

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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For God and Country
July - August - September
2021 Newsletter

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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		Historian Sonia Marler



POST INFORMATION



**Commander
Becky Dillon**

Commander Dillon proudly served in the United State Marine Corps for six years, attaining the rank of Sergeant. At the time of her discharge, she was assigned to satellite communications. While serving her country, she was stationed at:

- Parris Island, SC (Boot Camp)
- Camp Devil Dog, Camp Geiger, NC (MCT)
- MCAS New River Camp Lejeune, NC
- Goodfellow AFB San Angelo, TX
- Fort Gordon Army Base Augusta, GA



**Meet your new Officers for the
Dept of Arkansas American Legion Riders.**

Director: Doc Phillips. Post 64
NE Vice Director: Randy Wood. Post 91
NW Vice Director: Bill Fagg Post 100
SE Vice Director: Chuck Eick. Post 71
Secretary: John Voss. Post 91
Sgt At Arms: Becky Dillon. Post 64
Chaplain: Becky Wood. Post 91
Road Captain: Billie Suiters. Post 336



LEGION NEWS POST COMMANDER BECKY DILLON

There are no words I can say to tell you how I felt to be elected your new Commander! I am deeply **HONORED** and **GRATEFUL** to have your trust and support. I would rather show you through actions, not words, my gratitude towards all of you. I promise to **SERVE YOU** to the best of my abilities for as long as I am your Commander of our beloved Post 64. I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Becky Dillon. I was born and raised in Orlando, FL. I was highly active as a child participating in sports and in and outside school activities. Some of my hobbies included: baseball, softball, football, competitive gymnastics, cheerleading, Marine Corps JROTC (my high school was 1st in state). I also participated in FFA, 4-H, Police Explorers, Civil Air Patrol, and various church groups, including mission trips. I also graduated high school as a National Honor Society member. As a child we came to Arkansas every year where I fell in love with the state. I always said I was going to live here. After graduation I went straight to boot camp. I served 6 years before being medically discharged. After being discharged I did some trade schools and college trying to find a new purpose. I made the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society along the way. I traveled a bit afterwards before following my childhood dream and finally coming to Arkansas to settle down permanently. I am now married with four kids total! I was brought to this post by a special man who knew I was still searching for purpose after losing my military career. From the moment I joined as a legionnaire (I was an FOL first), I knew this was where I belonged. I found what I was missing! Together I cannot wait to see what we will bring this coming year. I hope you all are as excited as I am. Everything worth anything takes patience and hard work. We will do this together. I am at yall's service.

Becky Dillon



LEGION RIDERS NEWS

DIRECTOR PATRICK "DOC" PHILLIPS

I am pleased to announce that Saxton-Willis Post 64 American Legion Riders is up and going strong again. In April, a collective team of previous Riders decided to change direction and get back to the business of supporting our mission. Since that time, we have increased in numbers every meeting and will continue to recruit new members in the Legion Family and also the Riders.

One of the First orders of business was to elect a new officer corps for Post 64. The following are this year's officers:

Director – Doc Phillips

Assistant Director – Sonia Marler

Secretary – Jammie Phillips

Finance – Tom Thompson

Sgt at Arms – Johnny Whitmeyer

Chaplain – James Shoop

Road Captains:

Head: Chris Fortenberry

Asst RC: Johnny Whitmire

Asst RC: Sonia Marler

Historian – Sonia Marler

We have events planned and rides coming up, two of importance. First is the Inaugural Diamond Poker Run sponsored by the ALR from Beebe Post 91. Date is Saturday, July 31. Our Post will be the lunch stop that day. Stop by for a burger or a brat. Secondly, this years Legacy Run starts at Post 100 in Rogers AR and will end in Scottsdale, AZ. The ride goes from August 22nd to the 26th and will be followed immediately by the National Convention. Look for more updates to come. Our Post will have a few riders on this ride.

Until later.....For God and Country,



S.A.L. NEWS

SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

Surviving the Covid epidemic, the Squadron continues to move forward with the Post. We are doing Taco Tuesdays and Bingo feeds, raising funds for our causes.

We helped with Memorial Day ceremony, Mothers' Day breakfast, and Flag Retirement Ceremony. We donated for Auxiliary's Easter-egg festivities.

Looking ahead, the Squadron will participate in the 4th of July parade in Quitman, Old Soldiers Reunion Parade, and attend Patriot Day ceremony.

2021 membership numbers are still down from 2020, so if you haven't renewed, please do so to keep your continuous years when 2022 renewals are made.

May God bless our troops and America

Please note: We need volunteers to help on July 3rd picnic.

Tim Grant, Commander



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This has been a busy quarter for the Honor Guard. We participated in 19 funerals. We attended a veterans ceremony in Wooster. We assisted in a Post Everlasting ceremony for Charles Kerr. These activities resulted in 135 call outs for our members and 376 volunteer hours.

This was quite a work load for our faithful volunteers. I would like to thank each and everyone as well as their families for their dedicated service. Our Honor Guard members are getting older and we are always asking for volunteers from our American Legion family to join us in providing military honors at Veterans funerals. If interested, please contact me at 501-556-5186.

Bonnie Tatom



AUXILIARY NEWS UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Greetings everyone! This quarter has flown by quickly and now it's time to start another one. I guess I will start by saying congratulations to our newly elected officers for the unit for the next year. They are Betty Cupples – President. Jeremy Dillon – Vice-President. Robyn Rose – Treasurer. Karen Tompsett – Secretary and Chaplain and Debbie Thompson – Sgt. Of Arms. I was also elected as the new District President, so wish me luck please.

We are sorry that our Father's Day breakfast was canceled, but we thought it best since most of us were going to the Department Convention.

Our plans for this next quarter will include a bake sale at the Post 4th of July picnic to be held on July 3rd at 11AM. Our Field of Heroes will be up and going this year. We are already handing out brochures and taking orders. So don't forget to get with us to sponsor your flag or flags. We will be taking orders up to Nov. 4th.

We will also have a booth at the Old Soldiers Reunion on August 5, 6, and 7. So come in and visit with us.

We have our own Facebook page now. Feel free to get on it and share your news with us. It is _

[American Legion Auxiliary Post 64.](#)

Hope everyone has a fun filled and safe summer.

Thanks,

Betty Cupples

President, Unit 64

The Auxiliary had their Easter Drive thru. We had Auxiliary members Betty Cupples, Nikki Hampton, Donna Bell, and Debbie Thompson...Jr Auxiliary members and JR shooter members Faith Martin and Katie Dillon...young SAL members and JR shooter members Hunter Warren, Conner Dillon, and Quaid Smith....Dual SAL/Auxiliary member Jeremy Dillon....Dual Auxiliary/Legionaire Becky Dillon...and our Easter Bunny Barb all pitch in Saturday to make this happen. We had other members on an earlier date help stuff eggs. Thanks to all who helped and all those who stopped in with their kids!



POST 64 ACTIVITIES










Little League Team sponsored by Post 64. Coaches Becky & Jeremy Dillon.

Your Post Sponsored Little League Team finished up their season with a record of 6 Wins, 3 Losses and 1 Tie! Great job team!!! You worked real hard all season and learned very valuable life lessons. It was an honor to coach you all.


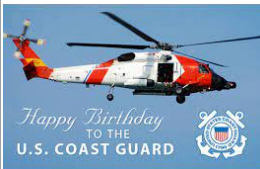




So proud of how you all came together and worked as a team. Your sportsmanship skills are amazing and something to brag about. As we have coached some of yall before it was amazing to see how you have grown since last time. Can't wait to see you next year!!



JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TACO TUESDAYS EVERY TUESDAY 5 TO 8 PM				1 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	2 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	3 POST PICNIC 11AM TO ??????  DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
4 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	5 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM	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 SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	10 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
11 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	12	13  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	14	15	16 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	17 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
18 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	19	20  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	21	22	23 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	24 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
25 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	26	27  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM 	28 7	29	30 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	31 Diamond State Poker Run Post 91 Beebe 9:30 AM DART TOURNAMENT 4pm

AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ARKANSAS RUN FOR THE FALLEN TRAVELING MEMORIAL AT POST 64 AUGUST. 2-7 https://www.facebook.com/arkansasrunforthe fallen	2	3 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM 	4 Coast Guard Birthday  <i>Happy Birthday TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD</i>	5 Old Soldiers Reunion Parade 6PM S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	6 Old Soldiers Reunion Spring Park August 5, 6 & 7 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have	7  <i>national PURPLE HEART DAY</i> DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
8 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	9	10  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	11	12 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	13 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	14 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
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22 Legion Riders Legacy Run August 22 - 26 Roger, AR to Scottsdale, AZ 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	23	24  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	25	26	27 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	28 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
29 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	30	31  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	8	American Legion National Convention Phoenix, Arizona August 27 - September 2, 2021		

SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TACO TUESDAYS EVERY TUESDAY 5 TO 8 PM			1	2	3	4
				S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
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12	13	14  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	15	16	17  Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	18  DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
19	20	21  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	22	23	24 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	25  DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
26	27	28  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	29 9	30	Field of Heroes begins on September 11.	