

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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2023 Newsletter

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LEGION NEWS

POST COMMANDER LARRY VANVEKOVEN

There is no thank you big enough to say to this wonderful post and its members. Your confidence in me has been inspiring and has helped during these hard times. We have tackled some tough jobs in the past few weeks. The septic system behind the building was leaking due to a break in the line. That had to be dug up, repaired and recovered. The range hood in the kitchen needed to be brought up to code and the motors on several of the exhaust fans in the canteen were shot. Thanks to Altom Heat and Air, those were repaired and replaced respectively. The new Bingo Machine was installed and then the Bingo wall board went out. The cheapest way to fix that problem was to purchase a large screen TV to attach to the new Bingo machine. We also had two Legionnaires transfer to another post leaving two officer positions vacant. Bob Wetzel has taken over the position of Finance Officer and is doing a fabulous job. On his first day, the Office Computer "crashed" and all the finance records were either lost or unattainable. A big thank you goes to Ed Strain who spent several days in the office attempting to figure out the computer problems and helping Bob learn how to fulfill the duties of his new office. All these problems and events occurred while our post was being monitored by the Department. I am wanting to put the last quarter behind us and only think positively about our future and what it is going to bring us. I have several small outside projects lined up for us to do as the hard ones are done now. With your help we will make our post a show place for the community and something we can be proud of. We have the best staff and officers along with the best Honor Guard in the state and I couldn't be more proud of you all and the positive direction we are heading this upcoming year. Again, I thank you all.

Smooth sailing,
Commander Larry VanveKoven



AUXILIARY NEWS

UNIT PRESIDENT BETTY CUPPLES

Hello everyone! It's that time again. We hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and are blessed with a prosperous New Year!!

We have had a good year in 2022. Our Field of Heroes went well and as usual we had a lot of great comments about it. We had our annual Fall Festival for the kids and there were a lot of them. We gave away a lot of candy and prizes. Our Thanksgiving Pre-Bake Sale went well. Lots of pies and cakes were ordered and bought. We did well at our annual Christmas Bazaar even though we had a lot of competition from other events in town. I want to thank all the members and volunteers who participated in these activities.

This next quarter won't be quite as busy. We will have our Valentines raffle with lots of prizes. We will help the post celebrate St. Patrick's Day. And of course, we will have our Easter Egg hunt.

Our hearts are heavy because we lost one of our long-time members and friends. Karen Tompsett passed away a few days before Christmas. She will be greatly missed.

I hope that all of you have a safe and happy New Year celebration before we get down to work again.

God Bless America!

Betty Cupples, President, Unit 64, Heber Springs.



Betty Cupples
and Ada Heath.
Location,
Veterans Memorial
at Courthouse.
Field of Heroes in
background.
November 11.



LEGION RIDERS NEWS

DIRECTOR RONALD FENNER

The riders raffled a mini dirt bike with the drawing on the 3rd of December. Becky Dillion won the bike. On January 21st we will sponsor karaoke at the Legion. We are looking forward to see everyone there. Due to the flu and coronavirus going around again, all Rider meetings have been suspended until March.

Remember to ride safe and stay well!

Ron

POOL TOURNAMENT REPORT

The 2022 8 Ball championship has been played and the season has ended. 2023 will kick off on January 8. We only had five players qualify for the championship tournament this year, but we hope to see many more next time. This is the only tournament where even the person in last place goes home with something.

If enough players express interest in doing so, we can start the 9 Ball tournaments back up. Or, for those who do not like the slop allowed in 9 Ball, we can do 10 Ball, which is a call ball and pocket game. I am open to suggestions. Just come by the office or catch me when I am at the Post playing pool or darts, Thanks.

Dan Chalk

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

We are trying to bring in more activities that our members and guests will find attractive and fun. We have scheduled Karaoke for January 7, 21 and February 4, 2023. Continuing beyond that will depend greatly on how much participation we get and how many people come out. The band Overdrive will be playing in the Bingo hall on January 14. The plan is to have the kitchen side bar both open so everyone can enjoy the music without having to go to the canteen for beverages.

I am looking for other suggestions for activities that you, the members, want to see brought in that would make you more interested in coming out and participating. These can include entertainment ideas, fund raisers or anything else that would make this post better.

Thanks, Dan Chalk



HONOR GUARD NEWS

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

In this last quarter the Honor Guard has been very active, but we usually are very busy around Veterans Day. Over the past three months, we participated in 17 funerals, Posted Colors 4 times, were involved in 7 ceremonies and lead one parade with the color guard. We had a special invite to lead Cushman, Arkansas Miners parade. It was a long trip. We were invited to four school veterans programs. At Concord we were the program as veterans discussed their service with the students. At Quitman and Heber Springs we were guests and the students presented the program honoring veterans. We were unable to attend Rose Bud's request as it was late coming in and was at a time we had already committed to. We were at the closing of the Field of Heroes at the Courthouse. The Honor Guard was honored with the presentation of a beautiful vase for each member, personalized with their name on it. This was presented by Ricky Davis and organized by members of the Auxiliary. Then we all helped fold flags and pulled up poles and stakes. To perform these functions we had 199 call outs and 302.5 volunteer hours. The honor guard lost 3 members and 2 young auxiliary members as they transferred to another post. We are short members. We especially need members or volunteers able to march in parades. See any Honor Guard member if you would like to participate.

Bonnie Tatom

Auxiliary
Float at
Lighted
Christmas
Parade.





S.A.L. NEWS

SQUADRON COMMANDER TIM GRANT

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Squadron 64 appreciates The Legion Family and patron support! It is our goal for another great year in supporting our Veterans and community.

This past quarter we gave our support for Veterans Day, Field of Heroes and Pearl Harbor Day. We also participated in Halloween festivities and Oktoberfest. We made donations to Breaking Bread, Heber Springs Storm Soccer team, CAPCA, Margies Haven House Angel Tree and American Cancer Society.

We are planning the Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off and continuing Taco Tuesdays and Bingo nights.

Be Sure to renew your 2023 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



Closing Field of Heroes Ceremony, November 11.
(Front) US Congressman French Hill, Skip Graewert, Larry VanveKoven, Phillip Harris, (Middle) Roy Thompson, Sam Clary, Jerrell Skinner, (Back) Ricky Davis, Ken Wahlgren and Bonnie Tatom.

POST 64 ACTIVITIES



Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony
Swinging Bridge



Post 64 held its first annual Oktoberfest this year. Thanks to Larry and Joe who provided some fantastic music. Funds for the Post were collected with the sale of brats, hotdogs and authentic German beer.

POST 64 ACTIVITIES



Congratulations to Adjutant Dan Chalk who graduated the Arkansas Legion College October 23.



Unit 64 Auxiliary Field of Heroes Closing Ceremony on Veterans Day. Congressman French Hill was our guest speaker this year. There was a lovely Award presentation for members of our Honor Guard sponsored by our local Ricky Davis and coordinated by the Auxiliary. Congressman French Hill and Skip Graewert depicted on right.

POST 64 ACTIVITIES



Legionnaire Bruce Ziegenbalg donated the funds to purchase this metal American Legion emblem. Bonnie Tatom and Jerrell Skinner hung the sign at the south entrance to Highway 25B.



JANUARY, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>1</div>  <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023</p>	2	<div>3</div>  <p>5 - 8PM</p>	4	5	6	<div>7</div>  <p>karaoke</p> <p>CANTEEN</p> <p>8 PM until Midnight</p>
<div>8</div> <p>Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 PM Pool Tournament 6:00 PM</p>	9	<div>10</div>  <p>5 - 8PM</p>	11	<div>12</div> <p>General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<div>13</div> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<div>14</div> <p>BAND OVERDRIVE BINGO ROOM 7 PM until 11 PM</p>
<div>15</div> <p>Pool Tournament 6:00 PM</p>	<div>16</div>  <p>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</p>	<div>17</div>  <p>5 - 8PM</p>	18	19	<div>20</div> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<div>21</div>  <p>karaoke</p> <p>CANTEEN</p> <p>8 PM until Midnight</p>
<div>22</div> <p>Pool Tournament 6:00 PM</p>	23	<div>24</div>  <p>5 - 8PM</p>	25	26	<div>27</div> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<div>28</div> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<div>29</div> <p>Pool Tournament 6:00 PM</p>	30	<div>31</div>  <p>5 - 8PM</p>	<div>32</div> <p>6</p>		<div>33</div> <p>DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JANUARY 21 & 22 Wyndham N. Little Rock</p>	

FEBRUARY, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Don't Forget Taco Tuesdays! 5 - 8PM</p> 			1	<p>2</p>  <p>S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>CANTEEN 8 PM until Midnight DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>5 Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM</p> <p>Pool Tournament 6:00 PM</p>	6	<p>7</p>  <p>5 - 8PM</p>	8	<p>9</p> <p>General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM</p> <p>Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>11</p> <p>District 6 Meeting Beebe 11AM</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>12</p>  <p>Chili Cookoff Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 PM</p> <p>Pool Tournament 6:00 PM</p>	13	<p>14</p> 	15	16	<p>17</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>18</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Pool Tournament 6:00 PM</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>PRESIDENTS DAY SALUTE TO ALL THE GREAT PRESIDENTS</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>5 - 8PM</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty</p>	<p>25</p> <p>DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Pool Tournament 6:00 PM</p>	27	<p>28</p>  <p>5 - 8PM</p>	7			

DART TOURNAMENT

MARCH, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY  Daylight Savings Time Begins	MARCH 12		1	2		4
5 Post Executive Board Meeting 1:30 PM Pool Tournament 6:00 PM	6	 5 - 8PM Legion Riders Meeting 6:00 PM	8	S.A.L. Meeting 6:30 PM General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm
12 Auxiliary Meeting 2:00 PM Pool Tournament 6:00 PM	13	 5 - 8PM	15	9 General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 PM	10 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	11 DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm
19 Pool Tournament 6:00 PM	20	 5 - 8PM	22	16	17 HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	18 DINNER 12 NOON Legion Birthday & St. Patrick's Day DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm
26 Pool Tournament 6:00 PM	27	 5 - 8PM	28 NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY -MARCH 29-  THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE	23	24 Bingo 6:30 PM Auxiliary Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	25 DART TOURNAMENT 3:30pm
				30	31 Bingo 6:30 PM SAL Has Bingo Kitchen Duty	