

## THE AMERICAN LEGION

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**July – August – September 2023  
Newsletter**

### Commander's Message

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fourth of July Picnic  
July 02, 2023 12am**

**General Membership Meeting  
July 8, 2023 11am**

**Old Soldiers Reunion and Parade  
August 3-5, 2023**

**Back to School Blood Drive  
August 12, 2023 10am-3pm**

**Patriot's Day  
September 11, 2023 11am**

**Field Relay for Life  
September 16, 2023**

**If you have any Pearl Harbor  
Remembrance 2023 photos, please  
contact Michael Hernandez.**

#### Greetings

As we enter the summer, and complete another year with the State American Legion Convention in Little Rock Arkansas, a lot has happened with the Saxton-Willis Post 64.

The American Legion Post 64 has gone non-smoking, new officers have been elected, and a new direction toward aiding our veterans, their families and our community.

This years goal is to increase our membership and aid in the campaign, "Be the One" in stopping Veteran Suicide. I am happy to announce our bylaws have been submitted and are currently being reviewed by the Arkansas American Legion, and we hope to have the bylaws ratified by the end of summer.

It is my goal that the American Legion membership have a stronger voice and active part in ruling the Post. My door is always open and welcome suggestions and new ideas for the American Legion Saxton-Willis Post 64.

The Saxton-Willis Post 64 has had a long history helping our veterans, family and our community. It is my hope to continue doing so with the help of our volunteers. Those interested in volunteering in the areas of Youth, Bingo, Kitchen and special events are encouraged to contact the office.

I hope to see you this July 2, 2023 for our annual cook out and family day, and on Friday's Bingo night.

Sincerely,  
Ronald T Fenner, American Legion Saxton-Willis Post 64  
Commander.

## **S.A.L News**

**The Squadron continues to move forward; Taco Tuesdays and our Bingo nights continue to be vital for our causes. We served pork butts Memorial week-end. We helped to support The Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt.**

**We participated with Honor Guard Flag Retirement.**

**Child Welfare Foundation and National Emergency Fund continue to be key recipients for Squadron donations along with local causes.**

**The Sons are helping with The Legion 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Field of Heroes begins September 11; we help to build and support the Field Relay for Life is scheduled September 16; we will provide main course for Survivor Banquet.**

**New 2024 member cards are in; be sure to renew early.**

**Tim Grant, Commander**

Officers for 2023-24:

Commander----Tim Grant

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander----Phil Harris

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander---Robert Willard

Chaplain-----Tim Golden

Adjutant/Finance Officer----Tom Thompson

Sgt-at-Arms-----Tim Golden

Liaison-----Bob Wetzel

## **Auxiliary News**

**Hello everyone! I know I said last time that I would probably not be writing the next newsletter, but here I am. I was re-elected as President of the unit again and also elected as Department President! So y'all please wish me luck as I start a new journey.**

**This quarter we will be bringing desserts to the 4th of July celebration at the post. We will also have a table set up with things for sale.**

**Hopefully, we will have a float for the Old Soldiers' Reunion. That is coming up on us quickly.**

**We will be starting to sell flags for our Field of Heroes in August. The flags go up on September 11. Please sponsor a flag for your hero. The proceeds go to our veterans, police departments, and fire departments. So be sure to sponsor a flag or re-fly one if you already have them.**

**It's almost time to renew memberships. Remember, they will be going up this year because National raised them \$6.00 last year. They will be \$39 starting July 1.**

**The Auxiliary is doing well with the Bingo kitchen. Thank you for supporting it and us.**

**Hope all of you have a great summer. Be safe. Pray for our military.**

**God Bless America!**

**Betty**

## HONOR GUARD

With all that has been going on at the post the Honor Guard has managed to carry on and perform our duties.

We had some unfortunate events. Ken Wahlgren had a serious wreck on the way to the post for an Honor Guard function. He is still healing and we hope he will be back with us soon. Larry VanveKoven is having some health problems, but has still been able to participate in most events. Here's hoping for speedy recovery for both.

Our request for services slowed down a little this last quarter. But we went to 14 Funerals and visited two nursing homes,

Taught flag etiquette to a group of young children ( Summer day care). We also had our annual flag retirement ceremony. Due to the morning rain storm, attendance was not up to normal. We Posted Colors for ASU graduation at the Heber High School.

I would like to thank all who continue to make the effort and perform with the Honor Guard.

Bonnie Tatom



We celebrated Mr. Bonnie Tatom. Not only was it his 90th Birthday, we also presented him with a plaque for his 27 years of continuous service to the Honor Guard as Captain. Everyone enjoyed cake and fellowship. Thank you Mr. Tatom.

**Taco Tuesday**

every Tuesday @ 5pm-8pm

**Bingo**

every Friday night @ 6:30pm

Doors open at 5pm



*Memorial Day*

## American Legion Family

### Roll Call of Officers

**Post  
Commander**

Ron Fenner  
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President**

Betty Cupples  
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**S.A.L.  
Commander**

Tim Grant  
501-691-3839

**1st Vice Commander**

Josh Webb  
501-358-2921

**Vice President**

**1st Vice Commander**

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**2nd Vice Commander**

Christina McGaughey

**Secretary**  
Marla Chalk  
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**2nd Vice Commander**

Robert Willard  
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Robyn Rose  
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Darla Hawley

**Chaplain**  
Timothy Golden  
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Jerrell Skinner  
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**Liaison**  
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**Post 64  
Executive Committee**  
Jacob Webb  
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