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Commander's Corner



From the Commander

Here we are, one half of the 2018-2019 membership year has already gone by. Time is flying so fast.

In November we had the opportunity to have our annual Field of Flags, displaying 110 flags this year. We participated at the Veterans Parade in Hartselle and Priceville and our float took 1st place. We provided an Honor Guard during the Veteran's Day Ceremony and we participated in Decatur's Christmas Parade. We also provided Honor Guard during the "Wreaths Across America" Ceremony in December

We are renovating Morgan County Post 15 to make it more attractive to our members as well as to new prospects. We hope to have all this done by our Birthday Celebration.

This Quarter a lot is going on during the months of January – March.

In January we will have The Post Oratorical, 12th District revitalization, Mid-Winter Conference in South Alabama and making preparations for the 100 Birthday of the American Legion. We will celebrate this event on March 8th here at our Post. WE NEED YOUR IDEAS NOW OF HOW TO MAKE THIS THE GREATEST CELEBRATION THIS POST CAN PROVIDE.

Also, in March Daylight savings time will come in effect.

I would like to thank all of you who help us to make our Post the Best in the State.

Please see our website at <http://www.allegionpost15.com> or on Facebook American Legion post 15 for any new and upcoming events. The events on the enclosed 3-month calendar are known events at the time of this newsletter.

Thank you
Commander Belletete



Post 15 Veterans Day Float won 1st Prize with its Tomb of the Unknown Soldier theme.



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January 2019						
◀ December						February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 	2	3	4	5 0900 Riders Ride 1800 Bingo
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Post 15 Oratorical 1800 Bingo
13	14 1800 Riders Meeting	15	16 1600 Auxiliary Executive Meeting	17 1800 Executive Meeting	18	19 0900 Riders Ride 0900 S.A.L MTG 1000 Post 310 MTG 1800 Bingo
20	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING 	22	23	24 1800 Ladies Riders Meeting	25	26 1800 Bingo
27	28 1800 Post Dinner 1900 Post MTG	29	30	31	Post closed on Thursdays	



February 2019						
◀ January						March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 0900 Riders Ride 1800 Bingo
3 12 District MTG Post 176 / 229 Huntsville	4	5	6	7	8	9 12 District Oratorical 1800 Bingo
10	11 1800 Riders Meeting	12	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 	15	16 0900 Riders Ride 0900 S.A.L MTG 1000 Post 310 MTG 1800 Bingo
17	18 PRESIDENTS DAY 	19	20 1600 Auxiliary Executive Meeting	21 1800 Executive Meeting	22	23 1800 Bingo
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From the Adjutant

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Greetings and Salutations Comrades. Winter is upon us. With the cold weather here, be careful when you leave your house, especially if/when you come and attend one of our meetings, please drive safe, don't rush and take steady and slow steps on icy areas.

On membership dues – Your current 2018 membership ends on December 31, 2018. If you haven't renewed for 2019, now is a great time to do just that – RENEW. With that said, and with the start of a new year, let one of your New Year's Resolutions be, to get more involved with your Post. Come and attend our meetings, take advantage of your dues, by enjoying a fine meal and camaraderie. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at adjutant15@legional.org, or call the post.

Out of about 400 members of our Post, on average, 28 of our members regularly attend our meetings. That is around 7% of our membership. There are about 20% that are unable to attend because of mobility, etc. 10% that live out of state or not within reasonable driving distance. That is about 30% that reasonably are unable to attend, so that leaves about 63% of our membership that is not attending.

So, I ask you **AGAIN** – WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO TO MAKE YOU **WANT** TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS? Please let us know by emailing us at our post email, Info@allegionpost15.com, or call the Post at 256-353-5501, or even send you advice/ideas by mail to:

Post 15 Adjutant
P.O. Box 996
Decatur, Al. 35601

I am not going to steal anyone else's thunder, but changes to the Post are coming. I am excited!!!! Hopefully, these changes will attract new members and entice our current members to come on out and attend our meetings and get involved.

"Semper Fi"

Neal A. "nap" Perdue
Post 15 Adjutant



The Post 15 Veterans Day Dinner honored veterans from all services and included a wreath dedication and taps to honor our fallen heroes.

Auxiliary



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Season and a Happy New Year!

Hard to believe that the 2018 is already in the books and we are looking forward to great things in 2019. We had a great success with our 1st ever Memorial Christmas Ornaments. Thank you to everyone who purchased one.

Our canned food drive brought in a lot of goodies for needy Veterans during the holidays.

We had AL Dept of ALA 1st Vice and Unit 11 President, Trish Montgomery and AL Dept of AL & Dist 11 Commander, Mary Day Smith join us in November to share about some of the programs we participate in. They gave us great ideas of things we can do, and encouraged everyone to report what they do.

We are looking forward to a busy 2019, kicking it off with Mid-Winter Conference in Pointe Clear, AL.

We'll be going back to Tut Fann this spring for several projects involving art and music.

Girls State selections will begin soon for young ladies currently in the 11th grade.

The Junior's will be doing the concessions during the ROTC Drill Competition for a fundraiser.

We'll also be helping with the upcoming American Legion 100th Birthday Celebration.

These are just a few of the activities that we will be doing in the next few months.

Come join us and see what's going on and how you can join in to help.

I hope everyone has a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Susan Letson
Morgan County Unit 15
President

Riders

The Chapter 15 Riders managed Post 15's first Cruise-In, raising funds to help support the Morgan County Veteran's Memorial. Over 40 cars and motorcycles participated. Generous donations and proceeds from dinner and drawings helped raise \$1,000.

Upcoming events include leading Post 15's annual JROTC drill competition on April 6th and a group ride to Noah's Ark in Kentucky.

Check us out on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LegionRiders15/>



Left: Winners of the Cruise-In Commander's Trophy.
Right: Riders Director Bob Branin presents Priceville Mayor Melvin Duran with a check to support the Morgan County Veteran's Memorial.



March 2019						
◀ February						April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 LAST DAY FOR RESERVATION FOR 100 TH BIRTHDAY AND AWARDS BANQUET	2 0900 Riders Ride 1800 Bingo
3	4	5	6	7	8  1800 "100th" Birthday And Awards Banquet	9 1800 Bingo
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In Memoriam



Dillard Trussel transferred to the Post Everlasting on Friday, December 7th 2018. A veteran of the US Marine Corp, he was retired from Wolverine Tube and a key member of the Post 15 Honor Guard. Dillard was a kind and friendly person with an authoritative leadership style.



Renovations Lead To Revitalization

In March 2019 the American Legion will be celebrating its 100th birthday, a history that began shortly after World War I. Throughout that time America has endured wars, conflicts, recessions, good times and hard times. Post 15 shares a similar lineage, celebrating it's 100th in September. To recognize our past achievements and to shape a future that can be carried on by future generations, we're undergoing some exciting changes. We are cleaning up, rearranging, getting kid friendly, and modernizing the look and feel. We encourage you to stop by to see our progress, with the grand unveiling at the March birthday celebration. Our vision is to become the premier service organization in Morgan County and recognized throughout every community as the leading supporter for Veterans, Families, Peace, and Americanism. This is an exciting time to be a part of the American Legion.



Post 15 Commander Belletete read the presidential proclamation to a record crowd during the Priceville Veteran's Day Ceremony.



Post 15's annual Veterans Day Field of Flags. Recognizing Veterans from dawn till dusk, by posting an American flag for each sponsor.





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