assist nonprofits through **Laurence E. Richardson Day of Caring**, sponsored by the United Way of Greater Charlottesville. Throughout the year, "blanketeers" sew, crochet and knit blankets or blanket toppers. On a designated day in September, volunteers come and help with piecing, sewing, labeling, tack-stitch and make no-sew fleece blankets. They were able to complete 253 blankets, ready for washing and distribution.

A thank you also goes out to our food committee as they continue to plan, coordinate, and prepare a variety of meals for the monthly general membership meeting; Roberta and Bob Humphry Connie Critzer, Dawn and Lowell Badgley, Ana Hickory and Randy Wood.

I hope to see our Legion Family and their families at the Post 74 Anniversary picnic on 3 October, 2-5pm at Darden Towe Park, under the pavilion. Food provided by Mission BBQ.

Tickets are still available for tours to visit **D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA** on Thurs. 28 Oct and the **U.S. Army National Museum at Ft Belvoir, VA** on 2 Dec. Tours are sponsored by The Center, in Charlottesville. Contact Connie Critzer at CLCGKK@gmail.com for more information.

Commander Bill Napier

For God and Country

Per Motion voted on and passed in September: *This will be the last newsletter for members who have not renewed their membership since year 2019-2020.*

DINNER MENU \$12.00

RSVP: 7 Oct 2021

N.Y. Strip steak, Potato with fixings, Green Beans, Honeymoon Salad, Salad Bar, Rolls with butter and Peach Cobbler

Ice tea, Lemonade, Water,

**Sign-in roster, ticket required to receive meal
First time New Members eat free! RSVP please**

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Presented by Post 74 Ceremonial Unit and Legion Riders

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October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	3 Oct Fox Field Races	16 Oct Fish Fry Madison Post 157			1	2 (&3) Fall Fiber Fest Montpelier
3 Post 74 Picnic 2-5pm Darden Towe Park	4	5	6 Excom mtg 6:30pm	7 Dinner RSVP due	8	9 (&10) Arts and Crafts Fest Crozet
10 DAVA mtg 2pm	11	12 Auxliliary mtg 7pm, snack 6:30	13 Dinner 6pm, Gen membership 7pm, DAV 5:30pm	14	15	16 District 13th Fall Conf. Goodchland
17	18	19	20	21 Department	22 Fall	23 Conference
24 U. N. Day Williamsburg	25	26	27 NAVY Day	28 D-Day Memori- al tour, Bedford	29	30 SAL Dance 8pm to midnight
31 	<i>All Post Members are welcome to attend our Veterans Day Ceremony at the Post on 11 November at 11am.</i>					



October 26 marks the National Day of the Deployed.

Each day, thousands of U.S. troops are deployed across the globe, and thanks to Shelle Michaels Aberle and former North Dakota Governor John Hoeven, this day has been set aside to honor our deployed troops and their families. In 2006, Aberle contacted Governor Hoeven looking for support of a Proclamation Day to honor the deployed troops, and by 2011, Congress had transformed North Dakota's Day of the Deployed into a national day of proclamation to honor deployed troops. October 26 was chosen as the date because it is the birthday of LTC David Hosna, Abrele's cousin.

On the National Day of the Deployed, we honor our deployed troops and their families for the bravery and sacrifice they are making for our country. Each deployed troop leaves behind a family whether it is a spouse, children, parents, siblings, grandparents, and friends who are also considered family. Even though military families are not deployed they are making a sacrifice and deserve to be recognized as well. By recognizing a deployed troop's family, you are honoring the deployed military person.

Often, we feel the need to express our gratitude in an elaborate way, and we worry a small act of kindness will look as if we do not care. However, each small act of kindness matters and makes a difference. Baking a plate of cookies for a military family or taking the time to write a handwritten letter to a deployed military member have just as much of an impact as a grand gesture. The thought and care you put into your act of support is what matters most not how much money you spend.

On the National Day of the Deployed, the important aspect is to honor our deployed troops and their families. No matter what type of gesture you choose, all that matters is that your gesture is heartfelt. Large or small, inexpensive or expensive, every act of kindness makes a difference in the lives of these deployed troops and their families and shows your support for them.

By supporting our troops, we are also supporting our country and ultimately supporting our freedom.

God Bless America! 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

Post 74 Officers

Commander: Bill Napier
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First Vice: Vacant

Second Vice: Randy Wood

Third Vice: Roberta Humphrey

Chaplain: Mike James

Finance: David Drayer

Adjutant: Phil Grimm

Historian: Al Underwood

Judge Advocate: Pat Kelly

Sgt. At Arms: Mary Sue Garrison

Athletic Officer: Solomon McCauley

Service Officer: Gary Hegemier

Rental Agent: vacant
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At Large Officers:

Lowell Badgley
 George Shadman
 Bellamy Brown
 Boyd Knott
 W. Bruce Eades

Legionnaire of the Year:
 Gary Hegemier

9-11 Patriot Day Memorial



ENG 22 arriving for the
Striking the Four Fives.
 Preparation in full swing.

Day of Caring 22 Sept 2021– Project Linus Make A Blanket Day (MABD)

Central Virginia has organizations that work hard to preserve and improve our unique quality of life. Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides security for children, who are seriously ill or had a traumatic experience, with the love and comfort of a hand made blanket. Our chapter covers the areas of Albemarle, Green, Nelson and some of Fluvanna Counties. A majority of the blankets are provided to children's organizations within the surrounding area; **Ronald McDonald House, Ready Kids, UVA Children's wing...** The exception includes **children of military parents/ caregivers attending TAPS and Snow Ball Express (children whose parents/guardians were killed in combat), children of deployed service members, and Camp Corral (children of disabled veterans).** Post 74 has offered the use of their facilities, once again, to conduct the making and sorting of blankets. This event is when most of the quilts are put together and blanket labeling is done for the year. Today we completed **253 blankets, delivered over 7300** since the Chapters inception in 2006. Together, we ensure that our wonderful Charlottesville area will continue to grow and thrive. Thank you for your support. Robin Riddle



To help those less fortunate and to help with membership, donations are being accepted in increments of \$35. We have achieved the current goal of 55% for Oct 6 goal. We need to continue renewals and enrolling new members. Our membership teams will be making the first contact of the year those who have yet to renew.

MEMBERSHIP THROUGH Sep 2021

Renewals	PUFLs	New Members	Transfers	Total Membership	Goal for the Year	Percent of Goal Met
298	139	6	2	444	678	65.49%

For those who have not renewed for 2021, 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
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Meetings are held at the Post Home, 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 630PM.

Meet and Greet at 6PM

If you are unable to attend please email your input for consideration. Our Freedom Flag and 9-11 Memorial Poster Exhibit will be displayed in the main ceremonial hall on 11 September thru the end of the month. Thank you for your support. Members of our unit helped with Project Linus efforts for Day of Caring; 253 Blankets ready for washing and distribution. Please mail membership renewal to PO Box 364, Crozet, VA 22936.



S.A.L. (Sons of American Legion) Squadron 74
Commander Lowell Badgley
Memorial Dance– Bennie Dodd Band.



30 Oct, 8-12pm, \$20 single/\$35 couple. Proof of Vaccination. Finger Foods/Soft drinks/water. **NO ALCOHAL PERMITTED** (inside or outside). 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 ALR members. I sure hope everyone remains healthy and safe. Please be mindful when riding, the fall season is upon us, tree leaves will soon be falling and creating potential dangerous road conditions. Plans for our Post 74 ALR to host the Annual Post 74 picnic at Darden Towe Park, on 3 Oct 2021, 2-4pm are all in place. On Tuesday 9/21/21 eight riders from 74 ALR, road our bikes to the Bedford D-Day Memorial in order to meet up with Kyle Petty Charity Ride Revival. We presented a donation of \$250 that benefits "Victory Junction" camp for sick kids. Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause.

For God and Country, RIDE ON MY FRIEND, RIDE ON!!



Blue Star Families of Central Virginia

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We are grateful to all of you at Post 74 for allowing us back for our great pack-out in September. If you know of anyone deployed at this time, please let us know so we can send them a little love from Central Virginia.

Thank you again for all you do to help us continue fulfilling our mission.



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



Traditionally, Unit 74 prepares and picks up the tab for our Thanksgiving meal served at the Post in November. That being said, the Auxiliary needs to have an idea how many would be attending the Gobble to you Wobble Meal. The menu includes turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potato fluff, green beans... They will also be providing some dessert, but would like for members attending to bring their favorite desserts, enough to feed 10 people. Yes, this means having one of everything would not be advisable. We want all to share and give thanks for what we have. RSVP Thanksgiving Dinner to bbopnrobin@yahoo.com if you plan to attend and let us know what dessert you are bringing.