



The American Legion  
Saxton-Willis Post 64  
49 Park Road  
Heber Springs, AR 72543

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Heber Springs, AR  
Permit # 54

or current resident



The American Legion  
The World's Largest Veterans Organization

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Saxton-Willis Post 64  
49 Park Road

Heber Springs, Arkansas 72543  
501-362-9979 / fax: 501-362-2502



[www.arpost64.org](http://www.arpost64.org)



[arpost64@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:arpost64@suddenlinkmail.com)



[www.facebook.com/arpost64](https://www.facebook.com/arpost64)

**Largest Post in the  
state of Arkansas**



For God and Country

January - February - March  
2018 Newsletter

## AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

### Post

#### **Commander**

Louis Gray  
501-206-2970

#### **1st Vice Commander**

Stan Nuckolls  
501-593-9087

#### **2nd Vice Commander**

Jack Marston  
501-206-2642

#### **Adjutant**

Wally Rosier

#### **Finance Officer**

Ben England  
501-365-6442

#### **Chaplain**

Ken Wahlgren  
501-728-4359

#### **Historian**

Larry VanveKoven  
501-362-3887

#### **Service Officer**

Jerrell Skinner  
501-269-4247

#### **Judge Advocate**

Bonnie Tatom  
501-206-9620

#### **Sgt. at Arms**

Roy Thompson  
501-691-3384

#### **Assist Finance**

Ed Strain  
870-834-0386

### Auxiliary

#### **President**

Angela "Nikki" Hampton  
501-206-4757  
nikki.post64.auxiliary@  
gmail.com

#### **Vice President**

Linda Barney  
501-206-0367

#### **Secretary/Treasurer**

Betty Cupples  
501-365-6895

#### **Sgt. at Arms**

Janice Havner  
501-206-5842

#### **Historian**

Marlye Bolts  
501-365-3772

#### **Membership**

Angela Waters  
501-365-3131

### Post 64

#### **Executive Committee**

Verlon Abram  
Aaron Boyd  
Sam Clary  
Ken Day

Terry Drake  
Chris Fortenberry  
Ray Jolly  
Charles Kerr  
Lou Kisded  
Harold Lewis

### Legion Riders

#### **Director**

Chris Fortenberry  
501-887-6494

### S.A.L.

#### **Commander**

#### **Acting Commander**

Tim Grant  
501-691-3839

#### **2nd Vice Commander**

Robert Marker  
501-887-6192

#### **Adjutant/Finance Officer**

Tom Thompson  
501-206-4069

#### **Chaplain**

Timothy Golden  
501-270-1255

#### **Sgt. at Arms**

Robert Willard  
501-691-3983

#### **Historian**

Larry VanveKoven  
501-362-3887

### Legion Riders

#### **Vice Director**

Steve Cook  
501-206-0929

#### **2nd Vice Director**

Tina Daleure  
201-206-2420

#### **Secretary/Treasurer**

Tom Thompson  
501-206-4069

#### **Sgt. at Arms**

Ryan Mays  
1-501-691-4556

#### **Chaplain**

Jim Shoop  
501-206-7632

#### **Road Chaplain**

Steve Cook  
501-206-0929

## POST 64 ACTIVITIES



Dept. Commander Mike Westergren and Dept. Adjutant Bob Renner spoke at a dinner in their honor.



Chester Morrow and Comm. Gray at Quitman School.



Stan Nuckolls at Concord School.



Honor Guard and others awaiting burgers at the Post in between ceremonies.



Honor Guard members Jerrell Skinner and Sam Clary at Closing of Field of Heroes.



Bonnie Tatom and Ken Wahlgren at Greenbrier Senior Center.



Chester Morrow loans his coat to Charles A. Dumas at Ceremony in Spring Park.

VETERANS DAY





## POST INFORMATION

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

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 1ST.**

A big thank you goes out to the following who donated turkeys to the Post:

Mike Hays  
 Brad Frink  
 Linda Barney  
 Terry Drake  
 Bill Hudspeth  
 Charlie Kerr  
 Ken Day  
 Bonnie Tatom  
 Rich Klindt  
 Ron Boone & Rosemary  
 Robert & Sandi  
 Mr. & Mrs. Louis Gray  
 Mario  
 Greg & Trish  
 Teddy & Pam  
 Bobby Binahic  
 John Lindsey  
 Teddy B.  
 Stan Nuckolls  
 Ken Wahlgren  
 Jerrell Skinner



**2018 Membership Cards**  
**have arrived**  
 Early Renewal helps support  
 the Post, SAL,  
 Auxillary, and Riders  
**Let's Be #1**  
**Renew Today**



Sam Clary, Ken Wahlgren, Ken Day and Bonnie Tatom at Judsoia School on Veterans Day.



Ajutant Wally Rosier and Commander Louis Gray present a check to Sandra, Hayden and Don Gardner for Service Dogs of Distinction.



## LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER LOUIS GRAY

Happy New Year to all the Legion family. Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and very Merry Christmas as well. This past 6 months has been a very busy and productive time. Thanks to Kenneth Wahlgren for making all the necessary electrical repairs, main electrical panel was replaced, home health care building wired, several other circuit breakers had to be replaced.

Thanks Kenneth for keeping us out of the dark.

Also a big attaboy goes to Stan Nucholls and Jack Marston for all their hard work and numerous hours spent at the post. Under their supervision, a new loading dock, ramp to Hogues Hut, new add on walk in cooler has been installed, and a new roof has been put on the building.

We now have a home health care building loaded with items and ready to be checked out to anyone needs them, thanks to Jerrell Skinner. Hogues hut and other building have been repainted. Should have the signs on front of the building completed soon.

I want thank the Honor Guard and others who helped during Veterans Day week. It was the busiest I can recall. It's a good thing that we are in big demand to post colors, conduct ceremonies, attend ceremonies, and give speeches in the community and especially the schools.

Next thing I want to do before much longer is a good cleaning of the canteen and the grounds. We may be asking for volunteers to do so or hire a professional cleaning service. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome.

**Louis Gray**  
**Post Commander**



## **LEGION RIDERS NEWS**

### **Director Chris Fortenberry**

Hello American Legion Family. It is with great sadness that I have to report the loss of Renee "Secretary" Bradley. She was an Auxiliary member as well as an AL Rider. She was an active member attending all of our meetings. She will be missed.

We will be busy during this holiday season with our annual toy run and various holiday festivities. Thank you for your continuous support. We have to recruit more members this coming year and continue growing. I would like to welcome our newest members, Harold Lewis and Victor Lay. Also, a big thank you for all the help in the kitchen: Tim, Jim, Harold and Victor. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Chris



## **POST SERVICE OFFICER**

### **JERRELL SKINNER**

Well I hope this finds everybody doing well. We have certainly had a big busy fourth quarter of this year. Hope everyone had plenty of turkey during Thanksgiving. We had a very big surge in donations of handicap equipment this month, more than expected. We are in good shape until we loan some out. We have a SAL member that should help us sign items out more easily. His name is Tom Thompson and he'll be helping us this coming year. We would like to welcome him. Now for the latest: we have a new ramp to get us in and out of our building and we have to thank Teddy and his friend Harold for that. If anyone has any questions about our handicap equipment are it's usage feel free to call me. Thanks for supporting the American Legion. Your post service officer Jerrell Skinner. 501-269-4247



## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

### **UNIT PRESIDENT ANGELA "NIKKI" HAMPTON**

Hello again my lovely ladies!! I hope these past three months have treated you well and you have enjoyed your holidays. The Auxiliary has been very busy over these past three months. During the month of October, we donated desserts for the Early Bird Dinner and handed out tons of candy at the Trunk or Treat at the After Dark in the Park. In November we had our closing ceremony for the Field of Heroes. This year was a HUGE success! I would like to thank the Sons of the Legion for their help, and a special thanks to Sons' member, Robert Marker for going above and beyond to help Linda Barney. On November 11th, we held a fundraiser which benefits the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. It was a great turn out! The spaghetti was delicious and the DJ did a fantastic job! Huge shout out to the ladies that helped with this event, I'm proud of you. Also in November, we had our District 6 meeting in Augusta; always great seeing our Auxiliary sisters from others posts! Another thank you to the ladies who donated desserts for the Post Thanksgiving dinner. During the Junior Auxiliary's Thanksgiving break, they had a craft day to make things that will be given to the veterans at Pine Mountain Retirement Home for Christmas. In December, I was honored to participate in the annual Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony. It was a privilege to walk alongside those World War II veterans. Thank you to everyone who donated desserts for the Post Christmas Dinner! Mark your calendars for the first weekend of each month and remember we have our monthly bake sale at the Old Glove Factory! Membership is off to a great start! If you have yet to renew, I encourage you to do so. Every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. is our Unit meeting and it has been wonderful seeing the increase of attendance at each meeting. If you haven't made it to a meeting, be sure to get out here and share your ideas! YOU are what makes this Organization so wonderful! Until next time ladies, God Bless!

Sincerely,  
Nikki Hampton  
Unit President



## **HONOR GUARD NEWS**

### **CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM**

This has been a different quarter for the Honor Guard. September was a normal month. October was a quiet month but November made up for it. We participated in 10 funerals with the last one being at the state veterans cemetery in North Little Rock. We posted colors twice at the Community Center for different events, at ASU for the Lyons Club, for the 911 program at the Court House, and Closing of the Field of Heroes. We taught Flag etiquette and Patriotism at the Quitman elementary school for the 5th and 6th grade students. We were invited to a Heber Springs football game where veterans were honored by the team players and all the coaches.

Then came the Veterans day programs. We were invited to the Southside School in Bee Branch. The students presented the program honoring veterans and then they fed us breakfast. We then went to Greenbriar Senior Center where we presented a veterans program and then shared lunch with them. The next day Ken Day and company presented the program as well as posting colors at Concord High School, another group went to Quitman to post colors for their veterans ceremony. That afternoon some went to Seven Springs nursing home and the rest of the group went to Judsonia for a program in the elementary school. Then for Veterans Day we started at Walmart posting colors for their veterans recognition program. Then to Spring Park for the formal Veterans Day program. After lunch at the post, we posted Colors for the closing of the Field of Heroes.

Then Sunday we posted Colors at the 1st Baptist Church for their veterans program. We went on to Rose Bud for their program. It was very heart warming to attend all of these functions and see and feel the gratitude shown at each of them. We were thanked by all age groups.

I would like to thank all the Honor Guard and all other volunteers for their dedication and reverence in attending and performing at these functions. We even had restaurants in town which offered free or discounted meals in which some of us got to participate.

Bonnie Tatom



## **AMERICANISM NEWS**

### **CHAIRMAN BONNIE TATOM**

The package for the Oratorical Contest has been delivered to all schools in our area. We even gave some to a couple of students from Southside at Bee Branch. Some people expressed interest in the program but no one has officially enrolled yet. We are still hoping. The entry form for the post scholarship program should be available in December. This is for graduating seniors that have family that are members of our post. The Don't do Drugs poster contest will be distributed after the first of the year.

**Bonnie Tatom**



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

### **Acting Squadron Commander Tim Grant**

Starting the New Year, Squadron 64 thanks Legion Family Members and its patrons for all the support given to us. We hope for continued support in our efforts for Veterans and our community. It is my duty to report that Gabriel Cothron has stepped down for personal reasons as Sons Commander here at Squadron 64. The Squadron wishes Gabe and his family all our best. I will be Acting Commander until May elections. This past quarter, the Squadron participated in Field of Heroes, Veterans Day ceremony in the park, Ozark Trail Festival information booth for the Post and Pearl Harbor Day. We donated Halloween Candy for the Auxiliary, sponsored a hole in a local golf tournament for local youth Christmas toys, helped in the Post's Food Drive, donated to CAPCA, and NEF. Besides doing our Bingo night, the Squadron started a comeback of Taco Tuesdays. Come on out and enjoy tacos 5-8 p.m. We are planning once again on Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off. Details to come. 2017 member cards are now void; BE SURE TO RENEW FOR 2018. Membership is vital to our causes. Again, Thank You all for supporting your Sons of The American Legion. Keep our troops in your prayers. May God Bless America!!

**Acting Commander Tim Grant**

# JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>1</div> 		<div>2</div> <b>Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</b>  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <b>S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM</b>	<div>5</div> <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	<div>6</div>
<div>7</div> <b>Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</b>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> Pool Tournament 3:00 PM	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <b>General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</b> <b>Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM</b> <b>Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	<div>12</div> <b>Mid-Winter Conference Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock</b>	<div>13</div> <b>Mid-Winter Conference Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock</b>
<div>14</div> <b>Mid-Winter Conference Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock</b>	<div>15</div> 	<div>16</div> Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	<div>20</div>
<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<div>27</div>
<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<div>31</div> <div>7</div>			



# FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  <b>S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM</b>	2  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	3
4  <b>Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</b>	5	6  <b>Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</b>  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	7	8  General Membership <u>Meeting 6:30 PM</u> Auxiliary Meeting <u>6:30 PM</u> Honor Guard <u>Meeting 7:30 PM</u>	9  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	10  <b>District 6 Meeting Beebe Lunch at 11 Meeting @ Noon</b>
11	12	13  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	14 	15	16  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	17
18	19  <b>Happy PRESIDENTS Day!</b> 	20  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	21	22	23  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	24
25	26	27  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	28  8			

# MARCH 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>March 2nd 2018</p>	 <p>Employee Appreciation Day</p>			<p>1</p> <p><b>S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p><b>Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</b></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</b></p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</b> <b>Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM</b> <b>Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>  <p><b>Daylight Savings Begins</b></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>American Legion Birthday</b></p> 	<p>16</p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>Legion Birthday &amp; St. Patrick's Day Dinner 12 Noon</b></p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>  <p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p> <p>31</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>  <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>31</p>  <p><b>Post Easter Egg Hunt 1PM</b></p>