

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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July - August - September
2020 Newsletter

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POST 64 ACTIVITIES



**Terry Kemp,
Commander VFW,
Tumbling Shoals
and Commander
Ken Wahlgren at
Memorial Day
Ceremony in Spring
Park.**



**Veterans Memorial,
Spring Park.**



**Saturday, June 13,
Legionnaires and S.A.L.
members plus some
students from Wilburn
retired numerous
American Flags in a
solemn ceremony.**



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER KEN WAHLGREN

Well, the last quarter has proved to be very Interesting to say the least. I pray that God has given his hand of protection to all our members and their families. The Post is doing better, now that the canteen has reopened after a two month shutdown. We are operating at 30% capacity for the moment. (better than being shut down) Second phase didn't help our situation any as we are at capacity considering our limited floor space. We do have bingo up and running again on Friday night at 6:30PM.

Sorry to announce this but, due to the current situation with the coronavirus, we will not be having our annual Fourth of July picnic this year. We must protect our children and grandchildren. We will have our Old Soldiers Reunion. The parade this year will be on August 6th at 6:00PM. Please remember to come out and support our First Responders on 9/11 at the court house square at 11:00AM.

While we are surrounded by difficulties caused by the coronavirus, the Lord tells us we are surrounded by opportunities. Let's not forget God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11; the Lord tells us, I HAVE A PLAN FOR YOU, A PLAN TO MAKE YOU PROSPER, AND NOT TO BRING YOU HARM. May the Lord our God bless and protect each and everyone of us.

Kenneth Wahlgren, Commander



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

The Honor Guard was advised to not do military honors for funerals during the pandemic. Therefore we stayed at home for two months, except for Mike Nuckolls who played taps for at least 4 funerals. He traveled in his own truck and was able to keep his six feet separation at the funerals.

After 2 months we got calls for people who had retired from military service and the military would not send anyone. We decided we should get active again. We had our Memorial Day service at the park. We had a small but appreciative crowd. Then we did four funerals. One was for a 24 year Navy veteran in Marvell, Arkansas. This was an all day affair as it was 247 miles one way, We stopped in Brinkley to eat lunch and a Marine, who was also having lunch paid for all our lunches. Then they took our picture to put in the local paper.

The families have been appreciative that we got out and performed at their family funeral during this time. I believe all the Honor Guard members were ready to get out and continue our services.

Bonnie Tatom



The American Legion Family



S.A.L. NEWS

SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

This past quarter has been a trying time for the Post and for the Sons. Squadron Officers retained their positions for 2020-2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to provide honorable leadership for the Squadron. Squadron members attended the Memorial Day ceremony and helped with the Post's Flag Retirement ceremony. We returned to the kitchen for Bingo and Pool Tournament feeds. With high prices for beef, we have been serving wings. We made donation to The Legion's Endowment Fund program.

With the on-going COVID pandemic, our membership renewals are down. If you have not renewed your 2020 card, please do so promptly. Dues provide start-up monies that we need for the causes we support. Also, 2021 membership cards are in so you may renew early.

May God bless America and our troops!

Tim Grant, Commander



SAL Adjutant
Tom Thompson
at the
Memorial Day
Ceremony in
Spring Park.





AUXILIARY NEWS UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Hello ladies and gents. Hope this finds all doing well. Our unit is doing okay. As you know, our post was closed for 2 months so we haven't done any fund-raising. Social distancing is still in effect and we are still trying to figure out how we are going to do things. Our post has cancelled our 4th of July celebration. We are still going to have our float for the Old Soldiers' Reunion in August. Hopefully we will still have our Field of Heroes from September 11 - November 11. Ya'll take care and continue prayers for our country and veterans.

**Betty Cupples,
President, Auxiliary Unit 64**



**Finance Officer
Becky Dillon
with members of the
Auxiliary at
Spring Park on
Memorial Day.
L-R Jeremy Dillon,
Becky Dillon, Karen
Tompsett, Betty
Cupples, Barbara
Engler and (seated)
Debbie Thompson.**



**Bonnie Tatom, Beckly Dillon, Jerrell Skinner, Ken
Wahlgren, Larry VanveKoven, Sam Clary and Ken Day.**

Note: The Cottagemall and Cafe in Brinkley is a small family owned business. The food was home cooked and delicious. A Marine who was also dining in the cafe paid for the meal for the Honor Guard.

Photo above and article below courtesy of the Monroe County Herald, Brinkley, Arkansas.

An honor guard from the American Legion Post 64 in Heber Springs stopped in Brinkley Thursday, May 28 to eat lunch at The Cottagemall & Café. They were honor guards at the funeral of W. C. Wooten in Marvell and were on their way home.

Present were Bonnie Tatom of Hopewell, Commander Kenneth Wahlgren of Pangburn, Ken Day of Cove Creek, Larry VanveKoven of Heber Springs, Jerrell Skinner of Greenbrier, Sam Clary of Pangburn, and Becky Dillon of Hopewell, all from Post 64 in Heber Springs.

JULY, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	3 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	 Sorry, no picnic this year.
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 Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	11 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
12 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	13	14 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	15	16	17 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	18 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
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 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
26 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	27 	28 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	29 8	30 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	31 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	

AUGUST, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Friday September 18, 2020	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 Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	5 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
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