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**July - August - September
2017 Newsletter**

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

<u>Post</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>	<u>S.A.L.</u>
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		Road Chaplain Steve Cook <u>501-691-3337</u>

POST 64 ACTIVITIES

As of June 1st, 2017, American Legion Post 64 has 1090 members making it

the largest post in the state of Arkansas!

We are at 100% retention. In 2016 we ended the year with a total of 1079 members. Let's get out and start recruiting. Whenever you are out in the community, ask people you meet if he/she is a Veteran and if so, are they a Member of the American Legion? If you do not have a membership form with you, just ask them to call the post at 501-362-9979 and inquire about joining. A membership fund has been set up to help with dues for those who need it.



The Duster was dedicated to the Lawrence Filley Family on April 1, 2017. A brief ceremony was held and the beautiful cedar sign crafted by Gabriel Cothren was revealed.

Several Legionaires, Junior Shooters, SONS and others participated in repainting the Duster and its Dedication. Lawrence Filley's son represented the family.



2017
MEMBERSHIP
CARDS ARE HERE.
PLEASE RENEW



POST INFORMATION

Please submit your photos and articles for the newsletter to:
charlottevan@suddenlink.net

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 1ST.



The Patriot Guard Riders and Heber Springs Veterans Riders groups escorted the body of Staff Sergeant Robert Dale Van Fossen from the Clinton National airport in Little Rock to Family Funeral Service in Heber Springs on May 25, 2017. For more than 60 years, he and 51 others have been resting on an Alaskan glacier. But in 2012, their plane's wreckage was re-discovered and recovery efforts began. In March 2016, Van Fossen's family was notified that a positive identification had been made and that his remains would be returned to Arkansas.

**June 23, 24, 25, 2017
Department Convention
Wyndham Riverfront Hotel
North Little Rock, AR
(Friday – Saturday – Sunday)**



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER LOUIS GRAY

First off, I want to thank everyone for supporting me this past year and voting me in for another term as Post Commander. If you have not been around the Post lately (you should have), you will notice a little activity in additions and repairs to your post. We are adding on to the existing walk in cooler behind the canteen. We have purchased a building to house home health care items as our inventory is growing. If you or anyone you know needs to borrow any of these items, let the office or Jerrell Skinner know. If you have any of these items and no longer have use for them, you can donate them to your post. You do not have to be a member to borrow the items. They can be loaned to anyone in need. We are in the process of replacing the existing walk way from the back door to the picnic area with a concrete walk to make it handicap accessible. Soon we will begin work on replacing the roof and repairs to parts of the interior ceiling. We will do our best not to interrupt daily operations. Please bear with us. If you have any suggestions on improving the Post, please come to a general meeting and let us hear from you. That is the only place your voice can be heard. General membership meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM. All meetings are listed on the Monthly calendars in the center of the Newsletter. Plus, the monthly calendars are posted on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/arpost64.



LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Director Chris Fortenberry

The American Legion Riders have been busy this quarter. We have had the honor of being asked by the Patriot Guard Riders to participate in numerous funerals of our fallen heroes, some missing in action for over 60 years. Thank you Riders and Honor Guard for making these heroes and their families feel that their sacrifices were and always will be remembered. Welcome our newest members to our American Legion Riders: Harold Lewis, Aaron Boyd and his wife, Tina Boyd. Always look out for your fellow Riders and be safe!



Our Facebook page, 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 and **Like** the page. So far, we only have 166 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.**



AUXILIARY NEWS

UNIT PRESIDENT JACKIE BRUMBACK

Dear Members,

We're proud to announce we sent 10 Girls through to Girls State this year. We hope to have one of our Delegates come back to tell us about her experience. Justin Ivy from Pangburn was our choice for the \$500 Academic Scholarship award. We then submitted Justin to the State Scholarship contest and he won the \$1,000 scholarship! So, we were able to help this wonderful young man with \$1500 for his start to college. We could not have done these things without the help and support from our American Legion Family.

Now it is time to start raising money for all of our projects for the coming year. We begin with our monthly Bake Sale. The bake sale will be set up at the Old Glove Factory's antique sale held the first weekend of every month. We will be raising money for next year's Girls State. Donations are greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call if you would like to help in any way by donating baked goods or home made items for a good cause. We would love to talk to you.

Our JR Auxiliary girls will be selling fresh popcorn to raise money for their projects and Patch Program. Junior Auxiliary is looking for girls (daughters, granddaughters, nieces) to join the program. Girls from ages K-12 are welcome. Please call Nikki at 501-206-4757 for any questions or information. They had their first annual kick ball game Memorial Weekend and the kids have lots more activities coming up. Have a wonderful safe summer and God bless.

Jackie Brumback
501-691-5757
Linda Barney



S.A.L. NEWS

SQUADRON COMMANDER GABRIEL COTHORN

NO SUBMISSION



HONOR GUARD NEWS CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This quarter we participated in 15 funerals. They were in various parts of our coverage area. We also welcomed the National Commander to our post. We went to nursing homes twice for programs and Posted colors for a veteran recognition program at Wooster.



POST SERVICE OFFICER JERRELL SKINNER

I am not into the service officers duties quite fully yet, but I will get there. We have a building on order for our handicap equipment. This building should be here in a week or so. We will then be able to inventory all of our handicap equipment, label and store it. This will be for people that are unable to get help from other sources. I have not appointed a committee to assist the (PSO) as of yet, but have several people in mind. More to come next time.

Thanks,

Your Service Officer



**Post 64 Honor Guard and Legion Riders
heading to Twelfth Annual Tribute to Fallen
Heroes in Sherwood Forest.**



AMERICANISM NEWS CHAIRMAN BONNIE TATOM

Americanism:

We presented patriotism and Flag Etiquette at the Quitman and the Concord schools. We had no applications for the oratorical contest this year. The poster contest information was delivered to all 7 elementary schools.

We are awaiting their posters.

Post Scholarships:

We were able to award both post scholarships this year. The \$1000 scholarship was awarded to Matthew Wrighton of

Greenbriar High School. Destiny Dixon from Rose Bud



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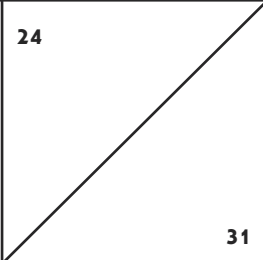


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Our Honor Guard at one of many funerals

JULY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day July 27th			1 Parade in Quitman Starting at 10AM followed by Ceremony at City Hall
2	3	4 Independence Day Post Picnic 11AM-- ?? Hogue's Hut	5	6 S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM	7 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	8
9 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM	10	11 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	12	13 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	14 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	15
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AUGUST 2017

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		1 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	2	3 OLD SOLDIERS REUNION PARADE 6PM Carnival starts 	4 OLD SOLDIERS REUNION CARNIVAL Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	5 OLD SOLDIERS REUNION CARNIVAL
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SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September 15th is National POW - MIA Recognition Day					1 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	2
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