

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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POST 64 ACTIVITIES

All photographs in this Newsletter were taken and submitted by Ed Strain.



Presentation of a \$1,000.00 donation to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation from the Post 64 Legion Family. Unit 64 Auxiliary President Betty Cupples, National Commander Bill Oxford, Post 64 Commander Ken Wahlgren & Squadron 64 Commander Tim Grant.



A special thank you to SAL 2nd Vice Commander Brian Low and A.L. 1st Vice Commander Stan Nuckolls for preparing the Thanksgiving dinner, a Prime Rib dinner for National Commander Bill Oxford and the Christmas dinner.



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER KEN WAHLGREN

Well, winter is upon us, but, at least we can look forward to spring. For the month of October, we had a great turn out for the Early Bird Dinner. I would like to thank Stan Nuckolls and Brian Low for the excellent prime rib.

The Auxiliary had their first annual trunk or treat and a Halloween dance and costume party. Great work, Auxiliary. The Veterans Day ceremony was canceled due to inclement weather. Thanks to County Judge Jerry Holmes, the Field of Heroes ceremony was held in the courthouse. Thank you, Judge Holmes for allowing us to honor our heroes.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was enjoyed by all. Another fine meal by Stan Nuckolls and Brian Low. Thanks to everyone who donated turkeys for the dinner. A few were left over so they went out in food boxes for Christmas. On Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, the weather was great for December. I wish there was more support for the veterans that gave the ultimate sacrifice that day, 78 years ago. The Honor Guard did an awesome job. Thank you. The Christmas dinner was very well attended. Thanks to everyone who came to eat with us and celebrate the birth of our Christ.

National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford visited Post 64 on Wednesday, December 18. The post treated him to a prime rib dinner. Again, Stan Nuckolls and Brian Low did an outstanding job in the kitchen. Thank you both. The National Commander was taken aback by the reception given to him by all in attendance, including the Honor Guard. I would like to thank Post 64 Legion Family, the Auxiliary, S.A.L., and Legion Riders for their donation to the Child Welfare Fund. The National Commander was very grateful for the \$1000 check. I want to thank every member of this post for all their hard work and volunteerism this past year. **THANK YOU ALL!**

May God bless you all with a great 2020.

Ken Wahlgren
Post Commander



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This has been a very busy quarter for the Honor Guard, as the 4th quarter usually is. We did Military Honors for 12 Funerals, Posted Colors 10 times, lead one parade with the color guard and visited one nursing home. It is great that we had enough people to post colors at two schools at the same time. Much of the posting colors was in support of Veterans Day programs, and we still had more requests than we could honor.

With the efforts of our Post Commander, Ken Wahlgren, we were able to obtain 10 new M1 rifles and return the well worn ones back to the military. I would like to thank all who helped with the new rifles. They oiled and rubbed down the stocks in addition to unpacking the rifles and checking out the new rifles. They also packed and shipped back the old rifles. We had 13 members present to welcome National Commander Bill Oxford. This was great and I would like to thank all who participated.

The Honor Guard has a great group of members. They are willing to pitch in and do what ever we need to do. Including washing and cleaning the van.

Bonnie Tatom



Captain Bonnie Tatom with Honor Guard, preparing to greet National Commander Bill Oxford.



S.A.L. NEWS

SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

Moving forward in 2020, the Squadron is thankful for the support that we receive from our Legion Family and patrons. It is our hope for such support to continue in the causes for our Veterans and community.

This past quarter we contributed to the Legion's Child Welfare and National Emergency Funds. We donated locally toward the Riverland Toy Drive, CAPCA, Post Food Drive, Auxiliary Hal-loween, and Pine Mountain Veterans Home.

We participated with Auxiliary Field of Heroes, Veterans Day Ceremony, the Post's Thanksgiving and National Commander Dinners, and ran Taco Tuesdays and our Bingo nights (kudos to our own 2nd Vice-Commander Brian Low).

Coming up is the S.A.L.'s part in State Mid-Winter Conference. Lon Baureis continues his participation as State Detachment Finance Officer. We are planning our annual Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off.

Be up-to-date with your 2020 membership cards. Membership is vital for participation with the causes we support. Keep our troops in your prayers, For God and Country!

Tim Grant, Sons Commander



Robert Willard, Gabe Cothron, Tim Grant, National Commander Bill Oxford, Lon Baureis, Tom Thompson and Brian Low.



LEGION RIDERS NEWS DIRECTOR STEVE COOK

Happy New Year, American Legion Family! The Riders are anticipating another productive year in support of the causes for our Veterans and Post.

We received thanks from the American Legion Legacy Fund for our donation in support of children of K.I.A. We donated this past quarter to Service Dogs of Distinction. The Riders served BBQ at Drasco Trading Post for the annual Toy Run. We helped with traffic control during Heber's Christmas Parade. And have been faithful in doing our part for the Bingo crowd.

It was an honor to escort American Legion National Commander Bill Oxford to the Post for his entourage visit. It takes a team effort to accomplish the causes that we represent. When you are on a team, you have to at times lead, follow, and often-times, meet in the middle. I look forward to seeing us grow and serve our great community.

Ride safely,
Steve Cook, Director



Post 64 Commander Ken Wahlgren presenting one of many gifts to National Commander Bill Oxford.



AUXILIARY NEWS UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Hello ladies,
I'm proud to say we've had a great quarter. We had our fish fry, silent auction, fall festival for the children, and our Halloween dance. All the events were great. We also had a bake sale right before Thanksgiving and did very well with that.

Our next quarter will not be as busy but we will try to make it as good as we can. For February we are going to have a Valentines raffle and possibly a dance. We will decide that at our January meeting. In March we will help our post celebrate St. Patrick's Day as well as the American Legion birthday.

We will try to decide on our Spring and Summer events and fundraisers this next quarter so we can kick off the summer with a lot of events.

We have had a great time with each other through all of this and I appreciate all our ladies so much and look forward to continuing into the New Year.

Remember to get your dues up to date and tell your friends all the good things we do for our veterans and our community and try to get them involved.

Thanks again. Betty



Unit 64 Auxiliary with
National Commander Bill Oxford

JANUARY, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 	2 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	3 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	4 FRG Meeting
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FEBRUARY, 2020

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