

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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For God and Country
October - November - December
2020 Newsletter

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

<u>Post</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>	<u>S.A.L.</u>
Commander Ken Wahlgren <u>501-728-4359</u>	President Betty Cupples <u>501-365-6895</u>	Commander Tim Grant <u>501-691-3839</u>
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	2nd Vice Director Vacant	Chaplain Jim (Spud) Shoop <u>501-206-7632</u>
		Road Captain Steve Cook <u>501-270-0929</u>



POST 64 ACTIVITIES



SCHOLARSHIPS

Annalise Cornett, who graduated from Concord High School, accepts a check for \$1000. She plans to attend the University of Arkansas Community College in Batesville pursuing a degree in Education. Pictured also are Commander Ken Wahlgren and Finance Officer Becky Dillon.



Landon Johnson, a graduate of Heber Springs High School, received a check for \$500. He plans to study finance at the University of Arkansas.



Ray Jolly was presented with a certificate for being an American Legion member for 50 consecutive years!!!

What an accomplishment.

Finance Officer Becky Dillon, Ray Jolly, Commander Ken Wahlgren and Adjutant Jack Marston.



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER KEN WAHLGREN

Wow, hard to believe we're going into the last quarter of 2020.

Our Old Soldiers Parade was a huge success. We had a large parade, but, due the covid-19, spectators were few and far between. We thank everyone for their support. Hopefully by next year, this virus will have dissipated so we can enjoy the weekend of fun and games at the carnival.

Our 9/11 Memorial (Patriot Day) turned out very well. I would like to thank County Judge Jerry Holmes for the use of the County Court House and all of our special guests (First Responders) for showing their support. I also want to thank our Guest Speakers, Mayor Jimmy Clark, Land Commissioner Tommy Land and State Representative Josh Miller.

October 11 will be our early bird dinner from 12:00-2:00PM. To be qualified for the early bird dinner, your 2021 dues must be paid by September 30, 2020.

November 3 is election day. Please get out and VOTE!

Nov. 22 will be our annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

PLEASE remember those who has lost their job or were laid off because of covid-1, by donating a turkey for our annual food drive.

Dec. 7 we will have our annual Pearl Harbor Memorial at 11:00AM at the swinging bridge, Hwy 110. Our Christmas Dinner will be on Dec. 20th. Since Christmas is on a Friday this year, the post won't have bingo that Friday night.

May God bless each and everyone.

Ken Wahlgren

Commander



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This last quarter has been a busy one for the honor guard. We had 15 funerals, 3 parades and posted colors 2 times. We were able to have a full crew for all but one funeral. We have had several with short notice but we still had a full crew to perform.

We presented colors at the Southridge Nursing Home parade. The residents were able to come out on the sidewalk to observe the long parade. They were happy to see everyone. We also led the Quitman 4th of July parade with the colors and we led with the colors for our old soldiers parade.

We had our annual flag retirement on Saturday, June 13. We had a large number flags again this year. The Wilburn 4-H children helped again. The SAL and legion members also assisted. We even had one group of visitors that wanted their children to participate.

We posted Colors for the talent contest and the beauty contest associated with old soldiers reunion on two consecutive nights.

We have a great honor guard crew. They want to perform the military honors and other functions and do so with dignity and respect.

We have two members on injured reserve. Skip Graewert who is unable to go with us due to the current Pandemic and Bob Wetzels is unable to go at this time. We miss them both and hope they can rejoin us soon.

We could use a couple more members. Personal commitments, injury or illness sometimes leave us short handed. Please consider joining this great group in performing military honors for our veterans. Contact me if interested at 501-206-9620.

Bonnie Tatom



S.A.L. NEWS

SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

Thanks to our Post 64 Family and community support for the events that we could sponsor in this COVID year. 2021 membership cards are in. Early Bird Dinner is in October 11. Those that have not renewed their 2020 cards, please do so to help The Sons and our voice to the Congress.

Also to keep your continuous years of membership. Deadline to pay dues to qualify for the Early Bird dinner is September 30.

Taco Tuesdays and our Bingo night help to provide funds for the donations we make. We recently made donations for Child Welfare Foundation, Temporary Financial Assistance, CAPCA, Arkansas Children's Hospital and Breaking Bread.

Have a blessed Holiday Season.

God bless America and our Troops!

Tim Grant, Commander



State Representative
Josh Miller and
Land Commissioner
Tommy Land were the
featured speakers at
the Patriot Day Ceremony
on 9/11/2020.

Larry VanveKoven being
sworn in as
Vice Commander, District 6
by former
Department Commander
Vernon Abram.



AUXILIARY NEWS UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Hello ladies and gents. Hope you all are holding together and doing well during these stressful times. Hopefully it will be better soon.

We've had a pretty slow quarter this time but the next one will be a little better. We didn't get to do our usual Field of Heroes this year because of the pandemic and general unrest in the public, but we did put up a beautiful display of flags on the courthouse lawn in Heber Springs. We donated a flag for each branch of the military, as well as one for POW/MIA, police, fire fighters, Purple Heart, and Gold Star Families. We are very proud of what all these flags represent.

We are going to have a curb-side pick up fish dinner on Saturday October 24. It will consist of catfish, fries, slaw, and dessert.

On November 23rd we are going to have a pre-order bake sale. In December we will try to have some decorative gift baskets and maybe another bake sale of some sort.

Hope everyone's coming months and holidays are great and happy. Until the next time.

Betty Cupples
President Unit 64.



POST 64 ACTIVITIES



Congratulations to Jeremy Dillon, our first male Post 64 auxiliary member in his appointment as NE Area Vice President for the auxiliary! Pictured with Jeremy is Carol Westergren.



Jerrell Skinner watches as Ken Day and Sam Clary fold the flag at a military funeral at Bethlehem Cemetery in Bradford, Arkansas. (Photo by Mike Nuckolls.)



The American Legion Family

Please submit your photos and articles for the Post 64 newsletter to:
charlottevan@suddenlink.net

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS DECEMBER 20, 2020.

OCTOBER, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DONATIONS OF TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.				1 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	2 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	3 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
4 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	5	6 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	7	8 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	9 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	10 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
11 EARLY BIRD DINNER NOON - 2PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	12 	13  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	14	15 	16 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	17 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
1 8 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	1 9	20 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	21	22	23 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	24 Auxiliary Catfish Dinner CURBSIDE PICKUP! 4PM - 7PM DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
25 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	26	27 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	28 8	29	30 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	31  DART TOURNAMENT 4pm

NOVEMBER, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Savings Time ends 	2	3 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM GO VOTE! Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	4	5 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	6 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	7 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
8 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	9	10 BIRTHDAY  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	11 Veterans Day Ceremony Spring Park 11AM	12 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	13 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	14 District 6 Meeting Augusta (Post 112) Eat @ 11AM Meeting @ Noon DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
15 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	16	17 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	18	19	20 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	21 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
22 Thanksgiving Dinner 1PM  9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	23 Auxiliary Pre-Ordered Bake Sale Noon - 6PM  BAKE SALE	24 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	25	26 HAPPY Thanksgiving!  Meals on Wheels	27 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	28 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
29	30	 NO, SERIOUSLY...GO.		ELECTION DAY TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD	PLEASE BRING IN DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS BOXES.	

DECEMBER, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NO LEGION MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER		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
6 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	7 Pearl Harbor Memorial Swinging Bridge 11AM	8 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	9	10	11 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	12 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	14	15 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	16	17	18 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	19 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
20 Christmas Dinner 1PM Post Closes 5PM Employee Christmas Party 6PM	21	22 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	23	24	 CLOSED	26 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
27 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	28	29 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	30 10			