



THE PATRIOT

Serving Morgan County, Alabama



Honor Guard at the Morgan County Veterans Day Ceremony.

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Post 15 Family joins together to thank Violet for all she does.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



Veterans,

Another quarter has come to a close. It has been a productive and rewarding one for the Morgan County American Legion Post 15. Thank you to all the members that have contributed to the Post's recent success.

Veterans Day weekend was a very busy one for the Post. There was a lovely banquet on Friday, November 10. We enjoyed a sumptuous chicken dinner with a lemon cake dessert while listening to martial tunes from a brass band. The following morning the Post assisted the Auxiliary in raising over 200 flags on the front lawn honoring over 200 veterans. It was quite a sight. The crew then partook of an edible hot breakfast at the Post. Afterwards, everyone headed over to the Veterans Day parade in Priceville and then the Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park. The day was topped off with a free appreciation lunch at Applebee's.

On the afternoon of Saturday, December 9, the Post gathered in the back room to watch Army beat the heck out of Navy at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, MA in the annual Army/Navy game. Having humiliated Air Force earlier in the season, Army is the proud custodian of the Commander in Chief's trophy. Our own Communication Officer, Bob Branin, smoked a mighty fine pork butt which was augmented by many tasty sides. Over 20 individuals attended the raucous event.

To celebrate the holiday season, the Post held its Christmas banquet on Friday, December 15. All appetites were satisfied with a delicious ham dinner. The Auxiliary generously provided door prizes. Our facility Manager, Violet Kaylor, was recognized for her invaluable services to the Post. The first person who says the word paramesium to me will receive my raffle tickets at the January membership meeting. The attendees enjoyed dancing to a country and western band to cap off the delightful evening.

The community celebrated once again the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Roselawn Cemetery on Saturday, December 16. Though the weather did not cooperate, the honor guard provided a gun volley and taps while the Riders maintained a flag line. The members then joined the community in placing wreaths on the graves of veterans. This is a wonderful event to honor past veterans.

There will be a District 12 Post Revitalization event at Post 15 on January 20. Anyone willing to spend a couple of hours making phone calls on behalf of the Post please contact the First Vice Bill Cole.

The Post will sponsor an Oratorical Contest on Saturday, February 10 to encourage high school students to learn more about the US Constitution as well as improve their public speaking skills. Please contact the Americanism Chairman, Tim Riggs, if you can serve as a judge, usher, timekeeper, or tabulator. It really is refreshing to observe the nation's future leaders speak passionately about the document we veterans once swore to uphold and defend.

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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 continued

The Post is sponsoring a Super Bowl tailgate on Sunday, February 11. The details are in the planning stages at this time but are certain to include great food and fellowship. Please come and join your fellow comrades on this festive occasion.

The American Legion birthday and Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, March 15. Plan on attending this event as the Post recognizes deserving leaders in the community and the Post. This is still in the planning stages with details to follow soon.

As always, the Post meets on the fourth Monday of the month except for May and December when it meets on the second Monday. Dinner is served at 6 pm with the meeting following at 7 pm. We do offer the opportunity to attend remotely by Zoom. If anyone needs a ride to a meeting, call the Post at 256-353-5501. Bring a veteran friend. So, plan on attending. You will be glad that you did.

Fraternally,

Joseph Woodbury, Commander

Post 15 Oratorical Contest

Attention Morgan County and Decatur City Schools, The American Legion Post 15 will host this year's High School Oratorical Program contest on Feb 10, 2024 at 10:00AM. Information and Sign-Up is open for Contestant in Grades 9-12.

The event includes two rounds of competition. The first round is an 8-to-10-minute prepared oration of the student's choice from The Constitution. The second round is a 3-to-5 minute assigned topic drawn during the contest.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place are awarded scholarship prize money from Post 15, as well as subsequent County contests. Prizes include \$500.00 for 1st, \$300.00 for 2nd, and \$200.00 for 3rd.

For more Information and to sign-up contact the Post 15 Americanism Chairman, Tim Riggs at 256-303-7400 or foottrackr58@gmail.com.

Morgan County Post 15 Honor Guard

The Morgan County Post 15 Honor Guard is hoping to grow with new members to its unit. We are looking for Legion members who have the desire to honor our brothers and sisters in the funeral honor ceremony. If you are interested, please contact Tim Riggs at 256-303-7400, or at email americanism@allegionpost15.com



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



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3 BINGO 6pm
4 12th District Meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10 Oratorical Contest BINGO 6pm
11 Super Bowl Party	12 Lincoln's B-Day Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	13 Mardi Gras	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
18	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22 Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	23	24 BINGO 6pm
25	26 Post 15 Membership Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	27	28	29		



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Riders Group Ride BINGO 6pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 BINGO 6pm
10 Daylight Saving	11 Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	12	13	14	15 Awards Banquet 6pm Reservations Required	16 Riders Group Ride Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
17	18	19	20 Vernal equinox (GMT)	21 Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	22	23 BINGO 6pm
24	25 Post 15 Membership Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Chapter 15

The Chapter 15 Riders had the honor of standing flag lines during the Morgan County Veteran's Day Ceremony and the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Rose Lawn Memorial to recognize the sacrifices of our American heroes.

If you are interested in learning more about the American Legion Riders, just contact one of our members or write to communications@allegionpost15.com.



American Legion Auxiliary, Morgan County Unit 15

As this year comes to an end, we look back and we look forward. We've enjoyed working our American Legion Auxiliary programs and working with the post to serve our veterans. We've accomplished a lot this year with teamwork and perseverance.

Our auxiliary has also experienced some loss this year. We have lost long time members Hilda Belletete and Susan Letson. We have prayed together for our friends and we continue to pray for their families.

Looking forward we have upcoming events to help our veterans and support our American Legion Family:

- BINGO every Saturday night, starts at 6pm – come join our team to help out!
- January 11th – 13th – Mid-Winter Conference in Mobile
- January 22nd @ 6pm – monthly meeting with guest speaker
- February 4th @ 1pm – District meeting will be held at Post 15, and will be sponsored by Unit 229 of Madison
- April 13th @ 9am – American Legion Riders will host their annual Drill Competition. We will fill a supporting role in this event.
- April 19th – first 3rd Friday event of the year – looking forward to a community service project.
- May 19th @ 2pm – Girl's State Orientation – hosted by Unit 15 and is offered to participants from all local units in our district
- May 26th – National Poppy Day

We hope you will come out and join us for our meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 6pm, and join our team for some of the listed events. Any questions? Please feel free to reach out to Marsha King at (251) 767-2446, kinghome6743@aol.com for emails. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

**Unit 15
Members
at the
Christmas
Dinner**



AMERICAN LEGION

Post 15 Activities

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Photos from the Veterans Day Dinner, Veterans Day Ceremony, Field of Flags, Army/Navy Football Game, and Christmas Dinner.



Chuck McClendon is recognized for his continuous years of service to the American Legion.

