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2021 Newsletter

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LEGION NEWS

POST COMMANDER BECKY DILLON

I want to start by thanking everyone who has had a hand in moving our beloved post forward. Hard work pays off! I want to reflect back on some events we have had in the past few months. If you missed our Flag Day at the post then you missed a wonderful music performance put on by the Pioneer Club. They have amazing talent. Our 4th of July picnic went off without a hitch thanks to the whole family involvement! We managed to feed at least 120 people. It was so much fun watching the kids and adults play. The Old Soldiers parade may have been a hot day but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It is always an honor to continue this long-lived tradition in Heber Springs. Thank you to everyone who helped put up our new sign. It wouldn't have been possible without the work of Ernie Simpson and Kenneth Wahlgren. Ernie took care of getting the building and placement of it and Kenny ran our electric and helped us get our permits. Our chicken dinner was a huge success! If you missed our 9/11 ceremony, you missed one heck of a speech. The courthouse yard looks amazing especially at night. If you see anyone who was involved in these events be sure to thank them. Without these people going above and beyond their duties these events would not be possible! In the next few months, we have several events coming up so check the Newsletter calendar. Come out and show your support and pride for Post 64. If you want to help, tell someone! We will use any body willing. We have had a great last quarter and are going strong. I cannot wait to see what the next three months will bring. Thank you to everyone who has shown support and helped out. One last thing I want to touch on is: if you are a member, it is vital that you attend post meetings. This is your time to vote on or express your concern on anything post related. Without our members present we cannot conduct a meeting. Our meetings are the second Thursday every month at 6:30pm. We open the doors at 6pm and start as a united Legion Family! Note: Veterans Day 2021 falls on the normal Membership meeting day. November's Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10. Please come out and hear what your post is doing once a month. We cannot wait to see you at Post 64!

Becky Dillon Commander



AUXILIARY NEWS

UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Hello from the Auxiliary! It's that time again to let everyone know what we have planned for the next quarter. This one has been busy for us, with the 4th of July picnic, a fish dinner for one of our members who was injured and required hip replacement and getting our 11th annual Field of Heroes up and started. I hope you will all go by and see it between now and November 11. Remember, you can still sponsor a flag for your hero up until November 1.

This next quarter we are going to be quite busy. We are going to have a Fall Festival with games and prizes for the kids, including a cake walk! That will take place on October 23rd from 5-8 pm. The Auxiliary is going to sponsor a costume contest at the Post Halloween party and dance on October 30th. There will be prizes for the best costumes.

On November 11th we will have our closing ceremony for our Field of Heroes at 2pm. Hope everyone will turn out for that. On November 23 the Auxiliary will be in the post kitchen baking for our annual Pre-Thanksgiving bake sale. Our menu will be the same as last year, so we need you to call or come by the post in November and place an order for pies, cakes, cookies, breads, or other baked item so you won't have to do it for Thanksgiving.

In December we will be having a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, the 11th, from noon till 6. We will have items for sale, decorations, Christmas cookies, baked goods, and a silent auction. Please come join us for this.

That is about all we have planned for now. Wishing all of you a safe and healthy quarter. Praying for all of our veterans and their families and our great country.

God Bless the USA.

Betty Cupples, President
Unit 64, Heber Springs.



LEGION RIDERS NEWS

DIRECTOR PATRICK "DOC" PHILLIPS

Greetings Legion Family.

Your Riders Chapter has had an extremely busy quarter this year! First, we continue to grow and bring in new members. Keep up the referrals and pointing them to us. Thank you! In July our Post was one of the stops for the Inaugural Diamond Trail Poker Run sponsored by American Legion Post 91 in Beebe. We were the lunch stop for this ride. It was an extremely hot day and everyone on the ride really enjoyed the lunch and the Post. Thanks to all the riders that helped!!

The big event this quarter was the 2021 American Legion Legacy Run (August 22nd to 26th) that started in Rogers AR and ended in Phoenix for the National Convention. We had 3 riders from our Chapter (Becky and Jeremy Dillon and Doc Phillips) that rode the entire ride. Over 200 bikes made the trek through Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. It was absolutely beautiful and HOT! When we hit Phoenix it was 113°! This year's ride raised 1.1 million dollars for the Legacy Run. Arkansas donated over \$7,000 this year. See Picture on Page 5. Special thanks to Post 64 Legion and Post 64 Riders for donating \$1,500 to the cause. Great job Post 64.

Your Legion Riders continue to serve out Post by sharing Kitchen duty for Bingo now. We are also in the works for having an In-State Legacy Run in 2022 to raise even more money for the National Legacy Run which will end in Milwaukee next year for National Convention.



The Commanders Flight, Flight H, gave Commander Dillon the road name "Mouser" during the Legacy Run!
You have to ask her about that name when you see her.



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This has been a different and challenging quarter for the Honor Guard. First we would like to welcome Patrick (Doc) Phillips to the Honor Guard.

Some of the challenges we had were that some members went to the National Convention in Phoenix. This left us a little short handed. Then we had several on sick call. Skip is home bound until the pandemic subsides, Kenneth Wahlgren had the COVID and was quarantined, John Armour had a couple of health issues, Jerrell Skinner got to visit the hospital, Ken Day continues to visit different doctors trying to find his problems, Larry Vanvehoven had a visit with doctors, and I got to visit the hospital twice. Despite all of that, we were still able to fulfill our duties. We performed at 18 funerals, 2 parades and posted colors 4 times. This resulted in 131 call outs and 342.5 volunteer hours. This is the first time in a long time that we have provided Military Honors with the minimum of 3 members. I think we did this five times this quarter.

The Honor Guard could use some more members as many of us are getting a little older. We need members available to participate in Honors at veterans funerals. These happen on every day of the week so members should be available most of the time.

Bonnie Tatom

Honor Guard
retrieving Colors
at closing of the
Patriot Day
Ceremony.



Jeremy Dillon, Becky Dillon,
Sam Clary & Roy Thompson.



S.A.L. NEWS SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

Thanks to our membership that has renewed for 2022. Those that need to, please renew promptly. The Post is serving Early Bird Dinner on October 24. The Squadron continues to serve Taco Tuesdays and our Bingo nights. We helped with the Post July picnic, Old Soldiers' Parade, Labor Day week-end Chicken Dinners and helped with the Auxiliary Field of Heroes. We were introduced to a group of Veterans that participate in Veteran suicide-prevention. They are called "We Are The 22", named for the roughly 22 veterans that do commit suicide daily. The Post has "We Are The 22" information in the canteen. Have a Blessed Holiday Season! May God bless America and our Troops.



POST INFORMATION

Congratulations to the following members that have gone above and beyond for our post.

June

Legion - Ernie Simpson
SAL - Roy Thompson
AUX - Beverly Head

July

Legion - Ken Day
SAL - Thomas Thompson
AUX - Karen Thompsett

August

Legion - Gabriel Cothron
SAL - Scott Bender
AUX - Robin Rose



Please read the article on the right regarding this picture.

Family Strong, Service Strong



DID YOU KNOW?

Refer to picture opposite this article.

The flag of the United States yields only to church services aboard Navy vessels. According to U.S.C. approved by Congress on 2 June 1942 the United States flag flies above any other flag or pennant "except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for the personnel of the Navy." Early on, the flying of the "church pennant" above the national flag was simply Navy tradition used "as a signal by ships at sea to denote to other ships that Divine Service is being held on board the vessel where the pennant flies." ¹ This tradition wasn't looked on with favor by everyone. In 1923 a group of patriotic organizations met at a conference in Washington, D.C. to formulate and recommend law for the proper presentation and treatment of the flag of the United States. The members of this conference "looked with disfavor upon the Navy custom of hoisting the church pennant over the national emblem as a signal the Divine Services were in progress." ² Not only by this conference, but disapproval was also expressed by some Congressmen. In years following, the Secretary of the Navy was even called before Congress to answer whether any pennant flew above "the Stars and Stripes" on Naval vessels. ³ As the United States entered World War II however, with the extreme support given to the military services and their members during times of war, the practice was codified into U.S. law to permit this Navy tradition to continue, as it does to this day. According to Jonathon Maloney, a Navy Chaplain at sea as of the time this writing, the church pennant is flown above the national colors "every Sunday when I am holding services on Ship." ⁴



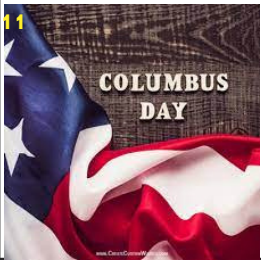




So by federal law, this one exception exists that places the identification of the presence of the chaplain and the performance of worship above the emblem of the United States of America.

*Clifford Merrell Drury, "The History of the Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, Vol. 2, 1939-1949." NAVPERS 15808, pg. 123.

² Clifford Murray Drury, "The History of the Chaplain Corps, United States Navy, Vol. 1, 1778-1931." NAVPERS 15807, pg. 229.

³ Ibid. ⁴ Facebook Messaging conversation between author and Chaplain Jonathon Maloney, 30 September 2017.

OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DONATIONS OF THANKSGIVING TURKEYS NOW BEING ACCEPTED					1 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	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 Ozark Trail Festival Parade 9AM Pageants at 11AM & 4PM DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
10 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	11 	12  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	13	14 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	15 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	16 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
17 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	18	19  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	20	21	22 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	23  DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
24 Early Bird Dinner Noon - 2PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM 31	25	26 Pool Tournamen 7:30 PM 	27 7	28	29 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	30 Halloween Party & Dance Costume Contest 7PM - ? DART TOURNAMENT 4pm

NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CONTACT AUXILIARY TO PLACE ORDERS FOR PRE- THANKSGIVING BAKE GOODS!	1 PLEASE BRING IN DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS BOXES THIS MONTH!	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	6 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
7 FALL BACK! ONE HOUR Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	8	9  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	10 NOTE THE CHANGE IN DAY General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	11 Veterans Day Ceremony Spring Park 11am Lunch @ Post Close Field of Heroes 2PM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM	12 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	13 District 6 Meeting Augusta 11 AM DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
14 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	15	16  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	17	18	19 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	20 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
21 Thanksgiving Dinner Noon - 2PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	22	23  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	24	 HAPPY Thanksgiving	26 Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	27 DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
28 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	29	30  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	 DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK Sunday November 7 DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK			 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10

DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NO LEGION MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER.	PEARL HARBOR DAY CEREMONY 11 AM SWINGING BRIDGE DECEMBER 7		1	2	3	4
				S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
5	6	7 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM 	8	9	10	11
9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM				Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM	Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar Noon - 6PM DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM		 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM			Bingo 6:30 PM Legion Riders Have Bingo Kitchen Duty	DART TOURNAMENT 4pm
19 Christmas Dinner Noon - 2PM Post Closes 5PM Employee Christmas Party 6PM -?	20	21	22	23	24	25
		 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM			Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	 CLOSED
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM		 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	9		New Years Eve Party 9PM - ?	