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**April - May - June  
2018 Newsletter**

## AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

<u>Post</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>	<u>S.A.L.</u>
<b>Commander</b> Louis Gray <u>501-206-2970</u>	<b>President</b> Angela "Nikki" Hampton <u>501-206-4757</u>	<b>Commander</b> Gabriel Cothron <u>501-206-9571</u>
<b>1st Vice Commander</b> Stan Nuckolls <u>501-593-9087</u>	<b>Vice President</b> Linda Barney <u>501-206-0367</u>	<b>1st Vice Commander</b> Tim Grant <u>501-691-3839</u>
<b>2nd Vice Commander</b> Jack Marston <u>501-206-2642</u>	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> Betty Cupples <u>501-365-6895</u>	<b>2nd Vice Commander</b> (Vacant)
<b>Adjutant</b> Wally Rosier	<b>Sgt. at Arms</b> Janice Havner <u>501-206-5842</u>	<b>Adjutant/Finance Officer</b> Tom Thompson <u>501-206-4069</u>
<b>Finance Officer</b> Ben England <u>501-365-6442</u>	<b>Historian</b> Marlye Bolts <u>501-365-3772</u>	<b>Chaplain</b> Timothy Golden <u>501-270-1255</u>
<b>Chaplain</b> Ken Wahlgren <u>501-728-4359</u>	<b>Membership</b> Angela Waters <u>501-365-3131</u>	<b>Sgt. at Arms</b> Robert Willard <u>501-691-3983</u>
<b>Historian</b> Larry VanveKoven <u>501-362-3887</u>	<b>Post 64 Executive Committee</b>	<b>Historian</b> Larry VanveKoven <u>501-362-3887</u>
<b>Service Officer</b> Jerrell Skinner <u>501-269-4247</u>	Verlon Abram	<b>Legion Riders</b>
<b>Judge Advocate</b> Bonnie Tatom <u>501-206-9620</u>	Sam Clary	<b>2nd Vice Director</b> Tina Hogue Daleure <u>501-206-2420</u>
<b>Sgt. at Arms</b> Roy Thompson <u>501-691-3384</u>	Ken Day	<b>Treasurer</b> Harold Lewis <u>501-912-0707</u>
<b>Assist Finance</b> Ed Strain <u>870-834-0386</u>	Terry Drake	<b>Secretary</b> Tom Thompson <u>501-206-4069</u>
	Chris Fortenberry	<b>Sgt. at Arms</b> Doc Robertson <u>501-270-0908</u>
	Ray Jolly	<b>Chaplain</b> Jim (Spud) Shoop <u>501-206-7632</u>
	Charles Kerr	<b>Road Chaplain</b> Steve Cook <u>501-206-0929</u>
	Lou Kisdred	
	Harold Lewis	
	<b>Legion Riders</b>	
	<b>Director</b> Chris Fortenberry <u>501-887-6494</u>	
	<b>Vice Director</b> Victor Lay <u>501-514-4530</u>	

## POST 64 ACTIVITIES

### Welcome Home Viet Nam Vets

All are welcome to a Vietnam-era veteran celebration. It is scheduled for April 13 th at the Community Center in Heber Springs, AR. Doors will open at 6 with the program starting at 7pm. There will be slide shows with music, displays and area boy scouts will hand out 500 lapel pins. Take a 3x5 or 5x7 military picture along with pertinent information to Lisa Evridge at 2319 Highway 110 West, Suite B. Photos will be displayed in the lobby of the Community Center. Local radio and newspaper coverage will be there along with representatives from the DAV, VFW, American Legion, and DAR. These groups will be sponsoring the event. This is a thank you for serving your country during this time in history..... A long overdue thank you. Guest speaker to be announced. Other speakers include County Judge Jerry Holmes, Mayor Jimmy Clark, Louis Gray, Commander American Legion, Wally Rosier, Commander VFW, Quitman and Charles Stake, Commander DAV, Heber Springs. A guest singer, Jennifer Inman, will sing several songs. The American Legion Post 64 Honor Guard will post Colors.



**Pearl Harbor Day  
December 7, 2017  
Honor Guard members  
Ken Day, Sam Clary,  
Bonnie Tatom, Charles  
Kerr, Jerrell Skinner,  
Larry VanveKoven, Ken  
Wahlgren, Louis Gray  
and Mike Nuckolls**



## 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.



Becky Dillon and Jason Cole are the newest members of the Post 64 Honor Guard.



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



American Legion Post 64, Heber Springs, recently donated to the Arkansas Storm soccer team. Pictured are Finance Officer Ben England, Sgt. at Arms Roy Thompson, Thomas Larios, Jacob Harrod, Mandy Larios, Coach Kathy Larios and Adjutant Wally Rosier.



## LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER LOUIS GRAY

**MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP**  
 You have all heard that word more than once before. We know that everyone, who is a member, is not able to be active in your post operations. That's okay, we hear that all the time as well. That is what we are here for. As Post Officers, we are your spokesperson when it's comes to matters pertaining all Veterans. If you are retired, you should know that your retirement pay is no longer taxed in Arkansas. This is thanks to your Veterans organizations, such as the American Legion, VFW, DAV, etc. speaking on your behalf before congress.

When we attend briefings at the local, state or national levels, we need the numbers to back us. Congress will listen to 2 million members much more than a few hundred. As the largest post in Arkansas, we have a loud voice when it comes to asking for support of your local government and community leaders. We also have a pretty loud voice in state matters pertaining to Veterans benefits and rights.

Without your support, we may not be able to sponsor your Americanism programs, like Boys State, Oratorical, Scholarships and teaching flag etiquette in our schools. I would hate to see your Honor Guard not be able to conduct Honors for our veterans burial ceremonies, or be able to place a flag on all veterans graves in Cleburne County.

Now, more than ever, we must keep pressure on Congress to improve the VA benefits and VA hospital care for our Veterans. Just a reminder, membership means delegate votes. So don't just sit on the sidelines and hope that change will occur without your voice. Renew your membership, and better yet, recruit a new member.

Numbers Equal Success.

Louis Gray  
 Post Commander





## **LEGION RIDERS NEWS DIRECTOR CHRIS FORTENBERRY**

Hello, American Legion family. Thank you for all your support for the annual Toy Run. Many of our Cleburne County children were able to awaken to presents on Christmas that they may have not otherwise received. Congratulations to our new officers for 2018. We are gearing up for a busy year. Easter egg hunt is March 31st. Candy donations prior to the event would be appreciated. Just bring your candy donation to our American Legion Post for the Ladies Auxiliary. The American Legion will celebrate its 99th birthday this year (March 15). We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 17th for the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Welcome new members, Stewart and Lisa Holland and Mark West. Ride Safe,  
Chris



## **POST SERVICE OFFICER JERRELL SKINNER**

Hi everyone. We kicked off this year with a Big Bang. Hope everyone survived. The first thing that is new this year is Legionnaire Insurance Trust. This is accidental death insurance that covers all members of the American Legion. It is \$5000, no cost to you, accidental death protection if traveling on official Legion business, \$1000 accidental death protection for all other covered accidents. Please be aware, if you do not activate your no-cost complementary coverage, you will not be covered. If there are any questions concerning this coverage or getting signed up, please let me know. The company website is <https://www.thelit.com/>. Enjoy the coming spring and support our American Legion Post.  
Thanks,  
Your Service Officer  
Jerrell Skinner.



## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

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

Hello Ladies,

I would like to start by thanking each one of you for your support throughout my Presidency in the 2017-2018 year. It has been a pleasure working with you and supporting our Veterans and their community. I have developed some very close bonds with some of our members during this past year that I will continue to cherish. I encourage you ladies to come to our unit meetings the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Membership is what makes the ALA organization successful. One of our goals is to keep this unit moving forward and improving every year. In April we will hold nominations. If you are interested in any of our elected positions or any appointed positions, please contact me. March 31st is our annual Easter Egg Hunt and bake sale. All proceeds from the bake sale benefit Girls State. During the first weekend of the month, we have a bake sale at the Old Glove Factory. Baked good donations are always needed as well as volunteers. If you like to work in the kitchen, volunteers are also welcomed to help in the kitchen on the Auxiliary bingo nights. If you have yet to renew your membership, it isn't too late, so please, get your dues sent in and get active! Again ladies, thank you for your support over this past year, you all have been wonderful. Good luck in the 2018-2019 year, and God Bless!

**Nikki Hampton**  
**-Unit President**

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ColorGuard members Larry VanveKoven, Ken Wahlgren, Ken Day and Sam Clary participated in the opening ceremony of Wreaths Across America.



## **HONOR GUARD NEWS CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM**

The Honor Guard participated in the Pearl Harbor ceremony at the old swinging bridge site on the river. We went to Bee Branch and participated in the opening ceremony for placing wreaths on all veterans graves. This was in part of Van Buren County. We also participated in the Post Everlasting ceremony at the post and we performed Military Honors at 8 funerals.

We welcomed two new members, Becky Dillon and Jason Cole. We are proud to welcome them both. They have already participated in their first funeral.

The Honor Guard was recertified by the Army from Camp Robinson. We also signed up with the Federal Government, the State Government and Camp Robinson so that we may receive compensation when we assist one of the armed services with Military Honors.

Bonnie Tatom



## **AMERICANISM NEWS CHAIRMAN BONNIE TATOM**

The post voted to award \$150.00 to each school that submits more than 10 posters in the "Don't Do Drugs" Poster Contest for 5th grade students. As I delivered the material to each of the 8 schools in our area, I was met with much enthusiasm for the program and promises to participate. I sure hope they follow through.

I also delivered the information for Boy's State to the High Schools on the same trip. Again I found much enthusiasm and interest in the program.

The post scholarship program for seniors who have a relative that is a member of the post is still open.

Applications are available in the office.

Bonnie Tatom



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

### **SQUADRON COMMANDER GABRIEL COTHRON**

My heartfelt thanks go to the Squadron for understanding my need to get family and work situations in order. I appreciate the opportunities given to me. I am honored that the Squadron has chosen to allow my return as Commander for the remainder of this term. Let's all work together in achieving our goals as Sons of The American Legion.

Thanks to those who donated chili and to those that enjoyed some great Super Bowl Sunday Chili. The Squadron made generous donations to the Legion's NEF and Child Welfare Foundation and we helped to support the Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt.

Squadron hosted a memorial for Vice Commander and Past-Chaplain Robert Marker as the Post Family celebrated his life.

We are once again serving BBQ Rib Dinners in Spring Park at the Volkswagen Car Show at Springfest May 19. Memorial Weekend chicken dinners are slated for Sunday, May 27. Squadron 64 will be helping to send one boy and one girl to the American Legion Boys and Girls State programs.

2018-19 Officer nominations for the Squadron will be held at our April Sons meeting. Meetings are held the first Thursday every month at 6:00PM. June 14 is Flag Day. Sons Squadron 64 will assist in the Post ceremony for proper disposal of worn and tattered U.S. flags.

Sons of The American Legion membership entitles us to many American Legion benefits, including free accidental death insurance for up-to-date membership dues. Go to [www.TheLIT.com](http://www.TheLIT.com) to register. Be sure to renew now if you have not yet for 2018.




God bless America and our Troops!!  
Gabriel Cothron, Commander

# APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9 Ball Pool Tournament 4 PM 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Legion Riders            Meeting 6:00 PM</b> Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>S.A.L. Meeting            6:00 PM</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>7</b> <b>FRG            Meeting            10:30 AM</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Post            Executive Board            Meeting 1:30 PM</b> 9 Ball Pool Tournament 4 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting <u>6:30 PM</u> Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	<b>13 WELCOME            HOME            VIET NAM VETS            6:00pm            COMMUNITY            CENTER</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9 Ball Pool Tournament 4 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9 Ball Pool Tournament 4 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9 Ball Pool Tournament 4 PM	<b>30</b>	Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	<b>April 22,            2018            is            Earth Day!</b> 7		<b>Post Officer Nominations will            be announced at the General            membership meeting on            Thursday, April 12, 2018</b>	



**MAY 2018**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> <b>Voting for post officers</b> <b>will be from 9AM until</b> <b>6PM on Thursday, May</b> <b>10, 2018.</b>		1 <b>Legion Riders</b> <b>Meeting 6:00 PM</b>  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	2	3  <b>S.A.L. Meeting</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	4  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	5  <b>FRG</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	
	6 <b>Post</b> <b>Executive Board</b> <b>Meeting 1:30 PM</b>  9 Ball Pool Tournament 4 PM	7	8  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	9	10 <b>ELECTION 9-6</b> General Membership <u>Meeting 6:30 PM</u> Auxiliary Meeting <u>6:30 PM</u> Honor Guard <u>Meeting 7:30 PM</u>	11  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	12  <b>District 6</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>Heber Springs</b> <b>Lunch 11Am</b> <b>Meeting 12 Noon</b>
	13 <b>Mother's</b> <b>Day</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>8am - Noon</b> 9 Ball Pool Tournament 4 PM	14	15  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	16	17	18  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	19 
	20  9 Ball Pool Tournament 4 PM	21	22  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	23	24	25  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	26
	27 <b>SAL</b> <b>Chicken</b> <b>Dinners</b>  9 Ball Pool Tournament 4 PM	28 <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Ceremony</b> <b>Spring Park</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Lunch afterwards at Post	29  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	30  8	31		

# JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>The swearing in of Post officers will be held on Thursday, June 14th at the General Membership Meeting 6:30PM.</p>			<p>June 14th</p> 		<p>1</p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>FRG Meeting 10:30 AM</b></p>
<p>3</p> <p>9 Ball Pool Tournament 4 PM</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</b></p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM</b></p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p><b>Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</b></p> <p>9 Ball Pool Tournament 4 PM</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Flag Retirement Ceremony 9:00AM</b></p> <p>General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p><b>Father's Day Breakfast 8am - Noon</b></p> <p>9 Ball Pool Tournament 4 PM</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>NO BINGO</b></p> <p><b>American Legion Department Convention June 22 - 24</b></p>	<p>23</p>
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