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# THE PATRIOT

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Officer Installation for the Auxiliary and Post Officers were conducted on 26 June.

### 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

Veterans,

Another fiscal year has come and gone. I think a year in review and covering the milestones of the last 12 months is in order.

Perhaps the biggest event in the last year was the recovery from the sprinkler system failure the Post experienced in December. The results are that the Post looks fantastic. The walls, ceiling, and insulation that was affected were replaced. The entire interior of the Post has been painted with a neutral bluish gray. The ceiling was painted. All the lights were replaced with LED's. The kitchen was upgraded with stainless steel fixtures, and a roll down door for the window was installed. The remaining 3/4th's of the roof has been replaced as well. The Post building should be free of any major repairs for years to come.

The Post entrance has an updated look. The honored veterans' photos have been updated with name plates and drapes being added where necessary. The Paid Up for Life plaque was updated, and another plaque procured for additional names. There is a new Riders' banner hanging that is the same size as the other banners. The water fountain was removed, and a new utility closet sink was installed. The Post gives a nice first impression when a person enters.

The American Legion Post, the Auxiliary Chapter, and the Sons of the Legion Squadron all met their membership goals for the year. When was the last time that was achieved?

There were several events held at the Post in the last 365 days. The Post held an Early Bird Membership Drive Fish Fry, a Veterans Day Dinner/Dance, a Christmas Dinner/Dance, an Army/Navy tailgate, a Super Bowl tailgate, an Awards banquet, a District revitalization event, a JROTC drill competition, and a Flag Day/Flag Retirement ceremony. Additionally, the Post built a float that was displayed in the Priceville Christmas Parade.

Post 15 was the lead veteran's organization in the local Combined Patriotic Organization. The Post led the POW/MIA, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day ceremonies during the year for the community as well as assisted with the VFW's Wreaths Across America.

The Post did not forget the children in our community. The Post chartered the Boys Scout Troop 91. It awarded six JROTC scholarships. It hosted the Post and District Oratorical Contests. It sent 17 young men to Boys State. Finally, it sponsored the Decatur High School Shooting Team.

The Post served the community in several other ways. The Honor Guard provided honors for over 50 veteran funerals. Post 15 donated approximately \$48,000 to local and veteran charities. It served as a polling site for last year's primaries and elections. It made visits to homebound veterans as well as building a handicap ramp for one of them. The Post permitted the Morgan County Rescue Squad to use the facility to have a Swamp John fundraiser. The Post Riders rode in the Purple Heart Memorial Ride.

Things continued to get better at the Post. The meals at the Post continue to improve. Each branches' birthdays are now recognized with birthday cake. The Post has procured more of the comfortable white folding chairs. The Bingo computer and software have been updated. A door to the storeroom from the kitchen was installed. A new fire suppression system for the stove was installed as well. Also, the Post, office, and garage have been cleared of a lot of unwanted clutter.

One must admit that this is a mighty impressive list of accomplishments for the year. The entire membership should take pride in these achievements.

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# Commander's Comments (cont)

I would invite all members to visit the Post's website, [www.allegionpost15.com](http://www.allegionpost15.com), and the Post's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/allegionpost15/](http://www.facebook.com/allegionpost15/) to learn about all the great benefits there are to being a Post 15 member.

As always, the Post meets on the fourth Monday of the month except for May and December when we meet on the second Monday. A full and sufficient 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. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally,

Joseph Woodbury  
Commander



## Auxiliary Unit 15

Unit 15 of the AL Auxiliary is planning several projects in the upcoming months. We will be working on the Huntsville VA Clinic Project, School Resource Officer Luncheon, Field of Flags and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in Decatur to mention a few. We look forward to the upcoming year.

If you are a member of the Legion or Son's of the American Legion, and have a spouse, daughter or granddaughter, we can help to sign them up to join the Auxiliary or Juniors program. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions at (251) 767-2446, or by email at [kinghome6743@aol.com](mailto:kinghome6743@aol.com). We look forward to having you join us!

Marsha King, President Unit 15 Morgan County



2023-2024  
Officer  
Installation  
for the  
Auxiliary  
Unit 15



# July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Riders Group Ride BINGO 6pm
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> BINGO 6pm
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Riders Group Ride Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> BINGO 6pm
<b>23</b> Parents' Day	<b>24</b> Post 15 Memebership Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> BINGO 6pm
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Riders Group Ride BINGO 6pm
<b>6</b> 12th District Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Early Bird Fish Fry BINGO 6pm
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Aviation Day Riders Group Ride Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> BINGO 6pm
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Post 15 Memebership Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Riders Group Ride BINGO 6pm
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Labor Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> BINGO 6pm
<b>10</b> Grandparents Day	<b>11</b> Patriot Day Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Riders Group Ride Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
<b>17</b> Constitution Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Autumnal equinox (GMT) BINGO 6pm
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Yom Kippur Post 15 Memebership Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> BINGO 6pm

# Riders Chapter 15



The Chapter 15 Riders are taking advantage of good weather and promoting the principles of the American Legion Family. We had the honor of standing flag lines during the Memorial Day ceremony at Roselawn again this year and honored WWII Veterans as they departed Huntsville airport bound for Normandy, France. We also welcome the new officers for the 2023-2024 year. 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

Post 15 Activities from throughout the last quarter include officer induction, Memorial Day Ceremony, and recognizing volunteers.

