



The Patriot



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Commander's Corner



From the Commander

Greetings and salutations, Comrades. AL Post #15 has a long, proud history of achievements and activities. This year is no different. We recently conducted our annual Membership Drive Fish Fry. What a success it was. It began with a flag retirement ceremony. Afterwards, one would be hard pressed to find a better meal in Morgan County. The best part was that it was absolutely free to members who paid their 2022 dues. My compliments to the cooking crew that prepared the fried catfish, French fries, hush puppies (absolutely divine), cole slaw, and ice cream. The Auxiliary complimented the event with a silent auction bake sale. Nobody left hungry that day.

The Riders are sponsoring a Bean Dinner for \$10.00 on October 14th at 4-7 pm to raise funds for the Veterans Memorial in Priceville. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors to enjoy a delicious meal of beans, cornbread, cole slaw, greens, and dessert while supporting a good cause. On Friday, November 12th, the Post will be hosting the annual Veterans Dinner. You are not going to want to miss this event. The main course will be chicken cordon bleu followed by a dessert that promises to impress. The executive committee is researching possible entertainment for the event as well. Stop by the Post or call 256-353-5501 to sign up for this event. In December, the Post will follow up with an Army/Navy game party on Saturday the 11th. On Friday the 17th, we will celebrate the holidays with the Post's annual Christmas Dinner. Baked ham is on the menu for the evening. Again, stop by the Post or call to sign up for this dinner. You won't want to miss these opportunities to enjoy delicious meals and the opportunity to fellowship with your brothers and sisters in arms.

As always, for those of you feeling lucky and want a little excitement, we host Bingo every Saturday night at 6 pm. Come on out and join the fun. If you would rather earn some spending money instead, the Bingo Committee is in need of a couple of workers. Not only do you get paid for helping support a good cause, you get a free dinner as well.

For those who haven't been to a meeting in a while, I highly encourage you to do so. The Membership meetings are on the fourth Monday of the month except May and December when they are the second Monday. The dinners are always good. There is a lot of energy emanating through the post with many things being accomplished. Please come be a part of it. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Joseph Woodbury
Post 15 Commander



NEEDED BINGO WORKERS



**PLEASE
CONTACT IF INTERESTED**

BINGO CHAIRMAN AT 256-345-9509

QUALIFICATION:
NEED TO BE MEMBER OF POST 15, AUXILIARY, OR SONS OF THE LEGION

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October 2021						
◀ September						November ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2  RIDERS RIDE BINGO
3 12th DISTRICT MEETING 	4	5 Humming Bird Paint Party 6 PM	6	7	8	9 BINGO
10	11 Columbus Day   RIDERS MEETING	12	13	14 RIDERS BEAN DINNER FUNDRAISER 1600-1900 \$10 plate includes drink and dessert	15	16  S.A.L. MEETING RIDERS RIDE BINGO
17 SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BBQ 15:30	18	19	20	21  EXECUTIVE MEETING	22	23 BINGO
24	25  MEMBERSHIP MEETING	26	27	28  LADY RIDERS MEETING	29	30 BINGO
31 Halloween 	POST 15 CLOSED ON THURSDAY'S					

November 2021						
◀ October						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6  RIDERS RIDE BINGO
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends 	8  RIDERS MEETING	9	10	11 Veterans Day 	12  POST VETRANS DINNER 1800 HOURS	13 BINGO
14	15	16	17	18  EXECUTIVE MEETING	19	20  S.A.L MEETING BINGO
21	22  MEMBERSHIP MEETING	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day  POST CLOSED	26 POST CLOSED	27  BINGO
28	29	30	POST 15 CLOSED ON THURSDAY's			



NEEDED - BINGO CALLER

AMERICAN LEGION, MORGAN COUNTY POST 15
IS IN NEED OF BINGO CALLERS FOR SATURDAY EVENINGS.

QUALIFICATION:

MUST BE A MEMBER OF POST 15, AUXILIARY, OR SONS OF THE LEGION

Auxiliary



Welcome to Fall Everyone!

We have hit the road running again this year. We had a successful Early Bird Membership drive and cake auction. You have a chance each month during the dinner to bid on cakes that are made by our Auxiliary members, this is one of our main fund raiser for the year. Thank you to everyone who has and continues to bake and purchase our cakes.

October 3rd we had our state Fall Leadership Conference in Montgomery and this was a wonderful meeting and I think everyone learned something and had fun.

October 5th we'll be hosting a Paint Party where we'll be painting a beautiful Hummingbird Picture.

October 19th is our Christmas Ornament making night. Come join us for fun and fellowship. We'll also be selling the completed ornaments for \$5 each. Contact an Auxiliary Member to purchase/order yours.

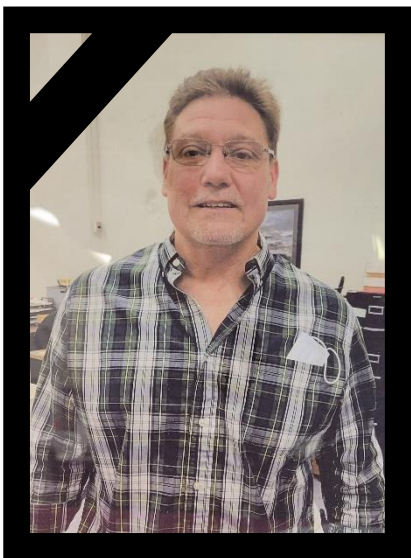
In November we have our beautiful Field of Flags on Veterans Day from Dawn to Dusk (weather permitting). Sponsorship of a flag is only \$10 each. If you have never seen them after they have been placed out front, you need to come by that day, it's truly a beautiful sight to see. The sponsorship forms are available at the Post.

We'll also be starting our canned Food Drive of non-perishable (non-expired) food items that will be used to help needy Veterans during the holidays. Drop box at the Post.

At our upcoming District meeting on December 5th we'll be hosting the Department of Alabama State President, Iris Keen, at this meeting. So if you haven't met her yet, or would like to see her again make plans to attend this meeting (it will be at Post 15, lunch at 1, meeting at 2 pm).

I hope that everyone has safe and happy upcoming holiday season. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Susan Letson
Unit 15 President
256-566-4532
letsons@hiwaay.net



ABOVE: In memorial of Mark Nicholson, past Senior Vice Commander, taken from us far too early.

RIGHT: Post Adjutant Roger Groves presents Comrade Don Smith with a certificate of appreciation from the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs for his many years of dedicated service to Veterans and their families.



December 2021						
◀ November						January ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POST	CLOSED	ON THURSDAY	1	2	3	4  RIDERS RIDE BINGO
5 12th DISTRICT MEETING	6	7	8	9  EXECUTIVE MEETING	10	11 BINGO
12	13  MEMBERSHIP MEETING	14	15	16	17  POST CHRISTMAS DINNER	18  S.A.L. MEETING BINGO
19	20	21 Start of Winter (Winter Solstice)	22	23	24	25 Christmas  NO BINGO
26	27	28	29	30	31 	



Founded in 1993, American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans' homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships.

American Legion Riders



Dear fellow American Legion family members,

The American Legion Riders Chapter 15 has started off strong for the year. We have two new members, Joseph Woodbury (Post Commander) and Joe Bogle have joined our ranks, and we welcome them.

August found several of us riding to the American Legion Southeast Regional Baseball Tournament in Pelham for the opening ceremonies. Several of us also participated in the annual Purple Heart Ceremony held in Hartselle on August 7. The Post's annual Early Bird Fish Fry was held August 28, and we renewed several Riders' memberships. The Lady Riders started back with their monthly meetings in August too.

In September Geri Bright and I took birthday money and snacks to the Tut Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville. The Director of the home wrote and thanked us for our kindness and generosity. It is always a pleasure to take requested items to the residents. Unfortunately, we are unable to visit with the residents now, but we are hoping that we will be able to one day soon. We do plan to ride our motorcycles there one day and parade before the residents at the entrance of the home.

**Special Thanks to [Pepsi](#)
and [Lamar Advertising](#) for their kind
donations in support of the Riders'
Bean Dinner Fundraiser.**

Chapter 15 Riders
stand a flag line
during the Morgan
County POW/MIA
recognition ceremony
in Priceville.



September has also brought many hours of organizing and preparing for our Bean Dinner Fundraiser happening October 14 at our Post. For \$10.00 per plate, you can get beans, cornbread, slaw, greens, a drink and dessert. Serving will be from 4 until 7 p.m. Dine-in and carry out plates are available. Proceeds will go to the Morgan County Veterans Memorial and to the Riders.

As always, we continue to try to ride each 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. While not always possible due to bad weather or conflicting responsibilities, perfect riding season is upon us now and believe me, we are trying to make the most of our beautiful fall in Alabama. With any luck we can get several more rides in this year. We do plan to ride in the Veterans Day Parade being held in Priceville at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 11, 2021. We will also participate in the Veterans Day Ceremony following the parade at 11:00 a.m. We hope to see you there.

We look forward to continuing fellowship with our comrades at the Post in the next three months, and we hope we get to see more of your faces now that the weather is cooling, and our activities are picking up.

Wind therapy helps all of us. Join us if you can.

Theresa A. Groves
Riders Director

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Morgan County Post No. 15

REGULAR MEETINGS ON
FOURTH MONDAY,
EXCEPT MAY & DECEMBER WHEN
MEETINGS ARE ON 2ND MONDAY
7:00 P.M.



2607 HIGHWAY 31, SOUTH
DECATUR, ALABAMA 35603
256-353-5501

ATTENTION

**A VOTE WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING BEING HELD:**

OCTOBER 25, 2021

LOCATION: POST 15, DECATUR

MEETING TIME: 1900HRS (7:00pm)

SUBJECT:

To vote on a change to the post bylaws.

Article X – Meetings, Section 4

Section 4: Twenty-five (25) members shall constitute a quorum

Amend to Read:

Section 4: Twelve (12) members shall constitute a quorum



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 15 2021 ANNUAL FIELD OF FLAGS HONORING VETERANS PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

A Veterans Day tradition of displaying a Field of Flags honoring past, present, and future veterans will happen on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, 2021.

Everyone is invited to sponsor a flag for \$10.00 each. The sponsor may name the veteran he/she is honoring, or he may sponsor a flag and a local veteran will be assigned. Flags will be labelled with sponsor's name and the name of the veteran being honored. Flags will be displayed as to allow sponsors to locate the flag(s) they have sponsored.

Flags will be displayed in the front yard of the American Legion Post 15 from dawn to dusk on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 2607 Highway 31 South in Decatur, Alabama.

To sponsor a flag, please complete the following information and turn in to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 15 at the American Legion Post 15. Make checks payable to The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 15.

Sponsor's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Veteran to be honored: _____

Service Branch: _____ Era served: _____

Mail this completed form and check for \$10.00 each to:

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 15
2607 Highway 31 S
Decatur, AL 35603-1505

A great time was had by everyone during the **Early Bird Fish Fry Membership Drive.** Members from the American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders, enjoyed a day of great food and camaraderie. An auction of delicious deserts raised funds to help further the great work of Unit 15 Auxiliary.

