

# The Patriot



August 2012



## Message from the Commander, Vaughn Harwell

As the Post starts a new year with a new commander, I am looking forward to working with everyone to making this a terrific year. A wall can't stand by itself, it needs support and I will need your support this year to accomplish all our missions and goals. We are going for a 100% membership in 2013 and now is the time to work on that goal. There will be many other programs I will need you to help with and I'm looking forward to working with you to make this an outstanding year for Post 15. Thanks in advance for your support.  
Your Post Commander  
Vaughn Harwell

## Sgt Bowe Bergdahl, US Army – POW

Sgt Bowe has already spent over 1127 days in captivity, yet we hear little about him in the news and many people are still unaware that we have an American soldier being held prisoner. Help bring attention to Bowe's plight by remembering him each Tuesday. Feature him and encourage your friends to feature something about him every Tuesday on their Face book timelines. Tell them what it will mean to you, as well as to Bowe and his family, if they would be kind enough to help out.

If you are new to BOWE TUESDAY, please go to this site for additional information: <http://supportbowe.org/the-story-of-bowe-tuesday/>

Would you like to be part of the effort to get the word out about Bowe on Twitter? Go here for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/waiting-and-advocating-for-sgt-bowe-bergdahl-us-army-pow/can-you-volunteer-to-help-us-on-twitter/299937443428595>

## Officers 2012-2013

Commander	Vaughn Harwell
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Cdr.	George Krigbaum
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Cdr.	Bill Cole
Adjutant	Becky Burney
Finance Off.	Chuck McClendon
Chaplain	Larry Sepanski
Sgt-at-Arms	Tony Robinson
Sgt-at-Arms	Joe McCarrick
Legal Officer	Ralph Terry
Americanism Chr.	Pat Volonino
Disaster Chr.	Joseph Geisen
Security Officer	Don Smith
Webmaster/Com.	Bob Branin
Past Commander	Bob Stricklin

## Auxiliary Officers

President	Marilyn Volonino
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	Theresa Groves
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.	Jeanette Cole
Secretary	Susan McClendon
Treasurer	Sandra Collins
Chaplain	Brenda Tinger
Sgt-at-Arms	Sheila Homes
Historian	Violet Kaylor
Fund Raising Chr.	Susan McClendon
Members at Large:	Shirley Harwell
Francis McCarrick	Theresa Poff

## Sons of the American Legion

Commander	Joel Sellers
Vice Cdr.	Randy Howard
Adjutant	Denver Miles
Finance Off/Sec	Sonny Wright
Chaplain	Steven Burney
Sgt-at-Arms	Marshall Holmes

## American Legion Riders

Director	Steve Burney
Asst Director	Bob Branin
Secretary	Jeannette Kelso
Treasurer	Becky Burney
Sgt-of-Arms	Joe Geisen
Sgt-of Arms	Frank Brauche
Chaplain	Vaughn Harwell
Historians	Jutta Branin
	Susan McClendon

# Bingo Every Saturday night

Session begins at 5:00pm – first number called at 6:00pm

Dance with live music Every Friday night  
Doors open at 6:00pm

Music by “Hack ward and the good time country band”

## American Legion Decatur Senior Team - 2012



## Winners of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Baseball Tournament

Bottom row, L-R Caleb Adams, Tyler Tidwell, Jacob Newton, Brandon Gurley, LeMac Hicks, Colby Crutcher, Will Smith, Blake Talley Top row, L-R Head Coach Corey Looney, Todd Gibson, Seth Edwards, Colby Nelson, Andrew Dennis, Mitchell Wright, Adam Lamar, Alex Lee, Assistant Coach Grant Bennett

## Proposed Changes in Post Constitution & By-Laws

As this new letter will be mailed to all current members at least 10 days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting (August 27<sup>th</sup>) this is to serve notice of voting on the following proposed changes to our Constitution and By-Laws:

### Constitution, Article V - Officers, Section 3

**Presently Reads:** The Commander shall appoint such committees as deemed necessary to the operation of the Post. The following committees shall be standing committees and the Chairman as appointed by the Commander shall serve on the Executive Committee: Legal Committee, Americanism Committee, Disaster Committee, and the Security Committee. The chairman of the legal Committee shall serve as Post Judge Advocate and Parliamentarian.

**Proposed Change:** The Commander shall appoint such committees as deemed necessary to the operation of the Post. The following committees shall be standing committees and the Chairman as appointed by the Commander shall serve on the Executive Committee: Legal Committee, Americanism Committee, Disaster Committee, Security Committee and Web/Communication Committee. The chairman of the legal Committee shall serve as Post Judge Advocate and Parliamentarian.

\*\*Reason for change is that a presence on the internet, a current and useful Web Site, and timely communications with our members is now vital to the growth and well being of our Post.

### By-Laws, Article X - Meetings, Section 1

**Presently Reads:** The regular meetings of the Post shall be held at the Post Home on the fourth Monday, except the fourth Monday in December, at 7:00pm at which time may be transacted such business as may properly be brought up for action;

**Proposed Change:** The regular meetings of the Post shall be held at the Post Home on the fourth Monday of each month, except meetings in May and December, which will be the second Monday at 7:00pm, at which time may be transacted such business as may properly be brought up for action;

\*\* Reason for change is that Memorial Day falls on the last Monday of May each year. Usually that is the Monday that the Post has its May Meeting. Usually there are programs going on that many post members participate in and many members are out of town. May is also Voting month for the Post and it is important that as many members as possible are available to attend.

## From the Desk of the Sr. Vice Commander, George Krigbaum

The month of July has produced 210 members renewing their dues. This includes the 43 Paid Up For Life members. We have 10 new and/or transferred members. We also had 14 members that paid their dues on-line directly to National HQ. The following people are new to our Post: Charles Anglin, Harold Brown, Wayne Dunkin, Ed Johnson, Thomas Jordan, George Marsh, Joseph Schutt, Thomas Slayton, Ronald Tosten, and Diana Watkins. If you see them, please welcome them to our American Legion Family. Our goal this year is 486 members to be 100 %. I would like us to meet a better goal of 500 members this year. We can do it, please join me in trying to meet this goal.

If you have a new address or email address please send it to: [info@allegionpost15.com](mailto:info@allegionpost15.com) . You can access the State Newsletter via the website [americanlegionalabama.org](http://americanlegionalabama.org).

## August, September, Oct. And Nov.

### Calendar

#### Message from Auxiliary President, Marilyn Volonino

I am looking forward to a great year with our new officers and the enthusiasm they have for all our programs.

This fall we will have a repeat Yard and Arts & Craft Sale at the Post. We made almost \$1,000.00 last year for our programs. We could use your help with donating any items appropriate for this sale. Please bring your items to the post.

Again we will do the benefit department sales with Martin's and Belks in the fall and spring. This is a great opportunity to support our programs and get in some good shopping. It is a win win situation.

Our new Fund Raising Chairman Susan McClendon and co-Chairman Jennifer Wright are planning other events for this year so be sure to come to meetings and watch the bulletin board for future events.

Aug	5	12th District Meeting-Post 237,Huntsville
	11	<b>Early Bird Membership Drive Event - 10am-2pm</b>
		<b>Lunch Served at 12:30 - Reservations By Aug 4</b>
	13	Legion Riders Meeting 6:00pm
	18	Fellowship Breakfast 8:00am at Post
		All you can eat \$3.00
	18	Sons of the Legion Meeting 9:00am
	27	Executive Meeting 4:30pm
		Post Dinner 6:00pm
		Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
Sept	10	Legion Riders Meeting 6:00pm
	11	Patriot Day
	21	POW/MIA Day
	15	Fellowship Breakfast 8:00am at Post
		Sons of the Legion Meeting 9:00am
	20	Start - Morgan County Fair - CPO Booth
	24	Executive Meeting 4:30pm
		Post Dinner 6:00pm
		Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
	29	End -Morgan County Fair - CPO Booth
Oct	7	12th District Meeting - Post 49, Athens
	8	Legion Riders Meeting 6:00pm
	20	<b>Pancake Breakfast-Fund Raiser 7a-12noon</b>
		<b>Takeout available... All you can eat \$5.00</b>
		Post 310 Meeting 9:00am
		Sons of the Legion Meeting 9:00am
	22	Executive Meeting 4:30pm
		Post Dinner 6:00pm
		Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm

**2013 Early Bird Membership Drive**  
 August 11, 2012  
 10:00am - 2:00pm

Door Prizes  
 Back by Popular Demand  
 A Fish Fry  
 Raffles

Bring your Membership Card to get Laminated - Free

CATFISH

Cake Walk  
 VA Med Clinic  
 Morgan County Veteran Service Officer  
 Pay your 2013 dues to get the Early Bird Stamp

#### Welcome New Members

Robert Akin, John Appleton, William Blackburn, Bill Burdette, Charles Burrow, Eugene Carr, Jackie Cooper, Mark Crumley, Richard Devoe, Don Dickens, Robert Dotson, Darrel Earls, Frank Eartly, Gene Engle, Richard Fox, Patrick Galloway, Hollis Hall, Sam Heflin, Terry Henry, Wayne Hughes, Johnny King, William Lackey, Tom Little, Mike Looster, Duane McCarty, William McCleskey, Ronnie McKee, Dave Milliken, Donald Morris, Lorri Morrow, William Morrow, Richard Nichols, Jean-Pierre Nolet, Oakley Parker, Robert Partain, Max Patterson, Louis Reid, Charles Riggs, Roger Roden, Arnold Royer, Don Smith, Willard Springer, Micheal Stacy, Joshua Turner, John Wengel, Raymond White, John Wilkerson, David Williams, Jim Wise.

## Pancake Breakfast October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Post \$5.00 – All You Can



## Eat

**A little about Our Web Site-** [allegionpost15.com](http://allegionpost15.com)  
 If you haven't visited our Post Web Site lately, it's time you did! It has a brand new look and up to date information. To contact someone at the post it is easy send email to [info@allegionpost15.com](mailto:info@allegionpost15.com) our new Webmaster / Communication Officer Bob Branin would love to hear from you and receive any photos for the site via email.