

**American Legion, Department of Virginia, 16th District, Junior Shooting Sports Program
Chairman's Report for 13 June 2021**

The Department of Virginia's, State Championship was completed on 1 May 2021 at the Rivanna Rifle & Pistol Club in Charlottesville, VA. For the first time, in recallable history, the state championship was changed from a team-based competition to an individual based competition. Because of administrative irregularities, the regional team results were discarded, and there were no recognitions or awards made at the regional level.

A second set of postal matches (in house) were held at the participating Department of Virginia posts. The 16th District was represented by Post 72 (Warrenton), Post 157 (Madison), & Post 290 (Stafford). From the second set of postal matches, the top 24 junior shooters/athletes from around the Department were invited to the state individual championship. 13 of the 24 invited shooters/athletes were from the 16th District: Post 72 - 6 shooters, Post 290 – 5 shooters, and Madison – 3 shooters.

16th District competitors finished in 2nd (72), 4th (72), 5th (290), 7th (72), 8th (290), 10th (72), 12th (72), 13th (290), 14th (290), 15th (157), 17th (72), 18th (157), & 21st (290). Despite all the difficulties, the 16th District was very well represented! Our congratulations to all of the District's junior shooters and coaches.

The American Legion National Championship team result for precision class resulted in the Patriots (72) winning 3rd place in the National finals. The top 15 shooter/athletes nationwide are invited to participate in the National Tournament. Two of the Patriots shooters/athletes placed 1st and 9th earning them an invitation to participate in the American Legion National Championship at Colorado Springs, CO, 21-24 July 2021. Our best wishes for personal success at Nationals!

The 16th District's Warrenton Rifles Cobra team (72) has been invited to the 2021 Civilian Marksmanship Programs National Championship, at Camp Perry, OH 24-26 June 2021. The 4 team members and 1 alternate will have the opportunity to shoot shoulder to shoulder with the other top competitors in the nation. We wish the Warrenton Rifles the best of luck and success.

The junior shooting sports 2020/2021 competitive season is coming to an end. Several junior shooting sports teams in the District will continue to practice during the summer. Hopefully, the COVID restriction will continue to be relaxed and with some luck removed by the start of the 2021/2022 shooting season in September 2021.

This report is respectfully submitted this 13th day of June 2021.

For God & Country,

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