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Commander Joseph Woodbury accepts a \$500 donation to Post 15 from our new neighbors, Valvoline Instant Oil Change. Presented by Veteran, Manager, and Post 15 member Buddy Daniel, who is proud to lead his team that services the local community from Valvoline's first corporate owned store in Alabama. Happy Holidays to the whole Valvoline Team.



### Scouting is coming to Post 15!

Effective January 2023, the American Legion Post 15 is the proud sponsor of Scouting Troop 91. Anyone interested in personally helping to promote Scout activities is asked to contact Charter Organization Representative Pat Volonino, 256-345-5062.



# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

As the year comes to a close and we look back at all the accomplishments of Post 15 during 2022, we can be proud and feel fortunate that we belong to such an active Post that achieves so much for the Legion, veterans, and the Morgan County community.

Since I last wrote, the Post honored all veterans on Veterans Day. The Riders built a float displaying the Four Pillars of the American Legion (Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth) for the Priceville parade. Alas, Mother Nature had the final say and the parade was cancelled due to weather and the Veterans Day ceremony was moved to the Post. And what a wonderful ceremony it was and it was very well attended. Afterwards the weather improved so the Auxiliary went forward with the Field of Flags display. What a sight that was. If you didn't get a chance to see it, go to the Post's website for a short video of it. It is a very nice way to remember the special veterans in our lives. That evening we enjoyed a turkey dinner with chocolate mousse and dancing to a country and western band.

Since we still had a float that the world had not seen, the Post decided to enter it in the Priceville Christmas parade. That was another event that was well attended. This time the weather was absolutely spectacular. A good time was had by all.

In October the Post celebrated the Navy's birthday with cake. Not to be outdone, the Post also celebrated the Marines and American Legion Auxiliary birthdays with cake in November. The Post also hosted an Army/Navy tailgate with the game on the big screen while we watched the better service win!

The Post closed out the year with a fantastic Christmas party. The ham dinner was delicious. The Auxiliary did a fabulous job decorating the hall. They also gave away many holiday door prizes. Congratulations to all the lucky winners. There was a DJ on hand to provide Christmas music during the dinner and dancing music afterwards.

The Christmas season would not be complete without Wreaths Across America. The Post played a pivotal role with the Riders standing a flag line, the honor guard shooting and playing taps, the Post providing the chairs for the attendees to sit, and members assisting in the laying of the wreaths on veterans' graves. This is a respectful way of honoring our veterans that have passed.

Fortunately, Post 15 does not live in the past. It continues to look into the future. On January 28, the Post will host an Oratorical contest when high school students will compete for cash prizes by speaking about the Constitution of the United States. If you are interested in being a judge, time keeper, tabulator, or usher, please see an executive committee member. If you aren't interested, plan on attending none the less as we listen to this country's future leaders extol the virtues of the document we all vowed to defend.

On February 12, the Post will host a Super Bowl tailgate. Last year's event was an absolutely great time. Plan on being a part of this year's festivities.

Before you know it, March will be here and the Post will be hosting an Awards Banquet on March 17. Be sure to sign up for this event as we recognize the great deeds of our community's finest public servants as well as our own veteran of the year.

Post 15 is all about serving veterans. If you are aware of a veteran in need or distress, please inform the Post. We have many resources to improve the lives of veterans. Some of the services we offer are visiting with veterans, offering rides for medical appointments, assisting in accessing VA benefits, building handicap ramps for veterans' homes, loaning medical equipment, and providing financial assistance.

As always, the Post meets on the fourth Monday of the month except for May and December when we meet on the second Monday. Dinner is at 6 pm with the meeting following at 7 pm. 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 veteran friend. As always, I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,  
Joseph Woodbury  
Commander





# Auxiliary Unit 15

The American Legion Auxiliary would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year!

As we say goodbye to 2022, we appreciate each other and all our teamwork accomplishments over the last 12 months. We've worked many of our American Legion Auxiliary Programs, met a lot of new folks and added some new members to our team. We're really excited about our programs and activities completed!

Now we turn our focus to the new year, 2023! We are looking forward to working together, and we invite everyone to look at the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 15 with fresh eyes. Step up to be a part of the teamwork for our veterans, our community and our Post. If you have any questions, or would like to join our team, please feel free to contact Marsha King at (251) 767 – 2446.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7 BINGO 6pm
8	9 Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	10	11	12	13	14 BINGO 6pm
15	16 ML King Day	17	18	19 Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	20	21 Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
22	23 Post 15 Membership Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	24	25	26	27	28 Oratorical Contest BINGO 6pm
29	30	31				

## February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Riders Group Ride BINGO 6pm
5 12th District Meeting	6	7	8	9	10	11 BINGO 6pm
12 Lincoln's B-Day Super Bowl Party	13 Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18 Riders Group Ride Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
19	20 Presidents' Day	21 Mardi Gras	22 Ash Wednesday	23 Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	24	25 BINGO 6pm
26	27 Post 15 Membership Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	28				

## March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Riders Group Ride BINGO 6pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 BINGO 6pm
12 Daylight Saving	13 Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Awards Banquet	18 Riders Group Ride Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
19	20	21	22	23 Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	24	25 BINGO 6pm
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# Riders Chapter 15

The Chapter 15 Riders wrapped up another very successful year of group riders and taking the lead to sponsor a Post 15 float in the annual Priceville Veteran's Day and Christmas parades. While mother nature prevented us from displaying the float on Veterans Day, we were able to promote Post 15's commitment to the 4 pillars of the American Legion at Christmas – representing Security, Child Welfare, Veterans Services, and Americanism. If you are interested in learning more about the American Legion Riders, just contact one of our members or write to [communications@allegionpost15.com](mailto:communications@allegionpost15.com).







# Post 15 Activities

