

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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APRIL-MAY-JUNE

2024 Newsletter



LEGION NEWS

POST COMMANDER, RON FENNER

Greetings Legionnaires,

Thank you for all the hard each of you continue to do every day. Without your hard work, the Post and The American Legion suffers. Please keep doing Buddy Checks, recruiting new members and work on retaining our expired members.

Meals on Wheels was a success. We were able to link veterans in need to services and will continue to do so as needs arrive. Due to new rules from National, all request to assist obtaining a DD214 and link to VA benefit must go through a certified VA County representative, Destiny Erisman. Our office can provide the phone numbers if needed.

We are currently ahead of schedule on our membership goals as we are currently at 93%, and should be able to reach our 95% goal by April 10, and 100% by 15th May.

We have a new hire Michael O’Nale. He will be taking Tammy Cockrum’s position as Tammy business is growing and can only work for back up and special events. Please come in and say hi to our new hire. He is a Navy veteran. Please come in and say hi.

The American Legion had a great turn out for the American Legion Birthday and St Patrick’s Day party. I am looking forward to the Eclipse party on April 8th. Parking will be available for \$15.00 in the grass area south of the Post and our parking lot. Solar Eclipse glasses are now available for \$3.00 at the Post. The Sons will be cooking breakfast and the Legionnaires are cooking lunch, bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the excitement of the celestial bodies event and enjoy the Event Hall facilities open to all.

Elections are coming in May. Any current American Legion Legionaries interested in holding an office or participate on the Executive Board, please see Steve Williams or Jerrell Skinner before the end of 11th of April. All elected officials will be sworn-in in June, and the Department Conference will be on June 14-16th. I highly encourage everyone interest to attend classes the Thursday before on June 13, as they are very informative and free. This year’s conference and classes will be held at Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, North Little Rock. If anyone want to reserve a room, I recommended that you do so soon, as these rooms fill up quickly.

Boys and Girls State will be held May 26-31, please attend. This an enjoyable experience to feel the energy these young future leaders brings.

I am announcing that I will be running for District Commander, and grateful for all the support.

Bingo is doing well, and growing. We did have a \$500.00 winner, but our \$1000.00 prize is still in play.

There will be a special Flag & Remembrance ceremony, held during our April 11th general meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend the General meeting.

The American Legion Saxton Willis Post 64 is a non for profit, and must rely on volunteers for all special functions. We have several coming up in the following months and could use help to make these events successfully. Please check post Calendar for the future events, which will include Old Soldier’s Reunion in August.

Always remember our fellow veterans in nursing homes. Please go by and visit with them, and by our office to complete a volunteer hour form so that the American Legion Saxton Willis Post 64 will receive credit.

RONALD FENNER
Post Commander



AUXILIARY NEWS

UNIT PRESIDENT, BETTY CUPPLES

Hello everyone from the Auxiliary!

So far this Spring we've had our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th. We had lots of candy, prizes, and money for the kids. We had about 100 kids.

The Auxiliary is sponsoring a Street Dance on Saturday, May 4. It will be on the East side of the Courthouse on 3rd Street. From 6-10. The band, Off Road, will provide the music. There will be prizes, food, and lots of fun for the entire family. The proceeds from this will help our Girls State fund.

In June we will be cooking the Father's Day breakfast. It will be from 9-noon. Come join us for that on Father's Day.

We are still taking applications for Girls State. So far it looks like we will be sending about 10.

Don't forget our General Meeting on the second Thursday night of the month at 6:30. In April we will be taking nominations for officers. In May, we will have the election. And in June the installation. Also in April, we will be selecting our Delegates for the June Department Convention.

Our next District Meeting is May 4th at Searcy. We will be electing Delegates for the National Convention to be held in New Orleans in August.

Hope to see you all at the meetings. Stay safe.

Betty Cupples
Unit President



Sons of the American Legion

Tim Grant, Squadron Commander

The Squadron has been consistently maintaining well with Taco Tuesdays and our Bingo nights. Thanks to the Legion Family for all your support. We sponsored Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off.

We donated the Legion's NEF (National Emergency Fund) and CWF (Child Welfare Foundation). We donated a bicycle for Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt. And we participate with Honor Guard.

We plan to donate for a boy and a girl to attend Boys' and Girls' State. And plan to participate with Legion's Flag Retirement Ceremony.

The Squadron will do nominations for 2024-2025 officers at April meeting.

Stay up-to-date with your member cards; memberships are vital for the success of our mission.

May God bless our troops and America.

Tim Grant, Commander



HONOR/COLOR GUARD CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This has been a different quarter for the Honor Guard, not as many funerals but more traveling than normal. We participated in 10 military honors ceremonies With 60 volunteers and 203.5 volunteer hours. We went to Pocahontas, Harriet, Conway and 3 trips to NLR Veterans cemetery. Three of the funerals we performed the internment program as part of military honors.

We had a pleasant event as Larry VanVekoven went with us to a funeral in uniform. We were all very happy to see him out and about again.

We could still use some members who can participate any day of the week. As some of us are getting older we have more medical appointments and other limitations.

I would like to thank all the faithful members who continue to go and perform with honor and grace.

Our legion post needs volunteers to help on April 8th for the eclipse. The post is going to rent parking spaces and serve breakfast and lunch and workers are needed.

Bonnie Tatom

Post Judge Advocate/Honor Guard Captain



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR, JOHNNY WHITMIRE

Its been a great quarter. Riders please give me a call so we can schedule things out. 21 April 2024 is the Blessing of the Bikes at Legion Post 64. All calendar events are listed on the post web page and in the Post Canteen on the Marquee!! Bike Night has changed to Saturdays at 7 – 11 PM. See <https://www.arpost64.org/events.html>

Johnny Whitmire
Director

April 2024

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