



The Patriot



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Commander's Corner



From the Commander

Greetings Comrades of Morgan County Post 15

As Commander of Morgan County Post 15 I would like to thank all of you for YOUR support during the last year. We had a good year and many of our objectives were accomplished.

I am proud to be your leader along with our executive members. They deserve your thanks and gratitude. We had such a good time serving you and this community.

The last 3 months of our 2019-2020 year did not end as well as we all would like to have seen it.

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic that nobody could see, smell, or fight, our great nation and other countries had to close doors, ask us to stay home, and wait out what ever happened next. We here at the post had to temporarily close our doors, discontinue Bingo, and halt serving YOU and other great Veterans in our area.

Many Veterans here in Alabama (unknown to us) lost their lives to COVID 19 and are no longer with us. Let us keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

The Post Officers have accepted that we continue with our leadership roles as recommended by National and Alabama District Offices.

Here is the Leadership for 2020-2021

Commander: Harald Belletete.
1st Vice Commander: Jerry Hawkins
2nd Vice Commandeer: Don Smith.
Adjutant: Allen Perdue
Finance Officer: Chuck McClendon.
Chaplain: John Johnson
Communication Officer: Bob Branin.
Sergeant at Arms: Eric Palmquist
Sergeant at Arms: Joe McCarrick

Other Positions held by our members:

Trustees: Jim Larson, Ralph Terry
Past Commander: Roger Groves
Americanism Chairman: George Marsh
Legal Officer: Ralph Terry
Security Officer: David Smith

We reopened our Post on May 26th for Post 15 Business ONLY, and working diligently to reopen Bingo Operation. Looking forward to NORMAL Business.

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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The proposed Gateway lease extension is provided for review and is subject to a vote during a general membership meeting. Comments to Executive Committee are welcome at any time.



Legion Mobile Apps



July 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11  RIDERS RIDE
12	13  RIDERS MEETING	14	15	16  EXECUTIVE MEETING	17	18  S.O.L. MEETING
19	20	21	22	23  LADY RIDER MEETING	24	25
26	27  MEMBERSHIP MEETING	28	29	30	31	



August 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  RIDERS RIDE
2 12 District Meeting Post 15 2607 HWY 31 South Decatur Al	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10  RIDERS MEETING	11	12	13	14	15  S.O.L. MEETING
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30	31					



From the Adjutant

Greetings All

Summer is here. I hope and pray that you and your family are doing well during this COVID 19 Pandemic. Our Post has been closed due to the health concerns and social distancing directed by our President of the United States of America and the Governor of the great state of Alabama. We have opened the Post up to our membership at the beginning of June. The first membership meeting will be held on June 22nd. No food, just meeting. Hopefully, we will get back to some kind of normal in the next couple of months.

I wish to thank all of those that have renewed for 2020 and look forward to 2021 renewals and hopefully more new members.

On membership dues – a couple of months from now, we will be pushing 2021 dues. If you have any questions about dues, please contact me via email at adjutant15@legional.org, or call the post at (256) 353-5501.

There are numerous ways to keep up with our events, visit the Post Facebook Page or our Internet Page, www.allegionpost15.com, also, we have our Quarterly Newsletter mailed to our members. January, April, July, and October are the start of each new quarter.

“Semper Fi”

Neal A. “nap” Perdue
Post 15 Adjutant



Girl Scout Emma Landrum's is recognized for honoring Veterans in unmarked graves at Rose Lawn Memorial Gardens. "I thought it was just wrong that the veterans didn't have anything," she said. "I didn't like that they weren't being honored. I feel they need to be honored. They served our country. We need to remember them."



The Post 15 Honor Guard presenting arms to honor Veterans on Memorial Day.

Chapter 15 Riders practice social distancing while standing a flag line at Rose Lawn Memorial Gardens on Memorial Day.



Auxiliary



Hello Springtime and Auxiliary Ladies,

It is that time again....saying goodbye to one “year” and looking with anticipation to what a “new year” might be bringing to our Unit. The 2019-2020 administrative term certainly brought us an unexpected and unprecedented way to leave office, to say the least. Who would have ever dreamed that the last quarter of the term would be spent sheltered in the safety of our own homes. That situation was “gifted” to us by way of a highly contagious virus...a stinking germ, of all things! So many of our well-planned programs and projects sadly did not have the opportunity to come to fruition because of our confinement and mandated restrictions. It is my belief that the need for these activities is still important, and that maybe the new administration might see fit to give consideration to incorporating these already planned projects and programs to their plans for the upcoming term.

Whatever the new year ahead holds for the Unit it is my hope that each person on the roster will find the niche that best fits their individual interests, skills and available time.....we need active “movers and shakers”...not just paying members. There are ample opportunities for each person to help meet our Unit’s mission and purpose.

Thank you to everyone for allowing me the opportunity to serve as President of Unit 15, 2019-2020. I appreciate your show of confidence and support throughout the year, and most importantly your willingness to serve our veteran and community projects.

Susan

President

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 15

Riders



Chapter 15 Riders sponsored a drive by celebration of local WWII hero George Mills to honor his 99th birthday and show him how much the community cares about him.

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 the Chapter 15 American Legion Riders on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LegionRiders15>. We meet monthly on the 2nd Monday at 6 pm and ride the 1st and 3rd Saturday.



Chapter 15 Riders celebrate 99th and 100th birthdays of local heroes George Mills and Sherwin Callender.

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2020 – Post 15 Scholarships

The Post 15 Oratorical

Right: Post Commander Belletete presents a Decatur JROTC Cadet with a college scholarship.

Below: Post Commander Belletete and 1st Vice Commander Hawkins present Brewer/Priceville Cadets with college scholarships.

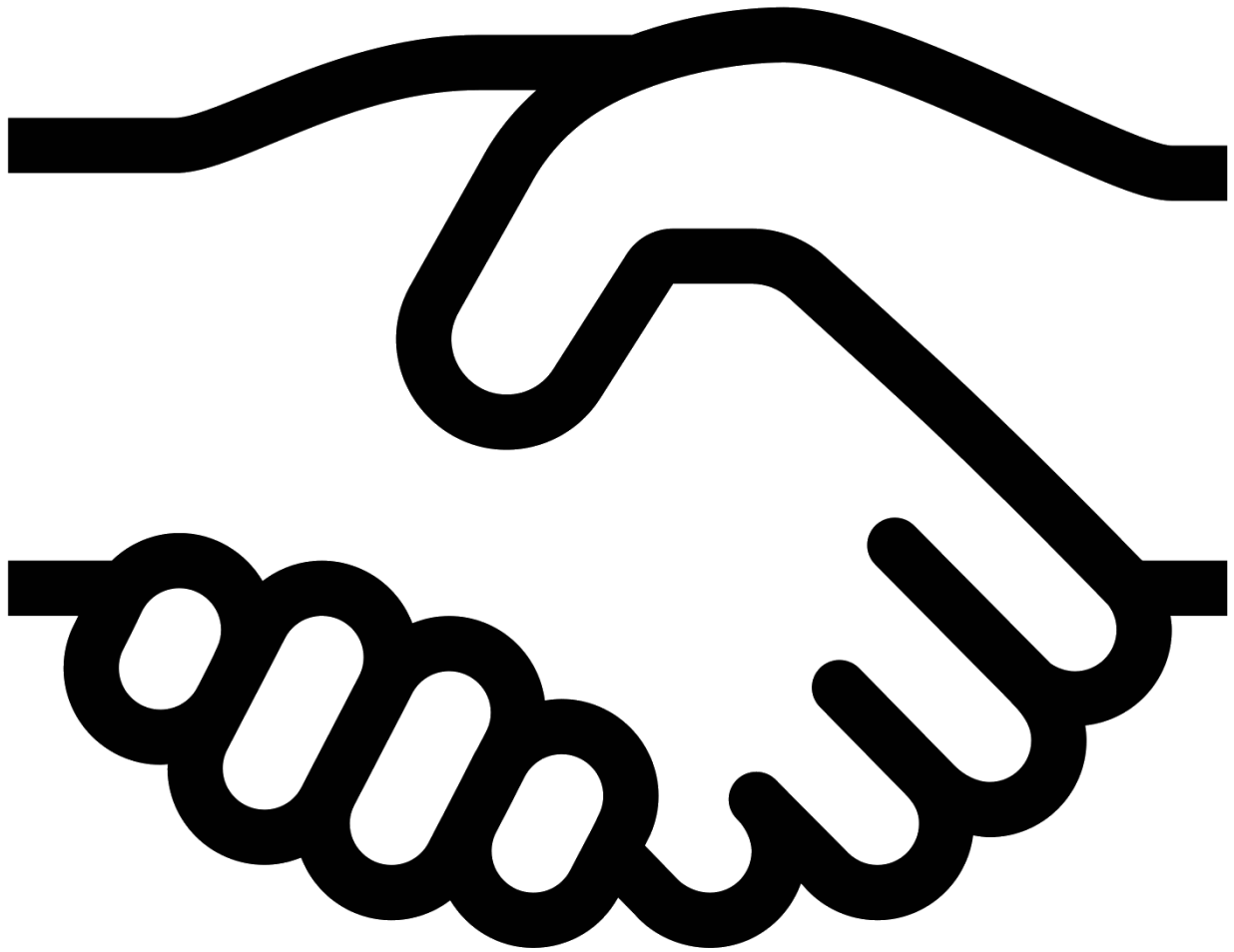


Drive By Celebrations

A safe way to celebrate events while practicing social distancing.

George Mills wishing his friend Sherwin Callender a happy 100th birthday.





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STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF MORGAN)

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT OF A LEASE BETWEEN
MORGAN COUNTY POST NO. 15, AMERICAN LEGION, A CORPORATION
LESSOR, AND EMMETTE LEE BARRAN, JR. LESSEE AS
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO EMMETTE BARRAN
AS RECORDED IN THE MORGAN COUNTY
JUDGE OF PROBATE IN BOOK 1722 PAGE 106

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1960, Morgan County Post 15, American Legion, Inc. and Emmette Barran entered into a lease contract which is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Morgan County, Alabama in book 663 at page 334; and

WHEREAS, Emmette Lee Barran, Jr. the lawful successor in interest to the Lease found at book 663 at page 334 and Morgan County Post No. 15, American Legion, A Corporation, amended the lease as found in book 663 at page 334, by executing and filing that amendment in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Morgan County, Alabama in book 1722 at page 106, recorded on May 28, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Emmette Lee Barran, Jr. is the present lawful successor Lessee of the above said lease and amendment; and

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WHEREAS Morgan County Post 15, American Legion, a Corporation, Lessor, and Emmette Lee Barran, Jr., Lessee, desire to amend the lease and the amendment to the lease as identified above as hereinafter set out in this document. To wit:

A. Paragraph 2 of the amendment is hereby amended as follows:

1. (g) is amended to read that the lease and amendment are amended to allow the Lessee to renew the amended lease at the end of its term for an additional 25 years, under the payments terms as set out herein in number 2 below for an additional 25 years beyond August 23, 2058. This renewal will be automatic unless either party shall provide written notice to the other party, at least (6) six months in advance prior to the expiration of the amendment recorded in book 1722 at page 106 of their intentions not to renew the lease
2. (vi) is incorporated into the amendment to say that:
 - From August 23, 2058 until August 23, 2063, the rent shall be \$1,605,074.55, payable at \$26,751.24 per month, in advance for 60 months.
 - From August 23, 2063 until August 23, 2068 the rent shall be S 1,845,835.73, payable at \$30,763.93 per month, in advance for 60 months.
 - From August 23, 2068 until August 23, 2073, the rent shall be \$2,122,711.09, payable at 35,378.50 in advance for 60 months.
 - From August 23, 2073 until August 23, 2078 the rent shall be \$2,441,117.75, payable at \$40,685.30 in advance for 60 months.
 - From August 23, 2078 until August 23, 2083 the rent shall be \$2,807,285.42, payable at \$46,788.09 per month in advance for 60 months.
3. Paragraph 5 of the amendment in book 1722 at page 106 and its subdivisions are hereby amended in toto to extend the term of paragraph 5's provisions until August 23, 2083. This extension shall only take place upon the renewal of the amendment in book 1722 at page 106 by the ratification of this amendment.

Upon the terms and conditions set forth in this document herein after set forth, and the consideration hereinafter set forth, and the lease and the amendment to the lease the Lessor does continue to hereby rent and lease unto the said Lessee the following described property, situated, lying and being in the City of Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama. Lessee takes the subject property subject to any and all easements and rights-of-way over and across the subject property. The subject property of the lease is hereby described as:

A tract of land containing 16.6 acres lying on the east side of the U.S. Highway No. 31, in the SE1/4 of SW1/4, Section 29, Township S South, Range 4 West, City of Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama, described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the SE1/4 of SW1/4 Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 4 West and running east 418 feet to the true point of beginning, said point being an iron pin; thence turning an angle of 90 degrees and running south 278 feet to an iron pin; thence turning an angle of 90 degrees and running west 24.58 feet to an iron pin on the easterly margin of the new right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 31; thence turning an angle of 57 degrees 17' measured clockwise from back tangent and running southeasterly 138.05 feet along said easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 31 to a point; thence turning an angle of 212 degrees 43' measured clockwise from back tangent and running south 9.25 feet to a point; thence turning an angle of 147 degrees 17' measured clockwise from back tangent and running southeasterly along said easterly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 31 for a distance of 556.58 feet to a point; thence turning an angle of 123 degrees 23' measured clockwise from back tangent and running east 572.88 feet to a point; thence turning an angle of 90 degrees and running north 878.4 feet to the northeast corner of SE1/4 of SW1/4 of said Section 29; thence turning an angle of 89 degrees 20' measured clockwise from back tangent and running west 933.91 feet to the true point of beginning.

This lease is intended to be binding upon Morgan County Post 15, American Legion, A Corporation, it's successors and transferees, and Emmette Lee Barran, Jr. and his successors and assigns. Emmett Lee Barran, Jr. and his assigns hereby agree to hold Morgan County Post 15, American Legion, a corporation, it's successors and transferees harmless and indemnify said

Morgan County Post 15 for any injury on the premises that occur during the lease of the subject property.

ALL remaining unamended paragraphs, of the lease as recorded in book 663 at page 334 and the amendment as recorded in book 1722 page 102, will remain in full force and effect unless expressly amended by the parties, and or their successors and assigns in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto executed this instrument, in duplicate, on this the _____ day of _____ 20_____.

MORGAN COUNTY POST 15, AMERICAN LEGION, INC. LESSOR

By: _____
It's Commander

By: _____
Trustee, Board of Trustees

By: _____
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Emmette Lee Barran, Jr., Lessee