



The Patriot



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Commander's Corner



From the Commander

Greetings Comrades of Morgan County Post 15

The first 6 months of our Calendar Year 2019 -2020 have gone by and here we are already entering the year of 2020. We have completed our renovation of our (YOUR) American Legion Post. And I would Like to thank all of you that worked or contributed financially over the last 14 months to make this place your legion post.

Accomplishments over the last three (3) months:
October thru December

OCTOBER: Friday weekly dances were reinstated, but participation was poor.
Our Riders had their Annual Cruse In, which was successful. Proceed of their activity supported the Veterans Memorial in Priceville.

NOVEMBER: Our Post participated with the Annual Veterans Day Parade and Service at the Veterans Memorial Park in Priceville. We also attended the First Annual Veterans appreciation dinner sponsored by the City of Decatur. Our Honor Guard received an award in support of providing the LAST SALUTE to deceased Veterans within Morgan County. Our Post had their own Veterans Day Dinner and Celebration and honored our Post Members.
Post Auxiliary placed 170 Flags at our annual Field of Flags on Veterans Day.

DECEMBER: Post members, Legion Riders participated in the Hartselle and Priceville Christmas Parade. Thank you to all. We celebrated Christmas at the post with a wonderful dinner and our Members. Our Post assisted with the Wreaths across America ceremony, and laying of over 2000 wreaths at graves of Roselawn Ceremony. We ordered one more air conditioning / heating unit, this will have repaired / replaced our four 10 ton and our one 5 ton unit, so we should be ok for a long time.

So, what will be going on in this Quarter of our 2019-2020 Year.

JANUARY: American Legion Post 15 will hold its Oratorical Contest on Saturday the 18th at our Post. Mid-Winter Conference in Huntsville 16th to 19th.

FEBRUARY: PLEASE SEND YOUR NOMINEE FOR THE POST 15 VETERAN OF THE YEAR TO THE COMMANDER or MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY FEBRUARY 15TH. COMMANDER NEEDS YOUR HELP TO SELECT THIS IMPORTANT MEMBER.

MARCH : 12th District and 1st Department will hold its Oratorical Contest this month. Our Post will have its annual Award Dinner Celebration. **IF YOU SIGN UP WE EXPECT YOU TO ATTEND.** Daylight Savings time will begin this month. (one hour less sleep)

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 time of this newsletter.

Thank you
Commander Belletete



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January 2020						
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Sun POST	Mon CLOSED	Tue ON THURSDAYS	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NEW YEAR DAY 2020 	2	3	4  1800 Bingo
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 1800 Bingo
12		14	15	16 MID -  1800 Executive Meeting	17 WINTER	18 CONFERENCE  0900 SAL MEETING POST ORATORICAL 1800 Bingo
19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING's BIRTHDAY	21	22	23  1800 Lady Riders MTG	24	25 1800 Bingo
26	27  1800 Membership Meeting	28	29	30	31	



Legion Mobile Apps

February 2020						
◀ January						March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 12 District Oratorical  1800 Bingo
2 12 th District MTG	3	4	5	6	7	8 1800 Bingo
9	10  1800 Riders MTG	11	12	13	14 VALENTINE DAY  0900 SAL Meeting 1800 Bingo	15  0900 SAL Meeting 1800 Bingo
16	17 	18	19	20  1800 Executive MTG	21	22 Division Oratorical 1800 Bingo
23	24  1800 Membership Meeting	25	26	27  1800 Lady Riders	28	29 1800 Bingo





Post 15 Celebrated the American Legion's 100 year anniversary in Morgan County with cake and ice cream.



The Post 15 Honor Guard was recognized by Decatur City for their many contributions of honoring Veterans.



The Post 15 Veterans Day float won 1st Place and was displayed in Hartselle and Priceville parades.

From the Adjutant

Happy New Year. Winter has crept in. Stay warm, stay safe. If you know of a Veteran, be it a Post member or just a Veteran that needs help, lend a hand. Take care of one another, remember – we are all brothers and sisters in arms. Some of us are older and some of us are younger, PLEASE watch out for one another. If you see a change in someone, please let someone at the Post know, especially the Chaplain. We might not can fix it, but we can listen and try -----

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.

2020 is upon us, with that said, please renew your 2020 membership if you haven't already done so.

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



As we are bringing 2019 to a close by submitting Mid-Year Program reports, Unit 15 is eagerly anticipating 2020. January kicks off with a Paint Party fundraiser to get things started, we then will be assisting the Post with the Annual Oratorical Contest, and hope to have several representatives attend the Mid-Year Conference in Huntsville on the same weekend. January is also the month when the Girl's State program begins: letters are sent from Department and schools will be contacted by the Girl's State Chairman and her committee. Various programs, projects and activities are being considered for the upcoming quarter and the Executive Committee and various program chairmen would love to have additional input. Got a great idea....then please share it!

Communication reminder: We understand that not everyone utilizes email but in terms of time and expense, that is our most economical avenue of sending out minutes, reminders and updates throughout each month. Our membership list from Department contains only the information that is submitted on your application, and we are finding that we don't have current information on some of our members. **We need to know how best to reach you!** Every member is important to the success of our unit so please let us know when you have a change of home address, phone number or email address.

Thank you for your participation in Auxiliary as we go about our business of helping our Post and veterans, and working to meet our Auxiliary goals and missions.

Susan McClendon
President
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 15



Riders



The Chapter 15 Riders continue to explore the highways and byways of North Alabama, enjoying the outdoors and the wind in our face. When we're not riding, we enjoy helping the American Legion support Veterans, youth programs, and spotlighting our great community. This year's cruise-in drew cars and motorcycles from around the area and helped Chapter 15 raise enough money to make a \$500 donation to the Morgan County Veterans Memorial. We also took the lead for designing and constructing Post 15's holiday parade float, taking first place for Morgan County and securing \$200 for the Post. With the approach of cold winter months there will be less riding, but our focus remains in the pursuit of supporting and honoring Veterans throughout the holiday season.

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/>.



March 2020						
◀ February						April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7  1800 bingo
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 	9  1800 RIDERS MTG	10	11	12	13  101 st Birthday & Awards Dinner	14 1800 Bingo
15	16	17	18	19  1800 EXECUTIVE MTG	20	21  0900 SAL MTG 1800 Bingo
22	23  1800 Post Meeting	24	25	26  1800 Lady Riders MTG	27	28 1800 Bingo
29	30	31	POST CLOSED ON THURSDAYS			



2019 - The Year In Review

2019 was a busy year for supporting Veterans, Youth Programs, and our community.

Clockwise from top:
Post 15 Oratorical, American Legion Birthday and Awards Banquet, JROTC Drill Competition, WWII Veterans sendoff at HSV airport, Memorial Day Ceremony, Early Bird Fish Fry Membership Drive, Holiday Parade Float.





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