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## **Biggest Little Post in Arkansas**



**For God and Country**  
**January – February – March**  
**2024 Newsletter**



## **LEGION NEWS**

### **POST COMMANDER, RON FENNER**

**I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! I want to thank everyone for their support of all our programs last quarter and last year!! As we continue our Meals on Wheels support and helping all our veterans around the county and honoring them in several counties around us with Funeral Honors. The Honor Guard and Legion Riders continue to provide that much needed service.**

**Our new winter hours are working well during these slow months and is saving us much on utilities and salaries. We thank you all for understanding and appreciate the support.**

**Bingo is still running every Friday night and of late has been growing. Our Bingo players really appreciate the food services provided by the Auxiliary and the Sons of the Legion. Everyone should come and experience the Bingo Night!**

**Membership renewals are DUE and we will be checking cards at the Canteen, so please renew now if you have not. You can do this on line at <https://www.legion.org/renew> or come in and our Post Adjutant can fix you up!!**

**The American Legion Department of Arkansas Mid-Winter Conference is 19 thru 21 January 2024 at the River Front Hilton in North Little Rock!! January 20, 21, 2024 Department Mid-Winter Conference at Wyndham Riverfront Hotel North Little Rock, AR (Saturday – Sunday). The 19<sup>th</sup> is a Training Day. See [http://www.arlegion.org/files/Mid-Winter2024\\_Trainng.pdf](http://www.arlegion.org/files/Mid-Winter2024_Trainng.pdf) for training information.**

**Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has made 2023 a success. Remember this is your Post and without your help we cannot do what we did. We need volunteers so if you have some spare time and can help at any event please contact our Post Adjutant or call the office at 501-270-6042, so when we do need volunteers we have someone to call. Be safe and I hope to see you in the coming year.**

**May God Bless You and May God Bless America**

**Ron Fenner  
Commander**



## **AUXILIARY NEWS UNIT PRESIDENT, BETTY CUPPLES**

**I can't believe the year is half over already!**

**The Auxiliary has had a busy 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, we had the float in the Old Soldiers Reunion (we won 1<sup>st</sup> place), we had our Field of Heroes from September 11 until November 11, 2023, (this was our 14<sup>th</sup> year I believe). We want to thank everyone that sponsored a flag and we especially want to thank all our volunteers that helped set it up and take it down. You are all amazing! We had our Fall Festival in October, we had our annual Pre-Thanksgiving bake sale in November, and we will have our Christmas Bazaar next Saturday.**

**Next quarter will see a Valentine's dance and hearts for sale. In March we will help the Post celebrate it's birthday. And for April I am planning a street dance. We already have a band lined up, so y'all get ready to bring your lawn chairs, kids, and grandparents to our dance.**

**We were sad to see one of our favorite members, Beverly Head, move out of state. She is one of the most loving and giving members we have, always with a smile for everyone and hugs too. We miss her greatly.**

**We will be serving in the Bingo kitchen every other week so we need y'all to come out and help support our programs serving veterans and the community.**

**Thanks to our Post Commander for their continued support.  
God Bless the United States of America.**



## **Sons of the American Legion Tim Grant, Squadron Commander**

**Happy New Year! This past year has given us some challenges. Yet we are still alive and well.**

**This past quarter the Sons participated with Veterans Day and Field of Heroes; attended Pearl Harbor Day ceremony and contributed for Auxiliary Halloween celebration. We donated to Breaking Bread, Heber Storm Soccer team, and American Cancer Society.**

**The Sons continues to serve at Taco Tuesdays and Bingo. We plan on hosting Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off February 11th. Doors open at Noon, Bring Chili in by 1PM, 3 PM serve, Super Bowl Starts at 5 PM!!**

**Thank you for the Legion Family support in our efforts. Be sure to renew your 2024 memberships; Sons dues continue to be \$30 per calendar year.**

**Memberships are vital to carrying out our various missions. God bless America and our Troops!**

**Tim Grant, Commander**



**HONOR/COLOR GUARD  
CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM**

**This has been a different quarter for the Honor Guard. We visited two Nursing (assisted Living) homes.**

**We lost 2 members of the Honor Guard, Roy Thompson and Mario Oliveria . These men were honored with Post Everlasting Ceremonies and memorial services.**

**We Participated in Veterans Day programs at Concord High School and Heber Springs High school, Spring Park and the Court House.**

**We led the Christmas Parade with the Color Guard. Then we had Pearl Harbor Day at the Old Swinging Bridge on the Little Red River. This was plus the 19 Funerals where we performed Military Honors.**

**We would like to thank the Post Commander for feeding us on times when we had really busy days.**

**As you can observe the Honor Guard is quite busy very often. We are not getting any younger and with health and family issues our available members gets a little slim at times. The Honor Guard needs some new members. They need to be retired or at least available most ever day of the week, because we aren't all available for ever function.**

**The current Members are very loyal and dependable, but we all have other obligations at times. Thank goodness for all of them and their dedication.**

**Bonnie Tatom**

**Post Judge Advocate/Honor Guard Captain**



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS  
DIRECTOR, RON FENNER**

**The Legion Riders have supported 4 funeral escorts and visited 6 Nursing Home visits and 2 hospital visits.**

**We participated in the 2023 Christmas Toy Run, which stretched over a mile and a half long with over 200 motorcycles. This was a very good event this year and shows that Cleburne County counts!! The Heber Springs Christmas Parade on the 2nd of December and the Quitman Christmas Parade on the 3<sup>rd</sup> was well attended by the Legion Riders representing the Legion.**

**We have begun the planning for Spring Bikefest and Blessing of the Bikes in March!! Date to be announced at a later date.**

**Ron Fenner  
Director**

January 2024

January 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 ← 8:00 PM NEW YEARS EVE PARTY	1 NEW YEARS DAY → 2:00 AM NEW YEARS EVE PARTY	2	3 5:00 PM–10:00 PM Celebration of Life - Mike Hernandez Wife	4 6:30 PM–7:30 PM SAL Meeting	5 5:00 PM–10:30 PM BINGO NIGHT	6 3:00 PM–6:00 PM Celebration of Life - Time Grant's Wife
7 2:00 PM–3:00 PM Executive Board Meeting	8	9 6:30 PM–7:30 PM Legion Riders General Meeting	10	11 5:00 PM–6:00 PM Legion General Meeting	12 5:00 PM–10:30 PM BINGO NIGHT	13 2:00 PM–3:30 PM Baby Shower - Johnnys Daughter
14	15	16	17	18	19 9:00 AM–5:00 PM Mid-Winter Convention TRAINING 5:00 PM–10:30 PM BINGO NIGHT	20 Department Mid- Winter Conference
21 Department Mid- Winter Conference	22	23	24	25	26 5:00 PM–10:30 PM BINGO NIGHT	27
28	29	30	31	1 5:00 PM–10:30 PM BINGO NIGHT	2	3

February 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2 5:00 PM-10:30 PM BINGO NIGHT	3
4 2:00 PM-3:00 PM Executive Board Meeting	5	6 6:30 PM-7:30 PM Legion Riders General Meeting	7	8 6:30 PM-7:30 PM Legion General Meeting	9 5:00 PM-10:30 PM BINGO NIGHT	10
11 12:05 AM-9:05 PM SAL Super Bowl Sunday CHILI COOK OFF	12	13	14 5:00 PM-6:00 PM Valentine's Day AUX EVENT	15	16 5:00 PM-10:30 PM BINGO NIGHT	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 5:00 PM-10:30 PM BINGO NIGHT	24
25	26	27	28	29	1 5:00 PM-10:30 PM BINGO NIGHT	2

March 2024

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25	26	27	28	29	1 5:00 PM-10:30 PM BINGO NIGHT	2
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17 Saint Patrics's Day MEAL?	18	19	20	21	22 5:00 PM-10:30 PM BINGO NIGHT	23
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