

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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April - May - June
2020 Newsletter

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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		Road Captain Steve Cook <u>501-270-0929</u>



POST 64 ACTIVITIES



Bob Wetzel, Becky Dillon, Rena Kelly and Commander Ken Wahlgren.

Twelve scholarships were presented Thursday night, Feb. 27, at the Single Parent Scholarship Fund event at the Latimer Center on the ASU campus in Heber Springs.

Bingo has been cancelled for March 20 and 27 due to Coronavirus.



The inaugural graduation class of 2020 Department of Arkansas American Legion College. Finance Office Becky Dillon 4th from left bottom row.



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER KEN WAHLGREN

Well, winter is over and spring is upon us. I pray everyone had a blessed 2019 and holiday season. I want to remind everyone that nominations for officers and the Executive Committee will be held at the General Meeting on April 9 at 6:30PM. Anyone interested in running for office can contact one of the Nomination Committeemen; Stan Nuckolls, Jim Meredith, Bonnie Tatom, Roy Thompson or Ernie Simpson. You can also be nominated from the floor at the April 9th meeting (6:30PM).

Starting on April 23rd at 11:00AM, Post 64 will start having a Funday for the children with various games to play. We will have one Saturday each month designated for Funday. Check the Newsletter calendar for dates. Don't forget the Auxiliary will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11th at 11:00AM.

District 6 meeting will be held at Post 64 on May 9th at 11:00AM. We will be voting for District Six Commander and other officers. Please make plans to attend. Remember, if you don't vote for Post 64 and District Six officers, you won't have a voice on who runs our Post.

The American Legion and Post 64 need your help with recruiting new members. It's common knowledge that the American Legion is losing our WWII, Korea and Viet Nam veterans faster than we are replacing them. If everyone could sign up just one new member, we would easily be one of the largest Posts, not only in Arkansas, but in the surrounding states.

May God bless each and everyone.
Ken Wahlgren
Commander



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This past quarter has been one of the busiest I can remember. January kept us on the move. February slowed down. We had 13 funerals in this quarter. This was after the very busy 4th quarter last year.

I am very thankful we have a good Crew of Honor Guard members. We have eight members that carry the majority of the work load with two more following close behind. It is a great pleasure to be associated with a group of Legion members that are willing to volunteer their time and resources like these do. Each members covers their travel to and from the post and laundry expenses. Everyone pitches in to help with all the tasks necessary to perform our mission and is dedicated to doing the best job possible. They have pride in the work that we do.

Bonnie Tatom



Ken Day standing beside the storm shelter installed at the Pine Mountain Veterans Home. The shelter was funded by American Legion Post 64, Tumbling Shoals VFW #3543, DAV Chapter 57 and the Pine Mountain staff.



S.A.L. NEWS

SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

Many thanks to The American Legion Family for all your support and participation in our fundraising events. We are gearing up for the coming season of good food and fun. This past quarter we had great participation in our annual Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off. Taco Tuesdays and our Bingo nights have been super, thanks to Brian Low and Steve Cook's help.

We donated to various causes, including Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) and National Emergency Fund (NEF). We bought a brick honoring our Legion Family at a Post 91 flag-pole fundraiser. We gave to the Arkansas Children's Hospital and donated to Pine Mountain Veterans Home. Coming up we will participate with the Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt. We are planning the Memorial Week-end BBQ Chicken dinners on May 24. We plan on doing our yearly contributions for Boys and Girls State government training. And as always will help participate in the Post 64 Flag Retirement.

Nominations of Squadron Officers for the 2020/2021 Year will be held at our April meeting. We are short of goal for 2020 renewal. Please if you have not renewed, do so soon!

May God Bless America, our Troops, and our Legion Family!

Tim Grant, Commander



The American Legion Family



LEGION RIDERS NEWS DIRECTOR STEVE COOK

Thank you The American Legion Family for your support on our bingo nights. Bingo has been doing well at keeping us afloat. Legion Auxiliary is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 11. Auxiliary is accepting candy and/or cash donations for the event.

As riding season approaches we would like more participation at meetings so as to carry on with our causes.

Ride safe, and stay healthy!

Steve Cook, Director



Kevin Caldwell from Post 14 is running for Department of Arkansas Commander. He spoke at the General Membership meeting on March 12th.



The Auxiliary held a Valentine dance on February 15th.



AUXILIARY NEWS UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Hello ladies, I hope this finds you all safe and well during this scary time. As far as I know everyone at our post is doing well.

For this next quarter we have a few things planned. Hopefully they will all happen for us. We are planning our annual Easter Egg Hunt and bake sale on the 11th of April. It will be at 11am. We are planning a Spring Fashion Show on the 18th of April at 2 pm. Tickets will be \$10 and a light luncheon will be served. Everyone is invited.

For May we are hoping to do a bazaar and craft sale one weekend. The date will be determined later. We are having our Centennial birthday party on the 23rd. We will have food and birthday cake, and a dance that night. There will be no charge as this is our birthday celebration. So everyone come join us for some fun.

In June I want us to have a meet and greet brunch just to get some of our members and ladies who are thinking about joining together for some fun and fellowship. Of course we will be serving our annual Father's Day breakfast on the 14th. Hope to see you all at Convention.

Have a great quarter
Betty Cupples, President Unit 64.

APRIL, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post nominations this month	 Palm Sunday is May 5th.		1	2	3	4 FRG Meeting
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 Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale 11AM 
12  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 Auxiliary Fashion Show 2:00PM 
19 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	20	21 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	22	23	24 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	25  For Children 12 to 4PM
26 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	27	28 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	29 8	30		

MAY, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post Elections 9 AM to 6 PM Thursday, May 14		The S.A.L.s will be preparing BBQ Chicken Dinners on Sunday, May 24th			1 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	2
3 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	4	5 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	6	7 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	8 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	9 DISTRICT 6 MEETING Lunch at 11 Meeting at Noon
10 Mother's Day Breakfast 8 AM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	11	12 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	13	14 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	15 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	16 
17 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	18	19 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	20	21	22 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	23 
24 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	25 Memorial Day Ceremony Spring Park 11AM Lunch at Post Legion Night at Boys State UCA Conway 5PM	26 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	27 9	28	29 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	30

JUNE, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	1	<p>2 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>6 Remembering D-Day</p>  <p>June 6th, 1944</p>
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<p>14</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	17	18	<p>19</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>For Children 12 to 4PM</p>
<p>21 Father's Day Breakfast 8AM</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	24	25	<p>26</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	27
<p>28</p> <p>9 Ball 9 VBall Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	29	30	<p>10</p>	<p>New Post 64 Officers will be sworn in at the General Membership Meeting June 11th at 6:30PM</p>		