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Commander's Corner



Commander Roger Groves

I first want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that came to June's meeting and for attending the installation of New Officer's for this next year's term. It is wonderful that we live in a country where we are able to exercise these privilege's given to us by so many men and women veterans of the Greatest Nation on earth. I have always that these privilege's and "so called rights" that many seem to feel that is their "RIGHT", was earned by the sweat, tears, blood, and ultimate sacrifice of our nation's veterans. These men and women who sacrificed and many gave the supreme sacrifice had "God" in their hearts and the future of this nation in their minds.

Second I would like to thank all of the new incoming officers for stepping up and taking on the responsibility of the offices they are now holding. We have lots of experience and backgrounds on your executive committee along with fresh faces with lots of energy to make this a fun, productive year for your Post. I would also like to thank the continuing members of the executive committee for accepting another year in their positions to help ad continuity to the transition and operation of your post.

I would like to extend a personal invitation to all our members that have not been able to attend to please try and come to our monthly dinner and meetings and

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Auxiliary



Auxiliary Unit 15 is proud to announce its officers for the year. President, Marilyn Volonino; 1st Vice President, Susan Letson; 2nd Vice President, Earnestine Doubek; Secretary, Kathleen Douglas; Treasurer, Theresa Poff; Chaplain, Frances McCarrick; Sgt-At-Arms, Jeannette Cole; Membership, Brenda Tinger; Historian, Judy Letson.; and Members at Large, Judy Little, Brenda Tinger, and Dorreen Hannah.

This year the auxiliary will be visible and viable. Being visible and viable began at the June convention.

During the Department convention Susan Letson was elected Department Chaplain. Theresa Poff was selected by the incoming department president to chair the Cavalcade of Memories committee. It has been a decade since the unit has had a department officer.

For more than a decade the auxiliary has not had a liaison with the Post 15 Legion. Earnestine Doubek, Legion Americanism chairman, will serve as 2nd vice president for the auxiliary will also serve as our liaison to the legion. President Marilyn is also District 12 President for the second year and Theresa is also Secretary/Treasurer for the second year. Susan Letson was elected to serve as Sgt-At-Arms for the coming year. At each unit meeting, the members present will engage in a hands-on project while listening to chairmen's reports.

Thanks to the past President of 2 years, Theresa Poff, achievement goals are at an all-time high. We are anxious to support and work with the legion, sons, and riders this year as we have done in previous years. We will begin at the August Membership Drive. After our annual Cake walk, we will help serve the meal.

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see what will be happening to YOUR POST. We miss each and every one of you and would like to see you back among your fellow veterans. We will be taking a survey of our members to find out just what YOU would like to see being done by YOUR post that would make it more interesting for you.

I would like to also remind everyone that we are not only the American Legion Post but have the Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, The American Legion Riders groups for those of you that might have interests in these groups or know of someone that might like to be involved.

Thank you again for your time and I am looking forward to serving as your 2015-2016 Post Commander and to get to know each and every one of the members of OUR Post. Together we can make a difference for our post members and families and for our fellow veterans.

American Legion Riders

The American Legion Riders is comprised of members from the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion who own a motorcycle and enjoy expanding their involvement with the Legion through group rides and rewarding rider activities. This year we welcome some new officers who have volunteered to help guide us in promoting support for our veterans, raising funds to support local and national charities, sponsoring JROTC events, and promoting the good name of the American Legion throughout our community.



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Sons of the American Legion



Dear Legion Family,
As we gear up for the new Legion year, we'd like to introduce you to our 2015-2016 Squadron Officers:

- Commander: Randall Howard
- Sr. Vice Commander: Dr. Samuel King
- Jr. Vice Commander: Michael Quigley (Past Detachment Commander)
- Adjutant: Jeremy B. Blevins
- Finance Officer: Sonny Wright
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Marshall Holmes
- Chaplain: Steve Burney

We all look forward to serving as a valuable asset in the Legion Family and growing our numbers. All male descendants of a Veteran who is a Legionnaire or a deceased Veteran who was qualified to be a Legionnaire can be a Son. We have Sons of all ages in our Squadron. Several of us are dual members as well, being Legionnaires in our own rights.

While numbers are good, we also need Sons who have availability to support activities of the Squadron. We appreciate any of your valuable time you can afford to spare.

Also, we've started corresponding electronically with everyone we have an email address for. If you want to be added to our mailing list, please include your email address with this year's renewal, or email our Adjutant: jeremy@jeremyblevins.com.

For God and Country,
 Randall Howard Jeremy B. Blevins
 Commander Adjutant



Award recipients at the 2015 Legion Birthday and Awards Banquet

American Legion Riders

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In May we helped Post 15 conduct the 4th annual JROTC Drill Competition. There were five schools from the local area, and in their first year competing, Athens High School won the overall Grand Championship Trophy. The Cadets and their families were treated to a hot dog lunch which gave us a chance to sit down and share in comradery.

In early June we visited the Tut Fann State Veteran's Home and visited with the residents to say hello and thank them for their service. We also passed out handcrafted lap blankets and scarves that members of the Legion and Auxiliary had made throughout the preceding weeks. It was truly a heartwarming experience and a wonderful opportunity to express our gratitude.

In late June we rode with other local Legion Riders in a police escorted convoy to recognize newly elected Department Commander David Hartline. After closing ceremonies at the annual national convention in Huntsville, we proudly joined the others for an inspirational ride to Post 8 in Guntersville.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Chapter 15 Legion Riders can contact the Director Bob Branin at riders@allegionpost15.com



Local JROTC Cadets competing in Post 15's fourth annual drill competition.

FINANCIAL AID IN CASE OF DISASTER

None of us want to even consider having to evacuate our primary residences due to damage caused by tornados, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, or other adverse weather events.

If this occurs, however, members of the American Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons may apply for financial aid under the American Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF). This fund will provide up to \$1500.00 for food, clothing, and lodging for those displaced or evacuated from their primary residences.

Post 15 has established a NEF Response Team which will help victims complete NEF applications, send the applications to proper authorities for approval, and notify victims where and when to collect checks.

The NEF Response Team will attempt to locate victims of disasters and may, depending on the scope of the disasters, set up staging sites at disaster areas to assist with applications and provide basic emergency supplies. Victims will be able to locate NEF Response Team staging sites by asking Red Cross and/or law enforcement personnel, or by calling George Marsh, Post 15 Disaster Preparedness Chairman, at 256-345-0777, or Roger Groves, Post 15 Commander, at 256-606-4476.

Early Bird Fish Fry

Mark your calendars for the annual Early Bird Membership Drive and Fish Fry. A great opportunity to pay your dues and be recognized with the early bird status. The Auxiliary will be holding a cake walk/auction, and just like the name says, lots of fried fish and hush puppies.

**Calendar of Events
American Legion Post 15**

~ July 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Fourth of July Holiday Spirit Of America Point Mallard Park 7:00 PM Friday Night Dance BINGO 6:00 PM
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12	13 6:00 PM Legion Riders Mtg.	14	15	16	17	18 8:00 Commander's Breakfast 9:00 Rider's Ride Post 310 Mtg. S.A.L. Mtg. BINGO 6:00 PM
19	20	21	22	23 6:00 P.M. Executive Mtg.	24 10:00 AM Tut Fann Veteran Home Celebration 7:00 PM Friday Night Dance	25 BINGO 6:00 PM
26	27 6:00 P.M. Post Dinner 7:00 P.M. Post & Auxiliary Meeting	28	29	30 6:00 P.M. Lady Rider's Mtg	31 7:00 PM Friday Night Dance	Notes:



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 AM Legion Riders Ride BINGO 6:00 PM
2 12 th District Mtg Post 52 Hartselle Lunch 1:00 PM Mtg.: 2:00 PM	3 Reservations for Early Bird Membership drive and fish fry lunch— DUE TODAY	4	5	6	7 7:00 PM Friday Night Dance	8 10:00-2:00 Early Bird Membership Drive-Lunch— starts at 12:30 BINGO 6:00 PM
9	10 10 AM-1 PM WWII Celebration. Space & Rocket Center 6:00 PM Legion Riders Mtg.	11	12	13	14 7:00 PM Friday Night Dance	15 8:00 Cmdr's Breakfast 9:00 Riders Ride Post 310 Mtg. S.A.L. Mtg. Bingo 6:00 PM
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