



The Patriot



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Commander's Corner

From the Commander



Alabama American Legion Post #15 is a proud, active, and productive post. I feel honored that you, the members, have chosen me to be the commander of such a fine organization.

By working with the executive committee and through the membership, it is my goal to continue the Post's tradition of serving the Armed Forces and our Country by overcoming the remaining vestiges of the COVID-19 challenges, ensuring the financial stability of the Post, restoring the maintenance of the Post so it can be enjoyed by future generations, increasing membership, and providing plenty of fellowship opportunities for its members and their families.

I look forward to getting to know each of you better as I fulfill the stewardship responsibilities that you have bestowed on me. May God bless this Post, its members, the Armed Forces, and the United States of America.

Joseph Woodbury
Post 15 Commander

Dear fellow Comrades of Post 15

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank You for the last 4 years as YOUR Commander. We got so many things accomplished here at Post 15. True Good Times and not so Good Times. To agree and disagree with YOU, but always respect you as my fellow Veterans, regardless which service you served in.

Together we served our country and can tell our personal stories to our grandchildren. And now you can tell your family about the time you have with American Legion Morgan County Post 15. The new Comrades you made or are making, by serving other Veterans

Thank you, my friends and God's Speed,

Harald Belletete
Past Commander
Post 15

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Outgoing Commander Harald Belletete passes the American Legion flag to incoming Commander Joseph Woodbury.

July 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POST	CLOSED	ON	THURSDAY	1	2	3  RIDERS RIDE BINGO
4 Independence Day 	5	6	7	8  EXECUTIVE MEETING	9	10 BINGO
11	12  RIDERS MEETING	13	14	15	16	17  S.A.L MEETING BINGO
18	19	20	21	22  LADY RIDERS MEETING	23	24 BINGO
25	26  MEMBERSHIP MEETING	27	28	29	30	31 BINGO



Meet Buddy Keen
Sr. Vice Commander –
Department of Alabama

← July		August 2021					September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 12th DISTRICT MEETING	2	3	4	5	6	7  RIDERS RIDE BINGO	
8	9  RIDERS MEETING	10	11	12	13	14 BINGO	
15	16	17	18	19  EXECUTIVE MEETING	20	21  S.A.L. MEETING BINGO	
22	23  MEMBERS MEETING	24	25	26  LADY RIDERS MEETING	27	28 EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND FISH FRY  BINGO	
29	30	31	POST CLOSED ON THURSDAYS				



Auxiliary



Hello from the American Legion Auxiliary!

Spring has been a busy and great time for us. We ended the year on a strong note with a Theresa Groves and Niar having a great time, sharing Poppies during our Poppy Day in front of Kroger and they raised \$327! We also birthday cards and lots of snacks over to Floyd E. Tut Fann Veteran's Home in honor of the May Birthdays. We initiated new members in May as well. Welcome to Alisa Washburn, a junior member and Girl's State Delegate.

Each month before the meetings we have been auctioning off cakes, pies, and other desserts. We have raised over \$800 this past year doing this! Thank you so much to all those who baked and bought our desserts. Come join us each month for a chance to bid and win a delicious homemade dessert!

In June we installed the officers for 2021-22. Most have stayed the same, a few have changed. They are as follows: President: Susan Letson, 1st Vice: Marsha King, 2nd Vice: Jane Train, Sgt @ Arms: Judy Little; Secretary: Janice Cross, Chaplain: Jean Porter, Treasurer: Theresa Groves, and Members at Large: Doreen Hananah, Phyllis White & Marilyn Volinino.

This year we sent 8 Junior Girls and 1 Senior Girl to Alabama Girls State. These young ladies made quite an impression on the staff and director of Girl's State. Congratulations to each of them.

We are still collecting coupons to send overseas to the troops, as well as, can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and Plastic bottle tops for a state project.

We hope you will join us soon for at our next meeting, each 4th Monday night of the month.

Susan Letson
ALA Unit 15 President

Officer Inductions



Past Commander Harald Belletete passes the American Legion flag to incoming Commander Joseph Woodbury, who passes it to Sergeant at Arms Joe McCarrick.



September 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POST	CLOSED	THURSDAYS	1	2	3	4  RIDERS RIDE BINGO
5	6 	7	8	9	10	11 BINGO
12	13  RIDERS RIDE	14	15	16  EXECUTIVE MEETING	17  POW / MIA RECOGNITION DAY VETERAMS PARK	18  S.A.L.MEETING BINGO
19	20	21	22	23  LADY RIDER MEETING	24	25  BINGO
26	27  MEMBERSHIP MEETING	28	29	30	POST CLOSED THURSDAYS	



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 Legion membership.

American Legion Riders

KSU for the 2021-2022 year!



American Legion Riders Chapter 15 start the new year off with a new slate of local and department officers. Newly elected officers include: Theresa Groves, Director; Bob Branin, Assistant Director; Ride Captain, Forrest Burke; Secretary, Sherry Alexander; Treasurer/Membership, Chuck McClendon; Chaplain, Bill Cole; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Joe McCarrick. Theresa Groves has also been elected the department treasurer, and Roger Groves has been chosen as the 1st Division representative to the department Riders Committee for the second year in a row. I believe I speak for all the officers when I say we are excited to start a new year including new rides, new post and chapter officers, and new activities.

The Riders have started their regular 1st and 3rd Saturday rides, and we are all incredibly happy to be on the road again. No longer confined to the strict Covid guidelines, we are happy to be back in the saddle visiting new places and enjoying each other's company again.

The American Legion 19U Southeast Regional baseball tournament will kick off Saturday, August 4th and end on August 8th. Legion Riders statewide have been invited to ride in the opening ceremonies on the 4th and in the closing ceremonies on the 8th (on the field). Riders will meet on Saturday, the 4th at the Heart of Dixie Harley Davidson, 333 Cahaba Valley Parkway, N. Pelham, AL 35124, 5:00 p.m. with KSU 5:30 p.m. August 8th we will meet again at the Heart of Dixie Harley Davidson at Noon with KSU at 12:30 p.m.

This is a statewide Legion event. Please spread the word to all Legionnaires. If we demonstrate the level of support Alabama is capable of, National will be inclined to hold more regional/national events in our state. The games will be held at the Bobby Hayes Stadium in Pelham, Alabama. For more information www.legion.org/baseball.

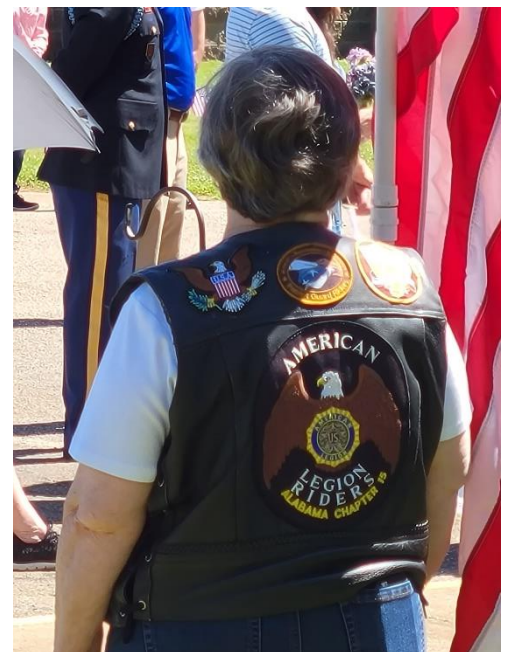
The National Legacy Ride will soon be here. The Legacy Fund provides college scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, as well as children of post-9/11 veterans with a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher.

Starting August 22, the route will take Legion Riders through Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico before entering Arizona. The ride will include passage through tribal lands throughout the West, including the Choctaw Nation and the Tonto Apache Tribe. The ride finishes at the American Legion National Convention in Phoenix. For more information visit the National American Legion web page, www.legion.org.

For future events, stay tuned to our Facebook page, American Legion Riders – Post 15 Decatur Alabama. Or join us on the web at <http://allegionpost15.com>

Keep your knees in the breeze, and ride safely

Theresa A. Groves, Director



MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

AMERICAN LEGION

Thanks to the LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act), Congress expanded the current eligibility period to cover Dec. 7, 1941, to the present, and includes the current war campaigns. Previously, there were seven declared war periods. Now there are two, the current war period dating back to World War II and another war era covering World War I. A candidate needs to have only served a minimum of one day in service to be eligible.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary is made up of the male and female spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion. Through its nearly 10,500 units located in every state and some foreign countries, the Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace. Along with The American Legion, it solidly stands behind America and its ideals.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

All male descendants adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, or any time from December 7, 1941, to date, who served honorably, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Must hold membership in and be in good standing with The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion. Members must be legally registered motorcycle owners or be the legally registered owner's spouse within the state of registration.

More information at <https://www.legion.org/>