



The Patriot



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Commander's Corner



From the Commander

Greetings Comrades.

Here we are going into the last 3 months of the 2018 – 2019 elected officers' year. It seems like we just started, yet we are already finishing the year.

We had so many things going on over the last 3 months and I would like to thank all our members for their participation. To start off during the months of January and February members of the Post assisted with renovations of our Post building. The Post Headquarter was moved into the old Auxiliary office. The Bingo Operations were moved to the Old Post Commanders room.

The Main Hall, Back Hall, and Entryway received new paint jobs. Relocation of some of the pictures are still in progress.

We also had our Oratorical in January, as well as the 12th District Revitalization.

During March we celebrated the American Legion's 100th Birthday and held an awards ceremony. Daylight savings time started on March the 10th (some of us came to work an hour late).

We appointed our nomination Committee (Comrade Roger Groves and Comrade Ralph Terry). If you would like to make a nomination for a post officer position, please see either of them.

What will happen in this Quarter?

April: Saturday 6th - JROTC Drill competition, hosted by the Chapter 15 Riders.

Monday 22nd - Nominations for Post 15 officer positions during the General Membership Meeting.

May: Monday 13th - Voting for nominated personnel during the general membership meeting

June: 24th, Installation of newly elected personnel during the general membership meeting

See our website for more.

www.allegionpost15.com

Thank you
Commander Belletete

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Post 15 Celebrates 100 Years of Serving Veterans

April 2019						
◀ March						May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 0900 JROTC Drill Competition 1800 Bingo
7 12th District Meeting Post 49 Athens	8 1800 Riders Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 1800 Bingo
14	15	16	17	18 1800 Executive Meeting	19	20 0900 Riders Ride 0900 S.A.L MTG 1000 Post 310 Meeting 1800 Bingo
21 EASTER 	22 1800 Post Dinner 1900 Post MTG (Officer Nominations)	23	24	25 1800 Lady Riders Meeting	26	27 1800 Bingo
28	29	30	Post Closed on Thursdays			



May 2019						
◀ April						June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Post	Closed on	Thursdays	1	2	3	4 0900 Riders Ride 1800 Bingo
5	6	7	8	9 1800 Executive Meeting	10	11 1800 Bingo
12 MOTHER'S DAY 	13 1800 Post Dinner 1900 Post MTG (Officer Elections)	14	15	16	17	18 0900 Riders Ride 0900 S.A.L MTG 1000 Post 310 Meeting 1800 Bingo
19	20	21	22	23 1800 Lady Riders Meeting	24	25 1800 Bingo
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY  1100 Roselawn	28	29	30	31	



From the Adjutant

Greetings and Salutations Comrades. Spring is just around the corner.

On membership dues – Your current 2019 membership ends on December 31, 2019. If you haven't renewed for 2019, now is a great time to do just that – RENEW. 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 at (256) 353-5501

Post 15 will be holding Officer Elections in May, so Officer Nominations will be taken in April. The Post Commander will be forming two committees in March to Nominate Officers. If you are interested in becoming an Officer for the Post, stop and talk to the officer that is in the position you are interested in, get to know what is expected of you in that position. If still interested, contact one of the committee members and let them know of your intentions.

Get up, get involved in the Post!

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

"Semper Fi", Neal A. "nap" Perdue, Post 15 Adjutant

From the 1st Vice Commander

Officer elections for Post 15 are underway and all members have a voice in this process.

Please come to the April meeting and see all the changes made!!! This is your Post.

Wayne Dunkin, 1st Vice



The American Legion's 100th Birthday and Awards Banquet.

From Top:

- Commander Belletete recognizes George Marsh as Veteran of the Year.
- Sons' Randy Howard honors Don Smith as Member of the Year.
- Auxiliary President Susan Letson honors Frances McCarrick as Unit Member of the Year.
- Congressman Mo Brooks presents a gift of honor and gratitude to Post 15.
- Commander Belletete recognizes Sheila Holmes for her untiring support of Post programs.



Auxiliary



Happy Spring!

This has been a really busy year for the Auxiliary. We are beginning our 100th year celebration in 2019. It was a great pleasure to be able to celebrate The American Legion's 100th Birthday in March with them. Congratulations to Frances McCarrick for being our Unit Member of the Year.

We have been very busy updating our Standing Rules and Constitution and Bylaws. These will be presented at the March meeting.

April is when we have our annual nominations for next year's Unit Officers and we will vote in May.

On April 6th The JROTC Drill Competition will be held at the Post and once again, the Junior Auxiliary will be hosting a concession snack stand. Please show your support for the Drill Teams, and for our Junior Auxiliary Members.

In May we will be going to Floyd E. Tut-Fann Veterans Home for a Birthday Celebration for the Veterans there. We have such a great time when we get to go there and serve the cake, ice cream and soft drinks to them. They have some fun people to talk to there and hear their stories.

Please be saving your "Pop Tops" from you pop cans for our Junior Auxiliary Members to carry down to the Ronald McDonald House in Birmingham. You can drop them off each month during the meeting.

Girls State is quickly approaching for us and we going be selecting our delegates to represent us and their schools very soon.

Junior Leadership Camp will be held at Camp Booth July 19-23rd. It is open to all our youth both males and females. The cost is \$160 per camper. This is an awesome camp and the youth learn so much! If interested, please feel free to contact me for further information.

I would like to take this time as my time as Unit President comes to a close, to thank my officers for the past two years and all the members of Unit 15 for all the support I have received as your Unit President.

We have a great group of ladies who I am proud to serve with.

Looking forward to a great Spring!

Susan Letson, Auxiliary President, Unit 15

Riders

The Chapter 15 Riders recognize Mr. Don Lawton as this year's Rider of the Year. Don is committed to promoting safe and enjoyable motorcycle riding while proudly representing the American Legion during all of our travels.

Chapter 15 is hosting the annual Post 15 Drill competition on 6 April and planning a long weekend group ride in May to see Noah's Ark in Williamstown, Kentucky.

If you're eligible to join the American Legion, The Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion, and own a bike, find out more about us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LegionRiders15/>.



From Left: Chapter 15 Riders help with Field of Flags.
Right: Don Lawton is recognized as the Chapter 15 Rider of the Year, at the annual birthday and awards banquet.



June 2019						
◀ May						July ▶
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						1 0900 Riders Ride 1800 Bingo
2 12th District Meeting Post 15 Decatur	3	4	5	6	7	8 1800 Bingo
9	10 1800 Riders Meeting	11	12	13	14 FLAG DAY 	15 0900 Riders Ride 0900 S.A.L MTG 1000 Post 310 Meeting 1800 Bingo
16 FATHER'S DAY 	17	18	19	20 1800 Executive Meeting	21	22 1800 Bingo
23	24 1800 Post Dinner 1900 Post Meeting Installation of New Officers for Post, Aux, SAL, and Riders	25	26	27 1800 Lady Riders Meeting	28	29 1800 Bingo
30	Post Closed on Thursdays					

ORATORICAL



Left: Jack Orr is honored for winning the annual Post 15 oratorical contest.
Right: District 12 leaders stand with the area's top district oratorical competitors.



Post Improvements Reach New Heights

Over the past four months the members from throughout our Legion Family have scraped, painted, and revitalized the look and feel of Post 15. A special thanks to those who donated their time and labor, along with support from the Morgan County Commissioners.





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