

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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April - May - June
2021 Newsletter

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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POST INFORMATION

William James Music, 63, of Heber Springs, AR went to be with his Lord and Savior on March 10th, 2021. He was born on July 15th, 1957 in Chicago, IL to Kathleen Louise Music and William Donald Music. Bill had many adventures and opportunities during his life, from being in a band, to being a Carpenter, Beautician, Salesmen, Roofer, Logistics coordinator for L.A. Shipyards, Construction worker, stay at home dad, and the Sons of The American Legion Commander of the Detachment of Arkansas for 5 years and Sons of the American Legion Squadron Commander of Post #64 for 3 years. Bill had a passion for music and was incredibly creative in his cooking, but his favorite hobby was to fish, especially in his favorite place, Crystal Falls, MI. He accomplished his life dream by building his family a cabin up there along his favorite river. Most of all, he loved his wife, his girls and cherished his time with his grandkids.



Many of the Post 64 family have donated 99 volunteer hours over the past months placing ten Footstones on Veteran graves. Please express your gratitude to the following individuals:
Commander Ken Wahlgren, Roy Thompson, Jeremy Dillon, Becky Dillon, Ernie Simpson, Tim Golden, Bonnie Tatom, Sam Clary, Larry VanveKoven, Ken Day and Mike Nuckolls.
See photo on page 4.



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER KEN WAHLGREN

It's hard to realize that we have been dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic for a year. With the release of the vaccines and if everyone will get vaccinated, we can get out of this chaos and start to see the light at the end of the tunnel!!!

Our Executive Board meeting for April will be on Saturday the third at 1:30 due to Easter being on Sunday the fourth. Our Executive Board meeting for May will be on Saturday the eighth due to Mother's Day being Sunday the ninth. We will have a Mother's Day breakfast from 9:00 to 12:00 so come enjoy breakfast with us.

At the General Meeting on April the eighth at 6:30, we will have final nominations for Officers and Executive Board committee. if you desire to run for any position, please be at the meeting and let the nominations committee know what position you are interested in.

On May the eighth there will be a District 6 meeting at 10:00 at our post. We will be voting for District 6 Officers for year 2021-2022.

On May the thirteenth we will be voting for Post 64 Officers and Executive Board committee for the year 2021-2022. You can come to the post on that date between 12:00PM to 6PM to cast your vote. You must have your current membership card with you. Election results will be announced at our General Meeting at 6:30PM.

New officers will be sworn in at the General Meeting on June tenth.

The Department Conference will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in North Little Rock from June 18-20.

Kenneth Wahlgren
Commander



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This last quarter was very busy for the Honor Guard. We participated in a Pearl Harbor ceremony at the old swinging bridge. We also participated in a Post Everlasting for Leon Payton. In January we were re-certified by Camp Robinson personnel.

We participated in 26 funerals with military honors. Due to the snow and ice, we were unable to attend two requests for honors and one that was just too far from our post. In performing these functions we donated 436 volunteer hours. Our volunteer hours are counted from when we leave the Post until we return to the Post. Each person must make his own way to the Post and back home. Each person is responsible for maintaining their own uniform. Just letting you know that there is a lot more time and effort in being part of the Honor Guard than what is reported. Additionally, the Legion van must be maintained, washed, vacuumed, and gassed up regular. The rifles must be cleaned routinely and loaded for each funeral. The correct service flag has to be loaded in the van. On a final note, we lost Charles Kerr in December and he is still missed. We also lost a former member of the Honor Guard, when Bill Music passed away in March. Bill was a great asset for several years.

Bonnie Tatom



The American Legion Family



S.A.L. NEWS

SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

It has been a difficult COVID year. But the Squadron keeps moving forward. When the pandemic eases its grip, we will get back to some normality.

The Squadron is staying on top with our donations, thanks to Taco Tuesday and Bingo night. Our gun raffle is doing well for our fund-raising. We continue to support the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation, NEF, Girls and Boys State and our other causes.

Nominations for Squadron Officers for 2021-2022 take place at our April meeting. We are still behind with 2020 membership renewals. Please update your cards if you have not done so.

We mourn the loss of our comrade and friend Bill Music. Our prayers go to his family. God bless America and our troops!

Tim Grant, Commander



Post 64 Honor Guard performed Military Honors for a 71 yr old Vietnam Veteran who served in the United States Marine Corps. Marine Corps members folded and presented the flag, The veteran's grandson played bagpipes including the Marine Corps Hymn and Amazing Grace. The Patriot Guard was there to stand a flag line.



AUXILIARY NEWS UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Hello everyone. Hope everyone made it through the winter okay. It was a wild one but thank the good Lord, we made it. We have quite a bit going on this quarter, I am happy to say.

For April we are having an Easter Egg Drive Thru on Saturday April 3, from 10 am till noon. We will be passing out candy and Easter eggs. Some of the eggs will have prizes! The Legion and the Sons of the American Legion have donated bicycles. The Auxiliary has donated a tricycle. There are other prizes as well. Hoping for a large turn-out for this event.

We also have reopened our account at a local consignment store, so if you have items to donate we would appreciate them. We have a new display case at the post that we will be putting some items in for sale.

In May we will be having a Celebration of Continuous Membership Luncheon where we will be presenting over 25 of our members with Certificates of Membership, some for over 50 years! We are looking forward to this.

May is also our month for elections. Hopefully we will have a large turn-out for that. We are also planning several weekends devoted to Poppy booths.

We now are doing the Bingo every other week.

June will probably be slow as we will be busy planning what we hope will be a big 4th of July celebration. Will have more on that later.

I appreciate everyone's help this past year. It hasn't been easy for any of us so I am really hoping this next year will see us coming back to some kind of "normal". Hope you all stay safe and be happy.

Betty



POST 64 ACTIVITIES




Post 64 recieved two awards on February 9, 2021 for our Children and Youth Programs. Much appreciation goes to Finance Officer Becky Dillon who spearheads the Junior Shooting Sports Program and is involved in many other of the C&Y Programs. (Boys State, Scholarships, School Awards, War on Drugs Poster Contest and Oratorical Contest.)



Last of the footstones have been placed! Thank to all the volunteers who helped get this done. (Recognized on page 2.)

APRIL, 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
General Membership Meeting April 8, 2021 Final nominations for Officers and Executive Board members.		EASTER EGG DRIVE THRU 10AM - NOON SATURDAY APRIL, 3 		S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM		Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM		General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
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MAY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post Elections 12 Noonto 6 PM Thursday, May 13					Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	1 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
2 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	3	4 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	5	6 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	7 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	8 DISTRICT 6 MEETING 10am Vote for Officers Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
9 Mother's Day Breakfast 9am - Noon 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	10	11 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	12	13 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	14 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	15  DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
16 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	17	18 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	19	20	21 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	22 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
23 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	24 	25	26 6	27	28 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	29

JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Swearing in of new officers and Executive Board General Membership Meeting June 10, 2021		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 Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	5 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
6 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	7	8 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	9	10 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM <u>Auxiliary Meeting</u> <u>6:30 PM</u> Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	11 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	12 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
13 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	 FLAG DAY Flag Retirement Ceremony 10AM	15 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	16	17	Department Convention June 18 - 20 Wyndham Riverfront Hotel N. Little Rock	
					No Bingo Tonight	DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
20 Father's Day Breakfast 9am - Noon 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	21	22 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	23	24	25 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	26 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
27 9 Ball Tourna- ment 7:30 PM	28	29 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	30 7			