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July - August - September
2018 Newsletter

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2nd Vice Commander

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Ben England
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POST 64 ACTIVITIES



Post 64 was proud to host the Quilts of Valor organization. Quilts were presented to three deserving veterans. Adjutant Wally Rosier and Commander Louis Gray also presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Vets.



Guest Speaker Alan Malone and Adjutant Wally Rosier at Memorial Day Ceremony.

Swearing in of District 6 Officers.

Wally Rosier to Dept. Executive Committee, Larry VanveKoven, Vice Commander and Jon Heath of McCrory as Commander.





POST INFORMATION

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

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 1ST.

2019 Membership Cards will be available after the Annual Convention in June.



Larry VanveKoven, Ken Day and C.J. Linderman return from placing American Flags at Veteran's graves for the Memorial Day weekend. These are flags removed and replaced by new ones. Wally Rosier, Ken Wahlgren, Roy Thompson and Ed Strain also participated.

Since this Newsletter is only published quarterly, our Facebook page helpsto keep all Legionnaires, Sons, Riders and Auxiliary members informed of past and future activities. Please go to www.facebook.com/arpost64 and Like the page. So far, we have 253 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 Post 64 events, please email them to charlottevan@suddenlink.net so they can be posted on our Facebook page.



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER LOUIS GRAY

I want to thank everyone who supported me for a third term as your Post Commander. It has been pretty busy this past year. With your support, we made a lot of necessary repairs and additions to our post. I was pleased to see the great turnout for the Memorial Day ceremony. A great speech was given by Alan Malone. Stan and Jack served over 150 meals at the post. Great job. Thanks again guys. Also want to thank Wanda Malone and her group for their contribution in off setting the cost of the meal.

Make plans to attend the 4th of July picnic at the post. Plans are under way. We could use a little help.

Our next big event is the Old Soldiers Reunion. We are on schedule for a good one. The carnival will open on noon Wednesday, August 1st with the parade on Thursday at 6:00 pm. Help us get the word out, especially in securing floats for the parade. Prizes will be \$500 first place, \$350 second, and \$250 third place.

Bill has promised Civil war re-enactment groups. They will be camping at the post.

Bill Music has to be out of touch for awhile, so Gabe Cothron will be filling in. If you have a float to enter or want vendor space, call him or you call me at the post as well.

Make plans to attend the 9-11 ceremony at the courthouse square.

Louis Gray Post Commander

Although he was "confined to a wheelchair", Commander Louis Gray made it to the Memorial Day Ceremony in Spring Park.





LEGION RIDERS NEWS DIRECTOR CHRIS FORTENBERRY

Riding season has finally arrived! Work on the grill/smoker is almost complete. Thank you everyone for your time and donations to this project. It will serve long after we are gone. We had a successful cookout, swap meet and raffle in May at the Drasco Trading Post. We are raising money for the flags and flagpoles at the new Veteran's Retirement Home in North Little Rock at Fort Roots. Thanks to everyone who came out to help. A special thank you to David and Beckye Lee, owners of Drasco Trading Post, for letting us use their facility to hold this event. We will hold the raffle drawing on June 9th at the Drasco Trading Post. The drawing is for a custom paint job on your motorcycle tank, a \$300 value. Our American Legion Riders program is the best in the state. I hope we continue to keep growing and strive to make it even better. Remember that when you are wearing your American Legion Rider patch, you are representing the best Post in Arkansas. Ride Safe,
Chris



POST SERVICE OFFICER JERRELL SKINNER

Well hello everyone. Here we go into the third quarter of this year and not much has happened. We had a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program that came off really well. We received lots of compliments. We did check out an electric chair and a standup lift recliner the last quarter. The people who borrowed them seem to be very happy, That's all I have for now. Please be reminded that we are still registering members for the LIT accidental death insurance.

Thanks,
Your Service Officer
Jerrell Skinner
501-269-4247

Jerrell Skinner at the
Welcome Home Vietnam
Veterans Program.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

UNIT PRESIDENT ANGELA "NIKKI" HAMPTON

Greeting Ladies,

After much thought and prayers, I decided to run again for your Unit President. We had an amazing turn out at our May meeting, and I would like to personally thank each of you ladies who attended to show support for the Unit and the individuals that ran for a position. Congratulations to all elected officers and members at large. I want to encourage all of you to continue to attend our monthly unit meetings which are held at Post 64 every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. We are still the largest unit in the Dept. of Arkansas and with each of you, we can do many remarkable things for our Veterans, their families, and their communities. After the Dept. Convention, the new 2019 membership cards will be available, so don't wait and get your Early Bird card right away! Membership is what keeps the ALA Organization alive. I also encourage you to get active and help carry out the mission of the Auxiliary. Every single one of you matter, and together, this will be an even more successful year than what we had last year! I look forward to working with you and serving our Veterans another year. In closing, I am very pleased to announce that our Unit sent 8 girls to Girls State! Let's keep on rocking ladies and thank you all for what you do!

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HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN KEN WAHLGREN

The newly appointed Honor Guard Captain is Ken Wahlgren. Thank you Ken for being willing to assume this position. The Honor Guard participated in 9 funerals, Posted Colors for the Vietnam veterans program, Posted Colors for Quilts of Valor and for the Graduation ceremony for ASU Heber Springs. We also participated in the Memorial Day program. We had a nice crowd this year and a good crowd for the lunch furnished by the post. We also participated in a Veterans program at Wooster. We received our first compensation for assisting the Military with a Funeral.

Bonnie Tatom



AMERICANISM NEWS

CHAIRMAN LARRY VANVEKOVEN

Larry VanveKoven will take over as this committee's chairman. The DO NOT DO DRUGS Poster contest was a success this year. We had 4 schools out of 7 in the county who submitted 75 posters. Schools participating were Rose Bud, Quitman, Guy Perkins and Westside Greers Ferry. Each of the four schools received a \$150.00 art department award for participating. Prizes were awarded for the three best posters. The best posters are to be taken to State in June. Awards were presented to the winning students and Schools before the end of the school year.

We had 7 boys sign up for Boys State his year. They were Mitchell James and Nathaniel Fielder from Guy Perkins, Timothy Ward and Dalton Langston from South Side Bee Branch, Nathan Gachot of Heber Springs, Giovanni Mannon from Rose Bud and Jaun Acosta from Pangburn. We received donations to pay the boy's fees from 1st National Bank, 1st Security Bank, First Arkansa Bank, Verlon Abram, SAL'S, Legion Riders and the Auxillary. Please say thanks on behalf of the Post to these organizations and individuals. The Post Scholarship for \$1,000.00 was awarded to Riley William Cornett who attended Concord High School.

Bonnie Tatom



S.A.L. NEWS

SQUADRON COMMANDER GABRIEL COTHRON

Greetings from your Squadron Commander for 2018-19. Squadron 64 continues to thrive. Thanks to the Post 64 Family and our community for supporting our cause. Special thanks go to our volunteers that give their all. We have again surpassed 100% membership numbers for 2018. Welcome to our new Sons members! Membership cards for 2019 are in. Your timely renewals are appreciated.

The Squadron barbequed ribs again for VW Car Show at Springfest and chicken leg quarters for Memorial weekend. We participated in the Flag Day flag retirement ceremony. We have taken on Taco Tuesday and Nine-ball Nachos at pool tournaments on Tuesdays and Sundays. We also do our part for Bingo night vittles.

Coming up, we will participate in the Post's 4th of July party out in back of th Post, and the Quitman's 4th of July parade on June 30. Old Soldiers' Reunion will be a busy time for us, what with parade and our concession booth at Spring Park. Sons are proud to be sponsors for the Relay for Life.

Squadron meeting for July is the 5th. We will have a meeting for Old Soldiers' Reunion on the 25th of July. A Renew your 2019 memberships early and assist in carrying on for God and Country.

**Gabriel Cothron
Commander**


**Timothy Golden (SAL)
and Jason Cole at
Spring Park on
Memorial Day.
Both are recent
additions to the
Post 64 Honor Guard.**



JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	4  POST PICNIC 11am - ?	5 S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM	6 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	7 DARTS 2 PM
8 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	9	10 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	11	12 Boy's State Presentations @ 6PM General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	13 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	14 DARTS 2 PM
15 9 Ball Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	16	17 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	18	19	20 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	21 DARTS 2 PM
22 9 Ball Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	23	24 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	25 S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM (for Old Soldiers Reunion)	26	27 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	28 DARTS 2 PM
29 9 Ball Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	30	31 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	7			

AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	THE 131ST OLD SOLDIERS REUNION WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 2ND THRU 4TH AT SPRING PARK.		1	2 Old Soldiers Reunion Parade 6 PM	3 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	4 DARTS 2 PM
5 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	6	7 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	8	9 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	10 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	11 n DARTS 2 PM
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26 9 Ball Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	27	28 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	29 8	30	31 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
POW * MIA RECOGNITION DAY September 21, 2018						1
2 9 Ball Pool Tournament 7:30 PM		4 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	5	6 S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM	7 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	8
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