



The Patriot



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Commander's Corner

From the Commander



It was my intention and expectation that this would be my last submission to the Post newsletter as commander. Alas, the members of Post 15 had other plans. And I thought you guys were my friends. It truly has been an honor serving you veterans as your commander. I guess you all think you will keep me as commander until I get it right. I hope the Post has a retirement plan.

In my humble estimation, the fiscal year 2021/22 has been a successful one for Post 15. Perhaps the biggest achievement is that we overcame the Covid crisis. The Post is back up and running. Bingo is in full swing. We are having in person meetings and activities. The financial condition has stabilized. The Post is poised to continue to do great things.

And great things we have done this past year. There was a myriad of activities that members participated in: the Fish Fry, George Mills centennial birthday party, Veterans Day ceremony, Veterans Day Dinner, Christmas Dinner, Army/Navy game (which was enjoyable even if Navy did win), Wreaths Across America, the Super Bowl tailgate, the Awards Banquet, Memorial Day ceremony, Flag Day/retirement ceremony, many bike rides, and I am sure there were others that I am missing. Membership to Morgan County American Legion Post 15 certainly has its benefits.

It wasn't all just fun and games. The Post remains a pillar in the community and has made the world a better place to live in. The Post donated approximately \$60,000 to various charities. The Honor Guard performed services for over 50 veterans this country lost. We have served dozens of veterans in the community and those at Tut Fann as well. We held an Oratorical Contest, organized our largest drill competition to date, awarded six scholarships, and sent 28 students to Boys State as evidence to our commitment to this country's future leaders.

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful property for our use and became focused on preserving its condition for future generations. The maintenance of the Post included these initiatives: repairing 1/8 th of the roof, upgrading the IT system, improving the security system, repairing the carport, removing the overgrowth from the back of the parking lot, trimming trees, updating the stationary, starting quarterly maintenance service for the HVAC units, replacing Post flags, replacing defibrillator, updating cash register, fixing several plumbing issues, standardizing locks, updating the Constitution and By-laws, and purchasing new chairs. The Post should be proud of everything it accomplished in the past 12 months.

As I embark on my second tour as Post commander, I am optimistic that our Post will only get better. It will start with our annual Early Bird Membership Drive and Fish Fry scheduled on August 13 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You won't want to miss some fried local catfish and Comrade Larsen's world class hush puppies.

I encourage all members to be a part of all these great things that the Post is involved in. With everyone's participation we will be able to achieve more. If you have ideas, share them with a member of the Executive Committee. Let's carry on the proud traditions of the American Legion.

As always, the Post meets on the fourth Monday of the month except for May and December when we meet on the second Monday. Come and experience our revitalized menu. We do offer the opportunity to attend by Zoom. If anyone needs a ride to a meeting, call the Post at 256-353-5501. Bring a friend. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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Joseph Woodbury
Post 15 Commander










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Morgan County Post 15
Calendar of Event
JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POST	CLOSED	ON	THURSDAYS		1	2  RIDERS RIDE 
3	4	5	6	7 NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	8	9 
10	11  RIDERS MEETING 6 PM	12	13	14	15 MOVIE NIGHT 7 PM	16  S.A.L MEETING RIDERS RIDE 
17	18	19	20	21  POST & AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE MEETING 6 PM	22	23 
24	 Dinner: Ribs, corn on the cob, fries, and ice cream 6 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7 PM	26	27	28	29	30 
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**Morgan County Post 15
Calendar of Event
August 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6   RIDERS RIDE
7  12 TH DISTRICT MEETING	8  RIDERS MEETING 6 PM	9	10	11	12	13   EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & FISH FRY
14	15	16	17	18  POST & AUXILIARY EXEXUTIVE MEETING 6 PM	19	20  S.A.L. MEETING RIDERS RIDE
21	22  Dinner: Mexican 6 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7 PM	23	24	25	26	27 
28	29	30	31	POST CLOSED ON THURSDAYS		

Meeting Minutes and Newsletters are available online—

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

Auxiliary



The American Legion Auxiliary is hitting the ground running! We are ready for a great, but busy year. Our committees are in place, and we look forward to a lot of activity helping our veterans and our community.

Come out and join the fun! We'd love to have you come to our meetings and volunteer a little of your time to go a long way. "In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country"

Questions? Contact me at 251-767-2446, or email ala.alunit15@gmail.com

Marsha King, President, Unit 15 Morgan County



Induction of Post 15
Officers for 2022-2023.



(left) The Post 15 family
thanks Roger Groves for
his many contributions to
the community, state, and
nation.

(right) Post 15 recognizes
Jimmy Smith for 60 years
continued membership
with the American Legion.



(below) Post 15 recognizes Don Horton
for 50 years of continued membership
with The American Legion.



(below) Post 15 recognizes Irv Dingus
for 50 years of continued membership
with The American Legion.



Morgan County Post 15 Calendar of Event September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
POST	CLOSED ON	THURSDAY S		1	2	3  RIDERS RIDE 
4	5 	6	7	8	9	10 
11	12  RIDERS MEETING 6 PM	13	14	15	16	17  S.A.L. MEETING RIDERS RIDE 
18	19	20	21	22  POST & AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE MEETING 6 PM	23	24 
25	26  Dinner: Hamburger Steak 6 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7 PM	27	28	29	30	

American Legion Riders



The American Legion Riders Chapter 15 kicked off an active year by hosting the American Legion Post 15's 10th Annual Drill Competition. Hosting six schools, we extend a thanks to all school leaders. Now we are happy to welcome nice riding weather back to North Alabama. After a rather lengthy wet spring the group participated in a number of local activities. Most sadly was the tribute to local hero George Mills who was honored through a ceremony at Roselawn Memorial Cemetery in Decatur. George's presence will be greatly missed throughout our community but his spirit remains as an inspiration for us all. Following that event, we stood a flag line at Roselawn on Memorial Day to honor the many Veterans who are no longer with us.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the American Legion Riders, contact anyone from Chapter 15 to find out how. With recent changes in by-laws, opportunities exist to become a supporting member even if you do not own a motorcycle.

Bob Branin
Riders Director

Chapter 15 Riders Hosted the 10th Annual Post 15 Drill Competition



Chapter 15 Riders pay respect
through flag lines at funerals and
Memorial Day services.



The *Decatur Morgan Country Living 50 Plus* Magazine published an article highlighting the many activities that are sponsored by the Post 15 Family.

<https://living50plusdm.com/2022/06/10/still-serving-american-legion-offers-veterans-friendships-and-ways-to-help-others/>



Post 15 Honor Guard pays respect to local hero George Mills at his final resting place.



Post 15 Commander Woodbury stands alongside a very grateful community to honor Veterans on Memorial Day.



POST 15 ACTIVITIES

Post 15 hosted its 10th Annual Drill Competition that was open to six high schools throughout North Alabama. Each school won a trophy for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in three categories of march. Congratulations to Hartselle High School for winning the most overall points and taking home the Grand Champion Trophy.

