



**American Legion Post 74
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As part of the Memorial Day celebration, Bill Napier and Phil Grimm will be presented a wreath at 3pm, May 30th, at the Scottsville Pavilion.



Executive Committee, slate of officers, 2021-2022

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| CDR– Bill Napier | First Vice– Vacant | 2nd Vice- Randy Wood |
| 3rd Vice- Roberta Humphrey | Chaplain-Mike James | Finance– David Dryer |
| Adjutant– Phil Grimm | Historian– Al Underwood | Judge Advocate-Pat Kelly |
| Sgt At Arms– Mary Sue Garrison | Athletic Officer– Sol McCauley | Service Officer– Gary Hegemier |
| Rental Agent– Vacant | | |

From: District 13 Chaplain Joel Jenkins

This month I was asked to share a few words. I think General Colin Powell’s words from a speech at West Point on September 15, 1998, say it all:

“...Several times in the course of this century, the United States was at ... the height of power. At the end of the Cold War, we could have imposed our will on the world, but we didn’t. All we ever asked for was the opportunity to raise up our former enemies, and to get back to the business of peace and democracy. The only other thing we ever asked for was enough land to bury our dead. We never wanted anyone else’s land or sovereignty over anyone.

Our Armed Forces are number one and must remain so. They are our insurance policy for a hopeful future. And as we have seen repeatedly over our history, the premium on that insurance policy and the ultimate foundation of our security rests - rests on the men and women who are willing to defend the nation. The men and women who are ... willing to give their lives for the country and for their fellow soldiers. They are the nation’s warriors. They have come forward from city and farm whenever they have been needed for over 200 years.

No group of Americans has a greater claim to the love, appreciation and respect of fellow citizens than the warriors of the nation. They are sons and daughters and brothers and sisters, husbands and wives. “

I might add, God bless our troops, and God bless America!

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



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Commander's Report:

Commander Bruce Eades

Good morning Legion Family! Yes, Springtime 2021., This is a time for optimism as we all receive our vaccines and anxiously await the return to our normal activities. Word is that our Post 74 Re-entry committee is planning for our regular membership meeting to resume 9 June. The plan is to serve box dinners since we are not, yet CDC approved to prepare and serve steak/chicken dinner meals from our kitchen. I am sure we are all looking forward to the camaraderie and it is just in time for Post Officer Elections! Please let us know if you have been vaccinated and will join us, so the Team can order the appropriate number of dinners (working on reducing the \$12/meal). We will be taking temperatures at the door. Wearing of your mask and social distance will be in place as we do our best to keep everyone safe.

Our Post Adjutant and I were discussing how our protocols have kept our Volunteers/Officers safe throughout this Pandemic by following CDC/Governor's guidelines. We have had only one officer contract Covid-19 ("from restaurant outside of our Post") and thankfully he fully recovered as he was quarantined for 14 days so no one else contracted it...Praise God!

Speaking of God and Country, we also discussed the return of our normal Post 74 Americanism programs. For instance, Boys State, although cancelled last year, is being held in person, at Radford University, on limited basis with only one boy allowed from each high school. Phil Grimm and Bob Humphrey conducted interviews and we are sponsoring four young men. Hopefully, this is a good sign, and we can once again sponsor our Post activities. Our Re-entry committee's next meeting is 5 May. Topics of discussion include when our "Legion Family" and the "Outside groups" can safely return to our Post home, again per Virginia Governor's/CDC guidelines?

Of course, officers of Post 74 have been reminiscing of past membership activities, such as visiting the **D-Day Memorial**. On 5 June 2019, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Normandy Landing. **"Warriors turned Heroes"** "include passed Post members **Chubby Proffit** and **James "Monk" Bingler**. This year the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** turns 100 (see article in the May 2021 American Legion Magazine). We are hoping to take a bus load or two of our members there this Fall!

Let us all Call a Buddy and check on them and remind them to get that Vaccine that CDC says will make us safe to gather once again...Semper Fi.

For God and Country

Wreath presentation at the **55th Rededication of the Dogwood Memorial** (oldest in our Nation). Post 74 member **Major General Doug Caton, (USA retired)** and **DVMF member Charlie Kardos**. Both of these gentlemen lost brothers who became **"Warrior turn Heroes"** fighting for the cause of Freedom in Vietnam.



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At Large Officers:

Lowell Badgley

Richard Severin

George Shadman

Andy Meade

Boyd Knott

Legionnaire of the Year:
Randy Wood

The Story of Meeting Carl H Tippenreiter (To set the record straight, the following is my best recollection of my brief interactions with Carl H. Tippenreiter.)

Sometime between 1996-1998 I was called to serve on Grand Jury at the Federal Court House in Charlottesville, Virginia. While serving, I met Carl and learned we were both Legionnaires. I asked what Post he was a member of, he replied he was still in a Post of New York City or Long Island. I commented, if you are now living at Lake Monticello, why not transfer your membership down here to either the Fluvanna Post or Charlottesville Post 74. The next day I brought him the transfer application and he chose to transfer Post 74. Although I kept trying to encourage him to attend one of our monthly dinner meetings, he said he was basically homebound and taking care of his wife and her health concerns.

Fast forward to 5-6 months ago, I am at Post 74 and the phone rings, it was Carl Tippenreiter. We exchanged our recognition of each other and the time we served on Jury Duty. He was calling to inform Post 74 that his daughter was writing his obituary. I offered to escort our Post Chaplin for a visit at his home. I did talk to Mike James, our Chaplin, to coordinate this meeting. Bottom line, the meeting never took place.

On Friday, April 9th, 2021, I pulled into Post 74 to retrieve our daily mail. Our mail truck pulls along side and says he has an envelope that needs a signature of receipt. Upon entering the Post, I placed the mail on Adjutant Grimm's desk, hoping the signed envelope was not anything negative. Within the hour, Phil arrived and goes thru the latest pile of mail. Before leaving the Post, I stepped into Phil's office and he motioned for me to come and look at what we received. Phil displays a check for ten thousand dollars from the estate of Carl H Tippenreiter, Revocable Trust.

Thinking back, it is quite likely he never stepped foot inside the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Post 74 Home, but he did receive our Newsletter every month!!

Lowell Badgley

To help those less fortunate and to help with membership, donations are being accepted in increments of \$35. To achieve the current goal of 100%, we need 113 additional renewals by 7 May 2021. Our membership team is currently contacting those who have yet to renew.

MEMBERSHIP THROUGH April 2021

Renewals	PUFLs	New Members	Transfers	Total Membership	Goal for the Year	Percent of Goal Met
518	148	12		678	791	85.7%

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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“100 Years of Honoring Service”

We have 4 young ladies signed up to participate (virtually) in Girl State, June 25 -28, cost is \$100. As of April 29, membership is 92%. We need 6 renewals to reach 100%. Please mail membership renewal to PO Box 364, Crozet, VA 22936.



**S.A.L. (Sons of American Legion) Squadron 74
 Commander Lowell Badgley**

Please keep a log for your volunteer hours as final consolidated reports are due in May. Don't forget to submit your renewal of \$15 for membership. Wearing of facial mask/shield and social distancing are required.



**American Legion Riders Chapter 74
 Website: www.al74riders.com mail:**

Director: Bob Humphrey ,

Good weather has arrived and our patience has been dually rewarded with good riding conditions. To get back on the road, remember your personal responsibility, to include regular routine PMCS maintenance and safety. Continue to practice COVID-19 /CDC recommended guidelines.

Hopefully, we will soon get back to a more normalized lifestyle.

RIDE ON MY FRIEND, RIDE ON!!



Blue Star Families of Central Virginia

Martha Horsfall

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We just wanted to let you know that Blue Star Families of Central Virginia (BSFCV) is alive and well. Despite COVID restrictions we have continued our mission to support our deployed service members with CARE packages. In April, we shipped 87 packages that included over **1,350 boxes of Girl Scout cookies** donated by the local community. We can tell you, this brought A LOT of smiles to our service members faces!!!! Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 5, 2021 for the **"4 Our Freedom 5K"** that will benefit 8 local veteran/military organizations (BSFCV is one of them). You can run/walk the 5K in person or virtually. Just go to **runsignup.com** and enter the name **"4 Our Freedom 5K"** for more information. We would appreciate your support and hope to see you there. Our next pack-out is the middle of June. Please let us know if you know of anyone who will be deployed at that time. It would be our honor to include them in the shipment.



Disabled American Veterans Chapter 33

DAV Commander: Bob Clouser

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary

DAVA Commander: Amanda Schaad



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