

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

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## Biggest Little Post in Arkansas



For God and Country  
July - August - September  
2022 Newsletter

## AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

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## **LEGION NEWS**

### **POST COMMANDER KEN WAHLGREN**

As we start a new year with our incoming officers, I would like to thank everyone that ran for a position within the post. Most of our experienced officers have stepped up to the plate to continue supporting our post, some in the same position, other in new positions. Again THANK YOU all, without members volunteering their time our post wouldn't exist. We have some openings on the Executive Committee. Anyone interested in being on the committee can contact me at the post @ 501-362-9979. I would like to take this time to give thanks and congratulations to all the officers of the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and our Legion Riders. THANK YOU all again for supporting our Family.

Our 4th of July picnic will be on Monday the 4th starting at 11:00AM until ????. Bring kids, Grandkids, even grab your neighbors kids. We will have lots of games for them to play, and don't forget we will be having a slip and slide. Please bring towels and dry clothes. Our Old Soldiers Parade will be on Thursday Aug. 4th, at 6:00PM. Our theme this year is ONE NATION REUNITED.

Patriots Day is on Sept. 11, so please come to the County Court House and show your support for all our First Responder's.

I pray that everyone has a great summer.

For God and country.

Your Commander Ken Wahlgren



## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

### **UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES**

Hello everyone! Hello summer. Welcome to all the new and returning officers. Hope this year is a great one for all of us. We are planning a busy summer this year. To get started we are having a yard sale June 25 and 26. We have other sellers and vendors joining us so we anticipate a large attendance. We are also participating in the Post 64 July 4th picnic. The auxiliary will be providing side dishes and desserts to go with the hamburgers and hot dogs. We will also have a bake sale and hopefully a cake-walk (if the frostings don't melt). We are going to have a fish dinner July 30th from 4 - 7 PM. Would love for some of you to come join us for that.

In August we will have a float in the Old Soldiers Parade and a booth at the park with some of our Auxiliary items for sale and lots of information about the American Legion Auxiliary. We will also be getting ready for our Field of Heroes to go up September 11th. We will have our opening ceremony at 11:00 am that day. We are expecting over 100 flags again this year. Let me know if you or someone in your unit would like to participate. It will stay up until Veterans Day.

Everyone stay safe in this heat and have a great summer.

God Bless America !

Betty Cupples

President, Unit 64 American Legion Auxiliary.

## **Family Strong, Service Strong**





## LEGION RIDERS NEWS

### DIRECTOR PATRICK "DOC" PHILLIPS

The Riders had a Great Department of Arkansas Convention in Little Rock this month. Not only did we have 2 Post members on the Department Leadership for the ALR (Doc Phillips – State Director, Becky Dillon – Sgt At Arms) we started 2 new Chapters last year in Arkansas. Post 111 in Crossett and Post 13 in Hot Springs. There are also 3 new Posts that are interested in starting a Riders Chapter. Big year coming.

#### 2022-2023 Department of Arkansas Legion Riders Executive Committee

Doc Phillips	State Director
NE Area Director	Randy Wood
SE Area Director	Jon Gifford
SW Area Director	Mike Stambaugh
NW Area Director	Amanda Wade
Secretary	John Voss
Road Captain	Pete Strum
Historian	Lisa Voss
Sgt At Arms	Becky Dillon
Chaplain	Beverly Wood

(Photo Page 4.)

We are also in the preparation phase of the annual Legacy Run. Our Post will have 3 members on the Run this year which starts in Mobile, AL and ends in Milwaukee, WI at the National Convention. We are setting our goal even higher this year as we will attempt to raise \$10,000 for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, to be given to National Commander Paul Dillard at the National Convention. Please take a look at the flyer in this newsletter.

For God and Country  
Patrick "Doc" Phillips  
Chapter 64 ALR Director



## HONOR GUARD NEWS

### CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This was a busy quarter except for April. We were at 19 funerals, we posted colors for ASU Heber Springs graduation, we performed Post everlasting for Jack Marston, we visited a nursing home for a memorial day program and we were at our Memorial day program at spring park. This resulted in 360 volunteer hours.

The special thing was the welcoming home for a World War II Navy veteran. He was on the USS Oklahoma when they bombed Pearl Harbor. They had identified his remains and returned them to Harding Arkansas. We were invited to participate in his welcome home memorial. We felt this was quite an honor for our Honor Guard. It was a 9 hour trip and the van air conditioner failed on the way home on a hot day. Thanks to Ziggy we are able to get the air conditioner fixed.

Bonnie Tatom



Service for Brady Prewitt who was aboard the USS Oklahoma. His remains were identified from the attack on Pearl Harbor and finally made it home. Our Honor Guard had the privilege of being there.





## S.A.L. NEWS SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

Thank you for all the support from The Legion Family as we move on from the pandemic and all. We continue with Taco Tuesdays and our Bingo feeds, raising funds for the causes we support. We helped with Memorial Day ceremony at Spring Park, the Auxiliary Mothers' Day breakfast, and Flag Retirement ceremony. We also donated for Easter Egg Hunt.

July 4 picnic is coming up. Brian will be doing the cooking and is asking for logistics help. We will participate with Old Soldiers' Parade and Patriot Day ceremony. Relay for Life is planning to rejuvenate the county's event. Also, we have purchased a new shed for Sons storage. Please keep your Sons memberships up-to-date.

God bless America and our troops!!  
Tim Grant, Commander



Post 64 Color Guard at parade in Concord June 25.  
John Armour, Hunter Warren, Phillip Harris, Katie Dillon  
and Roy Thompson.



## POST INFORMATION



Your Department of Arkansas American Legion Riders  
Officers for 2022 - 2023. Support them and ask for any help.

State Director Doc Phillips  
NE Area Vice Director Randy Wood  
SE Area Vice Director Jon Gifford  
SW Area Vice Director Mike Stambaugh  
NW Area Vice Director Amanda Cobb Wade  
Secretary John Robert Voss  
Sgt at Arms Becky Jean Dillon  
Historian Lisa Voss  
Chaplain Beverly Gail Wood  
Road Captain Pete Schram



Our Post will  
have 3 members  
on the Legacy  
Run this year  
which starts  
in Mobile, AL  
on August 21  
and ends in  
Oak Creek, WI  
on August 25.



## POST 64 ACTIVITIES



Thanks to all who placed Flags on 716 Veteran's graves on Thursday, Friday and Saturday prior to Memorial Day and then removed them on the following Tuesday and Wednesday: Skip Graewert, Larry VanveKoven, Phillip Harris, Donaice Ann Harris, Mary Schafer, Roy and Debbie Thompson, Hunter Warren, Quaid Smith, Connor Dillon and Charlotte VanveKoven. Photos by Donaice Ann Harris.

## POST 64 ACTIVITIES



Memorial Day Ceremony, Spring Park 2022.



We had a request to pick up flowers and deliver them today. Jeremy and Becky Dillon got it done. What an honor... he would be 100yrs old today!!!! We salute you brother...Carl Franklin Baswell...and thank you Linda Arment for caring about this man to do this! (May 18, 2022)



## POST 64 ACTIVITIES



**American Legion Riders**  
★ **Arkansas** ★

**ATTENTION...**  
**“I WANT YOU” TO BE A  
LEGACY RUN SPONSOR!!!**

The American Legion Riders of Arkansas need your help to ensure the children of our fallen heroes, wounded warriors, and disabled veterans have a chance at getting a higher education!

Since 2006, The American Legion Riders have participated nationwide in The American Legion Legacy Run, held annually to raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001, as well those children of U.S. military personnel receiving at least a 50% disability rating after that time from the VA!

For more information, please contact:  
Patrick “Doc” Phillips, State Director  
American Legion Riders ~ Arkansas  
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**ALL GAVE SOME...BUT SOME GAVE ALL!**  
*Greater love has no one than this...that he lay down his life for his friends*  
~ John 15:13 ~




## POST 64 ACTIVITIES



(March 5, 2022) 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.

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Semi finalist Maddie Grace Watson from Arkansas with Dallas and Mary Erdman at National American Legion Oratorical Constitutional Speech Contest.

# JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>TACO TUESDAYS</b> <b>EVERY TUESDAY</b> <b>5 TO 8 PM</b>				1	<b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	2
3	4 <b>POST PICNIC</b> <b>11AM - ?</b> 	5 <b>Legion Riders Meeting</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>Pool Tournament</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	6	7	<b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	9
10 <b>Post Executive Board Meeting</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> <b>9 Ball Tournament</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	11	12 <b>Pool Tournament</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	13	14 <b>General Membership Meeting</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Auxiliary Meeting</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Honor Guard Meeting</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	15 <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	16
17 <b>9 Ball Tournament</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	18	19 <b>Pool Tournament</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	20	21	<b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	23 <b>DART TOURNAMENT</b> <b>3:30pm</b>
24 <b>9 Ball Tournament</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> 9 Ball Tournament <b>7:30 PM</b> <b>31</b>	25	26 <b>Pool Tournament</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	27  <b>7</b>	28 <b>S.A.L. Meeting</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	29 <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	30 <b>FISH DINNER by Auxiliary</b> <b>4 - 7PM</b> <b>DART TOURNAMENT</b> <b>3:30pm</b>

# AUGUST 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Don't Forget Taco Tuesdays! 5 - 8PM</b></p> 	1	<p><sup>2</sup> Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	3	<p><sup>5</sup> Old Soldiers Reunion Parade 6PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM</p> <p>Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>6</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>7 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	8	<p>9</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	10	<p>11 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</p> <p>Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM</p> <p>Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM</p> <p>SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>13 District 6 Meeting McCrory 11 AM</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	17	18	<p>19</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM</p> <p>Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>20</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	24	25	<p>26 National Convention Starts Milwaukee, WI</p> <p>Bingo Canceled</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	29	30	<p>31</p> <p>8</p>		<p>The 103rd National Convention will take place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin - August 26 - September 1, 2022.</p>	



# SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Don't Forget Taco Tuesdays!</b>	 <b>5 - 8PM</b>			<b>1 National Convention ends</b> <b>S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Bingo Canceled</b>	<b>3</b> <b>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</b>
<b>4 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</b> <b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>		<b>6 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</b> <b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</b> <b>Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM</b> <b>Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	<b>10</b> <b>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</b>
<b>11 Patriot Day Ceremony Courthouse 11AM</b> <b>Open Field of Heroes</b> <b>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	 <b>Bingo 6:30 PM</b> Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen	<b>17</b> <b>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</b>
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