



The Patriot



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Commander's Corner



Commander Roger Groves

Hello Legionnaire's

It is with great humility that I say thank you to all the members of Post 15 who have allowed me to continue for another term as commander of our post. I want to say as I will always say, "this is our post, not my post nor is it the executive committee's post." This post belongs to each and every one of us. And, with your help and active participation we can continue to grow and ensure that our voices are heard all the way to Washington D.C.

With this thought, I will ask each and every one of you to help me, the newly elected senior vice commander and all of the executive committee in spreading the word to as many potential member veterans of the need, benefits, and camaraderie of being a member of our American Legion Post and how it helps to have a strong membership locally, at the state level, and nationally and with this strength how it helps to ensure our benefits are not eroded away in Congress. Please be an ambassador for our post and help us to increase our membership and become even more active in our programs here at the post.

We have our traditional events scheduled for the upcoming months. Among these events is a celebration for veterans at the "Spirit of America" on the fourth of July held at Point Mallard Park. In August, we will hold our "Early Bird Membership Drive" at the Post on the 13th of August. This is the yearly "Fish Fry Lunch," please join us and renew your membership along with having some fine food. The Auxiliary will be having their famous "Cake Auction" during this time also.

If you are the first person to come to me and tell me the answer to the following question, I will pay for your next year's membership renewal. The question is, "What is the last official day of the Vietnam War when the last American troops left Saigon?" Please, if you know of a veteran not yet a member, please invite them to come and enjoy the lunch and see if they would care to join a great group of members and a great veteran organization which is dedicated to helping veterans and their families. Please make your reservations for this lunch no later than the 1st of August so that we can adequately plan for this fun occasion.

We have the 12th District Meeting at Post 52, Hartselle on the 6th of August with lunch starting at 1:00pm and meeting starting at 2:00pm.

We will be closed on the 5th of September for Labor Day. There are ceremonies for Patriot Day (9/11) and for POW/MIA Recognition Day (16th). Please see our website at www.allegionpost15.com for specifics for these ceremonies. The events on the enclosed 3 month calendar are the known events at the time of this newsletter. Watching our website, and updating your email address for email notifications of upcoming events is a sure way of staying up to date of the events.

I would like to congratulate the newly elected officers and appointed committee chairs serving our post for this upcoming year. The officers and chairmen will have a challenging and exciting year ahead of them to ensure the forward progress of our post in serving the veterans and their families along with our community as a whole.

Thank you all for your continuing support of Post #15.
Roger Groves, Commander

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Calendar of Events American Legion Post 15

July 2016						
◀ June						August ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Canada Day	2 0900:A.L.Riders Ride 1600: Bingo Starts
3	4 Independence Day  Spirit of America- Point Mallard Park	5	6	7	8	9 1600: Bingo Starts
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 0900: Post 310 Mtg. S.A.L. Mtg. Rider's Ride 1600: Bingo Starts
17	18	19	20	21 1645: Aux. Executive Meeting 1800: Marine Corps League Mtg. 1800: Executive Mtg.	22	23 0730: Blue Star Mothers & A.L. Auxiliary Unit 15 Pancake Breakfast 1600: Bingo Starts
24	25 1800: Post Dinner 1900: Legion Mtg. 1900: Auxiliary Mtg.	26	27	28 1800: Lady Riders Meeting	29 1830-2030: Auxiliary Paint Party	30 1600: Bingo Starts
31	Notes:					

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August 2016						
◀ July						September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 0900: A.L. Rider's Ride 1600: Bingo Starts
7 12 th District Meeting 1300-Lunch 1400-District Legion ** & Auxiliary Mtg	8 Last Day for Early Bird Lunch Sign Up 1800: A. L. Riders Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 1000-1400: Early Bird Membership Drive Lunch Srvd: 1230 1600: Bingo Starts
14	15	16	17	18 1645: Auxiliary Executive Meeting 1800: Marine Corps League Mtg. 1800: Executive Meeting	19	20 0900: Post 310 Mtg. S.A.L. Mtg. Rider's Ride 1600: Bingo Starts
21	22 1800: Post Dinner 1900: Legion Mtg. 1900: Auxiliary Mtg.	23	24	25 1800: Lady Riders Meeting	26	27 1600: Bingo Starts
28	29	30	31	Notes: **District Mtg at Post 52, 1110 Sparkman Drive, Hartselle, Al. Kid's Swap 19 Aug thru 29 Aug		

American Legion Auxiliary



Auxiliary Sisters,

I am excited to have been elected as your 2016-2017 Auxiliary President. I know I speak for the new Executive Committee when I say we are all excited to work on new projects and fundraisers this year.

Your elected Officers for the 2016-2017 year are:

President – Theresa Groves
1st Vice President – Sheree Brown
2nd Vice President – Chris Covington
Secretary – Sherry Alexander
Treasurer – Teresa Cleek
Chaplain – Frances McCarrick
Historian – Jean Reeder
Sergeant-at-Arms – Judy Little
Member-at-Large – Earnestine Doubek
Member-at-Large – Diana Lawton
Member-at-Large – Susan McClendon

“In the spirit of service, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, and peace and security.”

With this as our mission statement, we are going to be working this year to support The American Legion by participating in coordinated activities at our Post. While dates for these activities have not been set yet, there will be communications released in the near future where we will be given many opportunities to support veterans.

While we have well over one hundred Auxiliary members in our unit, there are several who we have not seen for quite some time. We miss you. Won't you come see what we are all about, and come to our next meeting?

I hope to see many new faces this year, and I hope to help communicate, coordinate, and cooperate with all the members of our American Legion family in the coming year to accomplish our aims and purposes as an Auxiliary member.

Thank you for your support and for your assistance.

Theresa A. Groves
Auxiliary President



The Legion Family joined together in celebration of a landmark birthday for our local hero, WWII purple heart recipient and former POW, George Mills.



BINGO
Every Saturday 6 PM
Thousands in Cash Prizes

American Legion Riders



The Chapter 15 Riders are very proud to have helped Post 15 sponsor and conduct their annual JROTC Drill Competition. It's hard to believe this is our 5th year, but that serves to demonstrate the lasting commitment we hold for our local youths. Competitors included Brewer, Priceville, Austin, Decatur, and Athens High Schools. Overall winner of the newly introduced Grand Champions traveling trophy was the very impressive cadets from Athens High. Congratulations!

In May, the Riders took to the roads for a long weekend trip through the very scenic Blue Ridge Mountains. Base camped in Dahlonega Georgia, we enjoyed the fellowship of group riding and explored the beautiful twisty roads that took us through the colorful town of Helen.

As members of the American Legion family we recognize the added allure that our shiny motorcycles and distinctive patches on leather vests can add to an outdoor event and so over the last few months we have participated in several celebratory patriotic rides as well as more somber events to recognize the fallen. Memorial Day was a special opportunity to display our lasting commitment by standing a flag line to honor the memories of America's veterans.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Chapter 15 Legion Riders can contact the Director Bob Branin at riders@allegionpost15.com or find us at: www.allegionpost15.com/riders.html www.facebook.com/LegionRiders15



Local Cadets compete in the 5th Annual Post 15 JROTC Drill Competition.



Post members display our nation's colors during the Memorial Day ceremony at Rose Lawn Memorial Gardens.



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September 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 0900: A. L. Rider's Ride 1600: Bingo Starts
4	5 Labor Day <div style="background-color: #add8e6; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: black; font-weight: bold;">WE WILL BE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY</div>	6	7	8	9	10 1600: Bingo Starts
11 Patriot Day 	12 1800: A. L. Riders Meeting	13	14	15	16  1700: Veteran's Park, Priceville	17 0900: Post 310 Mtg. S.A.L. Mtg. Rider's Ride 1600: Bingo Starts
18	19	20	21	22 Fall begins  1645: Auxiliary Executive Meeting 1800: Marine Corps League Mtg. 1800: Executive Meeting	23	24 1600: Bingo Starts
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The American Legion 2016 2nd Annual Field of Flags Honoring Veterans - Past, Present and Future

A Veteran's Day display of a field of flags honoring our past, present and future Armed Forces men and women. Anyone can Sponsor a flag for \$10.00. The sponsor may specify the Person they are memorializing or honoring or may just sponsor a flag and a local veteran will be assigned. Flags will be labeled with sponsors name and veteran being honored. Flags will be displayed in order to allow sponsors to locate the flag they have sponsored. Flags will be on display from dawn to dusk on Veterans Day at The American Legion, Morgan County Post 15, at 2607 Highway 31 south. The first field of flags hosted a field of 136, 3' X 5' flags. All branches of Service were represented except the Coast Guard. War eras represented included: Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Bosnia. To sponsor a flag, please complete the following information and turn in at The American Legion or mail to P.O. Box 996, Decatur, Al., 35602. Please do not send cash in mail. Make checks payable to The American Legion, Morgan County Post 15.

Sponsor's Name _____ Address _____
 Email Address _____ Phone _____
 Veteran to be Honored _____ Service Branch if Known _____
Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard

War Era Served if Known _____ Years in Service if known _____
 Check here to have Honoree Assigned _____ (You want to Sponsor a flag, but don't know a Veteran to honor).

Mail completed form with sponsorship of \$10.00 to: American Legion Post 15
 P.O. 996
 Decatur, Al. 35602



Post members honor the red, white, and blue during a commemoration ceremony on Flag Day.

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