

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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For God and Country
October - November - December
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 DECEMBER 1ST.



The emblems on the front of our building received a makeover in September.



The Arkansas Delegates marching past the reviewing stand on Meridian St. in downtown Indianapolis on August 25th, 2019.



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER KEN WAHLGREN

It's amazing how fast the past three months have flown by. I would like to thank everyone for their support. The fourth of July picnic was a great success. Thank you to the Auxiliary for the food that they provided. Thanks to Jack Marston for cooking the hamburgers inside the Post. It was too hot to do so outside! All the kids really enjoyed the slip and slide and the watermelon eating contest.

The Old Soldiers Reunion was kicked off with a parade led by our Honor Guard. A big thanks to everyone who helped. It takes an American Legion Family to create a parade. A special thank you to Ken Day who worked very hard with the newspaper and radio stations to bring this reunion together. The parade was longer than in previous years and Ken worked with the band director of the Heber Springs Schools to once again have a band march in the parade.

The National Convention was held on August 23 - 29 in Indianapolis. A resolution was passed that changed the wording of the Auxiliary constitution so that male spouses of female veterans may now join the American Legion Auxiliary. Our early bird dinner (prime rib) will be Saturday, October 5th at 12 noon for everyone who has paid their membership dues by September 30, 2019.

It is my sad duty to inform you that the past Post 64 Commander and past Department Commander, Doug George, has passed on to the Post Everlasting. There will be a Post Everlasting ceremony on October 3 at 4:00PM at Post 64. On July 27, 2019, President Trump signed the Legion Act which states that any person that has served in the military since December 7, 1941 is eligible to join the American Legion. If you have family members or friends who now qualify, sign them up!

Ken Wahlgren
Post Commander`



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

Your Honor Guard has been very busy this last quarter. We participated in 17 Funerals and one memorial at the Post. We posted and presented colors 4 times. It was an honor to be asked to present colors at the opening of the American Legion Baseball state tournament. We carried the colors to lead 4 parades. It was special to be asked to carry colors for the parade in Little Rock celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the American Legion.

We had our annual Flag retirement. We had a lot of flags, which resulted in a very hot fire. There was a lot of support and assistance. Thanks to all who helped.

We have two members on sick call Jerrell Skinner has a new heel and is preparing for Physical Therapy and Larry VanveKoven is recovering from a broken hip. We miss them both.

We have two new members, Tom Stanford and Bobbie Wetzel. We are in process of getting them Honor Guard uniforms.

Bonnie Tatom

POST 64 HONOR GUARD IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE THREE MEN OUT WITH INJURIES OR RECENT SURGERIES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT BONNIE TATOM OR COMMANDER KEN WAHLGREN.



Two youngest entrants in the watermelon eating contest.

Lon Baureis watches Dept. Commander Doyle Batey pitch a horseshoe at the 4th of July Picnic.



S.A.L. NEWS

SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

Looking forward to the holidays. We have had a productive 3rd quarter. Thanks to our Post 64 Family and community support. We did surpass 100% membership renewals for 2019. New member cards for 2020 are in. For those that renew by end of September, the Early Bird dinner is October 5.

We donated hard-earned proceeds from events and memberships to various causes: Legacy Scholarship Fund, Gold Star Family Memorial, Legion's Endowment Fund, Operation Comfort Warriors, Child Welfare Foundation (for which we received kudos at National Convention), and Sheriff's Ranch storm shelter.

We were once again Corporate Sponsors for Relay for Life. Squadron participated in Old Soldiers' Reunion, Post 64 4th of July picnic, and helped Auxiliary to set up the Field of Heroes.

We will once again help in the Post's annual Food Drive and are preparing for Squadron Holiday donations to local causes.

Be sure to renew your memberships for another banner year for Squadron 64.

For God and Country, thank you all for your support. May God Bless America and our Troops.

Tim Grant, S.A.L. Commander



The American Legion Family

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 TO QUALIFY FOR THE EARLY BIRD DINNER (PRIME RIB) ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 12 NOON!



LEGION RIDERS NEWS DIRECTOR STEVE COOK

Greetings American Legion Family! The Riders have been active when we can. We helped with traffic control for the Old Soldiers Reunion parade. We have been very productive with our Bingo nights, with the help of Sons of The Legion, Vice-Commander, Brian Low. Thanks Brian. We could be even more productive in our causes with better participation of Legion Riders. We donated to the American Legion Legacy Foundation that provides scholarships for children of KIA soldiers.

Ride safely wherever you ride, knowing that we ride representing the American Legion.

Steve Cook, Director



Sam Clary, Becky Dillon, Ken Day,
Bonnie Tatom and Ken Wahlgren at
Woodland Memorial Park near Fairfield Bay.



AUXILIARY NEWS 2019 - 2020 UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Hello Ladies and greetings from Post 64 in Heber Springs. We have had a busy past 3 months but the next 3 months are going to be really busy. First, we have our Field of Heroes starting September 11 and going until November 11. Honor your hero and sponsor a flag.

We have a fashion show scheduled for September 21st. with fashions from Stage, Golden Girls, and Ask Apparel. Some of our ladies will be modeling the Stage clothing. We will also be serving a light luncheon. Tickets will be \$10. It will be from 1pm - 3pm so come out and join us. The funds will be going into our general fund.

Next will have a fish fry and silent auction on October 19th. We will be serving fish and shrimp with the trimmings from 11am - 5pm. These funds will go to our general fund also. Last will be our Halloween dance and costume party. The band "Pure Luck" will be providing our music and we look forward to a great time for all. The dance will be from 8-midnight. Cost will be \$5 a person.


So ya'll come join us for some fun.

Thank you. Betty Cupples, President.




Officers for 2019 - 2020.

OCTOBER, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
KARAOKE EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT FROM 8PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT		¹ Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	²	³ S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	⁴ Bingo 6:30 PM <small>Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</small>	⁵ FRG Meeting Early Bird Dinner 12 Noon
⁶ Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	⁷	⁸ Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	⁹	¹⁰ General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	¹¹ Bingo 6:30 PM <small>Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</small>	¹² YARD SALE ORGANIZED BY JACK MARSTON
¹³ 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	¹⁴ 	¹⁵ Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	¹⁶	¹⁷	¹⁸ Bingo 6:30 PM <small>Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</small>	¹⁹ AUXILIARY SERVING FISH & SHRIMP PLUS SILENT AUCTION 11AM TO 5PM
²⁰ 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	²¹	²² Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	²³	²⁴	²⁵ Bingo 6:30 PM <small>SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</small>	²⁶ HALLOWEEN DANCE AND COSTUME PARTY 8PM TO MIDNIGHT COST \$5
²⁷ 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	²⁸	²⁹ Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	³⁰ 8	³¹ 	DONATIONS OF TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.	

NOVEMBER, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>PLEASE BRING IN DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS BOXES.</div>		<div>KARAOKE EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT FROM 8PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT</div>	<div></div>	<div>1</div> <div>Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</div>	<div>2</div>	
<div><div></div><div>3</div><div>Fall Back! Remember to move your clocks back one hour.</div><div>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</div></div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</div> <div>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <div>S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</div>	<div>9</div> <div>District #6 Meeting Lunch at 11am Meeting at Noon Augusta</div>
<div>10</div> <div>Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</div> <div>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Veterans Day Ceremony Spring Park 11AM</div> <div>Lunch at Post 12PM Closing Field of Heroes 2 PM</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</div> <div>Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM</div> <div>Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</div>	<div>16</div>
<div>17</div> <div>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</div>	<div>23</div>
<div>24</div> <div>Thanksgiving Dinner 12 Noon</div> <div>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div></div> <div>HAPPY Thanksgiving!</div> <div>Meals on Wheels</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</div>	<div>30</div>

DECEMBER, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	2	3 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	4	5 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	6 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	7 Pearl Harbor Remebrance Ceremony 11AM Swinging Bridge
8 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	9	10 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	11	12 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM	13 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	14
15 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	16	17 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	18	19	20 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	21
22 CHRISTMAS DINNER 12 NOON Post closes at 5:30PM Employee Party	23	24 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	 CLOSED		26 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	27 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty
29 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	30		NO LEGION MEETINGS SCHEDULED DURING DECEMBER.		KARAOKE EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT FROM 8PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT	
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