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Commander's Corner

Commander Roger Groves

Hello Comrades,

Once again fall is upon us, the air is a bit crisper, leaves falling and that favorite time of the year is here, "FOOTBALL SEASON." I know everyone is cheering for their favorite teams and hoping their team will be the next national champion. With that being said, I want to again ask for every member of this great Post 15 team to help increase our strength in membership by asking your veteran friends to join us. Sadly, our numbers are decreasing, the strength we have in being heard in Congress to help persuade Congressmen to support veteran benefits and care is starting to decrease rapidly. Many veterans are enjoying benefits even though they believe it is a very painful process; that our former American Legionnaires have fought for in congress. We need to increase our "veteran's voice" in Congress and the only way we can do that is by increasing our membership for the political machine in Washington D. C. Please help us reach out by asking your fellow veterans to join Post 15.

I want to tell you that we had a great time at our post's annual membership drive fish fry this year. We served 173 fish dinners. I want to thank everyone that worked and helped putting on this fish fry membership drive together. I especially want to thank Steve Burney (S.A.L.) for his hard work frying the fish along with Jim Larsen, Joe McCarrick, and Harold Bellette for their dedication in the hush puppy frying. I want thank Mark Cleek and Wayne Dunkin in helping everywhere throughout the fish fry.



I would like to say "**WELCOME**" to our new members, Charles Brown, Mary Brown, James King, William Russell, and Robert Tapscott and to our transfer member Melvin White. Welcome to the Post 15 American Legion Family.

I want to send out a special "**Thank You**" to all of the Auxiliary members who helped in serving the dinner and also for all of the cakes that were brought to the post for the Cake Walk, Cake Auction and for the dessert table for the dinner. We greatly appreciate the Auxiliary's support to the post and to the American Legion way.

Some of our upcoming special events are the Veterans Day dinner and dance to be held on November 11th starting at 6:00pm. The last day for reservations for this activity is on November 4th. The Christmas dinner and dance will be held December 16th starting at 6:00pm, last day for reservations is December 9th.

The Legion Auxiliary will be holding a fundraising event "Swamp John's" to be held December 9th from 4:00 to 7:00pm at the post. Please come out to support our Auxiliary fundraising event to help support the veterans.

Please see our website at www.allegionpost15.com for any new and upcoming events. 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.

Roger Groves, Commander

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FIELD OF FLAGS




Sponsor a Veteran, Past or Present, This Veteran's Day

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Calendar of Events American Legion Post 15

October 2016						
◀ September						November ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 0900: A. L. Rider's Ride 1600: Bingo Starts
2 12 th District Mtg. Post 4, Cullman 1300: Lunch 1400: Legion & Auxiliary district mtg. *** 1030: Ray of Hope Charity Pageant	3	4 Voting Run Off Election	5	6	7 1800-2200: Dance	8 1600: Bingo Starts
9	10 Columbus Day  1800: A. L. Rider's Meeting	11	12	13 1645: Auxiliary Executive Mtg. 1800: Marine Corps League Mtg. 1800: Executive Meeting	14 1800-2200: Dance	15 0900: Post 310 Mtg. S.A.L. Mtg. Rider's Ride 1600: Bingo Starts
16	17	18 1830: VFW Ladies Aux. & A.L. Ladies Aux Paint Party Fund Raiser	19	20	21 1800-2200: Dance	22 1600: Bingo Starts
23	24 Post Rental (Danita Huie) 1800: Post Dinner 1900: Legion Mtg. 1900: Auxiliary Mtg.	25	26	27 1800: Lady Riders Night	28 1800-2200: Dance	29 1600: Bingo Starts
30	31 Halloween Happy Halloween! 	Notes: *** Post 4, 112 Veteran's Drive SE, Cullman. Please verify due to Post 4 building new legion post building. Ray of Hope Charity Pageant 10:30 am on the 2nd.				

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November 2016						
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		1	2	3	4 Last day for Reservations for Veteran's Day Dinner & Dance 1800-2200: Dance	5 0800:Rider's Ride 1600: Bingo Starts
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Election Day 	9	10	11 Veterans' Day  1800: Veteran's Day Dinner & Dance	12 1600: Bingo Starts
13	14 1800: A.L. Rider's Meeting	15	16	17 Great American Smokeout 1645: Aux. Exec. Meeting 1800: Marine Corp League Mtg. 1800: Executive Meeting	18 1200-1600: Auxiliary Visit to Tutt Fan 1800-2200: Dance	19 0900: Post 310 Mtg. S.A.L. Mtg. Rider's Ride 1600: Bingo Starts
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day 	25 1800-2200: Dance	26 1600: Bingo Starts
27	28 1800: Post Dinner 1900: Legion Mtg. 1900: Auxiliary Mtg.	29	30	Notes:		

American Legion Auxiliary



Auxiliary Sisters,

Our year has gotten off to a busy start. And, like the old saying goes, "there's no rest for the weary." The upcoming quarter will be the busiest of the year for us with Veterans Day activities, fundraisers, and the holidays.

Special thanks to all Auxiliary members who donated cakes for our early bird fish fry, those who worked the Cake Walk and Cake Auction, and for those who volunteered to serve and/or work our membership table. We had a very successful day.

I would like to take the time to recognize several of our Auxiliary members for their continuous years of membership. For being a member between 30 and 35 years are: Rita Vernetti with 35 years, Norma Duff with 32 years and Agnes Schaefer with 30 years. For being a member between 35 and 40 years is: Jo Shafer with 36 years. For being a member between 40 and 45 years are: Juanita Dukes with 41 years, Sue Skinner with 41 years, and Edna Henson with 40 years. And last but most certainly not least we have Alice Ross with 45 years continuous membership with the American Legion Auxiliary. These women provide a shining example of how important it is for us to maintain our membership in the American Legion.

Membership is going well, but we still have a long way to go. If you have a friend who would like to join our Unit, please get her to come to a meeting soon. We are also working our other programs, and I thank each chairman for their dedication and hard work.

On Tuesday, October 18 6:30-8:30 p.m., there will be a paint party sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary as a fundraiser for Wreaths Across America. Our own Sheree Brown will be the instructor for that night, and we will be painting Christmas wreaths. If you would like to attend that paint party, please contact me. The cost is \$35.00.

November brings our favorite holiday, Veterans Day! We will be busy with the Veterans Day Parade and Veterans Day Ceremony both in Priceville on November 11. Also on Veterans Day is the Veterans Day Dinner and Dance being held at the Post at 6:00 p.m., make your reservations now for that dinner. The last day to make reservations is November 4th.

On Friday, November 18 at Noon, the Post van will be leaving for our bi-annual trip to Tut Fann to help veterans celebrate their birthdays. If you would like to meet several notable Hollywood stars, please join us. On our last trip we met Rock Hudson, Doris Day, and Raquel Welch. We sang Happy Birthday, and got to meet several fun and vibrant residents.

December brings our big Swamp John's dinner. That dinner will be held on Friday, December 9th from 4-7:00 p.m. Tickets for that dinner are \$10.00 each. See any Auxiliary member for your tickets. Fish, shrimp, and/or chicken with cole slaw, fries, hush puppies, and a drink will be provided. Desserts will be \$1.00 each.

December 16 at 6:00 p.m. will be the Post Christmas Dinner and Dance. Reservations need to be made by December 9. Please call the Post to reserve your seats. This dinner and dance is a nice way to share the holidays with our Post family. Hope to see you there.

Please feel free to call or text me at 256-606-4414 or email me: grovesrt@charter.net. Thank you for all you do for our veterans.

Theresa A. Groves
Auxiliary President



Auxiliary Members partnered with Blue Star Mothers during pancake breakfast fundraiser.

BINGO

Every Saturday 6 PM
Thousands in Cash Prizes



American Legion Riders

Chapter 15 Riders had the honor of greeting over 400 motorcycle riders who were participating in the multi-state American Legion Legacy Ride. During their stop in North Alabama our Director presented the National Commander with \$1000 in donations from Chapter 15 and Post 15. The legacy fund ensures higher education is a possibility for children whose parents lost their lives while serving our country.

In September we lost two very dear members of Chapter 15. Vaughn Harwell was a charter member of the Riders, a past Post Commander, a purple heart recipient, a natural leader, and a caring friend to everyone.

Frank Brauchle was a longtime rider, served our community in law enforcement, and was the principal founder of the annual JROTC drill competition. Our hearts go out to their families and they will be greatly missed.

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



Legion Riders Director Branin presented the American Legion National Commander with American Legion Legacy Fund donation checks from the Chapter 15 and Post 15.



Legion Riders stood a flag line during Priceville's POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony.

Legion Riders stood a flag line during Hartselle's Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony.



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11	12 1600: Post Dinner 1630: Rider's Mtg. 1700: Legion Mtg. 1700: Auxiliary Mtg.	13	14	15 1800: Marine Corps League Mtg.	16  1800: Christmas Dinner & Dance	17 NO POST BREAKFAST 0900: Post 310 Mtg. S.A.L. Mtg. 1600: Bingo Starts
18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice (Northern)	22	23 1800-2200: Dance	24  CLOSED
25 Christmas  God Bless Our Troops	26	27	28	29	30 1800-2200: Dance	31  1600: Bingo Starts

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



A record turnout of Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons Members joined together in fellowship during the annual early bird membership drive.

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