



USA250 Project Accomplishments

This has been a great year for American Legion Post 15 and our entire American Legion Family. I am proud to report that every organization within our Legion Family successfully completed its USA250 project. These accomplishments demonstrate the dedication, teamwork, and commitment of our members to honoring our veterans and serving our community.

- **American Legion Post 15:** Properly retired more than **250 American flags** in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code.
- **American Legion Auxiliary:** Handcrafted and donated more than **250 cancer port seat belt covers** for cancer patients.
- **Sons of the American Legion (SAL):** Cleaned and restored more than **250 veteran gravesites and headstones**, preserving the memory of those who served our nation.
- **American Legion Riders:** Successfully rode more than **250 miles**, meeting and exceeding their USA250 goal while promoting veteran awareness and American Legion programs.

These projects reflect the spirit of service that defines the American Legion Family. I want to personally thank every volunteer who donated their time, energy, and talents to make these projects a success. Because of your dedication, American Legion Post 15 continues to set the standard for excellence in service to veterans, their families, and our community.

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POST 15 COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

As we begin a new American Legion year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and thank each of you for your dedication to American Legion Post 15.

Throughout the past year, we consistently remained within the Department's goals for membership retention and new member recruitment. That is an achievement we should all be proud of. As we move into this new year, our goal is to continue building on that success and strive to reach 100% membership—or even exceed it.

We also hosted two (2) successful Family Picnics that brought together members of the Legion Family and strengthened the relationships within our Post. From the beginning of the year, we maintained a high level of activity and momentum, completing several important projects and continuing to improve our Post. That momentum is something we should carry forward into another great year.

Our focus for 2026–2027 remains **"Be the One."** We will continue conducting Buddy Checks at least once each quarter to ensure we stay connected with our fellow veterans and members. A schedule for these Buddy Checks will be established during our July meeting.

While membership has always been a primary focus of the Department, this year's emphasis has shifted even more toward member retention. Retaining our current members while welcoming new ones will remain one of our highest priorities.

I would personally like to thank each of you for your time, dedication, and willingness to volunteer. Your efforts have helped make Post 15 one of the finest American Legion Posts in the State of Alabama.

Our new Department Commander, James Bryant, has visited our Post twice during the past year and has repeatedly commented that we have an "awesome" facility. That recognition is a direct reflection of the hard work and pride each of you has invested in our Post.

We will continue striving to make American Legion Post 15 the very best Post in the state. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead and look forward to making 2026–2027 another outstanding year for our members, our veterans, and our community.

Thank you again for everything you do for Post 15.

Bill King
Commander

BE THE ONE

Online Membership Renewals

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

POST 15 Senior Vice Commander's Comments

Comrades,

As we enter a new Legion year at Post 15, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Post 15 for once again electing me as your Senior Vice Commander. I truly appreciate your trust and support.

Membership & Dues Reminder

I encourage all members to renew your 2026–2027 dues at your earliest convenience. As a Post, we just missed reaching our 100% membership goal by only seven members—let's work together to achieve that milestone this year. You don't have to wait for the early bird fish fry to renew (although we would still love to see you there). Taking care of your dues now ensures you won't forget later in the year and risk a lapse in membership.

Ways to Pay Your Dues

- Online: <http://www.legion.org/>
- By mail:
American Legion Post 15
Highway 31 South
Decatur, Alabama 35603
- In person: Drop it by the Post

Consider the PUFL Option

While renewing, please consider the Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) option. This option:

- Protects you from future dues increases
- Eliminates the need to remember annual payments
- Ensures you receive your membership card each year automatically

Post 15 currently has 39 PUFL members, and I am proud to be one of them. I have never regretted choosing this option.

Get Involved

I encourage each of you to attend our monthly meetings and become an active member. You are missing out on:

- Great camaraderie
- Meaningful involvement
- A delicious dinner at no cost to you

Please help spread the word. If you know a veteran who has served at least one day on active duty under honorable conditions since December 7, 1941—including those currently serving—reach out and invite them to join.

Tell them about:

- The camaraderie
- Our community service efforts
- Support for local veterans

Most importantly, make new members feel welcome and ensure they know they belong.

Remember: This is your Post.

If you have concerns, questions, or suggestions, please bring them to your officers so they can be addressed.

POST 15 Senior Vice Commander's Comments (continued)

Trivia Corner

Test your knowledge:

- Who is the only U.S. Admiral to hold the rank of Admiral of the Navy?

George Dewey

- Which U.S. Marine Corps Lieutenant General was awarded five Navy Crosses?

Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller

- Who are the only father and son Medal of Honor recipients?

Arthur MacArthur, Jr. and Douglas MacArthur
(Also Theodore Roosevelt and Theodore Roosevelt Jr.)

Closing

Thank you for your continued dedication to Post 15 and to our mission of serving veterans, our community, and our nation.

Respectfully,
John Nelson
Senior Vice Commander
American Legion Post 15

Be the One
Semper Fortis



Post 15 hosted the 2026 Morgan County Memorial Day Ceremony, after adverse weather forced the activity indoors. CMA Commander, COL Rodney McCutcheon, was our guest speaker.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day No BINGO
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 BINGO 6pm
12	13 Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	14	15	16	17	18 Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
19 Riders Group Ride	20	21	22	23 Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	24	25 BINGO 6pm
26	27 Post 15 Membership Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	28	29	30	31	
						

August 2026

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

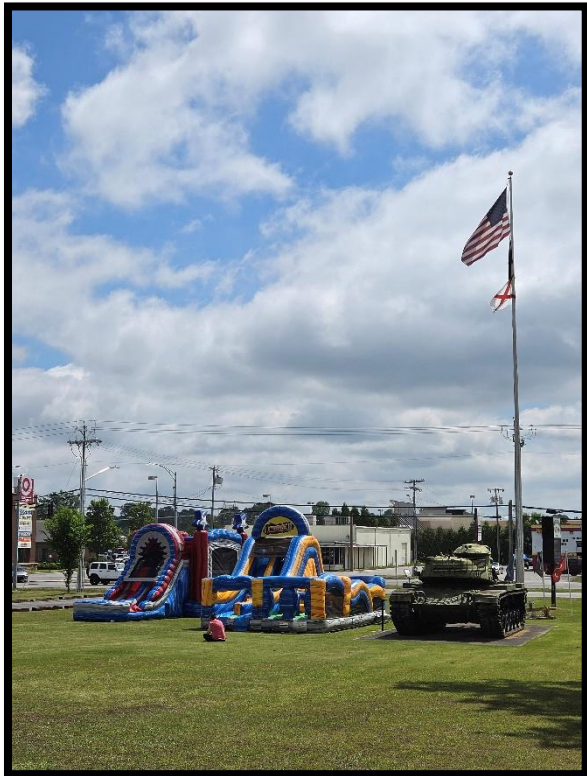
September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Riders Group Ride BINGO 6pm
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12 BINGO 6pm
13 Grandparents Day	14 Chapter 15 Riders Meeting 6pm	15	16	17 Constitution Day	18	19 Sons of Amer Legion BINGO 6pm
20 Riders Group Ride	21	22	23	24 Executive Committee Meeting 6pm	25	26 BINGO 6pm
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THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

RIDING TO SUPPORT VETERANS AND CHILDREN

- American Legion Riders successfully rode more than 250 miles, exceeding their USA250 goal while promoting veteran awareness and American Legion programs.
- Chapter 15 stood a flag line during the Morgan County Memorial Day Ceremony.



Post 15 hosted Family Day, an event that honors members and their families. Thanks to everyone in the Post 15 Family for everything that you do throughout the year!



Spotlight on American Legion National Legislative Priorities

Resolution No. 5: Emerging Therapies to Address Veteran Suicides

Creator(s): American Legion. National Executive Committee Date: 2023-10

Resolution No. 5: Emerging Therapies to Address Veteran Suicides

Submitted by: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

WHEREAS, Known and recorded symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) can include a wide range of negative effects on veterans' physical and mental health; and WHEREAS, nearly one out of four servicewomen experienced military sexual trauma (MST) during their time in service; and WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) research has proven MST is commonly associated with PTSD; and WHEREAS, The VA has reported that around 23 percent of veterans using VA care have or will experience PTSD in their lifetime; and WHEREAS, PTSD is a leading cause of veteran suicide, with PTSD-affected veterans three times more likely to report hopelessness or suicidal ideation than those without PTSD and an average of 16-17 veterans taking their lives each day; and WHEREAS, VA trials of MDMA-assisted therapy have found that the majority of participants experienced significant reduction in PTSD symptoms; and WHEREAS, there are currently multiple, successful, privately funded VA-led studies regarding the treatment of veterans with PTSD utilizing MDMA-assisted therapies; and WHEREAS, MDMA and psilocybin were recently granted "breakthrough therapy" designation for the treatment of PTSD, treatment resistant depression (TRD), and major depressive disorder (MDD), due to the significant improvement shown over currently available interventions; and WHEREAS, The Veteran Mental Health Leadership Coalition (VMHLC) has testified before Congress on the importance of the 'right to try' other successful trials conducted outside of the United States using Ibogaine and 5-MeO-DMT, which have shown significant reductions in suicidal ideation, depression, anxiety, and PTSD; and WHEREAS, The American Journal of Psychiatry shows a single dose of ketamine can rapidly reduce suicidal thoughts, within 24 hours and for up to 1 week in depressed patients; and WHEREAS, starting in 2015, VA has provided 30 on and off-site locations to administer fast-acting intravenous ketamine to veterans suffering from TRD or severe suicidal ideation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 11-12, 2023, That The American Legion urges Congress to pass legislation funding continued research of emerging therapies for veteran health including, but not limited to MDMA, psilocybin, combination therapy of Ibogaine and 5-MeO-DMT, and ketamine; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion calls on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct research on these emerging therapies and expedite funding and training of VA clinicians on the safe administration of these emerging therapies.