



Post 15's

# THE PATRIOT



Oct/Nov/Dec 2013

## Commander's Corner

Here it is, September already. We've had a busy Summer and Fall is just around the corner. Working with our newly formed "Post 15 Family Committee" we've had our annual fish fry and a very successful fund raiser pancake breakfast. The Legionnaires, Ladies Auxiliary, Sons and Riders all pitched in and worked together to make both events a big success. I also had the opportunity to go to Houston, Texas to attend the National Convention. This was a great experience and I believe our Post will benefit from the things I learned. We have a busy schedule ahead of us. The POW/MIA Ceremony coming up on September 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting the JROTC Drill and Ceremonies competition again this fall. We will have our Halloween Dance on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, then it will be time to start working on the float to get ready for Veteran's Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Preceding the parade will be our Veteran's Day Dinner and Dance on Friday night Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, and then on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> we're hoping to host a short visit with refreshments for our wounded warriors at the end of their fishing excursion, with a simultaneous visit by our American Legion National Commander. It will be a great honor if we can pull this together. Then on to our Christmas Dinner and Dance on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We're already beginning preparations for some of our biggest programs for our students, our future leaders. We hope to bring back County Government Day and make it better than before. Then we have the Oratorical Contest, Boys and Girls State, and our local Scholarship program. We will be asking for help from all factions of our Post family to make all these activities a hit so please be ready to join us. Remember the Preamble to our Constitution starts with "We associate ourselves together for the following purposes.....". As with the goals established by the Preamble if we associate ourselves together for all our endeavors we can and will accomplish great things, we will grow closer to each other and our Post will grow as it never has before. Are you ready? Thanks to all of You for your support of all our programs and activities. Bill Cole

## From The Adjutant

Another year, it is hard to believe the recruiting year for 2013 is over. July 1st we began our 2014 year with The American Legion. Congratulations are in order for the Membership Team that made our Post a 100% Post for the first time since 2009. Immediate past Commander Vaughn Harwell and 1st Vice Commander George Krigbaum, (also our new Department Commander) lead the team to a very successful conclusion. Our Post is also qualified for a Post Excellence Award due to much of their efforts.

Look for great things to happen at our Post this year with the excellent group of Officers that have accepted the challenge and responsibility to continue taking our Post forward. They have committed themselves to serve our Post, the community, state and nation to the best of their ability; a big commitment for everyone. They need each of us to help them meet the difficulties that will surely confront them this year.

One thing each of us can do on a regular basis is to educate the public about the American Legion. Most people have no idea what The American Legion is or what is our mission. Can you answer simple questions about our organization? Can you proudly state the accomplishments of our Post? A lot of information is provided in this newsletter, be sure to share it with other veterans you know and ask if they are part of making these things in our community possible.

If I can help you in anyway please feel free to contact me. I look forward to continuing to serve you and our Post this year. My email is [rebeccaburney@msn.com](mailto:rebeccaburney@msn.com) and my phone number is 256-345-7610.

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# Annual Fish Fry and Membership Drive a Huge Success

A cake walk, face painting, snow cones and of course, fried fish with all the trimmings, were the makings of a very fun and success August event. Current and new members of the Post, Auxiliary, and Sons, joined together for the day and helped get the 2014 membership year off to a great start.

Anyone who missed the event can still get their membership updated hassle free. Simply contact 1st Vice Commander George Krigbaum, any of the executive committee members, or go online to [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew) and sign-up.



**Clockwise from left:** Sheree Brown painting faces. Bob Stricklan helping with the cake walk. Becky Burney signing up a new Post member.



## Chapter 15 Riders Sponsor Legacy Scholarship Fundraiser

The Legion Riders extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in their fundraiser to help the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, helping children whose parents died while on active duty since 9-11. Community leaders such as Senator Arthur Orr, Representative Terri Collins, Priceville Mayor Melvin Doran, and Decatur Police Chief Ed Taylor, were all on hand. After lunch, riders participated in a memorial run, ending at the Morgan County Veteran's Memorial in Priceville.



## Message from the Auxiliary President

As new President and our new officers this year we are already off to a fantastic year. I would like to invite everyone to come join us in our effort to support our veterans. We are always opened for members and new members. Just a reminder that we meet after the Legion dinner, the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00p.m. October 19, 2013 we have our yard sale with arts and crafts from 7 AM – 12PM and we could use your help in donating unwanted items that can be dropped off at the legion. We soon will have new fund raising chairman's, but always open for suggestions for fresh new ideas. Watch our bulletin board for future events. We had a great year with our girls state and warms our hearts to know that we are a part of that event. Here at the auxiliary we consider ourselves as family. Sometimes in our busy everyday life its easy to forget where our freedom comes from and continues with, but as the ladies auxiliary its an honor that we are able to make a difference if so many lives. Please come join us and be a part of what we are here for.

# October 2013

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                     | Saturday  |
|--------|--|---------|-----------|----------|----------------------------|---|
|        |  | 1       | 2         | 3        | 4<br>Dance 7 PM            | 5<br>BINGO 6 PM   |
| 6      | 7  | 8       | 9         | 10       | 11<br>Dance 7 PM           | 12<br>BINGO 6 PM  |
| 13     | 14<br>COLUMBUS DAY<br>Riders Mtg 6 PM                    | 15      | 16        | 17       | 18<br>Dance 7 PM           | 19<br>Yard Sale & Breakfast 7 AM<br>Sons Mtg 9 AM<br>BINGO 6 PM |
| 20     | 21   | 22      | 23        | 24       | 25<br>Halloween Party 7 PM | 26<br>BINGO 6 PM  |
| 27     | 28<br>Dinner 6 PM<br>Post Mtg 7 PM<br>Auxiliary Mtg 7 PM | 29      | 30        | 31       |                            |   |

**Yard Sale**  
& Breakfast  
19 Oct, 7 – 12 AM  
Ladies Auxiliary

*25 October*  
Halloween Party 7 PM

# November 2013

*8 November*  
Veteran's Day Dinner and Dance 6:30 PM  
(Make reservations by 1 November)

Music, Dancing, Snacks,  
and Door Prizes. Every  
Friday at 7 pm

# December 2013

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday           | Friday                                    | Saturday  |
|---|--|---------|-----------|--------------------|---|---|
|   |  |         |           |                    | 1<br>Dance 7 PM                           | 2<br>BINGO 6 PM                                     |
| 3<br>Daylight Savings Time Ends                   | 4  | 5       | 6         | 7                  | 8<br>Veteran's Day Dinner & Dance 6:30 PM | 9<br>BINGO 6 PM                                     |
| 10<br>Semper Fi Lunch<br>National Commander Visit | 11<br>VETERAN'S DAY                                      | 12      | 13        | 14                 | 15<br>Dance 7 PM                          | 16<br>Breakfast 8 AM<br>Sons Mtg 9 AM<br>BINGO 6 PM |
| 17  | 18   | 19      | 20        | 21<br>THANKSGIVING | 22<br>Dance 7 PM                          | 23<br>BINGO 6 PM                                    |
| 24  | 25<br>Dinner 6 PM<br>Post Mtg 7 PM<br>Auxiliary Mtg 7 PM | 26      | 27        | 28                 | 29<br>Dance 7 PM                          | 30<br>BINGO 6 PM                                    |

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|--------|---|---------|-----------------|----------|--|---|
| 1      | 2   | 3       | 4               | 5        | 6<br>Dance 7 PM                        | 7<br>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day<br>BINGO 6 PM     |
| 8      | 9<br>Dinner 6 PM<br>Post Mtg 7 PM<br>Auxiliary Mtg 7 PM<br>Riders Mtg 6:30 PM | 10      | 11              | 12       | 13<br>Dance 7 PM                       | 14<br>BINGO 6 PM                                    |
| 15     | 16  | 17      | 18              | 19       | 20<br>Christmas Dinner & Dance 6:30 PM | 21<br>Breakfast 8 AM<br>Sons Mtg 9 AM<br>BINGO 6 PM |
| 22     | 23  | 24      | 25<br>CHRISTMAS | 26       | 27<br>Dance 7 PM                       | 28<br>BINGO 6 PM                                    |
| 29     | 30  | 31      |                 |          |  |   |

**BINGO**  
Join us every Saturday at 6 PM  
Card Sales Start At 5 PM

*20 December*  
Christmas Dinner and Dance 6:30 PM  
(Make reservations by 28 November)

Online calendar:  
[www.allegionpost15.com/calendar.html](http://www.allegionpost15.com/calendar.html)