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During the Awards Banquet and Birthday Celebration, Americanism Chairman Tim Riggs presented an award to the American Legion Post 15 Oratorical Contest Winner, Ashlyn Brooke Jones (left). Past Alabama Department Commander and Alternate NEC Ron Bradstreet presented the Veteran of the Year award to Comrade Bill King (right).

Online Membership Renewals

A reminder to everyone who renews their American Legion Membership online. A new card will not be automatically sent to your home address. You must contact the Post 15 Adjutant who will provide an updated card.



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

My fellow American Legionnaires,

There has been a lot of activity at Post 15 since the last newsletter. As you more than likely have heard, the sprinkler system burst in the backroom on Christmas Eve due to the cold spell that vexed Northern Alabama. An alert was sound and many loyal Post members answered the call. Together with the assistance of some trustees, the damage was limited. Unfortunately, the harm had been done. A portion of the ceiling in the backroom collapsed. The insulation was compromised. Approximately 75% of the walls in the entire building had to be torn out from the floor to a height of two feet. The cabinets in the kitchen and the vanities in the bathrooms delaminated.

Yet we are a military lot. As a Post, we turned this tactical defeat into a strategic victory. We recognized there would not be a better opportunity to address renovation projects and maintenance issues than when we would have a building full of tradesmen. The damaged walls, ceiling, and insulation was replaced. The window to the old Bingo room was enclosed. Unused screws, nails, and phone jacks in the walls were removed. Holes were patched. All lights were converted to LED's. The ceiling was painted. The walls were painted a grayish blue. The wooden cabinets in the kitchen were replaced with stainless steel tables. The Post really looks great. If you haven't done so, please visit the Post to appreciate the new look. The Post is the nicest American Legion I have seen.

There is more to come. The carpet on the stage is being replaced. An overhead door is going to be installed to the kitchen window to match the Bingo windows. Finally, the trim will be repainted with one matching color.

On January 28, the Post hosted the Oratorical Contest. The winner was one Ashlyn Brooke. The Post hosted the District Oratorical Contest where Ashlyn placed second. The District winner, Christine Johnson went on to win the Division and State Oratorical Contests and will represent Alabama in the National Contest. A hearty thanks goes to Tim Riggs whose time and efforts made the contests successful.

On February 12, the Post hosted a Super Bowl tailgate. Eighteen members of the American Legion Family were in attendance and had a festive time. The lesson learned from the game is to never bet on a team in a NFL championship game that has a quarterback from Alabama. Just saying.

Finally, on March 17, the Post hosted the American Legion Birthday and Awards Banquet. This was the Post's opportunity to recognize the community's public servants that go above and beyond the call of duty. A great time was had by all. Violet Kaylor is to be commended for the chicken cordon bleu dinner she and her crew prepared. One would be hard pressed to find a better meal in Alabama that night. Congratulations to Bill King who was awarded the Post's 2023 Veteran of the Year.

Yes, Post 15 is a wonderful Post. It is one of the most active in the state. It is one of the most generous in the state. As members we have a lot to be proud of. However, these accomplishments do not automatically happen. They happen because patriotic veterans give the time and energy generously. With that said, elections will be held in May. If you find it within you a desire to serve veterans, please let the nomination committees or an executive committee member know. Post 15 needs concerned veterans who want to make a difference to continue its legacy of serving the community and country.

I would be remiss if I didn't remind everyone that the Post meets on the fourth Monday of the month except for May (next month!) and December when we meet on the second Monday. A home cooked dinner is served 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 Auxiliary has been busy initiating new members and working our Membership Revitalizing project. Come out and join this growing group of Auxiliary members work our programs and service projects! Have questions about becoming a member? Reach out to Marsha King at 251-767-2446.

Initiation of new members:



April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day Riders Group Ride BINGO 6pm
2 12th District Meeting Post 15 Decatur	3	4	5	6 Passover	7 Good Friday	8 BINGO 6pm
9 Easter	10 Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	11	12	13	14	15 JROTC Drill Competition Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
16	17	18 Taxes Due	19	20 Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	21	22 Earth Day BINGO 6pm
23	24 Post 15 Memebership Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	25	26 Admin Assist Day	27	28	29 BINGO 6pm
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May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Riders Group Ride BINGO 6pm
7	8 Chapter 15 Riders Post 15 Memebership Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	9	10	11	12	13 BINGO 6pm
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day Riders Group Ride Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 BINGO 6pm
28 Pentecost	29 Memorial Day Ceremony Roselawn Cemetery 10am	30	31			

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Riders Group Ride BINGO 6pm
4 12th District Meeting Location TBD	5	6	7	8	9	10 BINGO 6pm
11	12 Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17 Riders Group Ride Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22 Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	23	24 BINGO 6pm
25	26 Post 15 Memebership Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	27	28	29	30	

Riders Chapter 15

The Chapter 15 Riders are ready for good weather to hit the road and promote the principles of the American Legion Family. We had the pleasure of recognizing Ms. Diana Lawton as Rider of the Year (below left) at the Post 15 Awards Banquet in March. Now the attention turns to hosting Post 15's annual Drill Competition scheduled for 9am on 15 April. We highly encourage everyone to stop by and see the many talented cadets competing from schools throughout Morgan County. If you are interested in learning more about the American Legion Riders, just contact one of our members or write to communications@allegionpost15.com.



Post 15 Activities

Post 15 Awards Banquet
Congratulations to all of the winners and their families throughout Morgan County. And Happy 104th Birthday to the American Legion!

