



# The Patriot

Oct & Nov 2008

## National Convention

National Convention in Phoenix Arizona was a great learning experience. I was honored to represent Post 15 and believe I served our post well. I hope to be able to share some of the training at our next post meeting, Oct 27th.

Mid-Winter Conference is January 15 - 18, 2009. Now is the time to make reservations. Reservations must be made by December 15, 2008. The Conference will be in Montgomery at the Renaissance. More information is available in the Adjutant's Newsletter. A copy is on the bulletin board @ the entrance hallway of the Post. 1-877-545-0311 for Reservations

## Halloween Costume Party & Dance

Friday Oct 31st @ 7:00pm

You don't have to dress up, but you can't win the Costume Contest if you don't. Door Prizes, Games and Fun for Everyone.



## Meeting Dates

Oct 27, Nov 24 - The Fourth Monday of the Month,

Dinner @ 6:00pm, Meeting @ 7:00pm

District 12 Meeting @ Post 15 - Dec 7th

**High School Oratorical Scholarship Program - We need Volunteers !! For School Contacts, Auditors, Timers & Judges !!**

## VETERAN DAY DINNER AND DANCE

Friday November 14th 2008

**Dinner at 5:30pm**

**Dance at 7:00pm**

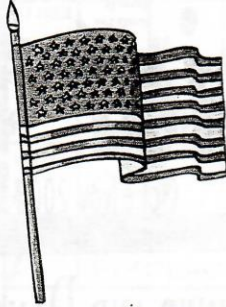
It will be here before you know it. And now is the time to make reservations. This is one of the benefits of being a member of the post. It is one of four Dinners that the post provides for fellowship during the year. It will be a great time to celebrate being a veteran and a member of Post 15. Every legion member, Auxiliary member, and Sons of the Legion is entitled to bring one guest. Dependents under 16 are invited with parent member. Additional guest may come for a charge of \$10.00.

It is IMPORTANT to make reservations before November 1st. In the past we have accepted late reservations by phone, but we WILL NOT THIS YEAR. So please if you plan to attend, and I hope you do and bring your family to enjoy the meal and entertainment, call now or come by the post before November 1st and put your name on the reservation list.

Remember for this Dinner and Dance we have a strict dress code that is enforced. Semi-Formal; Coat and tie for men and appropriate attire for ladies. Hats may be worn by Performing Band Members only.

Our Regular Friday night dancers will be admitted at 6:45 to dance at their regular charge of \$5.00, students \$3.00 and children under 6 free. Our dress code will be announced to the dancers prior to Friday, November 14th.

# Auxiliary News



American Legion Post 15 Auxiliary President, Jo Shafer wishes to give everyone who volunteered at the annual fish fry or donated a cake a big thank you. At the fish fry the fifty dollar gas card raffle was won by Annie Cole, auxiliary member and wife of Lester Cole, legion member. The auxiliary cleared \$160 on the raffle.

Each year the auxiliary provides needy families of veterans boxes of food for the Christmas holidays. This year the auxiliary will sponsor three families. Outside the auxiliary room a large covered box will be placed for anyone to donate can goods or non-persihable items. When donating **PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATE** to make sure the items are still good.

At the Friday night dance October 31, Halloween will be celebrated. There will be prizes awarded for the best couple costum and best male and female costum. Also, Donita Ledford, Huntsville regular attendee, has donated a reversible apron that will be raffled off. The apron, she made, has an autumn theme on one side and red birds decorate the other side. tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 at the table where entrance tickets are purchased.

## Welcome New Post 15 Legion Members

John Appleton, Arvin M Briscoe, Edgar Brown, James, Darnell, Kenneth Hopper, Willie Johnson, Rev. Jimmy Jones, Noel Mayfield, William McElroy, Jennifer Nelson - Shelton, Haskel Ward, Michael Crabb, Rolf Griffith, James Lenz, James Lenz Jr., Larry Stalls, John Atkins Jr., Don Harris, Dennis Raths, Jerry Sehler, Matthew Clayton, Johnny Peek, David Priest, Thomas Thorne, Ervin Baker.

**New Auxiliary members are Susan McClendon, Betty Morgan and Jennifer Wright. Welcome !**

At the monthly meetings, auxiliary members bring either side dishes or deserts. The American Legion furnishes the meat. Monthly meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month, except in December. Chili is planned for Oct, Pot Roast for Nov., & Chicken Lasagna for Dec.

## Every Saturday Night **BINGO**

6:00pm - 9:30pm

**MEMBERSHIP - GOAL 620 BY DEC 31ST.**

**PRESENT 419, 67.58%, 201 TO GO !!**

## Report on Annual Early Bird Fish Fry

Renewed 24 legion, 18 Auxiliary members  
New members -3 Legion, 3 Auxiliary, 3 Sons  
Collected a total of \$431.00 for Habitat House  
I.S. Varnell - Won \$100.00, Ruby Shaffran \$50.00 and Wallace Farr and Jennifer Nelson - Shelton will have their 2010 paid by the post..  
243 members and guest attended. 9 units of blood was collected- Special Thanks to all Legion Family that made this event a success.

## Sons of The American Legion

The Sons of The American Legion will meet on Oct 11, 2008 after Breakfast, which is free for any Sons of the Legion that attends the meeting. Business to be discussed is the changing of meeting dates and times. The plan is to meet the 3rd Tuesdays of each month with a meal at 6:00pm and the meeting at 6:30pm. It is hopeful that this change will increase the participation at meetings. Please make plans to attend. For more information call the Post at 353-5501

### THE OLD STATE BANK ANNIVERSARY

### CELEBRATING 175 YEARS

SATURDAY OCT 25TH  
9:00 AM - 6:00PM

## The Vote is In !!

*The Name of our Newsletter is 'The Patriot' Submitted by Wayne Horton -  
Thank You MSG.(R) Horton*

## Special Notice

*The By-Laws Committee met Oct 8th to review and revise our Constitution and By-Laws to better reflect our current operations. As a result, recommended changes are being typed and will be posted. The recommended changes will be distributed in writing and read at the October Meeting. This will allow for voting on the proposed changes at the November Meeting.*



## American Legion Riders

Interest has been voiced in starting a chapter of the American Legion Riders at our Post. The suggested Template for American Legion Riders Constitution and Bylaws have been obtained and will be posted. Those interested in having a chapter and being a member of the chapter need to read these documents and be aware of requirements for membership. Membership can be recognized in two "classes" if that is the desire when the chapter is formed. This issue will be addressed at the Oct regular meeting. You can find these documents at [www.legion.org/legionriders](http://www.legion.org/legionriders) and [www.americanlegionriders.net](http://www.americanlegionriders.net)

### National American Legion College

From the Commander - I am pleased to inform the membership, That The National Commander has authorized me to attend the National American Legion College as a member of the David K. Rehbein's Class of 2008. This is a great honor in that only two individuals from each State are chosen to attend. No expenses will be incurred for the Post. The National Office has already arranged my travel and I have confirmed my attendance. I will leave Nov 1st & return Nov. 7th and plan to give a full report at the November Meeting.

## Pre-Veteran's Day Cookout

November 9th 1:00pm - 5:00pm

### Fund Raiser for The American Legion Freedom Car

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs. Door Prizes & Raffle. Don't miss a chance to see the 76 Freedom Car and have a fun time raising money to support the Car at the State Veteran's Day Parade

Cover Charge: Adults \$5.00, Students \$3.00, Under 6 Free

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<b>OCTOBER</b>						
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				Family Fun Dance 7p	Sen of Legion Meeting 7pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Family Fun Dance 7p	BINGO 6 pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Family Fun Dance 7p	Old Band Rehearsal 7:30-9:30	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Meeting Night 6 pm	Junior Meeting 5:30 pm			Halloween Party 7pm		

<b>November</b>						
Don't forget we play Bingo every Saturday nights & our BINGO is for Charity						
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						BINGO 6 pm
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				Family Fun Dance 7p		BINGO 6 pm
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Freedom Car Cook Out		Veteran's Day Parade		5:30p & 7 Dinner & Dance		BINGO 6 pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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