



# The Patriot



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## Commander's Corner



From the Commander  
Greetings Fellow Veterans.

The 1st quarter of 2021 has finished, and the 2nd quarter has begun. We are finally starting to see some normality. The Post is open 5 days a week and we are here to serve you and Morgan County. We had no members that were exposed or treated for COVID-19 that we know of.

There have been some changes here at our Post. Mrs. Sheila Holmes resigned her position as our Post Custodian on September 11th after 9 years working with us. She will be missed, along with all the good food that she prepared for us each month and during special events.

Mrs. Violet Loney, that worked with Mrs. Sheila, became the new Custodian and will be a great asset to our post and to our members. Mrs. Violet is a GOLD Star Mother and understands our Veterans.

Comrade Jerry Hawkins our 1st Vice resigned as of September 1st do to health problems and is now residing in Madison. We elected a new 1st Vice per our Constitution and By-Laws. The New 1st Vice is Comrade Nick Nicholson. Nick is also a member of the Post 15 Honor Guard.

Our Americanism Chairman Comrade George Marsh also resigned his position in late August due to health reasons. George had Hip replacement surgery and is still in pain.

What can you expect during this quarter?

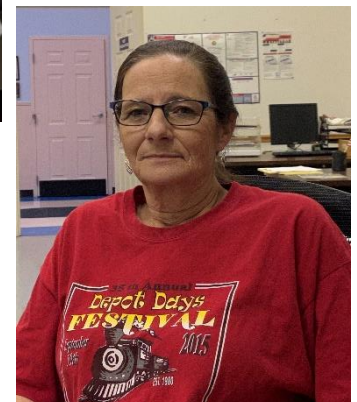
I hope that we can reopen Bingo in the month of October and still follow City and State mandates as to COVID-19 guidelines. Hope to have our Veterans Day and Christmas Dinner, and have our Post fully back to normal operation.

Please see our website at <http://www.allegionpost15.com> or our 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



Sheila Holmes



Violet Loney

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Legion Mobile Apps

October 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3  RIDERS RIDE
4 12 District Meeting, Post 52 1110 Sparkman Dr, Hartselle	5	6	7	8	9	10 1800 Bingo
11	12 COLUMBUS DAY  RIDERS MEETING	13	14	15  EXECUTIVE MEETING	16	17  S.O.L.MEETING 1800 Bingo
18	19	20	21	22  LADY RIDERS MEETING	23	24 1800 Bingo
25	26  MEMBERSHIP AUXILIARY MEETINGS	27	28	29	30	31  1800 Bingo

“The American Legion is about service.  
And we are about patriotism.”

—Bill Oxford, National Commander, Aug 10, 2020



November 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 	4	5	6	7  RIDERS RIDE 1800 Bingo
8	9  RIDERS MEETING	10	11 	12	13  VETERANS DINNER	14 1800 Bingo
15	16	17	18	19  EXECUTIVE MEETING	20	21  S.O.L MEETING 1800 Bingo
22	23  MEMBERSHIP AUXILIARY MEETINGS	24	25	26 	27	28 1800 Bingo
29	30					



## Auxiliary



Greetings Everyone!

We have resumed having our monthly meetings and are currently meeting at 6 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

We have lots of things in the works for this year and hope that you will join us. Currently we are collecting snacks that are individually wrapped (like Little Debbie, Mini Oreos, Chips, etc.) and the little small cans of soda for the residents at Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home. Donations can be dropped off at the Post and be put in the Auxiliary Room. These fellas are wanting snacks that they can't get from the kitchen there. They have just asked for no crackers.

Once again, we will be holding the Field of Flags on Veterans Day. Be sure to reserve your flag to honor your veteran now.

The holidays will be here before we know it. Beginning in November we will be accepting Non-Perishable food items to be donated to needy families during the holidays. Please make sure that items are not expired.

Each month before the meetings start, we are currently auctioning off homemade desserts. Bring your checkbook or cash and bid, bid, bid! We also take donated cakes, pies, and brownies!

Don't forget, membership dues are due again. Senior dues are \$30, and Junior dues are \$6.50.

Please come and join us during our meetings and let's have fun this year!

Susan Letson  
Unit 15 President

## From the Adjutant

Greetings All

Fall is just a few weeks away. I hope and pray that you and your family are doing well during this COVID 19 Pandemic. Our Post is open, visit if you can (wear a face mask and practice social distancing).

I wish to thank all of those that have renewed their membership for 2021 and look forward to seeing you at one of our Membership meetings. We have about 345 members paid up for 2020 and around 132 paid up for 2021. 2021 membership is picking up steam, if you know of a veteran that might be interested in joining the American Legion, please advise them to do so, and tell them about Post 15. I thank you in advance!

There are numerous ways to keep up with our events, visit the Post Facebook Page or our Internet Page, [www.allegionpost15.com](http://www.allegionpost15.com), also, we have our Quarterly Newsletter mailed to our members, this Newsletter, like last quarters, was emailed to our membership, if you did not receive an email copy of it, should be delivered to your computer inbox around the first of the month (January, April, July, and October are the start of each new quarter), please contact the Post to update your email address.

"Semper Fi"

Neal A. "nap" Perdue  
Post 15 Adjutant

Never Forget September 11, 2001

## Riders



Chapter 15 Riders enjoy group rides on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, weather permitting.

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.



December 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5  RIDERS RIDE  1800 Bingo
6 12 DISTRICT MEETING Post 237 2900 Drake Ave Huntsville	7	8	9	10  EXECUTIVE MEETING	11	12     1800 Bingo
13	14  MEMBERSHIP AUXILIARY RIDERS MEETINGS	15	16	17	18  CHRISTMAS DINNER	19  S.O.L. MEETING  1800 Bingo
20	21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS 	26     1800 Bingo
27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE 		



Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American

# YOUR AMERICAN LEGION IN ACTION

## Department of Alabama Leadership



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Jr. Vice Commander



Charles Marsh  
1st Division Commander



Vann Daughtry  
2nd Division Commander



Don Madden  
3rd Division Commander



## THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

### Toxic exposures and burn pits

Millions of veterans have been deployed in the Global War on Terror, and a disturbingly high percentage of them have been exposed to airborne toxic hazards during their service as a result of burn pits. The American Legion has for decades fought for service-connected disability benefits for adverse health conditions linked to toxic exposures in service and will continue to do so for this generation. The American Legion supports measures to establish a presumption of exposure as well as continued studies on the effects of burn pits. (S. 2950)

### Health care for women veterans

VA must continue to develop and expand health-care services for the fast-growing population of female veterans, a large percentage of whom do not enroll for VA health care for a number of reasons, according to surveys. Among the factors are limited gender-specific treatment services and awareness of VA benefits. All veterans, regardless of gender, must receive fair and equal VA health-care services. (S. 514, H.R. 3224)

### Support VA's suicide-prevention efforts

An estimated 20 veterans die by suicide every day. Most were not receiving care or support through VA that may have saved them. The American Legion supports expanding and promoting mental health treatment for veterans and urges Congress to provide VA necessary funds to hire mental health professionals and proper staffing for its Integrative Health and Wellness Program. (S. 785)

### Reaffirm commitment to our allies

In a time of rising great power competition, the United States must maintain a strong alliance system to promote democracy and protect

our national interests abroad. Diplomacy is the first line of defense for the United States and must be properly resourced and funded to ensure we put our service members in harm's way only when absolutely necessary. The American Legion supports bills that would provide the State Department necessary resources to maintain and expand our alliance system, ensure aid programs to allies remain properly funded, and promote our national interests abroad. (H.Res 220)

### Fully fund a superior national defense

The American Legion supports a defense budget that complies with the Pentagon's 2018 National Defense Strategy in order to reverse the damaging effects of sequestration, provide fair compensation of military personnel and modernize the U.S. military to protect against any aggression, especially in a time of growing great power competition. (Resolution 35, 2018)

### Pay the Coast Guard

On a daily basis, U.S. Coast Guard personnel carry out missions that are vital to national security. The Coast Guard, however, is the only military branch forced to work without pay during a government shutdown. This is unacceptable. The repeated and all too common threat of government shutdowns brings severe hardship on our Coast Guard members and their families. No member of the U.S. military service should ever live in fear of not being paid. The American Legion supports bills and provisions that will ensure the Coast Guard is paid during government shutdowns. (S. 21, H.R. 367)

### Implement, oversee recent laws

The 115th Congress passed multiple American Legion-supported bills that help veterans and their families, from the backlog-aimed VA Appeals Modernization Act to the omnibus VA MISSION Act. The Legion continues to call on the 116th Congress to ensure these measures are accurately and quickly implemented, as intended.

### Protect the GI Bill

With passage of the Forever GI Bill, Congress should now focus on ensuring that student veterans and their families receive the highest quality education when using their GI Bill benefits. The American Legion believes that legislation and federal agency action should be taken to ensure better quality and student outcomes for servicemembers and veterans, by excluding DoD and VA funds from the 90-10 calculation for federal student aid. Also, Congress should create common-sense oversight of schools and give military-connected students the same rights as non-veterans when their schools close, when they face an overpayment, and when a school loses its eligibility to operate. (H.R. 4625, S. 2857)

### Help end veteran homelessness

To fully implement VA's pledge to eradicate veteran homelessness, Congress must continue making investments in affordable housing and programs such as Supportive Services for Veteran Families that move veterans and their families off the streets and into stable housing with supportive services. (Resolution 340, 2016)

### Support for Gold Star families

The families of our fallen service members forever bear the burden of the losing loved ones who gave their last full measure of devotion in defense of our great nation, security and freedom. The American Legion is dedicated to ensuring Gold Star families receive the absolute best care and services from the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. (Resolution 14, 2018)