

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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2021 Newsletter

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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POST INFORMATION

A prayer from our Commander

There's no storm that God won't carry you through.
No bridge that God won't help you cross.
No battle that God won't help you win.
No heartache that God won't help you let go of.
He is so much bigger than anything
that you will face today.
Leave everything in His hands and embrace this day
confidently knowing that He will take care of you.



American Legion Post 64 Heber Springs, Arkansas has been setting veteran footstones at cemeteries in the area. Left to Right: Roy Thompson Post 64 Sgt of Arms, Kenneth Wahlgren Commander, Sam Clary Chaplain, Bonnie Tatom Honor Guard Commander, Becky Dillon Finance officer, Larry VanveKoven 2nd Vice, Ernie Simpson Executive Board member, Jeremy Dillon Auxiliary Dept of Ar NE Area Vice President, and Ken Day Historian.



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER KEN WAHLGREN

Well, it is hard to believe that it is December already. Between the Covid-19 pandemic and this being an election year, I'm sure most of you are glad to see 2020 behind us. No more campaign ads!!! Due to the Covid-19 virus, we had to cancel most of our activities this year. With the release of the vaccine, hopefully we can start to see the end to this horrible virus. I pray that by late spring everything will be better and we can get back to some sort of normalcy.

Support of our canteen has been low due to the current health scare. Without our members support, it will be impossible to keep our canteen operating at this current level.

I want to personally thank everyone that donated turkeys for the Thanksgiving dinner and food baskets. Mike Hernandez (20 turkeys!), Ken Day (3), Verlon Abram, Brian Low, Brad Frink, Bonnie Tatom, Katy Teaque, Roy & Debbie Thompson, Tim & Lisa Golden, Mario Olivera, Linda Barney, Pam Case, Pat & Priscilla and Ron & Rosemary graciously brought in turkeys. (If I have forgotten anyone, I apologize.) Thanks to everyone for all the food donated. We were able to help several veterans and families.

I want to give a big THANK YOU to everyone for your support and voluntary time given throughout this past year.

May God bless each and everyone.
Ken Wahlgren
Commander



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

September 11th we participated in the celebration of Patriots Day and the opening of the Field of Heroes on the courthouse lawn. The Honor Guard posted colors for the program. October was a relatively quiet month. Then in November we had Veterans Day. We posted colors at the Heber Springs football field for their Veterans Program and were recognized along with other veterans who attended. A little later, we were at Spring Park for the Legion Veterans Program at 11:00 on November 11th. That afternoon at 3:00, we were at Pangburn for their Veterans program where we posted colors. Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin was the guest speaker. In between we were served lunch by our fantastic Legion cooks, Stan Nuckolls and Brian Lowe. Thanks guys.

During the fourth quarter, we participated in 16 funerals with Military Honors, and posted colors 4 times. This amounted to 324.5 volunteer hours.

We would like to welcome Roy Thompson as a member of the Honor Guard. We have one on sick leave. Bob Wetzel is still recuperating at home but has made trips to the post. We also miss Skip Graewert who is unable to participate because of the pandemic. Sadly, Charlie Kerr passed away in the VA Hospital in Springdale, Arkansas. He participated in numerous veteran funerals in the past several years.

We have the possibility of 2 more members as we work on getting uniforms. The Honor Guard has tried to participate when and where possible. Most of our functions are outside. When in buildings, we try to social distance and wear masks. The families appear to appreciate our services.

Bonnie Tatom



S.A.L. NEWS

SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

Thank goodness 2020 is history, what with the Covid-19 Pandemic. Looking on to 2021, we are hoping to be almost back to normal. Squadron 64 appreciates the support of our Legion Family and patrons this past year. With Taco Tuesday, Bingo nights, and membership renewals we have continued to donate to the various causes we support: Halloween candy, National Emergency Fund, Relay for Life, CAPCA, Child Welfare Foundation, and local hospitalized Veteran Christmas gift bags. We attended and assisted with the Pearl Harbor Day and Veteran Day ceremonies.

Please be up-to-date with your Sons memberships. They are vital for us to continue with the mission.

Praying for good health for our Legion Family.

May God bless America and our troops!

Tim Grant, Commander



AUXILIARY NEWS

UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Happy New Year to all! I hope and pray this year is a better one for all of us. Hope you had great holidays and are ready to get started on this year. Unfortunately, since the Covid-19 virus is still raging, we are finding it difficult to plan some things, but we are trying. January will be a quiet month for us. We will use it to start the process to get the information to area schools for Girls State and our scholarship programs. Also, we will begin planning for our Valentine Hearts and Flowers sales in February.

In March we hope to have a raffle. A set of "Corn-Hole" boards with bean bags is what we are planning on. On Sunday, March 14, we will help our post with a dinner to celebrate St. Patrick's Day (the 17th) as well as the American Legion Birthday (March 15th.)

Stay safe my friends and pray for our veterans and service members. God Bless America!

Betty Cupples
President, Unit 64.



Charles Vernon Kerr
1933 - 2020

On December 13, 2020, we lost a fellow Legionaire, Charles Kerr. Charles loved his family, friends and life. He enjoyed visiting with his family and friends and being a member of the American Legion and serving in the Honor Guard. He always loved a good joke and was quite a prankster. He was laid to rest at the Centerpoint Church Cemetery in Quitman on December 18 with Military Honors by American Legion Post 64.

American Legion Saxton Willis Post 64 Honor Guard performed military honors on November 25, 2020 for 88 year old Sergeant James Francis Purdue, a 20 year army veteran who served in the Vietnam war and other conflicts. His son, James L Purdue, himself a retired Army Sergeant Major received the flag. Pictured Mike Nuckolls, State Bugler and member of Post 64 Honor Guard and Sargeant Major Purdue.



Photo courtesy of Mike Nuckolls.



POST 64 ACTIVITIES



Placing this footstone at the Pearson Cemetery are Jeremy Dillon, Dept. of Ar Auxillary NE Area Vice President and Becky Dillon, Legion Honor Guard member and Finance Officer of Post 64.

Honor Guard Captain, Bonnie Tatom reading a Veterans prayer at a recent Memorial Service in the Pearson Cemetery.





The American Legion Family

JANUARY, 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						² DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
³ 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 SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	⁹ DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
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FEBRUARY 2021

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 <p>Will he see his shadow on Tuesday the 2nd?</p>	1	2 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	3	4 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	5 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	6 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
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14 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM		16 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	17 	18	19 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	20 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
21 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	22	23 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	24	25	26 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	27 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
28 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM			9 	SUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 7TH!		

MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	3	4 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	5  Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	6 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
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14 Dinner 12 noon St. Patrick's Day & Legion Birthday 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	15 HAPPY BIRTHDAY American Legion 101 Years 	16 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	17  Happy STPATRICK'S Day	18	19 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	20 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
21	22	23 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	24	25	26 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	27 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
28  PALM SUNDAY 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	29  NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY	30 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	31 10	Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 14 Set your clock ahead 		