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## For God and Country

**April - May - June  
2017 Newsletter**

## AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

### Post

Commander  
Louis Gray  
501-206-2970

1st Vice Commander  
Ken Day  
501-250-5574

2nd Vice Commander  
Jack Marston  
501-206-2642

Adjutant  
Wally Rosier

Finance Officer  
Ed Strain  
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Chaplain  
Ken Wahlgren  
501-728-4359

Historian  
Larry VanveKoven  
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Service Officer  
Mike Nuckolls  
501-206-5666

Judge Advocate  
Bonnie Tatom  
501-206-9620

Sgt. at Arms  
Roy Thompson  
501-691-3384

### Auxiliary

President  
Jackie Brumback  
501-691-5757

Vice President  
Linda Barney  
501-206-0367

Secretary/Treasurer  
Sandra Pennington  
630-234-0372

Historian & Chaplain  
Angie Kisdid  
501-691-6888

Executive Committee  
Members at Large  
Wendy Barbee  
Debbie Thompson

### Post 64 Executive Committee

Terry Brown  
Sam Clary  
Gabe Cothren  
Terry Drake  
Chris Fortenberry  
Ray Jolly  
Charles Kerr  
Lou Kisdid  
Stan Nuckolls  
Jerrold Skinner

### Legion Riders

Director  
Chris Fortenberry  
501-887-6494

Vice Director  
Johnny Whitmire  
501-306-9845

### S.A.L.

Commander  
Tom Thompson  
501-206-4069

1st Vice  
Tim Grant  
501-691-3839

2nd Vice  
Paul Watt

Adjutant/Finance Officer  
Lon G. Baureis  
501-206-6570

Chaplain  
Robert Marker  
501-887-6192

Historian &  
Sgt. at Arms  
Barry Miller

### Legion Riders

2nd Vice  
Tina Daleure  
201-206-2420

Secretary  
Tom Thompson  
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Treasurer  
Ryan Mays  
501-691-4556

Sgt. at Arms  
Emmet Younts  
501-412-1371

Chaplain  
Jim Shoop  
501-206-7632

Road Chaplain  
Steve Cook  
501-691-3337

## POST 64 ACTIVITIES



Wally Rosier, Post 64 Adjutant and Commander of the VFW in Quitman and Louis Gray, Commander of the American Legion in Heber Springs present checks to Kathy Larios from the two posts in support of the Arkansas Storm Soccer Club.

County Judge Jerry Holmes and Veteran's Service Officer Lisa Evridge present a certificate to American Legion Post 64 for their support to veterans and their families.

Receiving the award for the Post are Adjutant Wally Rosier and Commander Louis Gray.



Pearl Harbor Day



December 7, 2016

**2017  
MEMBERSHIP  
CARDS ARE  
HERE.**



## POST INFORMATION

Please submit your photos and articles for the newsletter to:  
[charlottevan@suddenlink.net](mailto:charlottevan@suddenlink.net)

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 1ST.

**National Commander,  
 Charles Schmidt  
 will visit Post 64 on  
 Monday, March 13, 2017.  
 Cocktails offered at 6PM  
 and a prime rib dinner  
 will be served at 7PM.**

**It is important to send your  
 RSVP to the Post to insure  
 enough food is prepared.  
 Please contact the Legion  
 at 501-362-9979  
 or send and email to  
[arpost64@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:arpost64@suddenlinkmail.com)**

Our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/arpost64](http://www.facebook.com/arpost64) has new Administrators who are trying to keep Post 64 information current. Since this Newsletter is only published quarterly, our Facebook page will help to keep all Legionnaires, Sons, Riders and Auxiliary members informed of upcoming activities. Please go to [www.facebook.com/arpost64](http://www.facebook.com/arpost64) and **Like** the page. So far, we only have 150 likes. Let's get it up to 500! Photos taken at Post and community events are posted in albums. **If you have pictures taken at Veteran events, please post to our page.**



## LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER LOUIS GRAY

The new year got off to a good start. The mid-winter conference was held on January 13th and 14th. The first day was mostly training classes. Several of your post officers attended at least 3 of the classes offered. Hopefully they came away with information and ideas to better serve your post.

February saw the ladies auxiliary hold their annual Valentines dinner and dance. Good job to all you ladies that helped put it on.

The National Commander, Charles Schmidt, will be here on March 13th. Cocktails at 6pm and a prime rib dinner will be served at 7pm. If you have not sent your RSVP yet, please do so soon, in order for the kitchen staff to prepare enough food.

I have set March 25th, at 10am to dedicate the Twin Duster to the Filley family. Some of the family will attend. I especially request that anyone who helped repaint the Duster attend the didication. We plan to take photos and put an article in the newspaper.

On April 8th, a group will be going down to Sherwood Forest for the 12th annual tribute to Fallen Heroes. The event is hosted by Post 74, North Little Rock. If you would like to attend, please let me or Bonnie Tatom know. For additional information please check the bulletin boards.

Ken Day and  
 Ken Wahlgren at  
 mid-winter conference





## LEGION RIDERS NEWS

### Director Chris Fortenberry

The American Legion Riders have enjoyed the mild winter weather so far this year. We have been able to ride most Saturdays. An American Legion Riders class was offered at this year's American Legion mid-winter conference with Wally Rosier instructing. It was a very informative class.

The National Commander will be at our Post on Monday, March 13. The Riders will be escorting him to the Post. The Fallen Heroes Ceremony is scheduled for April 8th in Little Rock. The Batesville American Legion Riders have asked to join us for the ride down there.

Thank you for your support for us on our kitchen night at bingo. We also have a few patriotic bracelets left, so, if you want one , contact any Rider.

Ride Safely

Chris Fortenberry

*Our Honor Guard will soon be  
greeting National Commander  
Charles Schmidt.*





## **S.A.L. NEWS**

### **SQUADRON COMMANDER TOM THOMPSON**

First quarter 2017 we reflected on our accomplishments of last year and are gearing up for the coming season. We thank the Legion Family for your support and participation!

Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off was a great success. Thanks to all who donated their chili and to those that enjoyed some Super Chili, helping with our donation to the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation. The Squadron and the Post lost a dear friend in Tony "Boomhower" Darby. We sponsored his memorial and Squadron-Everlasting for the Family.

2017 membership numbers are short of our 100% goal; please renew now if you have not done so. Officer nominations for the coming year take place in our April meeting.

We will serve BBQ ribs on April 29 at the Springfest VW car show.

Memorial Week-end Chicken Dinners are slated for Sunday, May 28.

June 14 is Flag Day. The Sons assist in the ceremony for proper disposal of worn and tattered Flags. Sons members honor their ancestors by serving veterans today. The Legion encourages the SAL to honor those who inspired them by sharing stories of their fathers and grandfathers at [www.Legiontown.org](http://www.Legiontown.org) clicking on "My Hero, Our Story". Legion.org will publish.

May God Bless America and our Troops!

Tom Thompson, Commander



## HONOR GUARD NEWS

### CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

The Honor Guard started this quarter with funerals in Judsonia and Searcy. Then came Pearl Harbor Day. We participated in the ceremony remembering the attack on Pearl Harbor and honoring those who gave their lives as we put wreaths in the Little Red River. We fired the three shot volley and played taps in their remembrance. The DAV and the VFW participated in this ceremony.

We lead the Pangburn Christmas parade with the Color Guard. The DAV and the VFW led the Heber Springs Christmas Parade because it was rescheduled due to the rain. We participated in 9 more funerals this quarter with the farthest being in Newport.



Bonnie Tatom addresses 5th and 6th grade students at Quitman.

Larry VanveKoven reads a document explaining the meaning of each of the 13 folds of the flag. Ken Day and Sam Clary folding the flag.

Ken Day at Quitman Elementary School.



American Legion Post 64, Heber Springs,  
VFW Post 7514 in Quitman  
and DAV Chapter 57, Heber Springs  
joined forces to pay for a  
new floor in the Recreation Room at the  
Pine Mountain Veterans Home.



Ben England member of A.L. Post 64 and VFW Post 7514,  
Bruce Jameson, member of Post 64 and floor installer,  
Larry VanveKoven, Post 64 Historian,  
Post 64 Commander Louis Gray (also member of VFW Post 7514),  
Chris Fortenberry, Executive Committee/Director Leg. Riders Post 64  
and Mary Armour, Acting Adjutant DAV Chapter 57.







## AMERICANISM NEWS CHAIRMAN BONNIE TATOM

We presented a program on Patriotism and Flag Etiquette at the Quitman Elementary School to the 5th and 6th grades. We had 70 plus students. They were very attentive and asked some hard questions at the end of our presentation. The Honor Guard members helped in this program.

Scholarships: We had no one enter the Oratorical contest this year. We are still waiting for applications for the post scholarships.

# APRIL 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Post Officer Nominations will be made at the General membership meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2017</b>				<b>Observances this month:</b> Sunday April 9: Palm Sunday Tuesday April 11: Passover Friday April 14: Good Friday Sunday April 16: Easter		1 
2 Pool Tournament 3:00 PM  Junior Shooters 2PM - 6 PM	3  <b>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</b>	4 <b>Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</b>  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	5	6  <b>S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM</b>	7  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	8
9 <b>Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</b> Pool Tournament 3:00 PM <b>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</b>	10  <b>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</b>	11  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	12	13 <b>General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</b> <b>Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM</b> <b>Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	14  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	15 <b>Post Easter Egg Hunt 1PM</b> 
16  Pool Tournament 3:00 PM Junior Shooters 2PM - 6 PM	17  <b>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</b>	18  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	19	20	21  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	22 
23 <b>Junior Shooters 2PM - 6 PM</b> Pool Tournament 3:00 PM JR. Shooters 2PM - 6 PM Pool Tournament 3:00 PM	24  <b>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</b>	25  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	26  7	27	28  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	29

# MAY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>POST OFFICER ELECTIONS THURSDAY MAY 11 9AM - 6PM</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</b> Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</b> Pool Tournament 3:00 PM Junior Shooters 4:00PM - 6pm	<b>8</b> <b>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</b>	<b>9</b> Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>ELECTION 9-6</b> General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>12</b> <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>MOTHERS DAY BKF. 8AM - Noon</b> Pool Tournament 3:00 PM	<b>15</b> <b>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</b>	<b>16</b> Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>20</b> <b>District 6 Meeting Post 64 Lunch 11AM Meeting Noon</b>
<b>21</b> Pool Tournament 3:00 PM Junior Shooters 2PM - 6 PM	<b>22</b> <b>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</b>	<b>23</b> Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Chicken dinners at Post by SAL</b> Pool Tournament 3:00 PM Junior Shooters 2PM - 6 PM	<b>29</b> <b>Memorial Day Ceremony Spring Park 11AM</b> Lunch at Post Afterwards	<b>30</b> Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<b>31</b> <div>8</div>	<b>Monday May 29th</b> 		A day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America.

# JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>The swearing in of Post officers will be held on Thursday, June 8th at the General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM Pool Tournament 3:00 PM Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Pool Tournament 3:00 PM Junior Shooters 2PM - 6 PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>14 JUNE FLAG DAY Retirement Ceremony 9AM</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Father's Day Breakfast 8AM - Noon Pool Tournament 3:00 PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>First Day of Summer</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Pool Tournament 3:00 PM Junior Shooters 2PM - 6 PM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Junior Shooters 4PM - 6PM</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	