



The Patriot



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Commander's Corner



From the Commander

I trust all members had a wonderful and joyous holiday season. AL Post #15 ushered the season in with style. We started by hosting the rained-out Veterans Day service at the Post. The participants were treated to a Field of Flags that covered our front lawn courtesy of the Auxiliary. That event was followed by an enjoyable Veterans Day banquet. The membership feasted on a delicious chicken dinner topped off with cheesecake while listening to some live big band music with our own Tim Holmes on the trumpet. The Post then held a tailgate party for the Army/Navy game. Though the final results were not what the good Lord intended, I'm sure, a good time was had by all nonetheless. The Post assisted in the Wreathes Across America ceremony at Roselawn Cemetery. If you have never attended one of these ceremonies, you are truly missing a special way in which to honor veterans. Of course, no holiday would be complete without a Christmas banquet. The Post was festively decorated thanks to the Auxiliary. The ham dinner pleased even the most finicky appetites while Christmas music by a live band filled the hall.

And the fun continues. The Post will host a tail gate party for the Super Bowl on 13 February. Keep in mind that the Post has a large screen projector to view this game near life size.

The main event for the quarter will be the Awards Banquet on March 11. You won't want to miss this as we honor deserving veterans, first responders, and community leaders. A signup sheet will be posted soon.

There are plenty of opportunities to serve veterans and the Post alike. Our distinguished honor guard is always looking for new members. The Post could use a few members to assist with Bingo on Saturday night. This is a paid opportunity that includes dinner. This does not have to be a weekly event. We can work around members' schedules. The Post has recently achieved success in renting the building. There are opportunities for members to make some money by providing security at these events.

We truly have a wonderful facility, but it does take quite a bit of effort to maintain it. Anyone who has some time and/or talent they can lend the Post is highly encouraged to approach a member of the executive committee.

As always, AL Post #15 is here for the membership. The best way it can serve you is by you being active; in particular, attending the monthly meetings even if you can't attend every month. The only way the Post can remain successful is with the participation of the membership. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming fellowship opportunities. The Post meets on the fourth Monday of the month. We do offer the opportunity to attend by Zoom.

Joseph Woodbury
Post 15 Commander

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 BINGO
9	10	11	12	13	14	15  S.A.L. MEETING BINGO
16	17  Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday	18	19	20  EXECUTIVE MEETING	21	22 BINGO
23	24  MEMBERSHIP DINNER & MEETING	25	26	27  LADY RIDERS MEETING	28	29 BINGO
30	31	POST CLOSED ON THURSDAY's				



**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

February 2022						
◀ January						March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Post 15 Oratorical 0900 Chapter 15 Group Ride BINGO
6 12 DISTRICT MEETING 	7	8	9	10	11	12 BINGO
13 SUPER BOWL LVI Tailgate Party 4:30 Kickoff 5:30 Potluck and BYOB	14  RIDERS MEETING 	15	16	17  EXECUTIVE MEETING	18	19  S.A.L.MEETING Chapter 15 Group Ride BINGO
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Meeting Minutes and Newsletters can be accessed online—

<http://www.allegionpost15.com/members.html>

Auxiliary



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed holiday season.

A new year is upon us and lots of things are happening. Next week kicks off with the American Legion Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference in Montgomery.

Last month we had the opportunity to help victims of the tornados in Mayfield, KY with donated items. At Mid-Winter Conference, we will be having the Disaster Relief Trailer at the hotel to "Reload" with items that can be used during the next disaster. Some items that are always needed are cleaning supplies, mops, brooms, cleaners, sponges, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, wipes, hygiene and feminine products to name a few, things without expiration dates. These items can be dropped off at the Post.

We are going to be looking at helping to get some wanted/needed items for our veterans at Floyd E. "Tut" Fann that were not received as Christmas gifts. They are always in need of snacks (no peanut butter or cheese 'n crackers) things like individual chips, cookies, candy bars, 7.5 oz size cans of Pepsi or Coke. They like getting full size candy bars to use as prizes for their bingo games.

Be watching for a date for upcoming training on Leadership and Parliamentary Procedures. I would like to thank all those who helped with decorating for the Veteran's Day and Christmas Dinners, everything looked beautiful!

Hard to believe that this service year is over half over. We would love to have you come join us for all this fun! We will be starting to look for nominations for officers for the 2022-23 year. If you are interested in possibly holding an office next year, please let one of your current officers know. We are also taking nominations right now until February meeting for our 2021-22 Member of the Year. If you have someone that you feel has gone above and beyond, write up a brief bio and email it to me asap (letsons@hiwaay.net) and why you feel this member deserves to be Member of the Year.

I hope you all have a wonderful start to the New Year! Come join us for our yummy cake/dessert auctions before our meetings!

For God and Country,
Susan Letson
Unit 15 Auxiliary President

Unit 15 hosted the annual Field of Flags, reaching a goal of 200 flags this year.



March 2022						
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		1	2	3	4	5 <div>  <p>RIDERS RIDE</p> <p>BINGO</p> </div>
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The American Legion is founded on four pillars-

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

NATIONAL SECURITY

AMERICANISM

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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American Legion Riders



Dear fellow American Legion family members,

The American Legion Riders Chapter 15 wish you and your families a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a fun-filled year of fellowship and activity. We welcome our newest Rider, Scott Stephenson to the Riders.

October, November, and December 2021 were very busy for us with activities and programs, and we are enjoying a much-needed break this winter. Our next meeting is going to be Monday, February 14, 2022, yes, Valentine's Day at 6:00 p.m. at our Post.

In February we will begin working on the annual Post 15 JROTC Drill Competition which will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at our Post. The competition will begin at 9:00 a.m., and we would love to have your support for this event. This is an outstanding activity for our Post to sponsor, and the competitors love to come show off their abilities in front of a crowd. The event is free to everyone, and there will be trophies and other prizes for the teams.

Sometime after the Drill Competition, we will be hosting some other kind of event at our Post. It may be a blood drive, it may be an ice cream social, it may be one of any of number activities. So please stay tuned to your emails for more information.

We continue to ride each 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. While not always possible due to bad weather or conflicting responsibilities, perfect riding season will soon be upon us. With any luck we can get several more rides in this year.

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 soon.

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

Theresa A. Groves
Riders Director



Above: Chapter 15 Riders pay respects to charter member Marco Shindlebower.



Below: Chapter 15 Riders joined with other patriotic groups during the Morgan County Veterans Day Ceremony.

Clockwise from Top: Morgan County Veterans Day Ceremony held at Post 15; Post Commander Woodbury addresses guests at the Veterans Day Dinner; Guests enjoy dancing to the live band; Aerial view of recent roof repairs; Chaplain Johnson shared blessings at the annual Christmas Dinner; and the community wishes George Mills a Happy 100th Birthday.

POST 15 EVENTS

