

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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2022 Newsletter

### AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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## **LEGION NEWS**

### **POST COMMANDER BECKY DILLON**

Greetings everyone. Before we get into business I want to thank everyone for all their hard work and accomplishments. Our Legionnaires for the 1ST Quarter were Jack Marston, Doc Phillips and Larry Vanvehoven. These three went way out of their way to carry on the four pillars of the American Legion. This QTR I would like to encourage anyone wishing to hold an officer position or learn more about the Legion to complete the Basic Training offered online through Legion.org free of charge. The link is <https://www.legion.org/alei>. Upon completion of this take it further and attend our Department American Legion College. We will be setting a date for the next one soon and as always, we offer training at conventions. Be watching our Facebook page as we are coming into the start of the busy months again with lots of activities. April 14th we will have our general meeting at 6:30pm with final nominations from the floor at that time. If you are wanting to run for any office this is your last chance to get your name in. April 23rd at 7pm we will be hosting Arizona Lou on his Veteran's Appreciation National Tour. Tickets will be \$5 a person and 12 years under free. This show is rated PG16. We will have the elections of our District officers at the next District meeting so please be in attendance. May 12th will be our post elections. You can come cast your vote May 12th from NOON to 6PM. You must have your current 2022 membership card in order to cast your vote. Swearing in of new officers will be at the June 9th general membership meeting. We will have lots of announcements come up between now and then so come get the latest by attending your general membership meetings, checking out your calendar in the post, or on our Facebook page. I look forward to a new Legion year with all of you. Let's get this started off stronger than last year. For our seasoned members, we have lots of new faces floating around let's get them more involved!

Becky Dillon  
Commander



## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

### **UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES**

Good afternoon everyone. Hope everyone is doing well. Spring is finally getting here so let's hope the bad cold and snow are through for this year. It's time for the quarterly newsletter again and we have been busy this last 3 months and are planning on a busy Spring season. We will start in April with Spring Conference in Cabot. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. On April 9 our unit is having an Initiation Ceremony for our 19 new members and a Revitalization for all our members. It will be from 11-2 and a light lunch will be provided (finger foods and dessert). We will welcome visitors from other units that would like to attend. We are proud to say that we are having our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and bake sale on April 16 at 11. Sure will be glad to see the kids again and we are hoping for a large turnout. We are proud to announce that we have 10 girls that have applied to go to Girls State this year. We also have 6 scholarship applications. May is our Poppy drive month, so we will have a Poppy booth set up in a couple of locations. Also we have a new member who donated several items to be sold with the funds be designated for the veterans in the nursing homes. So we are going to have a fund raiser to sell those and other items with the funds going into our Poppy fund. We are going to designate June as our "Help our Furry Friends" month and hope to be getting donations all month for the Humane Society. Pet food, bedding, and cash will be gladly accepted. Our officer elections will be held on May 12 at our monthly meeting. District 6 elections will be held on May 14 at our post. And lastly, several of our unit are looking forward to going to State Convention in June. I will be glad to see everyone again. Be safe. God Bless the United States of America. Betty





## LEGION RIDERS NEWS

### DIRECTOR PATRICK "DOC" PHILLIPS

Spring has Sprung. The first sign of spring is said to be the return of the Robins. Not really, it's the return of the Rumble of the Motorcycles. It is time to ride. Many of us have been out already and getting ready for numerous rides soon.

The first one coming up is the "Blessing of The Bikes" sponsored by the Legion Riders Chapter 13 in Hot Springs, AR. It is scheduled for the 3rd of April at 1 PM at their Post. There will be a BBQ, raffle drawings and Live Music. We plan on leaving the Post at 7:30 AM on Sunday the 3rd and picking up riders from Beebe and Cabot on the way down. We will return the same day. Next, we've been invited to the Oklahoma Legacy Run on July 14th thru 16th starting in Enid, OK. This will be a good primer for the National Legacy Run in August. Round trip from Heber will be about 1,000 miles. Let me know if you are interested.

Lastly, the National Legacy Run will be held from August 21st to 25th 2022. This year's ride will end at the National Convention in Milwaukee, WI. This is a GREAT ride for a GREAT cause, The Legacy Scholarship Fund. Monies raised go the scholarships for children of Veterans KIA since September 21st, 2001, until today. They can receive \$20,000.00 per year for 5 years for college tuition. Additionally, children of Veterans with a greater the 50% disability due to the GWOT can receive \$10,000.00 per year for 5 years to help with college. Talk to those who have made this ride before, it's AMAZING.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Doc Phillips



Patrick Phillips, (Aka Doc Phillips) was a transfer. He was recognized as the Posts Legionaire of the month by Commander Becky Dillon for coming in and becoming an essential member to this post. Everyone can learn from each other and this member is eager to share his knowledge. He will push everyone to put forth 110%.

Thank you Doc Phillips for choosing Post 64!



## HONOR GUARD NEWS

### CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

We started the quarter with the Christmas parade and posting colors. Then despite the pandemic and all the ice, snow and rain, we participated in 18 funerals. This was done with 126 call outs and 328 volunteer hours.

To accomplish this takes a lot of background work. We must clean and maintain the rifles. We need to load the rifles for each function, then unload and store the rifles in the safe. Make sure the flags are used properly, arranged at each function, and maintained properly. We assure that the bugle is ready to use with good batteries. The van has to be cleaned, washed, gassed up and mechanically maintained.

It takes a group of dedicated volunteers to do these tasks. These volunteers must maintain their uniforms and keep them clean. Then someone must contact each one for each function we are scheduled to perform. I would like to thank each volunteer for their dedicated work. We have a great bunch to perform these functions.

Thanks for our Legion members for supporting us in these activities.

Bonnie Tatom



Bugler Mike Nuckolls is rarely depicted in Honor Guard photographs but takes beautiful pictures like the ones above.



## S.A.L. NEWS

### SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

Squadron 64 has been maintaining well with Taco Tuesdays and our Bingo cooks. Thanks to The Legion Family and patrons for your support! We brought back Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off. Thanks to all who participated. Sons are donating for one boy and one girl to attend Boys' and Girls' State programs. We are participating with The Legion Family to bring the POW/MIA Freedom Car to Post 64 to help to keep these heroes in the hearts and minds of the public. We are donating to Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt and continue to support The Legion's Child Welfare Foundation and National Emergency Fund. As usual, we will participate with the Honor Guard's Flag Day Ceremony. Nominations for 2022/2023 Squadron Officers are set for the April 7 SAL meeting.

Please update your Sons membership cards if you have not done so for 2022.

May God bless America and our Troops!  
Tim Grant, Commader



Post 64 Honor Guard gave Military Honors to a 24 year veteran of our United States Air Force at the Pines Baptist Church, Quitman.

(L-R) Skip Graewert, Jerrell Skinner, SAL Phil Harris, Ken Wahlgren, Bonnie Tatom, Sam Clary and Larry VanveKoven. Photo taken by Mike Nuckolls.



## POST INFORMATION













The Department of Arkansas American Legion College held its Inaugural Class on March 11th thru 13th at Post 100 in Rogers Arkansas. The 2022 class included 32 Legion Family Members (26 Legionnaires, 5 Auxiliary and 1 Sons). This class also included 6 Legionnaires from Oklahoma and 4 from Missouri. Patrick "Doc" Phillips (Dean of the College), Post 64 Commander Becky Dillon (Director of Finance) and Jammie Phillips (attending as an auxiliary member) were all in attendance.



Larry VanveKoven, Chairman of the annual Oratorical Scholarship Contest, proudly stands next to the winner of the State competition, Mattie Grace Watson. Mattie Grace is a senior at Harding Academy in Searcy and was sponsored by Post 64. She was awarded \$2000 and will travel to Indianapolis for the National contest scheduled for April 22 - 24.



# APRIL 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>"Blessing of the Bikes"</b> <b>Sunday, April 3 @</b> <b>Legion Riders</b> <b>Chapter 13</b> <b>Hot Springs</b> <b>Leave Post 64 at 7:30 AM</b>			<b>FINAL NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS &amp; EXECUTIVE BOARD AT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 14!</b>		 <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30 PM</b>
<b>3 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</b>  <b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</b>  <b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7 S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>9 Auxiliary Initiation &amp; Revitalization 11 AM - 2 PM</b>  <b>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</b>
<b>10</b>  <b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Taco Tuesday 5 - 8 PM</b>  <b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</b> <b>Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM</b> <b>Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	 <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>16 Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt Bake Sale</b>  <b>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30 PM</b>
 <b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19 Taco Tuesday 5 - 8 PM</b>  <b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	 <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>23 Arizona Lou Comedy Show 7PM</b> <b>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30 PM</b>
<b>24</b>  <b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b> <b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26 Taco Tuesday 5 - 8 PM</b>  <b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	 <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>30 DART TOURNAMENT 3:30 PM</b>

# MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM	2	3 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	4	5  S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM	6  Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	7  DART TOURNAMENT 3:30 PM
8 Mother's Day Breakfast 9 AM - Noon  9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	9	10  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	11	12 <b>Vote Noon - 6</b> General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM <b>ELECTION</b> Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	13  Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	14  DART TOURNAMENT 3:30 PM
15  9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	16	17  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	18	19	20  Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	21  DART TOURNAMENT 3:30 PM
22  9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	23	24  Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	25	26	27  Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	28  DART TOURNAMENT 3:30 PM
29  9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	30 Memorial Day Ceremony Spring Park 11 AM Lunch at Post	31	8		<b>Don't Forget Taco Tuesdays!</b>	 <b>5 - 8 PM</b>

# JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Don't Forget Taco Tuesdays!</b>	 <b>5 - 8 PM</b>	<b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	1	2	3	4
<b>Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</b> <b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	6	<b>7 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</b> <b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	8	<b>9 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</b> <b>Swearing In of Officers</b> <b>Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM</b> <b>Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	<b>10 Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30 PM</b>
12	13	<b>14 *Flag Retirement Ceremony 10 AM</b>  <b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	15	16	<b>17 Department Convention June 17 - 19</b> <b>No Bingo Tonight</b>	18
 <b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>		<b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>			<b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30 PM</b>
26	27	28	29	30		
<b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>		<b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	9			