

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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2019 Newsletter

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POST INFORMATION

Please submit your photos and articles for the newsletter to:

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 1ST.



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Newsletter

This notice is to inform all concerned that the newsletter is no longer being mailed to Legionnaires, Sons of Legion and Auxiliary.

We will still publish the newsletter and post it on our Facebook page and via E-mail.

To view on our Facebook page:

1. Go to www.facebook.com/arpost64
2. Click on "like"

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If you do not have access to a computer or smart phone, and wish a copy of the newsletter, come by the office and we will get you a copy.

Louis Gray
Post Commander



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER LOUIS GRAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

The American Legion was founded in March, 1919 and the American Legion will mark its 100th anniversary with a 15 month celebration, running from its national convention in August, 2018 through Veterans Day 2019.

We will have our annual Birthday and St Patrick's Day lunch on 17 March at 12 Noon. Plan to attend. Any ideas or suggestions to celebrate our anniversary are most welcome. Department of Arkansas has a parade scheduled for our department convention in June and all the billboards in Little Rock will be advertising the American Legion. If you are in Little Rock, look for them.

There will be a free Veterans benefits fair on Saturday, April 13, 2019, 10am until 2pm. It will be held at the Cleburne County fairgrounds, 800 Bittle Rd. Take your DD214 and visit with the Veterans Service Officer and other veteran organizations. All veterans and veteran widows are welcome. The post will have someone there to assist as well. So, if you or anyone you know has questions about what benefits they are entitled to, now is the time to get answers.



Melissa Rackley accepted a check on behalf of the Heber Springs Junior Class for the Jr./Sr. After Prom Party event. Presenting the check are Commander Louis Gray and Adjutant Wally Rosier. Mrs. Rackley has a daughter in the Jr. class.



LEGION RIDERS NEWS DIRECTOR RONNIE FENNER

Happy to announce the new officers to Legion Riders:
 Director: Ronald Fenner
 1st Vice: Steve Cook
 2nd Vice: Vacancy
 Secretary: Tom Thompson
 Treasurer: Harold Lewis
 Sgt. at Arms: Sonia (dee Dee) Marler
 Chaplain: Jim (Spud) Shoop
 I want to thank Chris Fortenberry for the easy transfer.
 Looking forward for to the great plans this year and
 always keeping in tradition with the Riders.

Always ride safely.



The American Legion Family



Vice Commander
 Stan Nuckolls
 presented a check to
 Kathy Larios from
 Arkansas Storm Soccer.
 The donation will assist
 in helping
 two soccer teams with
 travel expenses
 to and entry fees for the
 National
 Championship in
 Orlando, Florida.



S.A.L. NEWS SQUADRON COMMANDER GABRIEL COTHRON

Gearing up for the coming season, thanks go to The Legion Family for its support and participation. Thanks to all who donated chili to our Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-off fundraiser for The Legion's National Emergency Fund. We will help to support Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt. We will serve BBQ ribs at VW car show at Heber Springfest May 18. Memorial weekend chicken dinners are slated for Sunday, May 26. Come enjoy some great bbq. Flag Day, June 14, we will participate in the Post's ceremony for proper disposal of worn and tattered flags. Sons inhouse cook Tim Grant does a great job with our Bingo nights and Taco Tuesdays! Nominations for Sons Officers will be held at our April meeting. Meetings are the first Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. Early Bird renewals for 2020 will be available in July. God bless America, our Troops, and Legion Family members experiencing distress. Gabriel Cothron, Commander



AMERICANISM NEWS CHAIRMAN LARRY VANVEKOVEN

Last month the Dept. of Arkansas mailed packets of information regarding Boys State 2019 to area High School guidance counselors. I have spoken with counselors at eight schools and interest in the program has been encouraging. Several boys have already expressed a desire to attend. Boys State is held on the campus of the University of Central Arkansas in Conway from May 26 to 31, 2019. The deadline for Schools to select their delegates & initially register online is April 5th. More information can be obtained at <https://arboysstate.org>. **If you are interested in sponsoring one of our local boys, please contact me or Commander Louis Gray.**



AUXILIARY NEWS

UNIT PRESIDENT ANGELA "NIKKI" FRAZIER

Hello again ladies! I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well. If you are interested in running for office, please get in contact with me. I am happy to work with familiarizing you in whatever position you may be interested in. In April we will have nominations. May is when the elections are held. Please, don't hesitate to speak up if you are interested in something, whether it be an elected position or a chairwoman for something such as Girls State, Education, Children and Youth, or Junior Auxiliary. Please note, if you do not have your 2019 dues paid, you have zero benefits and are ineligible to run for or hold any position. If you have not paid your dues, Karen Tompsett, our Unit Membership Chairwoman is happy to assist you. She has been awesome over this past year. Looking forward in to the future, we have different events coming up aside from nominations and elections. Easter is on its' way! We are accepting candy now, if you do not like to get out and shop, we also accept monetary donations. We will need volunteers to help the Junior Auxiliary stuff eggs and to help on the Annual Easter Egg Hunt day. Please, don't be shy! Keep your eyes peeled for the Auxiliary Bingo nights. We have the kitchen typically once a month and we need volunteers. All bingo proceeds benefit Girls State. Girls State is also coming up in May. We have Father's Day in June. Every Father's Day we put on a breakfast for the Special Men in our lives. If you are interested in helping assist with this event, please let me know. Also, don't forget to report any volunteer hours. If you are unsure if what you are doing would count as volunteering, don't hesitate to ask. I also want to encourage you to attend our monthly unit meetings every 2nd Thursday of the month at the post at 6:30 p.m. We want to see your beautiful faces! Until next time ladies, be blessed!

Unit 64 Auxiliary President



Post 64 Honor Guard had many military funerals during some of the coldest days this winter.

Ken Day, Ken Wahlgren, Sam Clary, Becky Dillon, Jerrell Skinner, Larry VanveKoven, C.J Linderman and Bonnie Tatom at Mount Vernon Cemetery (above) at West Point (below)

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

KEN WAHLGREN

I pray that by the time you read this, winter will be gone and spring has arrived. It's time to get our gardens prepared for sowing. The Lord tells us, who sow seeds and patiently wait will reap the harvest. Acts:14, 17. God has shown his kindness by giving us rain from Heaven and crops in their season. I will be patiently waiting for my harvest of tomatoes!

This April we are observing Easter season. Let us not forget that freedom is not FREE. John 3: 16 tells us: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. God paid dearly with the life of his Son. So we can be free from the darkness of sin and death.

God knows too well the ultimate sacrifice made by the fathers and mothers of this country, so that we may enjoy the liberties and freedoms that God has blessed this country with.

ALL GLORY BELONGS TO GOD.

We also have more seeds to sow this season. In April we have nominations for the leadership of the post. Please come to your meetings and be involved in this very important process. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

APRIL, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Post nominations this month</p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</p> <p>Pool Tournament</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>6</p> <p>FRG Meeting 10 AM</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Veteran's Benefit Fair Fairgrounds 10 AM - 2 PM</p>
<p>14</p>  <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt 1 PM</p> 
<p>easter SUNDAY <i>Christ Is Risen!</i></p>  <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>31</p>			

MAY, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post Elections 9 AM to 6 PM Thursday, May 9			1	2 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	3 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	4
5 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball 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 Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	11
12 Mothers Day Breakfast 8 AM - Noon 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	13	14 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	15	16	17 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	18 
19 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	20	21 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	22	23	24 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	25
26 SONs BBQ Chicken leg quarters 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	27 Memorial Day Ceremony Spring Park 11 AM Lunch after at Post	28 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	29 9	30	31 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	

JUNE, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	The first day of Summer is Friday, June 21, 2019					1
	2	3	4	5	6	7
9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM		Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM		S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	8
9 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Pool Tournament 7:30 PM		General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	Flag Day Retirement 10 AM  Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have	
Fathers Day Breakfast 8 AM - Noon 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Pool Tournament 7:30 PM			Department Convention June 20, 21, 22, 23 No Bingo	
23 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM 30	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	10		Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	