

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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January - February - March  
2019 Newsletter

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### Post

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#### **Finance Officer**

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#### **Chaplain**

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#### **Historian**

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

Ben England  
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### Auxiliary

#### **President**

Angela "Nikki" Frazier  
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#### **Vice President**

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#### **Secretary**

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#### **Post 64**

#### **Executive Committee**

Verlon Abram

Sam Clary

Ken Day

Terry Drake

Chris Fortenberry

Ray Jolly

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Victor Lay

Harold Lewis

CJ Linderman

#### **Legion Riders**

#### **Director**

Chris Fortenberry  
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#### **Vice Director**

Victor Lay  
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#### **2nd Vice Director**

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### S.A.L.

#### **Commander**

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

Tim Grant  
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#### **2nd Vice Commander**

Tim Golden  
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#### **Historian**

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#### **Squadron Advisor**

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### Legion Riders

#### **Treasurer**

Harold Lewis  
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#### **Secretary**

Tom Thompson  
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#### **Sgt. at Arms**

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#### **Chaplain**

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#### **Road Captain**

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## 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.

**Please thank the following for their donations of one or more turkeys for the holiday meals:**

Ken Day  
 Terri Drake  
 Linda Barney  
 Verlon Abram  
 Tim Grant  
 Bonnie Tatom  
 J. Skinner  
 Doc Barnett  
 Louis & Clara Gray  
 Betty Cupples and Terri Chalk  
 Ken Wahlgren  
 D.D. Marler  
 Chester & Charles Morrow  
 Stan & Emily Nuckolls  
 Greg and Trish  
 John Lindsay  
 Bob Blabnik  
 Clint & Christie McLaren  
 Patrick & Patricia Brandimore  
 Harold Lewis  
 Charles Kerr  
 Ronnie Fenner  
 Gail Kelly  
 Ron Boone & Mary Hatfield  
 Ron & Lisa Evridge



## LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER LOUIS GRAY

Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. I know a lot of you enjoyed the fine meals that Stan Nuckolls and Jack Marston cooked for us all. What would we do without them? A great big thanks guys. Also thanks to the ones who helped clean up. We can't let Stan and Jack do it all. Thank you Linda Barney and Jane Kever for decorating the hall.

If you did not get by the Cleburne County courthouse in November, you missed a beautiful site. 8019 flags were placed on the lawn that represented the men and women, from the state of Arkansas, that made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this country since the Civil War. A special place was dedicated to the 19 Medal of Honor winners. I want to thank the following for their generous contributions in purchasing the flags: Bruce Ziegenbalg, John De Wilde, Verlon Abram, Tom Shurgar, Ken Day and Chester Morrow. Also the Auxiliary and the Sons of the Legion for their contributions.

Also I want to give a Great big thanks for the following who helped in placing the flags on the lawn and picking them back up: Clara Gray, Tina Deleure, Jim Shoop, Steve Cook, Ronald Fenner, Terry Drake, Larry VanveKoven, Gabe Cothron, Jane Kever, Kenneth Wahlgren, Ken Day, Wally Rosier and his granddaughters Mariah Darling and Michaela Bell, Becky and Jeremy Dillon, Chris Fortenberry, Tom Shurgar, Doug Murray, and Bruce Ziegenbalg. We all owe a big debt of gratitude to the Honor Guard and the very busy schedule they had with all the Veterans Day programs, ceremonies, funerals, parades, and some even found the time to help with the Flag Garden. THANKS.

Louis Gray



## LEGION RIDERS NEWS DIRECTOR CHRIS FORTENBERRY

Hello Legion Family,  
i am sorry to report the loss of one of our founding members, Bob Morgan. Bob was one of the past Directors. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy. Thank you to the SALs for their donation in Bob's memory to the Heber Springs Animal Shelter. It has been an honor to serve as the Rider's Director for the past two years. I've come to realize that being a part of the Legion family is more than just sharing credit. A team effort takes compromise. When you are on a team, you have to, at times, lead, follow and more often than not, meet in the middle. Our American Legion Riders are the best in Arkansas and I look forward to seeing them grow and serve our great community.  
Stay safe,  
Chris



Sam Clary and Bonnie Tatom enjoyed a free dinner at DJ's Diner on Veterans Day.

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Post 64 Honor Guard members C.J. Linderman, Ken Wahlgren, Ken Day and Sam Clary prepare to post Colors at the closing of the Field of Heroes. This was one of many events and military funerals the Honor Guard participated in during November.



## S.A.L. NEWS SQUADRON COMMANDER GABRIEL COTHRON

As we move forward in 2019, the Squadron appreciates the support that The Legion Family and patrons have given for our causes. It is our hope that such support will continue in our efforts supporting our Veterans, community and youth.

This past quarter, the Squadron has contributed \$1350 for Veteran, community and youth programs. These included NEF, Relay for Life, Margie's Haven House, Riverland Toy Drive, Armory's FRG, CAPCA, Post Food Drive, Flag Garden, Halloween candy, and Pine Mountain Veterans Home. We participated in Field of Heroes, Relay for Life fundraising events, the Post's Flag Garden, Veterans Day, Taco Tuesday and Bingo cooks.

Coming up will be the Legion's Mid-Winter Conference. We are planning our annual Super Bowl Sunday chili cook-off. We have Sons and Legion Family license plates available for \$7.

Be up-to-date with your 2019 membership cards. Membership is vital to the causes we support.

Again, THANK YOU for supporting your Sons of The American Legion!

Keep our troops in your prayers.

For God and Country.

Gabriel Cothron, S.A.L. Commander



SAL Commander Gabe Cothron was one of many who participated in placing flags at the Courthouse for the Flag Garden. This took several days.

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## AUXILIARY NEWS

### UNIT PRESIDENT ANGELA "NIKKI" FRAZIER

Hello everyone!

I hope that all of you enjoyed your holidays. As we move into 2019, our personal lives are finally slowing down, but the Auxiliary is not. In January, we will have our monthly Unit meeting in addition to the Mid-Winter Conference. If it is at all possible for you to attend, I strongly encourage it. This is a great way to represent our Unit. There is a chance that we will have a Valentine's Day function, however, it has not yet been confirmed, so please check our Auxiliary Facebook page. If you do not have Facebook, please contact me so I can email you with information. In March, we will be assisting the Legion with whatever they request for the Legion's 100th Birthday. Every month we work a night in the kitchen for Bingo. All proceeds from our Bingo nights benefit Arkansas Girls State. We need volunteers for these nights. Please be sure to mark your calendars for the 2nd Thursday of every month for our monthly unit meetings. We meet at the Post and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. It is also time to start looking in to the future of our Unit. Now is the time to think about running for an officer's position. Nominations are in May and elections in June. If you are at all interested, please get with me. It never hurts to have some knowledge in whatever position you are interested in, prior to running for that office. Trust me, it is better to know what you are getting yourself in to rather than being thrown to the wolves. Every year our goal is to do better than the year before. When we have a successful unit, we contribute to having a successful Department, which leads us to a successful Organization. If you have yet to renew your membership, please get with our unit membership chair, Karen Tompsett, as she will be happy to help you. I also encourage you to get active if you have not already. There are different areas where volunteers are always needed. Remember, we are nothing without you! In closing, I want to send a HUGE shout out to all of the Ladies that dedicated their time, spending countless hours to make our Field of Heroes a success. This was Linda Barney's last year as chairman for FOH. Jane Kever will be taking over for her. This group of ladies went above and beyond and I am extremely grateful for them. I'd also like to thank the SAL's for their hard work with helping us, especially Robert Willard. We truly couldn't have done it without him. Have a blessed New Year Ladies! Cheers to 2019.

Respectfully,  
Nikki Frazier  
Unit President







over 8000 American Flags flew on the cleburne County Courthouse lawn during the month of November. 19 of those flags represented Arkansas Veterans who received The Medal of Honor.



# JANUARY, 2019

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|-------------|--|---|----------|
|  |          | 1<br><br>Pool<br>Tournament<br>7:30 PM | 2           | 3<br><br>S.A.L.<br>Meeting<br>6:00 PM<br>Old Soldiers<br>Reunion<br>Committee<br>7:00PM                          | 4<br><br>Bingo 6:30 PM<br>SAL Has Bingo<br>Kitchen Duty             | 5        |
| 6<br>Post<br>Executive Board<br>Meeting 1:30 PM<br><br>9 Ball<br>Tournament<br>7:30 PM | 7   | 8<br><br>Pool Tournament<br>7:30 PM    | 9           | 10<br>General<br>Membership<br>Meeting 6:30 PM<br>Auxiliary Meeting<br>6:30 PM<br>Honor Guard<br>Meeting 7:30 PM | 11<br><br>Mid Winter<br>Conference<br><br>No Bingo                  | 12       |
| 13<br><br>9 Ball<br>Tournament<br>7:30 PM  | 14  | 15<br><br>Pool Tournament<br>7:30 PM   | 16          | 17   | 18<br><br>Bingo 6:30 PM<br>Auxiliary Has Bingo<br>Kitchen Duty      | 19       |
| 20<br><br>9 Ball<br>Tournament<br>7:30 PM  | 21<br> | 22<br><br>Pool Tournament<br>7:30 PM   | 23          | 24   | 25<br><br>Bingo 6:30 PM<br>Legion Riders Have<br>Bingo Kitchen Duty | 26       |
| 27<br><br>9 Ball<br>Tournament<br>7:30 PM  | 28  | 29<br><br>Pool Tournament<br>7:30 PM   | 30<br><br>8 | 31   |   |          |

# FEBRUARY, 2019

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY       | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|---|-----------------|--|--|---|
|  |   |   |                 |  | 1<br><br><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b><br>SAL Has Bingo<br>Kitchen Duty             |  |
| 3<br> <b>Super Bowl Chili Contest</b><br><b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b> | 4   | 5<br><b>Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</b><br><br><b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b> | 6               | 7<br><br><b>S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM</b>   | 8<br><br><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b><br>Legion Riders Have<br>Bingo Kitchen Duty  | 9<br><br><b>District 6 Meeting</b>  |
| 10<br><b>Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</b><br><br><b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>  | 11  | 12<br><br><b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>  | 13              | 14<br> <b>Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM</b> | 15<br><br><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b><br>Auxiliary Has Bingo<br>Kitchen Duty      | 16  |
| 17<br><br><b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>   |  | 19<br><br><b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>  | 20              | 21<br><b>General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</b><br><br><b>Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</b>                                  | 22<br><br><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b><br>Legion Riders Have<br>Bingo Kitchen Duty | 23  |
| 24<br><br><b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>   | 25  | 26<br><br><b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>  | 27<br><br><br>9 | 28   |  |   |



# MARCH, 2019

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY           | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY         |
|---|------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------|
| <p>Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10th.</p> <p>Set your clocks ahead one hour!</p>  |                  |                 |   |   | <p><b>1</b> <b>EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY</b></p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b><br/>SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p> | <p><b>2</b></p>  |
| <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b></p>   | <p><b>4</b></p>  | <p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b></p> | <p><b>6</b></p>     | <p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>S.A.L. Meeting 6:00 PM</b></p>  | <p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b><br/>Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>                       | <p><b>9</b></p>  |
| <p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b></p>   | <p><b>11</b></p> | <p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b></p>  | <p><b>13</b></p>  | <p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</b></p> | <p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b><br/>Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>                           | <p><b>16</b></p> |
| <p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Dinner 12 noon</b> </p> <p><b>St. Patrick's Day &amp; Legion Birthday</b></p> <p><b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b></p> | <p><b>18</b></p> | <p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b></p>  | <p><b>20</b></p>  | <p><b>21</b></p>  | <p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b><br/>Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>                      | <p><b>23</b></p> |
| <p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>31</b></p>   | <p><b>25</b></p> | <p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b></p>  | <p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>10</b></p>   | <p><b>28</b></p>  | <p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b><br/>SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>                                 | <p><b>30</b></p> |