

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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For God and Country

July - August - September
2019 Newsletter

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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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 SEPTEMBER 1ST.



Larry VanveKoven, Ken Day, Linda Sisco, C.J. Linderman, Mike Wooten, Becky Dillon and her children placed American flags on the graves of 667 veterans at nine cemeteries in Cleburne County. Flags were also placed at other cemeteries by Ken Wahlgren, Ed Strain and Roy Thompson. (May 24, 2019)

The Arkansas Fallen Heroes Memorial Flag Garden was displayed at the ASU-Beebe, Heber Springs Campus. The Flag Garden is presented by Post 64 and Cleburne County Rotary.



C.J. Linderman, his wife Tammie, Larry VanveKoven and granddaughter Alanah Rice. These volunteers picked up 828 American flags at fourteen Cleburne County cemeteries on Tuesday, May 28, 2019.



The annual Memorial Day ceremony was held at Spring Park with a speech from Acting Commander Stan Nuckolls, the placement of wreaths by several area Veteran organizations, a 21 shot volley by the Honor Guard and the playing of taps by Mike Nuckolls. A lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs followed

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LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER KEN WAHLGREN

With the start of our new leadership of Post 64, I pray for God's wisdom and guidance for officers entering their new roles. Our past administration seemed to favor community organizations over helping Veterans. With the help of all officers of Post 64 American Legion family, we can get Post 64 back to what it was chartered for "Veterans helping Veterans".

We are part of the community and we will continue to support our schools, surrounding communities and our children and youth by supporting our Boys and Girls State program, Flag Education program, Operation Comfort Warriors and our War on Drugs Poster program.

Finance Officer Becky Dillon is in the process of rebuilding our Junior Shooters Program. Anyone interested in becoming a coach, please contact her at Post 64 (501) 362-9979.

Don't forget our Fourth of July picnic. Grab the kids and grand-kids and come enjoy the fun and fellowship.

August will be here before we know it. Please let everyone you know about the Old Soldiers Reunion Parade on August 1st at 6:00PM and the Carnival which starts after the parade and continues through the 2nd and 3rd.

Please show your support by attending the 9 - 11 Remembrance (opening of Field of Heroes) at the Courthouse September 11 at 11:00AM.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2020 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Dinner in October.

Please support your Post by attending our meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM.

Please remember; God doesn't plan our future by judging our past.

We can come together as a family and put Post 64 back to Veterans helping Veterans.

God bless each member of Post 64 and the United States of America.

Ken Wahlgren
Post Commander`

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LEGION RIDERS NEWS DIRECTOR STEVE COOK

Greetings! As Vice Director, I have stepped up for Ron Fenner, who resigned for personal reasons. Riding season is here!

Last year the Riders built an amazing grill. We brought the grill to Drasco Trading Post recently to serve hamburgers and hotdogs for a Poker Run they had.

Our bingo sales have been great. Thank you Sons of The Legion Vice Commander Brian for helping us to serve. Our Legion Riders need to step up more in working together for the causes we represent for the American Legion.

Wearing our Riders vests for events does nothing less than represent veteran causes!

We meet the 1st Tuesday every month. I encourage better participation. God Bless America and our troops.

Director Steve Cook



The American Legion Family



CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN LARRY VANVEKOVEN

Judging for the numerous posters submitted for the Just Say No to Drugs contest has been completed. Fifth grade students from West Side (Greers Ferry), Heber Springs, Rose Bud and Southside (Bee Branch) participated. The art department of each for these schools will receive \$150 from Post 64. The winning entries were:

Samara Murphree from West Side - 1st Place (\$50)

Katie Dillon from Heber Springs - 2nd Place (\$35)

Taigan Smith, Rose Bud - 3rd Place (\$25)



S.A.L. NEWS SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

Sons of The American Legion is, by charter, a part of the legacy of 100 years of American Legion patriots. I am honored to be elected as Squadron 64 Commander and will strive to keep us strong in that legacy.

A note from Gabe: Thanks to the support of our Squadron and Post 64 Family, I am proud of our achievements the past 2 years. I look forward to being part of what our future holds and Congratulations to our Officers for 2019-2020. 2020 membership cards are in. Renew your card early!

The Squadron helped Auxiliary with the Easter Egg Hunt, served ribs for Springfest VW Car Show, served leg quarters for Memorial weekend, attended Memorial Day ceremony, helped the Post on Flag Day and attended State Convention and parade. Bingo meals and Taco Tuesday are going strong. We donated for Boy's, Girl's State and The Legion's Child Welfare Foundation and NEF. Coming up, we will participate with the Post's July 4th picnic. The Old Soldiers' Reunion concession stand will be a busy time. The Sons of the American Legion are proud to be sponsors for Relay for Life on Sept. 21, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

We will be helping the Auxiliary with the Field of Heroes again this year.

Again, renew your 2020 memberships early in assisting to carry on for God and Country.

We will have our July meeting on Wednesday, July 3rd due to the holiday. The August meeting will be last Thursday of July for Old Soldiers Reunion preparation.

Check Newsletter Roll Call of Officers for new Squadron Officers for 2019-2020.

May God Bless America and our Troops.

Tim Grant, S.A.L. Commander



AUXILIARY NEWS

2018 - 2019 UNIT PRESIDENT ANGELA "NIKKI" FRAZIER

Hello for the last time, ladies. As I proudly turn the gavel over to our incoming Unit President and my dear friend, Betty Cupples, I'd like to thank each and everyone one of you for a successful two years. All of the support I have received throughout my presidency has meant a great deal to me. I want to give a huge shout out to Betty Cupples and Karen Tompsett for being my backbone, as I couldn't have done this without them. It has been a pleasure serving our veterans, their families, and their community along side all of the Unit 64 Auxiliary members, SAL members, and Legionnaires. There's no doubt in my mind that Betty will be a great President and will continue leading us in serving our mission of Service not Self.

I'd like to congratulate all of our incoming unit officers for the 2019-2020 year as well as the Unit 64 members that will be serving as officers for District 6. This is going to be a great year under this new leadership on all Unit, District, and Department levels! Good luck to everyone as we begin this new chapter.

Be sure to like us on our NEW Facebook page:

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 64 Heber Springs, AR

2019-2020 Unit Officers:

President: Betty Cupples

Vice-President: Emily Nuckolls

Secretary: Tammy Phillips

Treasurer: Jane Kever

Sgt.-@-Arms: Barbara Engler

Historian: Marlye Bolls

Chaplain: Karen Tompsett

*Karen remains membership chair per President Betty.

2019-2020 District 6 Officers

District President: Dee Smith from McCrory

Vice-President: Barbara Engler from Unit 64

Secretary: Betty Cupples from Unit 64

Chaplain: Jane Kever from Unit 64

Sgt.-@-Arms: Jolene Larsen from Unit 64

Congratulations!

Respectfully,

Nikki Frazier

Outgoing Unit President 2018-2019



AUXILIARY NEWS

2019 - 2020 UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Hello everybody. As your incoming President for Unit 64, I just want to say thank you to all the ladies in our unit and how proud I am that you elected me to this position. I hope I can do as good a job as our outgoing President, Nikki. I will look forward to working with all of you to make this a great year for our auxiliary..



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

KEN WAHLGREN

I would like to thank God for the path he has lead me down this past three years, being your Chaplain. What a blessing. All Glory be to God.

I also give thanks to the member os Post 64 for all their support. Now that God had lead me down a different path, I must pass the mantle of Post Chaplain to Sam Clary. With God's assurance and Sam's devotion to God, Post 64 will be in good hands.

Thanks be to God.

Ken Wahlgren

Post Chaplain



The Heber Springs Fire Department celebrated their 100 year anniversary yesterday starting with a parade down Main Street. Post 64 Color Guard members Becky Dillon, Ken Day, Mario Oliveria and Sam Clary with the American and American Legion Flags. June 2, 2019.

JULY, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	3 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	4 POST PICNIC 11AM - ???? 	5 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	6 FRG Meeting 10 AM
7 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	8	9 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	10	11 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	12 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	13
14 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	15	16 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	17	18	19 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	20
21 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	22	23 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	24	25 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM (Prepare OSR Concession)	26 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	27 
28  9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	29	30 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	31 8 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!			

AUGUST, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY, U.S. COAST GUARD! AUGUST 4, 2019</p>	<p>August 4th</p> <p>Coast Guard Birthday</p>	<p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>		<p>1 OLD SOLDIERS REUNION PARADE 6:00 PM Carnival starts after parade</p>	<p>2 OLD SOLDIERS REUNION CARNIVAL 1ST, 2ND, 3RD Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	
<p>4 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>7  <i>A Salute To Our Nation's Combat Wounded</i> National Purple Heart Day August 7</p>	<p>8 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>9 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>18 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21  National Senior Citizens Day</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 NATIONAL CONVENTION INDIANAPOLIS AUGUST 23 THROUGH 29 NO BINGO</p>	<p>24 </p>
<p>25 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>26 Women's Equality Day </p>	<p>27 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>28 9</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 NO BINGO</p>	<p>31</p>

SEPTEMBER, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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22 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	23  Happy First Day Of Autumn	24 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	25	26	27 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	28
29 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	30		10	Other Observances this month: September 7 - Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day September 8 - National Grandparents Day September 11 - Patriot Day September 18 - Air Force Birthday September 20 - National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 27 - Gold Star Mother's Day		