



The Patriot

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Veterans serving America since 1919



August 2009

September 2009

Congratulations New Officers

Executive Committee 2009 -2010

		Home	Cell
Commander	Pat Volonino	353-8849	345-5062
	Marilyn		
Sr. Vice CDR (Membership)	Bob Stricklin	355-5209	565-2652
	Sherline		
Jr. Vice CDR (Entertainment)	Frank W. Shafer, Jr.	773-3830	309-1853
	Jo		
Adjutant	Becky Burney		345-7610
	Steve		
Finance Officer	Homer Bean		342-7558
	Michelle		
Chaplain	Larry Sepanski	351-1689	227-8929
	Joyce		
Sgt-at-Arms	Wayne Horton	773-3697	318-1890
	Liisa		
Sgt-at-Arms	Jim Miller	784-5503	318-3331
	Shelia		
Legal Officer	Ralph Terry	353-7083	466-7083
Americanism Chairman	O. J. Hyde	355-8542	566-0103
Disaster Chairman	Randy Pestona	W 778-9990	417-0259
	Nancy		
Security Officer	Chuck McClendon	351-9550	476-4695
	Susan		

Board of Trustees

(One Year)	(One Year)	(Two Years)	(Two Years)	(Three Years)
O. J. Hyde	James Larsen	M. L. Cox	Ronnie Reeder	Larry Sepanski
353-8542	Eleanor	Mary	Jean	Joyce
	353-3619	353-1666	353-6714	351-1689







Appointed Officers

Historian	George Krigbaum (797-5149)	Service Officer	O. J. Hyde
Legislative Officer	Don Curbow (784-5421)		
Public Relations Officer	John Tinger (306-0898)		



**The American Legion Morgan County Post 15
Pat M. Volonino, Commander
2009 - 2010 Schedule
Post Meetings the 4th Monday each Month at 7:00 PM**



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| July | 3 | * Friday Family Fun Dance - 7:00 - 10:00pm | |
| | | * Spirit of America - Point Mallard Park | |
| | 14, | * 3:00 PM -Joint American Legion Family Meeting - Year Planning | |
| | 27 | * Executive Meeting 4:30pm | |
| | | * Post Joint Dinner - Covered Dish, BBQ 6:00pm | |
| | | * Business Meeting 7:00pm | |
| Aug | 2 | * 12th District meeting, Post #15 | |
| | 8 | * Early Bird Fish Fry - Reservations By Aug 1 |  |
| | 24 | * Executive Meeting 4:30pm | |
| | | * Post Joint Dinner - Covered Dish, Spaghetti, 6:00pm | |
| | | * Business Meeting 7:00pm | |
| Sept | 11 | * Special Patriot Day Dance (9-11 Remembrance) 7:00pm | |
| | 17 | * POW/MIA DAY, Ceremony at Cotaco Park, Behind Morgan County Court House 6:30pm |  |
| | 24 | * Set up Veteran's Booth at Fair Grounds (Sept 24 - Oct 4) | |
| | | * Oratorical Information & Contacts to Schools | |
| | | Volunteers needed! | |
| | 28 | * Executive Meeting 4:30pm | |
| | | * Post Joint Dinner - Covered Dish, Roast Beef, 6:00pm |  |
| | | * Business Meeting 7:00pm | |
| Oct | 4 | * 12th District Meeting, Cullman Post #4 | |
| | 26 | * Executive Meeting 4:30pm | |
| | | * Post Joint Dinner- Covered Dish, Lasagna, 6:00pm | |
| | | * Business Meeting 7:00pm | |
| | 30 | * Halloween Costume Party & Dance 7:00pm |  |
| Nov | 11 | * Veteran's Day Parade & Program | |
| | 13 | * Veteran's Day Dinner & Dance-Reservations By Nov 1 | |
| | 23 | * Executive Meeting 4:30pm | |
| | | * Post Joint Dinner - Covered Dish, Turkey & Dressing, 6:00pm |  |
| | | * Business Meeting 7:00pm | |
| Dec | 6 | * 12th District Meeting, Huntsville # 237 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance | |
| | 11 | * Christmas Dinner & Dance - Reservations By Dec 4, | |
| | 14 | * Executive Meeting 4:30pm | |
| | | * Post Joint Dinner - Covered Dish, Baked Ham, 6:00pm | |
| | | * Business Meeting 7:00pm |  |
| | 31 | * New Year's Eve Party - 8:00 PM | <i>Happy New Year!</i> |



Post Key Holders

Please bring your keys to the August Meeting.

Sent us your email addresses



Visit our Web Site

allegionpost15.charterinternet.com

It's Picture Time



- July Meeting - Honor Guard
- August Meeting - Golf Team & Bowling Team
- Sept Meeting - Legion Riders
- Oct Meeting - Sons of the Legion

e-mail the post at: post15mc@aol.com

Commander's Message

Now I know how Pres. Elect Obama Felt waiting to be sworn in, fidgeting, trying to make plans etc.

First of all, let me thank everyone for electing me as Commander for 2009-2010. I am sure I speak for all the elected officers that feel the same way. We have a great team for this year and I hope we can follow past Commander Becky Burney's footsteps in accomplishing all the major goals that she had planned for this past fiscal year.

By the time you get this newsletter, I hope to have held an informal meeting for all the elected officers and committee chairs to plan a "calendar of events" for the coming year. I intend to continue all the events held this year PLUS some new things. We will continue our scholarship, oratorical, parade, dance, etc and on and on, but I plan my motto to be:

HELPING VETERANS AND HAVING FUN

Those of you that get my emails know that I have used that closing for about a year now, and it's no surprise that I copied it from my Shrine letter closing, " Helping Children and having Fun". It's not fun when a post project becomes a "job", and you do it every week, month or year. We need projects that are fun to do, involve our family members and give us a reason to come to the Post other than for a meeting. If the project is a fundraiser, so much the better. As you know Bingo can be an "iffy" thing. Right now Bingo and Rent from Gateway are our two major sources of revenue, approximately \$10,000 per month. Comrades, our utility bill is \$2,500 each month. Yes, we are a non-profit organization, but if we want to help veterans, we need non- Bingo funds. We need to be sending this newsletter by email to all that have a computer at their disposal. Technology is all around us, don't ignore it..

And finally, congratulations to Becky for achieving 100% in membership. We need to continue on this path. I'll close with a quote from a movie star most of my generation remember, Kirk Douglas; "Obey the voice within - it commands us to give of ourselves and to help others. As long as we have the capacity to give, we are alive."

Pat Volonino, Commander



Auxiliary News

Unit 15 Officers for 2009 - 2010

President - Jo Shafer
1st Vice - Brenda Tinger
2nd Vice - Betty Bibb
Secretary - Marilyn Volonino
Treasurer - Sandra Collins
Historian - Michelle Bean
Chaplain - Jean Reeder
Sgt-at-Arm - Dotty Hopper
Members at Large:
Betty Piesco
Sherline Stricklin



Sons of The American Legion

New meeting date. - The Second Saturday of each Month. 9:00am After the Fellowship Breakfast



American Legion Riders meet the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Regular Ride is the Saturday following the meeting.

Fellowship Breakfast

The Second Saturday of each Month @ 8:30am

Sept 12th

Oct 10th

Nov 14th

All You Can Eat

\$3.00 while it last

Cakes Needed for the Cakewalk at the Fish Fry August 8th



Please bring to the post Friday night (Aug 7) or by 9:30am Saturday the 8th.

Auxiliary will have a Early Bird Drawing



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AUGUST							Make Reservations for Fish Fry 353-5501	
Early Bird Membership Fish Fry !!							Bingo	1
Hack Ward and the Good Time Country Band Every Friday Night							Air Force Day	2
12th District Meeting	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
		U.S. Coast Guard Established 1790			Dance	Fish Fry	Sons Meeting	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Legion Riders Meeting					Dance	Bingo		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
National Airborne Day					Birthday Dance	Bingo		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Meeting Night					Dance	Bingo		

SEPTEMBER							Remember 9 - 11	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Dance	Bingo		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
labor Day				Special Patriot Dance	Fellowship Post Sons Meeting	Bingo		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Grandparents Day	Legion Riders Meeting			POW/MIA DAY	Birthday Dance	Bingo		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Morgan County Fair Veterans Banquet	Dance	Bingo		
27	28	29	30					
Gold Star Mothers Day	Meeting Night							

11th - Patriot Day
17th - U.S. Constitution Approved (1787)
18th POW/MIA Recognition Day
18th U.S. Air Force Established (1947)