



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

We have come to the end of 2024 at the American Legion Post 15, and what an interesting year this has been. We have had the opportunity to complete projects and share our blessings with others this year.

We participated in the Morgan County Veteran's Day celebration, the Veteran's Parade and Field of Flags with the Auxiliary, in addition to our Veteran's Day Dinner. Enjoying this dinner with our veterans is one of the highlights of our annual calendar. We also had a very pleasant gathering for our veterans at the annual Christmas Dinner. Thank you to all that attended and helped with these events.

If you have been to Priceville at the Cross of North Alabama recently you may have noticed the memorial bricks placed on behalf of the American Legion Family. If you have not, please take time to visit. It is a beautiful and peaceful place to enjoy.

We also had the opportunity to participate in Wreaths Across America. An unwavering dedication to our brother and sisters in the military to remember their sacrifices.

In addition, the American Legion Riders led some valuable rides this year, including a ride to Cathedral Caverns and Dismal Canyon as well as the most memorable, The Memorial Ride. The ride, coordinated by Bob Branin, where we had the opportunity to visit the grave sites of our past veterans and had the chance to remember them for their hard work and dedication to the American Legion. This was likely the most important ride of the year.

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We look forward to 2025 with great expectations. We will work together to complete our goals and see that we do everything we can to honor and serve our veterans and community. Please consider offering your time and talent to the many projects we complete throughout the year. Just as in the military ranks, teamwork is essential. I look forward to all we can accomplish in the upcoming months and look forward to seeing everyone at events and monthly meetings. Thank you for your generosity of time, effort and financial donations to benefit Post 15.

Respectfully,
Bill King, Commander
Morgan County, Post 15
commander@allegionpost15.com



[left] Commander King honors the fallen during Wreaths Across America ceremony.

[right] Auxiliary Unit 15 hosted 189 American Flags that dotted the Post's front lawn on Veterans Day.



SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Comrades,

We are at 70% of our goal of 293 members for membership year 2025 - as of December 19, 2024. If you haven't renewed your membership yet for 2025, please take the time to renew your membership soon. Remember, members are the life blood of our organization. We miss seeing each of you at our monthly meetings and you are missing out on the great camaraderie and as always, a delicious dinner. So please send those renewals as soon as possible.

Also a reminder, with the passage of the Legion Act changing the eligibility criteria for membership in the American Legion, this opens up membership to another group of Veterans who were previously not eligible. If you know of any Veterans who served at least one day of service on active duty under honorable service since 7 December 1941, reach out to them and tell them about the American Legion. Tell them about the camaraderie and the community service Post 15 provides. Tell them about services to the local veteran community. Invite them to the Post. Show them around. Ask them to join, then as a membership make them feel welcome.

John Nelson
Post 15
Senior Vice Commander

Online Membership Renewals

For 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.



[left] Commander Bill King accepts a certificate of appreciation from the Marine Corps League recognizing Post 15 for contributions to their program.

[below] Commander King presents members of Auxiliary Unit 15 with a holiday gift of appreciation for all they do throughout the year.



 **AMERICAN
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Morgan County Post 15 Honor Guard

The Morgan County Post 15 Honor Guard welcomes anyone interested in joining its ranks. Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion members from any Post in Division 1 are eligible. If you are interested, please contact a Post officer or call us at (256) 353-5501.



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

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

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						1 Ramadan begins Riders Group Ride BINGO 6pm
2	3	4 Mardi Gras	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	8 BINGO 6pm
9 Daylight Saving	10 Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	11	12	13	14 Awards Banquet 6pm Reservations Required	15 BINGO 6pm
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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Chapter 15

The Chapter 15 Riders do a lot more than just ride their motorcycles - we honor the principles of The American Legion. Some recent happenings included the Veterans Day Parade, Flag Lines at the Veterans Day and Wreaths Across America Ceremonies, a group ride to Dismals Canyon, and a group ride to visit the graves of past Chapter Riders.

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



Chapter 15 Activities

[clockwise from left] Riders in the Veterans Day Parade, group rides to gravesites, Disma's Canyon, and Flag Lines.





Happy New Year to all our Active Duty, Veterans and all our American Legion Family!

Recapping the fall of 2024 includes the Early Bird Drawing at the October meeting, won by Lucy Watkins, Congratulations Lucy! Runner up was the winner of a gift card, Congratulations Joyce Coe! Veteran's Day was a great success with the Veteran's Day Dinner and Field of Flags ending with 189 flags sponsored, great job everyone! We had a wonderful Veterans Day Dinner. Violet and her helpers served a wonderful dinner, along with the help of the Morgan County Tech JROTC, and we enjoyed spending time with our family, and really missed those that could not be there.

Our American Legion Auxiliary Birthday was celebrated with cake, and gifts from our legionnaires. We were presented with the Bow Heart Rhinestone Pin with Auxiliary Emblem for each of the members attending the celebration. The gift was in appreciation for our constant teamwork throughout the year.

Our Auxiliary also participated in the Morgan County Veterans Day ceremony, along with placing wreaths on the graves of our veterans. We had a great group that worked tirelessly in the blustery weather to make sure every veteran in our assigned area was remembered and received a wreath during Wreaths Across America. Our Member of the Year, Pat Darnell, led the group in this dedication as she does every year. Thank you, Pat.

We were very pleased to work with Bob Branin on our Christmas ornaments for sale this year. Each were etched with the veteran's name, branch of service and Merry Christmas! We look forward to seeing what next Christmas will bring.

The Christmas 2024 decorations have been retired and we look forward to greeting 2025 in a big way! First up? Oratorical Contest! Yes, we will be working as a family for the Oratorical Contest this year. The event will be held at the American Legion Post on Saturday, February 8th at 10am. We will be helping the post with filling spots for timers, judges and final tally personnel. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Marsha King, President. We will also be needing help reaching out to schools for contestants. Please contact Marsha King to ask how you can be part of this great event!

We are also planning a bake sale at the monthly meeting to benefit American Legion's Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF). We are looking forward to raising money for this worthwhile fund to help our family in need. If you aren't familiar with the AEF, please reach out to a member for more information, it's worth the opportunity to discuss it!

Just as our American Legion family helps us with Field of Flags, we will be helping the American Legion Riders with their annual JROTC Field Competition in April. Please ask how you can be a part of this amazing event to help our local JROTC members!

We look forward to having everyone join us for our monthly meetings on the fourth Monday of each month, beginning with sharing dinner together at 6pm and enjoying the desserts provided by the members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 15, then the meetings at 7pm.

Thank you for all you do to help our veterans and our community! I truly enjoy being a part of the Auxiliary and the lives that we touch!

Marsha King, President Unit 15, (251) 767-2446, kinghome6743@aol.com

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Post 15 Activities

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Photos of the Wreaths
Across America
Ceremony, Veterans
Day Dinner, and
Auxiliary Unit 15
recognitions.



Unit 15 Auxiliary is participating in Kroger Community Rewards Program



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