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**October - November - December
2022 Newsletter**

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LEGION NEWS

POST COMMANDER KEN WAHLGREN

Well we're in the last quarter of the year; seems like time goes by way too fast. Looking forward to cooler temperatures and a mild winter. Our fourth of July picnic was a great success. We served lots of good food. Thanks to all the Sons and Auxiliary who volunteered their time. We also had some fantastic music thanks to Joe Green, Chris Williams, Larry Poff and Joe's daughter (for all the songs she sang.) We had good participation for the Old Soldiers Parade. I do believe heat was a factor for the light attendance. Our first annual Gumbo Cook Off was a great success. We raised \$380.00 for our high school scholarships. I would like to give a big thank you to Roy and Debbie Thompson, Sam Clary and Jerrell Skinner for all their help. I'm getting excited for our second annual Gumbo Cook Off next year.

Post 64 will be having our first annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 15 starting at 12:00 o'clock. We have procured a keg of Hofbrau brewed in Munich, Germany. We will also be serving authentic German bratwurst with potatoes and sauerkraut and of course some traditional music. Come on out and enjoy the fun. Our Early Bird Dinner will be held on October 23rd. Food will be served at 12 o'clock. Dues must be paid by September 30 to qualify. Come and enjoy some good food and comradship. November 11, Veterans Day, Post 64 will hold our ceremony at Spring Park at 11AM. The Legion Auxiliary will be having a closing ceremony for the Field of Heroes at 2:00PM at the County Court House. Please come and pick up your flag. We will have the Honor Guard and volunteers from Post 64 to fold your flag for you.

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner will be on Sunday, November 20th at 12 o'clock. Remember, the more turkeys that are donated, the more people we can provide food to. As the dinner is opened to the community, we are expecting a large turn out this year. We will be having our Pearl Harbor Ceremony on December 7 at 11:00AM at the Swinging Bridge, lest we not forget that day and the ones lost. Our annual Christmas dinner will be on Sunday, December 18th at 12:00 o'clock.

May God bless each of our Veterans and our Legion Families.
Kenneth Wahlgren, Commander



AUXILIARY NEWS

UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Hello everyone! It's coming up on that time of year again when we get really busy. Our Field of Heroes kicked off this past Patriot's Day weekend. We are very proud to have put up over 100 flags so far with more still coming in. We will have our closing ceremony Friday November 11 at 2pm. We would be pleased if you could join us that day to pay tribute to our Veterans and military people. We are going to help our Legion Post with Oktoberfest on October 15, so ya'll come join us for some food and fun. We will be having our Fall Festival on October 29 from 5-9 along with our Trunk or Treat. There will be lots of games and prizes and of course lots of candy. In November we will do our Pre-Thanksgiving bake sale. If you order it, we will make it. This will be on November 22, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. It will be from 10-4. We will bake cakes, pies, and cookies along with whatever other baked goods that are ordered. Then on Saturday December 3 we are having our Christmas Bazaar again. There will be a yard sale, a silent auction and more baked goods. We had such a good time with this last year that we decided to do it again. For all you Early Birds, the deadline to pay your dues is September 30. Remember they have gone up to \$33 this year. The Early Bird dinner will be Sunday, October 23 starting at 12 noon.

Just in case you haven't heard yet, we moved our monthly meeting from the second Thursday of the month to the second Sunday of the month at 2pm. Hopefully this will enable more of our members to attend. But for the month of November only, we will meet on the First Sunday of the month at 2pm because of a conflict with scheduling.

Ya'll have a good one.

God Bless America and all her peoples.

Betty Cupples



LEGION RIDERS NEWS

DIRECTOR PATRICK "DOC" PHILLIPS

Our Post's Riders Chapter has been extremely busy. First on the list was the Legacy Run. Doc Phillips rode the run again this year that started in Mobile AL and ended at the National Convention in Milwaukee, WI. This year the Legacy Run raised 1.3 million dollars. Next on the Calendar was our 1st Post 64 ALR Bike Show held on September 17th. We had a great time and some beautiful bikes were there. We served food and drinks while raising money for next years Legacy Run. We will definitely do it again next year. We also have a Raffle going on now. We are raffling off a kids mini-bike. The drawing will be on December 4th at the Christmas Parade. Tickets are \$10 or 3 for \$25. Contact any ALR member and we will get you entered.

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



Setting up for Post 64 American Legion Riders 1st Annual Bike Show. 9/17/2022



National Convention
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This quarter has been another busy one for the Honor Guard. Joyce and I both had Covid 19 one right after the other. This caused me to miss a little over three weeks of activity. Jerrell Skinner has stepped up and agreed to assist me with Honor Guard activities. This means he calls everyone for most activities as well as filling in for me. This is much appreciated. Thanks to the rest of the Honor Guard members who carried on our usual services. We participated in 17 funerals and memorial services for 250 volunteer hours with 1216 callouts. We participated in a post everlasting with 12 callouts and 12 hours. We led 3 Parades with a Color Guard unit with 25 callout and 61 volunteer hours. We also posted colors with 9 callouts and 9 volunteer hours.

I would to thank all Honor Guard Participants for your continued service and for the HONOR and PRIDE displayed as we continue to service our veterans family's and our communities.

Bonnie Tatom



Great time 9/17/2022 at our Bike Show. The winners of each class are shown here. Best In Show went to John Mottola with his Patriotic Bike..... Beautiful. Standing with the winners is the American Legion Department of Arkansas Commander, William Sheets.



S.A.L. NEWS SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

The Squadron had an active quarter-year; Taco Tuesdays continue to draw attention to the Post with the new Taco Tuesday signs. We participated in the Post's 4th of July picnic. Sons Team Sean, Tim, and Brian placed 3rd in the Legion's Gumbo Cook-off during Old Soldiers' Reunion. Thanks to the support of our American Legion Family the Squadron remains a Corporate Sponsor of Relay for Life. We also made donations to Child Welfare Foundation, the Legion's NEF National Emergency Foundation, and to the local CAPCA.

Be sure to keep your Sons memberships current for 2023. Memberships are vital for the very worthy causes that we support.

Wishing all a blessed Holiday Season!

Pray for our Troops and America!

Tim Grant, Commander



Timothy Smith
(Quaid) and
Jed Richardson
reuniting the
North and South
at the
Old Soldiers
Reunion...way to
go boys great job
and congratulations to the
Auxiliary for
taking 1st!!!
(Photo Becky
Dillon)



We call your attention to this small table which occupies a place of dignity and honor. It is set for one, symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. They are referred to as POWs and MIAs.

We call them comrades. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families, so we join together to pay humble tribute to them, and to bear witness to their continued absence.

The table is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors.

The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their Country's call to arms.

The single rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep faith, while awaiting their return.

The red ribbon on the vase represents an unyielding determination for a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us.

A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.

The glass is inverted, they cannot toast with us at this time.

The chair is empty. They are NOT here. The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation.

The American flag reminds us that many of them may never return - and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom.

Let us pray to the Supreme Commander that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks.

Page 4 Let us remember - and never forget their sacrifice.

POST 64 ACTIVITIES



**Patriot Day, 2022.
Photo by Robin Rose.**



**LOTS OF GOOD FOOD, MUSIC, FUN, GAMES AND
COMRADERY AT THE ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PICNIC.**

POST 64 ACTIVITIES



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**One of many funerals in the past quarter where Post 64
Honor Guard provided Military Honors to a fallen Veteran.
Phillip Harris, Larry VanveKoven, Skip Graewert, Sam Clary,
Jerrell Skinner and Bonnie Tatom.
(Photo by Michael Nuckolls.)**

OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TACO TUESDAYS EVERY TUESDAY 5 TO 8 PM			DONATIONS OF THANKSGIVING TURKEYS NOW BEING ACCEPTED		OCTOBER 13 	1 POST IS COOKING BREAKFAST 8 - 10 AM FOR (\$\$\$\$) DONATIONS
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 SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	8
9 Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	10 	11 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	12	13 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	14 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	15  12 - 2 PM
16 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM	17 	18 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	19	20	21 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	22 DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm
23 EARLY BIRD DINNER NOON - 2PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM 9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM 30	24 	25 Pool Tournament 7:30 PM	26 6	27	28 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	29 AUXILIARY FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT 5 - 9 PM DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm

NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Don't Forget Taco Tuesdays! 5 - 8PM</p> 	 <p>Fall Back! Remember to move your clocks back one hour.</p> <p>NOVEMBER 6</p>	<p>1 Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>5</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>6 Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</p> <p>Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 PM</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>7</p>	 <p>8 Nov. 8 ELECTION Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</p> <p>Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day Ceremony Spring Park 11AM</p> <p>Close Field Of Heroes 2PM</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>12 District 6 Meeting Searcy Post 106 11 AM</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>19</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>20</p>  <p>Thanksgiving Dinner Noon - 2PM</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>26</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7</p>	 <p>NOVEMBER 10</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 11</p> 	

DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</p>	<p>D E C E M B E R</p>		<p>NO LEGION MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER</p>	<p>1</p> <p>S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>3</p> <p>AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>PEARL HARBOR DAY CEREMONY SWINGING BRIDGE 11AM</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>10</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Auxiliary Meeting <u>2:00 PM</u></p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the NATIONAL GUARD!</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>17</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>18</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DINNER NOON - 2PM</p> <p>9 Ball Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>24</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>25</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pool Tournament 7:30 PM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p>