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**October - November - December
2017 Newsletter**

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Stan Nuckolls
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Wally Rosier

Finance Officer

Ben England
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Chaplain

Ken Wahlgren
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Larry VanveKoven
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Executive Committee

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Aaron Boyd
Sam Clary
Steve Cook
Gabe Cothron
Terry Drake
Chris Fortenberry
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Legion Riders

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Historian

To Be Appointed

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Secretary/Treasurer

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Ryan Mays1
Chaplain

Jim Shoop

501-206-7632

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Steve Cook
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POST 64 ACTIVITIES



Adjutant Wally Rosier, Commander Louis Gray, and Kathryn Johnson of Johnson Brothers Amusements present a check to Renee Kelley towards the single parent scholarship



Honor Guard Members Larry VanveKoven, Ken Wahlgren, Charles Kerr, Ken Day and Bonnie Tatom escorted entrants in the pageant at Seven Springs



Soni Beene with Commander Louis Gray. Soni won 1st Place in Just Say No To Drugs poster contest.

Eli Leonard and Griffin Smith who attended Boys State 2017 shared their experiences at the General Membership meeting. Pictured below with Bonnie Tatom, Americanism Chairman, Commander Louis Gray and Adjutant Wally Rosier.



POST INFORMATION

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

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS DECEMBER 1ST.



Watermelon eating contest
at the 4th of July Picnic.

The Independence Day Parade in Quitman on July 2nd was lead by the Post 64 Color Guard. The SAL and Legion Riders also participated.



Auxiliary Calendar: Oct., Nov., Dec. Dates

October 1st: Desserts needed for Early Bird Dinner

October 6th-8th Fri.-Sun: Bake Sale @ Old Glove Factory
 Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. Noon to 5 p.m.

October 21st Sat. Halloween Street Dance 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Need candy donations for Trunk or Treat

November 3rd-5th Fri.-Sun: Bake Sale @ Old Glove Factory
 Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. Noon to 5 p.m.

November 11th Sat: F.O.H. Closing Ceremony @ 3 p.m.
 November 11th: Sat. Auxiliary Dance @ 9 p.m.-?

November 19th: Desserts needed for Thanksgiving Dinner

December 1st-3rd Fri. -Sun: Bake Sale @ Old Glove Factory
 Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. Noon to 5 p.m.

December 23rd.: Desserts needed for Christmas Dinner



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER LOUIS GRAY

The Old Soldiers reunion and parade has come and gone. Thanks to Gabe Cothron and his crew for doing an outstanding job. Plans are already begun for next year. The carnival will open on Wednesday next year and open at noon on Saturday.

The new roof is complete, add on cooler installed, and other repairs are complete without interruption of services. A great big thanks go out to Jack Marston, Stan Nuckolls, and Kenneth Wahlgren for overseeing these projects. I want to especially thank Kenneth for all the electrical work and repairs needed and keeping us out of the dark.

If you want a great prime rib dinner prepared by the best cooks around, be here October 1st at 1 o'clock for our annual early bird dinner. You must renew your membership by September 29th to take advantage. Dues will NOT be accepted at the dinner.

Make plans to attend the Veterans Day ceremony at Spring Park on November 11th at 11pm.

A big announcement, that all Vietnam veterans will want to hear, will be made. See you there.

Louis Gray, Commander Post 64



SAL
Com-
mander
Gabe
Cothron
with SAL
members,
Post Com-
mander
Louis Gray,
Ken Day
and Ken
Wahlgren in
Spring Park
during Old
Soldiers Re-
union.



LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Director Chris Fortenberry

Hello American Legion Family. The American Legion Riders have been active this quarter. We have participated in seven funerals and one memorial. We also helped with traffic control for the Old Soldiers Reunion Parade. We are still riding every Saturday, weather permitting. I would like to thank Harold Lewis for the delicious enchiladas he prepared and donated to the American Legion Riders bingo kitchen duty night. Also, Jim Shoop, who is always a big help with the kitchen. Glad to see more participation from our group. When we ride, we are many times, the first impression of the American Legion and Post 64. So, let's make it a good one. Ride safely knowing that you represent our past, present and future members.
Chris

**2018
MEMBERSHIP
CARDS ARE HERE.
PLEASE RENEW**

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 196 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 ANGELA "NIKKI" HAMPTON

Hello all of you beautiful ladies! The past three months have been very eventful. On July 13th, I was sworn in as your new President. We tearfully said our goodbyes to Past President, Jackie Brumback but wished her blessings and happiness on her new adventure in Arizona. She will be missed. We also welcome Janice Havner as our new Sgt-at-Arms, and Marlye Bolls as our new Historian. In the month of July, we provided watermelons and other dishes for the Independence Day Post Picnic. During August, both the Senior Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary walked in the Old Soldier's parade with banners and handed out candy. We had a District 6 meeting in McCrory and we also had the American Legion National Convention in Reno, NV. I personally attended this convention and learned a lot. I have fresh ideas to share with you all that will help our Unit become one of the best in the Department! Diane Duscheck was elected as our new National Madame President. Between the National Madame President, Department Madame President Dr. Barbra Johnson, and myself, I have full confidence that this year will be a year for the books for our Unit! Our Unit was one that received a \$1000 grant from National Auxiliary Headquarters and Community Service. With this grant, we hosted a Community Reintegration and 9/11 Remembrance project which was held Sept. 9th. Very proud moment for us all. Also, on Sept. 9th, the Junior Auxiliary held a Silent Auction and Fish Fry fundraiser. The Juniors also held their very first food drive which all donations have been given the Heber Springs Dream Center. I want to thank each of the volunteers in front and behind the scenes that have made these past events not only possible but successful. A huge thanks to every individual who have donated to these different causes. If you have not got your 2018 "Early Bird" card, I encourage you to do so as quickly as possible. The last day to purchase an Early Bird card is Fri. Sept. 29th. Also, a friendly reminder, the second Thursday of every month at 630 p.m. is our monthly Unit meeting, don't be a stranger! Come to the meeting and share your ideas. Remember, every member is important and we value each and every one of you! Without YOU, we can not fulfill our purpose of 100% Americanism Children and Youth, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, and National Security.

(If you are interested in volunteering or donating Baked Goods for the monthly baked good sale at the Old Glove Factory, please contact: Karen Tompsett (501-250-6151)

Sincerely,
Nikki Hampton
Unit President



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

The Honor Guard was quite busy this last Quarter. We participated in 10 funerals performing Military Honors. We lead the Quitman 4th of July Parade with the Color Guard and participated in their program where our State Commander Michael Westergren was the speaker. We taught Flag etiquette to the SAL detachment. We went to the Seven Springs Nursing Home and escorted the ladies in a beauty contest. We posted colors for the Jitter Boppers at their annual Dance where they honor veterans. We led the Old Soldiers Parade with a Color Guard and posted Colors for the Old Soldiers beauty contest. We participated in three memorial services and a Post Everlasting for Ellis Beatty.

We have two new members. Tim Hardin and Michael Huckstadt. Welcome aboard fellows. We are glad to have you both.



POST SERVICE OFFICER

JERRELL SKINNER

Hi, everyone. I hope things are going your way, nothing like a good day. The building is here now and set up. It is wired for lights and we have all of our handicap equipment inventoried and stocked. We have a wide variety of items ready for use. If you encounter anyone in need of such items, please contact me at 501-269-4247 or any other legion officer at Post 64. I am sure they will be glad to get in touch with me or help any way they can. A pair of wheels has been replaced on one wheelchair. Thanks to the committee members: Charles Kerr, Chester Morrow and Charles Morrow. Please don't forget to check the bulletin board in the foyer as you come into the Post for new information. Thanks.

Your Service officer
Jerrell Skinner



AMERICANISM NEWS CHAIRMAN BONNIE TATOM

The "War on Drugs Poster Contest" had one school to participate this year, Rose Bud 5th Grade. The winners were: 1st Place Soni Beene \$50.00, 2nd Place Ana Norris \$35.00 and 3rd Place Maddasion Harrison 20.00. The 1st Place winner went on to win second place in the state contest. Soni and Ana Came to the post to accept their certificates and checks.

Boys State had 3 boys from our area to attend. One from South-side Greers Ferry and two from Guy. Alex Klepko from South-side came to the June meeting to receive his certificate and \$100.00 check and tell us about his experience at Boys State. Eli Leonard and Griffin Smith came to the July meeting for the same purpose.

Bonnie Tatom



S.A.L. NEWS SQUADRON COMMANDER GABRIEL COTHRON

Looking toward the holidays, we have had an active 3rd quarter. With some new Squadron Officers for the year, we continue to be very active in our fundraising, thanks to Post 64 Family and community support, enabling us to donate to causes of our Veterans and the community. We surpassed 100% membership for 2017. Early Bird Dinner for those that have renewed 2018 is Oct. 1.



We spent hard-earned proceeds from events and memberships on various causes, including the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation, National Emergency Fund, and it's Legacy Scholarship Fund for children of KIA. We were once again Corporate Sponsors for Relay for Life. We did BBQ for the Post's 4th of July party, participated in Old Soldiers Reunion and Quitman July 4th parades, served pulled-pork at Old Soldiers Reunion Carnival, served tri-tip burritos for Relay for Life, and did our part serving Bingo crowds. We also helped with set-up for Auxiliary's Field of Heroes. We will once again help to get the Post's annual Food Drive up and rolling and are preparing for Squadron Holiday donations. Be sure to renew your 2018 memberships for another banner year for Squadron 64. For God and Country, Veteran and Community causes, Thank you for all your support! Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all.

Gabe

OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Early Bird Dinner 1PM	2	3 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	4	5 S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM	6 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	7
8 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM	9  COLUMBUS DAY	10 Pool Tournament 3:00 PM	11	12 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	13 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	14
15	16	17 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	18	19	20 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	21
22	23	24 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	25	26	27 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	28
29	30	31  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	7	We are now accepting donations of turkeys for the Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you.		

NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM	3 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	4
5  Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM	6	7 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	8	9 General Membership <u>Meeting 6:30 PM</u> Auxiliary Meeting <u>6:30 PM</u> Honor Guard <u>Meeting 7:30 PM</u>	10 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	11 Veterans Day Ceremony Spring Park 11 AM Lunch After at Post
12	13	14 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	15	16	17 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	18 DISTRICT 6 MEETING AUGUSTA LUNCH @ 11 MEETING @ NOON
19 Post Thanksgiving Dinner 12 Noon	20	21 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	22	23 Meals on Wheels 	24 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	25
26	27	28 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	29 8	30	Accepting Food Donations for Christmas Boxes	

DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	2
3	4	5 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony Swinging Bridge 11 AM	8 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	9
10	11	12 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	13	14	15 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	16
17	18	19 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	20	21	22 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	23 Post Christmas Dinner 12 Noon Post closes 5:30PM Employee Christmas Party 6:00 PM
24 <div>31</div>	25 CLOSED 	26 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	27 <div>9</div>	28	29 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	30