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2022 Newsletter

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LEGION NEWS

POST COMMANDER BECKY DILLON

As we close out the year, I want to give a huge shout out to everyone who has had a hand in every event we have done. Our Honor Guard has been extremely busy with ceremonies, parades, and funerals. Please show your appreciation to them when you see them. A big thanks to Jack Marston for all the delicious dinners he worked very hard on and to his SAL supporters; Gabe Cothron, Tim Grant, and Brian Low. Please give a hug to all the Auxiliary members who have supported us all year with delicious treats and hard work. Give a pat on the back to our Riders who have stepped up every time we've asked. Without our families, our events would not be possible. We have helped so many this past quarter and have done so much. Let's keep up the efforts and support each other. We have some surprises coming up this next quarter so keep your ears open for more information. I would like to take a little bit of time to talk about something of importance. Our future! We all talk about memories and the good ol' days and how things used to be. Take a moment to think about how you want things to be in the future. Think about how you want to be remembered. These two go hand in hand. What is your legacy you want to leave here? If you are a Senior member in any family (Legionnaire, SAL, AUX, Rider) in our post I challenge you to take a Jr member and teach them. Teach them your position or the traditions you remember so that they may carry them forward. Mentor them so that we may continue to grow within our American Legion post. I challenge you to do this for one simple reason. If we do not teach/mentor our Jr members through ourselves and our memories then our memories will fade away along with our beloved post. I am looking forward to a new year with all of you! Remember keep your ears open for a few surprises to pop up.

Becky Dillon, Commander



AUXILIARY NEWS

UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Greetings everyone! Hope your holidays were filled with joy and hope for the New Year.

We are finishing up this year with our Field of Heroes donations. We gave a donation to a veteran in need. We are fulfilling the "Wish Lists" of our nursing home veterans. We have a little over \$300 to split between the County Sheriff and the volunteer fire departments in the county. And if we have any left it will go to the DAV. We are also buying Christmas for Veterans in the nursing home and donating to the Post Christmas bags for about 40 veterans in different nursing homes. We are proud to be able to do all that.

We also had a Christmas Bazaar one week-end. We had crafts, yard sale items, baked goods, and a silent auction. We had a good turnout for that.

Starting off the new year is going to be slow. We decided to let January be our resting month, so we have nothing planned for that month.

February we will have our Valentine's hearts and flowers for sale. We will also have a nice prize to buy tickets for.

March will find us celebrating the American Legion birthday. We also planning an "Orientation Day" for our new members (and older ones) at the end of March.

Refreshments will be served. I'm hoping for a good turnout for that.

We pray that this year will be better for everyone but especially our veterans. God Bless our country and watch over all of us.

Betty

Family Strong, Service Strong





LEGION RIDERS NEWS

DIRECTOR PATRICK "DOC" PHILLIPS

Greetings Legion Family!!! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season in 2021. As we all had to "Adjust" our holiday due to COVID, but I must admit, this year was better than 2020! Your Riders had an eventful quarter that included the Visit of the National Commander, Paul Dillard, and fund raising for a family here in Heber to help provide a better Christmas for some children, and rides.

The Riders had a great Breakfast ride in October where we went to Bentleys in Greers Ferry on a beautiful Saturday morning. After breakfast we rode to Drasco to the Trading Post for a little shopping and visiting. More rides are being planned for 2022 and I hope that all can ride with us. We are contemplating a "Degree Ride" on January 1st, but typically this ride is for much colder weather than we are expected to have. Still might go for it.

On November 10th, our Legion Riders and Riders from Post 91, Beebe provided a motorcycle escort for National Commander Paul Dillard to our Post. With the help of Cleburne County Sheriff's Department we drove through Heber Springs to show him the Field of Heroes and then on to the Post. Great turnout and great time to spend some time with the National Commander. You might not know it, but in 2022, the National Commander will ride with the Riders on the Legacy Run ending in Milwaukee.

At the State ALR level, we have been busy too. We Chartered a new Riders Chapter in Crossett, AR at Post 111. They are really motivated, and the Post is very supportive of their new Charter. We are also in the planning stages of a Arkansas statewide Legacy Run in 2022. We will keep you posted as more information becomes available.

Here's wishing everyone a Bigger, Better and Prosperous New Year in 2022. Stay healthy and lets make the Riders bigger and better in 2022.

For God and Country,
Doc



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This has been a busy period for the Honor Guard. We have had several members that been involved in medical problems with themselves and family members. To my knowledge we are all back except Ken Day. Ken is on the improving list. He is gaining weight and starting to feel better. We hope he continues to improve and is soon back with us.

We participated in 15 Funerals, lead 2 parades, posted colors at two functions, worked at the Pearl Harbor ceremony and installed a grave marker for a veteran. This involved 146 call-outs. We had 311 volunteer hours. Volunteer are the hours when we leave the post until we return to the post from the function. This does not include each member's travel time from home to the post or time spent loading weapons and loading the van with flags and other items.

I would like to say thanks to all the members for the job you have done this last quarter.

I am looking forward to our continued participation and good job this new year.

Bonnie Tatom



Christmas Parade.



Funeral for Navy Veteran on November 30 at Cleburne County Memorial Gardens.



S.A.L. NEWS SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

HAPPY NEW YEAR, MEMBERS! The Squadron appreciates The Legion Family and patron support! It is our hope for continued help this year as we support our Veterans and community.

This past quarter we have participated in the ceremonies for Veterans Day, Field of Heroes, and Pearl Harbor Day.

We continue with our Bingo and Taco Tuesday meals.

The Squadron made donations to American Cancer Society, CAPCA, Post 64 Food Drive, Margie's Haven House Christmas, and a veteran memorial project at Cleburne Historical Society.

We are planning the Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off in February. The date is February 13.

Be sure to update your 2022 Sons memberships if you have not as yet; we do need your continued backing for the causes we support!

May God Bless America and our troops
Tim Grant, Commander



Auxillary President Betty Cupples and Jane Kever receiving her Certificate of Appreciation!



Jack Marston giving some last minute instructions to Gabe Cothron and Tim Grant at the Thanksgiving Dinner.



DID YOU KNOW?

ALL GOOD MEN AND WOMEN
MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY
TO CREATE LEGACIES THAT
WILL TAKE THE NEXT
GENERATION TO A LEVEL
WE COULD ONLY IMAGINE.



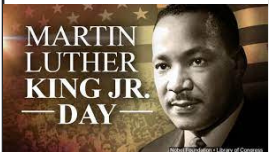
JIM ROHN

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Riders Escort for National Commander Paul Dillard.

JANUARY 2022

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|-------------|---|--|--|
| TACO TUESDAYS EVERY TUESDAY 5 TO 8 PM | |  | | | | HAPPY NEW YEAR  |
| 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 Pageants at 11AM & 4PM |
| 9 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM 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 Mid-Winter Conference Wyndham N. Little Rock |
| 16 Mid-Winter Conference Wyndham N. Little Rock 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 3:30pm |
| 23 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM 30 | 24 | 25 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM | 26 7 | 27 | 28 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty | 29 DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm |

FEBRUARY 2022

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Don't Forget Taco Tuesdays! |  5 - 8PM | ¹ Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM | ²  HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY | ³ S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM | ⁴ Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty | ⁵ DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm |
| 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 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM | ¹¹ Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty | ¹² District 6 Meeting Beebe 11 AM DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm |
| ¹³  9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM | ¹⁴  | ¹⁵ Pool Tournament 7:30 PM | ¹⁶ | ¹⁷ | ¹⁸ Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty | ¹⁹ DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm |
| ²⁰ 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 3:30pm |
| ²⁷ 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM | ²⁸ | | 8 | | | |

MARCH 2022

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Don't Forget Taco Tuesdays! |  5 - 8PM | 1 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM Pool Tournament 7:30 PM | 2  ASH WEDNESDAY | 3 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM | 4  HAPPY Employee Appreciation DAY! Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty | 5 DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm |
| 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 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM | 11 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty | 12 Legion Birthday Dinner Noon - ??? DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm |
| 13 Spring forward Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.  9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM | 14 | 15 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM | 16 | 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day  | 18 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty | 19 DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm |
| 20 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 3:30pm |
| 27 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM | 28 | 29 National Vietnam Veterans Day Pool Tournament 7:30 PM | 30 9 | 31 |  MARCH 29TH VIETNAM VETERANS DAY  | |