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POST INFORMATION

Please submit your photos and articles for the newsletter to: <u>charlottevan@suddenlink.net</u> DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS DECEMBER 1ST.

2019 Membership Cards are in. Please renew no later than September 30th to qualify for the Early Bird Dinner on October 6, 2018.

Timothy Ward, a senior at Southside, Bee Branch, received a Certificate of Appreciation and a check from Bonnie Tatom for attending Boy's State 2018.





Commander Louis Gray thanks Verlon Abram who sponsored Nathan Gachot to Boy's State 2018. Verlon presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a check to Nathan who is a senior at Heber Springs High School. Page 2



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER LOUIS GRAY

We have teamed up with the Rotary Club of Cleburne County to display a Flag Garden on the County Courthouse lawn. Our goal is to display a flag for each and every man and woman, in the state of Arkansas, who made the ultimate sacrifice since World War I. Approximately 8,000 have done so.

The flags are \$5 each. Proceeds will go to fund scholarships, Boys State, "War on Drugs" poster contest, National Emergency Fund, Vo-Tech equipment for Honduras, placing flags on veteran's graves and other worthy causes.

If you wish to purchase a flag or flags, send check, or cash to American Legion Post 64, attn: Flag Garden. Any questions, feel free to call myself or Wally.

Don't forget, renew your membership early to take advantage of the Early Bird dinner October 6th at noon. Check the calendar for other meals provided by the post. See you there.

Louis Gray Post Commander



Bonnie Tatom presents a check and Certificate of Appreciation to Giovanni Mannon, a senior at Rose Bud High School. Giovanni attended Boy's State 2018.



LEGION RIDERS NEWS DIRECTOR CHRIS FORTENBERRY

The American Legion Riders have been busy this summer. We participated in the 4th of July parade in Quitman, a benefit picnic at the Post and a fundraiser for the flagpoles at the Veterans Retirement Home at the North Little Rock VA. Locally we participated in the Old Soldiers Reunion parade, with a 3rd place win for our float. We grilled hotdogs and hamburgers at the Old Soldiers Reunion. A special thanks to our Active Duty Honor Guard from the Jacksonville Air Force Base, as well as our recruiters from the Army and Marines. Thank you Ronald Fenner for making it happen. Thanks also for everyone who helped with the float, grilling and bingo kitchen. Ride Safe,

Chris



POST SERVICE OFFICER JERRELL SKINNER

Well, hi to all you members of Post 64. It looks like we're headed into the fourth guarter of this year. Seems like vesterday was the first quarter of the year. Time surely flies. We haven't had a lot of action on our handicap equipment except for the donation of a really nice electric hydraulic lift with a basket that is brand new. I have yet to put it together but will get to it soon. This month I had a chance to spend three days in North Little Rock at the Arkansas VA County Service Officers Certification classes which were very informative. I now have an understanding of how complicated it can be to get a claim on the right track to get it completed and through the system. I would like to thank Tom Thompson and Terry Drake for helping and assisting me with the handicap equipment. I would also like to thank any and everyone that helps keep the Post going. Thanks a lot and that's all I have to say. Your Service Officer. Jerrell Skinner



S.A.L. NEWS SQUADRON COMMANDER GABRIEL COTHRON

As we approach the holiday season, I am very thankful for our volunteers whose continued dedication and hard work have helped to make our events so successful. We participated in the July 4th parade in Quitman and Post 64 picnic, the Old Soldiers Reunion and parade. Also, the SAL was involved in the Relay for Life picnic/variety show and walk night, the Grant family fundraiser, Bingo kitchen and Taco Tuesday.

We will participate in the Post's annual food drive and prepare for other Squadron holiday donations. Vital to our causes, renew your 2019 memberships now. We could never reach our goals without you!

For God and Country, our Veterans and Community, Thank you again for your support.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours, Gabriel Cothron



Gabe Cothron, Mayor Jimmy Clark and Ken Day posed for this picture in Spring Park. The SAL hosted a picnic and variety show to benefit the Cleburne County Relay for Life Fund.



AUXILIARY NEWS UNIT PRESIDENT ANGELA "NIKKI" FRAZIER

Hello Auxiliary!

We have had quite a bit going on. The Junior Auxiliary held a school supplies and cereal drive where the proceeds benefited the Cleburne County Dream Center. The float we entered in the Old Soldiers Reunion Parade received 2nd place! Huge Thank You to all of the members that made that float happen, you ladies rock! We also had a booth set up at Spring Park that educated the public on the American Legion Organization. We also sold sweet treats, flags, and distributed poppies. We now have the Field of Heroes flags available to purchase. These flags are for ALL Heroes. encourage you to attend the opening and closing ceremonies. For any questions, contact Linda Barney @ 501-691-1311. Time is running out to get your Early Bird 2019 membership card, as they are due by the end of this month. Karen Tompsett, our membership chair, is happy to assist you. I am also available to get your membership taken care of. Remember ladies, your attendance at our monthly unit meetings is always encouraged. Come and share your ideas with us!

On a side note, starting September 13, I am on call for jury duty in Little Rock for 18 months. I appreciate your patience with this and would love to see new volunteers! We aren't just members in the ALA Organization, we are a family. Please like us on Facebook: American Legion Auxiliary Heber Springs, AR Post 64

God Bless you all!

Nikki Frazier Unit 64 President '18-'19 501-206-4757 nikki.post64.auxiliary@gmail.com



2018-2019 Junior Honorary Department President, Faith Martin



HONOR GUARD NEWS CAPTAIN KEN WAHLGREN

The Honor Guard marched in the Quitman Independence Day parade, posted Colors, fired three volleys and played taps at their City Park. During the Old Soldiers Reunion, we marched in the parade and posted Colors for the beauty pagent. We participated in 13 funerals/memorials. I would like to thank Bonnie Tatom for his years of dedication and service. Thank you, Bonnie.



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE KEN WAHLGREN

May God bless each and everyone of us. We give thanks for all blessings bestowed upon this great Nation of ours and the American Legion. November will be upon us before we know it. With Veterans Day, Election Day and Thanksgiving Day, it will be a very busy month for the Post and the Honor Guard. Please join us November 11 and show your support for all veterans. When you are having your Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends, let us reflect on what we have to be thankful for. Let us not forget the Sailors and Soldiers who gave all on December 7, 1941. As we celebrate Christmas, please remember Jesus is the reason for the Season. May God's blessing be upon us and remain with us always.



AMERICANISM NEWS CHAIRMAN LARRY VANVEKOVEN

Brent Graham, President of 1st Security Bank and Dalton Langston, a senior at Southside Bee Branch. 1st Security Bank sponsored Dalton who attended Boy's State 2018.

The four Juniors who attended Boy's State 2018 were all very enthusiastic about their Boy's State experiences. I have asked each of them to talk to Juniors at their respective schools this year and encourage them to apply for Boy's State 2019.

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