



# The Patriot



Post 15

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## Commander's Corner



### From the Commander

Greetings Comrades.

Dear Morgan County Post 15 members

Time is going fast, and here we are already in the 2nd Quarter for 2019-2020.

We are still working with improvement of the Legion building and will complete this during the 2nd Quarter (October thru December) with your help.

Here are some of our activities that took place during the 1st Quarter (July thru September)

**JULY:** The new Members (Executive Board for 2019-2020) began to lead the post and assist with making our Post better. We are all working together with the rest of our Legion family - Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, and Riders. We are a Family and this Post will stand together in our activities.

**AUGUST:** We purchased and installed one more heating and air unit, but we still have one more to replace before the winter sets in. Bingo also increased over the last two months and we added more chairs. (we hope to have purchased 64 more chairs before the end of the 2nd Quarter.)

**SEPTEMBER:** September was a busy month. We had 60 members from throughout the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders signed up during our early bird membership drive and Fish fry giving us a total of 209 members for 2020 as of that day. We also had a cake and ice cream social on September 15th to celebrate Post 15's ONE HUNDERDTH BIRTHDAY, along with games and just a lot of fun as a Legion Family. Post 15 family participated with the POW / MIA Celebration. Thank you to all the members that have supported us during this past Quarter.

What will our next 3 months hold?

**OCTOBER:** Our Post (Sponsored by the Riders) will have a Cruise-in on October 25th.

**NOVEMBER:** Celebrating Veterans Day with a Dinner and participating at the area Veterans Parades.

**DECEMBER:** Christmas Dinner, Merry Christmas.

Thank you  
Commander Belletete



Morgan County's first American Legion Commander, Richard Alva Burleson, recognized during the Post 15's 100th birthday celebration.

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October 2019						
◀ September						November ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 1800 Dance	5  0900 Riders Ride 1800 Bingo
6 12th District MTG Post 52 Hartselle	7	8	9	10	11 12th District 1800 Dance	12 Revitalization 1800 Bingo
13	14 <b>Columbus Day</b>  Riders Meeting	15	16	17  1800 Executive MTG	18 1800 Dance	19  0900 SAL Meeting 1000 Post 310 MTG 1800 Bingo
20	21	22	23	24  1800 Lady Riders	25  1600 Cruise In	26 1800 Bingo
27	28  1800 Membership Meeting	29	30	31  Happy Halloween!	Post Closed on Thursdays	

2nd Annual  
**Just a Cruise-In**  
Cars - Trucks - Motorcycles - Trikes ...



**DOOR PRIZES**  
50/50 DRAWING  
BEST SHOW AWARDS  
MUSIC & FOOD

**American Legion - Decatur**  
**Friday, October 25, 2019**  
4:00 — 8:00 PM

**NO ENTRY FEE**  
ALL MAKES, MODELS,  
SHAPES, and STYLES  
ARE WELCOME

**PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE**  
**MORGAN COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL**

2607 Highway 31 S, Decatur, AL [www.facebook.com/LegionRiders15/](https://www.facebook.com/LegionRiders15/)

November 2019						
◀ October						December ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Post	Closed	On	Thursdays		1 LAST DAY FOR RESERVATION OF VETERANS DINNER  1800 Dance	2  0900 Riders Ride  1800 BINGO
3  END	4	5	6	7	8  1800 Dance	9 1100 Hartselle Veterans Parade  1800 BINGO
10	11 VETERANS DAY 1000 Morgan County Parade in Priceville 1100 Ceremony  Field of Flags	12	13	14	15 1800 Veterans Dinner 	16  0900 SAL Meeting 1000 310 Meeting  1800 BINGO
17	18	19	20	21  1800 EXECUTIVE MEETING	22  1800 Dance	23  1800 BINGO
24	25 THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY  1800 Membership Meeting	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING 	29  1800 Dance	30  1800 BINGO



LTC David Snyder and JROTC cadets from Decatur High School present Commander Belletete with a token of thanks to Post 15 for their support.



The only operationally afloat LST (Landing Ship, Tank) in WWII configuration anchored in Decatur, Alabama.

## From the Adjutant

Greetings and Salutations Comrades. Fall is just a few weeks away, and cool weather should be close at hand.

**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](mailto:adjutant15@legional.org), or call the post at (256) 353-5501.

**2020 is just a few months away, with that said, you can renew your 2020 membership now and beat the rush.**

To provide our Post membership with information, i.e., Meeting minutes, Deaths of a Post Member, etc., I am asking each of our members to provide me with an up to date email address. This is a means for the Chaplain to announce if members are ill and if there was a death of a member. Information is easily distributed via email. Please send an email to [adjutant15@legional.org](mailto:adjutant15@legional.org), verifying your email address. If you do not have email, please send a letter to the Adjutant at the following Postal address to let us know you do not have one. We will figure a way to inform you of happenings:

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

There are numerous ways to keep up with our events, visit the Post Facebook Page or our Internet Page. Also, our Quarterly Newsletter that is mailed out to our members.

"Semper Fi"

Neal A. "nap" Perdue  
Post 15 Adjutant



## Auxiliary



Hope everyone is ready to greet the upcoming fall season. Although the outside temperatures will be cooler the Auxiliary is making plans to create a hot streak of events and projects for this quarter! There will be opportunities to be involved in whatever level suits your fancy. Upcoming plans include the Field of Flags and the Christmas Ornament projects, both of which can be supported by sponsoring a flag (\$10) for display on the front lawn of the Post, and/or sponsoring an ornament (\$5) to decorate the Post Christmas tree. There is also the need to have members participate in “work” sessions to create the ornaments (date TBA) and the setup and take down of the flags on Veterans Day, November 11. Both projects are a wonderful public display of our desire to remember and honor our American Military Heroes.

The Thanksgiving/Christmas Holiday Season ahead will present us with occasions where we each can participate to help brighten the situation of the needy veteran(s). Plans will be finalized and announced soon regarding this opportunity.

We have just completed our yearly Early Bird Fish Fry and Membership drive. There was a great crowd of attendees who enjoyed the traditional fish fry menu, paid their 2020 dues and participated in “challenging” activities! We are very proud to boast that we had many renewals, several NEW people to join our Unit, our annual Cake Walk/Auction raised \$640.25, and we were honored by an additional \$20 donation from a very kind and thoughtful Post member! Thank you for your generosity!

There is a place and means for everybody to serve!

Susan McClendon  
President  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 15

## Riders



The Chapter 15 Riders hit the road this summer, exploring north Alabama and standing flag lines during Veteran ceremonies. We joined crowds at Huntsville airport to honor World War II Veterans and toured local military museums to learn about our history. We took part in recognizing purple heart recipients and helped celebrate the 100th anniversary of Post 15. On October 25th we will host the second annual motorcycle and car cruise-in that will feature door prizes and trophies for the people’s choice in each category. And to help promote the important role that the American Legion has played in our nation’s history, work will begin to build a holiday parade float for Veterans Day and Christmas.

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



December 2019						
◀ November					January ▶	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 12th District MTG Post 237 Huntsville	<b>2</b> 1800 Decatur Christmas Parade	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  1800 Executive Meeting	<b>6</b> Last Day for Christmas Dinner Reservation  1800 Dance	<b>7</b>  1400 Priceville Christmas Parade 1800 Bingo
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>   1800 Membership Meeting 1830 Riders Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  1800 Hartselle Christmas Parade	<b>13</b> 1800 Christmas Dinner 	<b>14</b>   1800 Bingo
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  0900 SAL Meeting 1000 Post 310 MTG  1800 Bingo
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>   1800 Dance  1800 Bingo
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> NEW YEARS EVE 	Post Closed on Thursdays			





# 100 Years of Serving. 1919-2019



An Early Bird Membership Drive with fried fish lunch and a 100-year centennial celebration brought together the Post 15 Family for good food and fun.

After 100 years we are continuing our commitments to serving Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.





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