



American Legion Post 74 Charlottesville & Albemarle, Inc.



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Commander's Report:

Welcome American Legion Family! **Thank you** goes out to Robin Riddle and a group of Legion Family volunteers for stepping up to the table and making the August meal a success; Ruthann Brown, Mary Garrison, Dawn and Lowell Badgley and, Ivan Torres-Ubillus. "Not your Mamas Meatloaf" and the Mac-n-cheese was delicious indeed.

While attending Department of Virginia Convention, our Post was presented with **Department Service (Category 5) Trophy for 2021-2022, for Most Outstanding Post Veterans Service Program**. Several Post 74 members provide claims assistance, whether volunteer or working for Veteran Service Agencies, was a contributing factor in earning this award. Also, we were recognized for **Americanism Award of a Category 5 Post**. This award was based on the 2021-2022 **Consolidated Post Report (CPR)** compiled by Robin Riddle and Mary Garrison and filed with American Legion, Department of Virginia. In addition, **Robin Riddle** was recognized and awarded the 2021-2022, **Dogwood pin** for Post 74 Legionnaire of the Year, a **certificate** for 2021-2022 District 13, a **pen and pencil holder** for 2021-2022 Northern Region Legionnaire of the Year, and a **plaque** for 2021-2022, Department of Virginia Legionnaire of the Year award. This was a long time coming. Outstanding job Robin!

Bingo is up and running. Attendance has been good, around 100. We are always looking for **volunteers** to help, even if its one Sunday a month.

September is **National Disaster Preparedness Month**. Our Post is participating in **9-11 Ceremonies at the Steam & Gas show** in Summerset Virginia. Our Ceremonial Guard will be firing the Volley at the event in addition to having a Legion Membership recruiting booth.

We are hosting a **Fish Fry**, here at the Post. 9 Sep, 4:30-6:30 pm, cost is \$16. Please call 434-409-7777 by 5 Sept to RSVP. Select Cod or Catfish when making meal reservation.

We are planning to hold a **benefit dance** at our Post, Saturday, 17 Sept 2022, 8-11pm (also National Dance Day). Cost is \$10 per person, BYOB setup available and purchasing of beer. For more information, please call me at 804-512-5527 or Connie Critzer at 434-962-2095.

Here is the break down for 2023 membership cards. The computerized program held at National records membership as **PUFL, Honorary Life and 1 year (for individuals who pay year to year)**. Don't worry, your continuous years are still annotated on your actual Membership Card and a certificate, in five-year increments, for continuous Membership. Also, if membership renewal was **set up "automatic"** please **verify this on your profile page in Mylegion.org**. For some of us, our payments for 2022 were not processed during the membership upgrade for Virginia.

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: 9 Sep 2022

Shrimp Scampi with pasta, zucchini in butter sauce, Garlic bread, Salad w/ Fixins', Italian Cream Cake, Tea/lemonade/water to drink. Sign-in roster, ticket required to receive meal.

First time members eat free!

Please RSVP, 434-977-1050. Presented by Volunteers of Legion Family

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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Email: btb866251@gmail.com
First Vice: Mary Sue Garrison

Second Vice: Roberta Humphrey

Chaplain: Wayne Snyder

Finance: David Drayer

Adjutant: Phil Grimm

Historian: Robin Riddle
bbopnrobin@yahoo.com

Judge Advocate: Pat Kelly

Sgt. At Arms: Bob Humphrey

Athletic Officer: Solomon McCauley

Service Officer: Gary Hegemier

Rental Agent: Anita Hamric
434-906-5339

At Large Officers:

Lowell Badgley
George Shadman
Ray Satterfield Jr
Werner Gstattenbauer

Legionnaire of the Year:
Robin Riddle

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE
LEGION**

Recruiting and selling ball caps at Fluvanna County Fair; New member Richard Harvey, Joe Dudley, Doug Caron, Lowell Badgley



Past Dept. CDR & current Dept. Judge Advocate A.B. Brown and CDR Bill Napier presenting four levels of Legionnaire of the Year

Award to Robin Riddle; Post 74, 13th District, Northern Region and Department of Virginia.



Post 74 recognized and awarded the Department Service Trophy, Category V and Americanism, Category 5.



2022 Legion Riders Legacy Ride
Charlie Monk



Comfort in a blanket hug!

6TH ANNUAL SEAS THE DAY
VETERANS' OUTDOOR DAY



Recruiting and
Baseball Caps



Legion and Marine Corps League
Getting along just fine

MEMBERSHIP THROUGH 28 Aug 2022

Renewals are already flowing in, Thank you! Our current goal is 50% by 14 Sept. PUFL's membership cards will be sent out in September. 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
258	137	1	0	396	624	63.46

NEW MEMBERS

Richard Harvey– Army, recruited by Mary Garrison

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

Meetings held at the Post Home, 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7pm

Our Unit received recognition awards for **“Best Overall Education, Legislative at Department Convention** held in Herndon, Virginia, and **Education for Southern Division at National Convention** held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Our slate of Unit Officers were voted to remain the same for 2022-2023. We will be hosting/serving lunch for 13th District Fall Conference, 1 Oct 2022 at Post 74. Meal is \$10, please RSVP by 25 Sept. Come support Project Linus as part of the United Way’s Day of Caring, 21 Sep, 9am-3pm, at the Post home.

Please mail membership renewal, \$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

Website: www.al74riders.com Email: info@al74riders.com
Director: Bob Humphrey at wrench58@embarqmail.com

Hello. Sure hope all are enjoying the summer and staying safe. Please be mindful of increased riding challenges now that school season has resumed. This includes children boarding /exiting the school bus and impatient drivers who ignore the flashing red lights. A special thank you, appreciation and recognition to Charlie Monk and Tom Wright who represented our ALR Post 74 at the 2022 National Legacy Run this year. They will travel, with other national ALR, from Mobile, AL to Milwaukee, WI. In addition, Charlie and Tom will present a donation from Post 74 to the National Legacy Riders Children's Scholarship fund for \$500.00. Also, mark your calendars to include resuming our ALR meetings scheduled for September 10, 2022 @ 1000hrs. Please stay alert and safe.

For God and Country

Bob Humphrey, Post 74 ALR, Director



Blue Star Families of Central Virginia

Martha Horsfall, at horsfalljm@comcast.net

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Our next packout of CARE packages is Thursday, September 22, lower level of the Post. If you know of anyone who will be deployed at that time, please let us know so we can include him/her in our packout. All are welcome to join us about 6 pm to get ready for the packout. We will have a short business meeting at 6:30 pm and the packout will immediately follow the meeting. Hope to see you there.



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



Fish Fry

Friday, Sept 9, 2022

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

\$16 per meal

RSVP Call 434-409-7777



Menu

Cod or Catfish (Please specify choice of fish when placing order)

French Fries Coleslaw Tarter sauce, lemon wedge



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September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Service Dog Month and Hispanic Heritage Month						
17- RMH Big Red Shoe 18- Masons Toy Box Fundraiser at	Antique Car, Bike & Truck show, Orange County Eastwood Farm & Winery			1	2 Food Bank Day	3 UVA 
4 Wild Life Day	5  HAPPY LABOR DAY	6 Read A Book Day	7 Exec mtg	8 Home Educators Day RMH Red Shoe meet up-Carters	9 Fish Fry Stan Up 2 Cancer Day	10 Anchors Away-at The Center, 5:30-10
11 Steam & Gas show, 9-11 Tribute	12 Chocolate milkshake Day	13 Auxiliary mtg 7pm Ants on a Log Day	14 Dinner 6pm, Gen. mem 7pm DAV 5:30pm	15 Marine Corps League	 YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN	17 Benefit Dance 8-11p UVA/ODU 
18 DAVA mtg 2pm US Air Force B-day	19	20 SAL mtg 5pm	21 Project Linus/Day of Caring	22 Blue Star Packout	23 Native American Day	24 Post 157 ALR Breakfast Crozet Car show
25 Gold Mother Family Day	Star & 	26	27 Yum Kippur	28 Be kind to your neighbor Day and Drink a Beer Day	29 Rosh Hashanah Begins (sunset) VFW Day	Oct 1 13th District mtg



Gold Star Mother's and Family Day

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. is an organization of mothers whose sons/daughters served and died while serving their nation in times of war or conflict. American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. was incorporated in 1929 by obtaining a federal charter from the US Congress. The group began with 25 mothers living in the Washington DC area and soon expanded to include affiliated groups throughout the nation.

On June 23, 1936, a joint congressional resolution designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day and is proclaimed annually by each president. President Obama amended the day, in 2011 to "Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day".

Army Captain Robert L. Queissner, whose two sons were serving on the front-line during World War I, created what is now called the Service Flag. The Service Flag was created for families to display in their front window. Each blue star denotes a child serving in the military during times of war or hostilities. When a service member dies, families stitched a gold star over the blue star.

Each year on Gold Star Mother's and Family Day the United States President calls on all Americans to display the nation's flag and hold appropriate meetings to publicly express their love, sorrow, and reverence towards Gold Star Mothers and their families. Service organizations provide opportunities for the family through ceremonies, luncheons, and teas. Some take place at military memorial sights and veteran cemeteries.

On another note, I am stepping down from this position due to health reasons. I still plan on attending meetings and lending support as I can. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Post Chaplain.

Fall is shedding a leaf on things to come.

God Bless Mike James, Chaplin

If you know of someone, or you yourself are ill or in the hospital, feel free to contact Chaplain
 Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255, or dial "988" press 1.