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Biggest Little Post in Arkansas



OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR WITH HOLIDAY EVENTS

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AMERICAN LEGION NEWS & COMMANDERS REPORT

Post 64 Commander, Ron Fenner

I am happy to report that there is great news! Post 64 has met 50% of our 2025 membership goal of 439. Apologies for the confusion regarding the 2025 renewal dues. Dues did go up for the Legion to \$45.00; we sent all our paperwork into National, but an error in printing led to an incorrect amount on the forms. I think we have gotten this matter straightened out. Your understanding has helped a lot.

As we enter the Fall and Winter Holiday season, the Post has a lot going on, so read the newsletter and check out activities on upcoming calendars. Please try to attend when you can, as we would love to see you!

Also, as we go into colder weather, remember to Buddy Check on your fellow members, neighbors and friends. Help them to get ready for winter. Be safe out there.

Welcome to all new members who joined our Post 64 Family in the past quarter. We offer a variety of programs to volunteer, so please check with the office for your opportunity to contribute. An hour or two here or there could make a world of difference to our veterans, their families and children, as well as our community.

The Fourth Quarter sprint begins today! October 1st starts the “new year” for The Legion Family. The Post Family has many upcoming events, so please check out the activities on the Calendar.

Saxton-Willis Post 64 is honored to be hosting the Department of Arkansas Legion College, October 18-20, 2024. This will mean no Bingo on October 18, regular play will commence on October 25.

Would like to take a moment to thank everyone who attended and supported the events during June-July-August.

Volunteers are always needed, doesn't have to be anything complex. Give the office a call to see what openings we have; your time is always appreciated.

POST SOCIAL ROOM HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	3:00PM – 11:00PM*
Wednesday	3:00PM – 11:00PM*
Thursday	3:00PM – 11:00PM*
Friday	3:00PM – 11:00PM*
Saturday	3:00PM – 11:00PM*

*Social Room closing time is at the discretion of scheduled manager. Always call ahead.

Social Room: (501) 362-9979

POST BUSINESS HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	10:00AM – 5:00PM*
Tuesday	10:00AM – 5:00PM*
Wednesday	10:00AM – 5:00PM*
Thursday	10:00AM – 5:00PM*
Friday	10:00AM – 5:00PM*
Saturday	CLOSED – As Needed*

*Always call ahead, office business hours may be adjusted, based on activity requirements.

Office: (501) 270-6042



DECEMBER 7, 2024

PEARL HARBOR DAY

11:00AM – 12:00PM

Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremony
Swinging Bridge – Hwy 110

Legion Riders – Santa Run

11:00AM – 4:00PM

(See Flyer, Pg. 15)

Heber Springs Chamber of Commerce

Christmas Parade

6:00-7:00PM

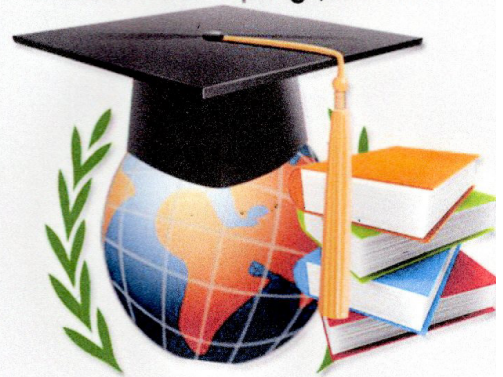
**DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS
LEGION COLLEGE**

OCTOBER 18 – 20, 2024

(Please NOTE, there will be NO
BINGO on Friday, Oct 18.

Regular Bingo will resume on
Friday Oct 25)

Hosted by Saxton-Willis Post 64
49 Park Dr. Heber Springs, AR 72543





AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

Unit 64 President, Betty Cupples

Happy Fall everyone! It has been a busy last quarter for the Auxiliary, but we are going into our busiest time of year now. Last quarter we had the 4th of July and the Old Soldier's Reunion. The Reunion was a lot of fun. We recruited some new members, as well as got to visit with some long-standing members that we hadn't seen in a while.

We also had our opening ceremony for our annual Field of Heroes. At this time we have 122 flags on the court square that have all been sponsored. But we would love to put up more, so y'all get your application in soon so we can get them up. It's \$30.00 for a new flag and still just \$5.00 for a re-fly (provided we don't have to do a new ribbon or certificate).

The Early Bird dinner is set for October 5, noon until 2:00PM. Be sure to get your dues paid ASAP if you want to come enjoy this event.

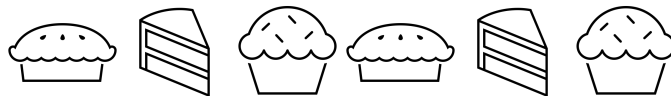
This quarter we are planning our Fall Festival, scheduled for October 26, from 2:00-5:00PM. Admission will be one can of food, which we will donate to the Post for their Thanksgiving boxes in November. We will need lots of candy donations, maybe some cakes for the cakewalk, and some volunteers to help with the games. Please give what you can.

In November we are planning our annual Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale. Order forms will be available at the Post. It will be on Tuesday, November 26th, with orders ready to be picked up or delivered from 11:00AM until 3:00PM. Pick up your order form and get it filled out and back to us by November 23rd, so we will have time to do our shopping please.

Our Christmas Bazaar will be December 14th in the Post 64 Event Hall. It will be from noon until 4:00PM. We have lots of goodies for sale and hopefully a silent auction. We will gladly take donations for this event up until December 13th. All proceeds go to help our Veterans and their families, so please come out and join us at these events.

Everyone be safe and we will see you soon.

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self
Betty Cupples, President
American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 64



BAKE SALE - NOVEMBER 26 - 11:00AM TO 3:00PM

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 64

ORDER DUE DATE: NOVEMBER 23, 2024

DROP OFF YOUR BAKE SALE FORM AT THE POST BY DUE DATE



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Squadron Commander, Tim Grant

Squadron 64 continues our Taco Tuesdays and Bingo nights. We cooked for Relay for Life Survivor Banquet and helped with the Field of Heroes and 4th of July picnic and will participate with events upcoming.

We made financial donations to Relay for Life, a Post reboot, National Emergency Fund and Child Welfare Foundation. We will make Holiday donations as usual.

As a program of The American Legion, the Sons are invited to do the American Legion Education Institute online at Legion.org search ALEI.

2025 memberships are in, be sure to renew!

Check the *NEW* Post Facebook page at: American Legion Post 64 – Heber Springs, AR

The Squadron meetings are 1st Thursdays.

May God bless our Troops and America!

Tim Grant, Commander Squadron 64



5PM-8PM

Saxton-Willis Post 64
49 Park Road, Heber Springs
801-270-6042

Choices are:

-Taco's hard-shell or soft flour tortillas

-Taco Salad

-Burrito



FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO
THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 64
49 Park Rd, Heber Springs, AR 72543

NEW!!!

50/50 Cash Raffle
at All Meetings &
Events including
Bingo Night





AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Director, Johnny Whitmire

Legion Riders have had a busy summer. Events we participated in during the past quarter include the July 13th ride/run to Post 144, where we lent a hand with their flooring and the Reunion ride in the Old Soldiers Reunion parade on August 1st.

We are keeping scheduled kitchen duties for Friday Bingo nights and will be assisting with the Early Bird Dinner on Saturday, October 5th.

Looking forward to our annual Santa Run on Saturday, December 7th – See flyer, Newsletter pg. 15

Reminder – Legion Riders meeting at 6:00PM, first Tuesday of the month.

The Post 64 Family is now accepting donations of canned goods (unexpired), which are used in the food donation boxes given out during Thanksgiving and Christmas. A drop-box has been set up in the Event Hall & Social Room areas.



SAXTON-WILLIS POST 64 – ADJUTANT REPORT

STEVE WILLIAMS, ADJUTANT

The Saxton-Willis Post 64 in Heber Springs, Arkansas celebrated it's 101st Birthday on August 5th, the Old Soldier's Reunion was the 137th such event here and the American Legion celebrated it's 105th Anniversary this year. August was a busy hot month for us and as usual we need some help!!

The last Legion year (1 July 2023 thru 30 June 2024) we topped out at 426 total paid Legion members. We are currently working our 2025 membership push from 1 July 2024 thru 30 June 2025. Membership went up to \$45 due to National and Department raising their fees, but we are already at 220 paid members, which is 50% of our 439 member goal for this year!! Thank you to all that have been Early Birds!!! We will enjoy an **Early Bird Dinner** from Noon till 2 PM on 5 October 2024. Please come and bring your spouse!! This year we will have Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans and a roll, plus the Auxiliary is providing all the desserts!!!

We need some help with the yearly Oratorical contest, and every program we support. If you can dedicate a little time to focus on a program like Oratorical, Boys State, Children and youth we would greatly appreciate your help in keeping us a viable Legion Post. Please call us at the office number 501-270-6042.

We have a good start with an Events Committee newly formed and headed by Jennie Miller. This will change our Event Hall into a viable money maker and venue for the county. We are changing pricing for rentals to be more affordable for the community we live in here.

ALL of our Servers work for TIPS ONLY NOW!! Please help us move forward with the Four Pillars of the American Legion, VETERANS, NATIONAL SECURITY, AMERICANISM, CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

For all current information on our Post, please go to our website at <https://www.arpost64.org>!



SAXTON-WILLIS POST 64 – HISTORIAN/PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

MIKE HERNANDEZ, HISTORIAN/PR

Updates to the Post webpage

- New Veteran Assistance, check under Resources, link to PDF document with Post Service Officer information
- Watch our webpage and visit our New Facebook page (link below) for continuing updates!
- We welcome content feedback.
- Please share any photos from previous or upcoming events (Memorial Day, Old Soldier's Reunion, Ozark Trail Festival, Veterans Day, etc.) that we add to our Historian publication.

For Historian updates – see Photo Montage Newsletter pages 9 & 10



Check out our *NEW* Facebook page:

LINK: American Legion Post 64 – Heber Springs, AR



SAXTON-WILLIS POST 64 - HONOR & COLOR GUARD REPORT

CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This quarter started off with 4th of July parades. We did one at Concord and one at Quitman. Then we had the Parade for the Old Soldier Reunion.

If you will remember it was very HOT this year for these parades. We are proud our marchers only suffered discomfort from the heat and hot street surfaces and no serious injuries.

We participated in 5 funerals with Military Honors. They were in Greenbrier, Conway, Drasco, El Paso and Batesville. The trip to Batesville was for the Oldest living WW2 veteran in Arkansas. There was Army, Stone County Honor Guard and our Honor Guard there to share in performance of the Honors ceremony.

We went to Assisted Living Center to perform a memorial service for one of our Legion members, Bob Roman.

We also visited the Cleburne County Fair on Students day. We visited with many of the children and some adults.

We also attended the opening ceremony for the Field of Heroes. The Heber Springs Police Honor Guard posted the colors for this program. This was a Patriots Day honoring 1st responders.

I would like to thank our faithful and consistent members, who continue to strive to serve our veteran's families and our community.



SAXTON-WILLIS POST 64 – POST SERVICE OFFICER REPORT
JENNIE MILLER, POST SERVICE OFFICER (PSO)

Greetings! For some of my fellow Legionnaires this salutation brought about life changes that, in some instances are changes that are still with you today – those gifts that keep on giving sort.

First, let me introduce myself. Originally from Arkansas, employment moved me away and ended up spending thirty-plus years living in upstate New York. Throughout it all, I maintained a continued presence in the Air National Guard/Air Force for thirty-plus years. Multiple deployments to European and Southwest Asia theaters allowed for a broad experience. After retiring at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant (E-9), came retirement from my civilian job of twenty-three years in local government, in 2021. Maintaining my membership in the American Legion, twenty-six years and counting, has also been one of my valued accomplishments.

Let me first be frank - the job of the PSO is to be an initial point of contact regarding veteran issues. Basic information and assistance, including referral as directed by the Department Service Officer (DSO) and to coordinate efforts to assist a veteran or dependent with an accredited Veteran Service Officer (VSO). Think of the PSO as the liaison for you with the VSO and Veteran Affairs, VA medical Centers and State VSOs.

Watch the Post 64 webpage for additional information (under RESOURCES) to include links, data and information. Our first endeavor will be the PSO is available, the first Saturday of the month from 0900 to 1100 or by appointment; call the office (501) 270-6042, Post 64 and leave a message. As your new Post Service Officer (PSO) I have much to learn, I fully expect some growing pains, so I ask you to bear with me as we navigate forward.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION – MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

You can also call [877-927-8387](tel:877-927-8387) (TTY: 711) to talk with a fellow combat Veteran about your experiences, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

THE AMERICAN LEGION IS THERE TO HELP

www.legion.org





Honor Guard marching in the Concord Fourth of July parade.



Fourth of July picnic
July 6, 2024



Kids at play, 4th of July Picnic
July 6, 2024



Honor Guard at the Wooster 4th of July ceremonies
July 6, 2024

**AMERICAN LEGION SAXTON-WILLIS POST 64
THE POST 64 FAMILY IS NOW ACCEPTING FOOD DONATIONS
FOR OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES
TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO VETERANS AND FAMILIES IN NEED
WITHIN THE HEBER SPRINGS AND SURROUNDING AREA**

**DROP OFF IS AT THE POST HOME
49 PARK ROAD
HEBER SPRINGS, AR 72543
OFFICE: (501) 270-6042**



Ron and Big Mike with two of our Boys State men at the Bradford BBQ, July 11, 2024



2nd place float TOO HAUTE Salon and Spa August 1, 2024



1st place float ALA Unit 64 August 1, 2024



Kai Rose,3, singing at the karaoke contest with an assist from Grandma. August 2, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S PARADE WINNERS AT THE OLD SOLDIERS REUNION.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED AND CAME OUT TO SEE THE PARADE.

OCTOBER 2024


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 5-8pm Taco Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm Legion Riders Mtg 7-11pm Karaoke Night	2	3 6:30-7:30pm Sons of the Legion Meeting	4 2024 Ozark Trail Fest 4:00-9:00pm Legion Kitchen Duty 5:00-10:00pm BINGO	5 2024 Ozark Trail Fest 11:00am-12:00pm Parade Bradford Fun Fest 3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00-11:00pm Karaoke Night
6 2:00-3:00pm Executive Board Meeting	7	8 5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7-11pm Karaoke Night	9	10 6:30-7:30pm Auxiliary Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Post General Meeting	11 4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00-10:00pm BINGO	12 10-11am Memorial * 3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00-11:00pm Karaoke Night
13	14	15 5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7-11pm Karaoke Night	16	17	18 12:00-4:00pm DoAR-Legion College Registration 5:00-9:00pm Class Begins	19 8:00am-5:00pm DoAR-Legion College 3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00-11:00pm Karaoke Night
20 8:00am-1:00pm DoAR-Legion College Class start 0800 Graduation 1300	21	22 5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7-11pm Karaoke Night	23	24	25 4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00-10:00pm BINGO	26 2:00-5:00pm Auxiliary Fall Festival 3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament No Karaoke tonight 8:00pm-11:55pm Halloween Party & Dance (ADULTS)
27	28	29 5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7-11pm Karaoke Night	30	31 HALLOWEEN 	1	2

*10/12/24 William J Franks Memorial Service Civil War MOH Navy

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00-10:00pm BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00-11:00pm Karaoke Night
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Daylight Savings Time 		Election Day 5-8pm Taco Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm Legion Riders Mtg 7-11pm Karaoke Night		6:30-7:30pm Sons of the Legion Meeting	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00-10:00pm BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00-11:00pm Karaoke Night
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
2:00-3:00pm Executive Board Meeting	Veterans Day 11:00am-noon Veterans Day at Spring Park Noon-1:00 SAL lunch for Family 2:00-3:00pm Field of Heroes Closing Ceremony	5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7-11pm Karaoke Night		6:30-7:30pm Auxiliary Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Post General Meeting	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00-10:00pm BINGO	11:00am-1:00pm District #6 Mtg 3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00-11:00pm Karaoke Night
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7-11pm Karaoke Night		Final Drop-off for Food Drive & Frozen Turkey's for Thanksgiving!	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00-10:00pm BINGO	12:00-4:00pm Legion Family Thanksgiving Dinner 3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00-11:00pm Karaoke Night
24	25	26	24	28	29	30
		8:00am-3:00pm Auxiliary Thanksgiving Bake Sale 5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7-11pm Karaoke Night		Thanksgiving Day 	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00-10:00pm BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00-11:00pm Karaoke Night

DECEMBER 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 5-8pm Taco Tuesday NO MEETING Legion Riders Mtg 7-11pm Karaoke Night	4	5 6:30-7:30pm Sons of the Legion Meeting	6 4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00-10:00pm BINGO	7 11am-12pm Pearl Harbor Day 11am-4pm Santa Run Legion Riders 3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 6-7pm Christmas Parade - Heber 7-11pm Karaoke
8 NO MEETING Executive Board	9	10 5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7-11pm Karaoke Night	11	12 6:30-7:30pm Auxiliary Meeting NO MEETING Post General	13 4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00-10:00pm BINGO	14 Noon-4:00pm Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar 3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00-11:00pm Karaoke Night
15	16	17 5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7-11pm Karaoke Night	18	19 Final Drop-off for Food Drive for Christmas!	20 4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00-10:00pm BINGO	21 3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00-11:00pm Karaoke Night
22 12:00-2:00pm Legion Family Christmas Dinner 4:00-11:55pm Post 64 Family Party	23	24 5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7-11pm Karaoke Night	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 	26	27 4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00-10:00pm BINGO	28 3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00-11:00pm Karaoke Night
29	30	31 5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7-11pm Karaoke Night 9:00-1:00pm New Yrs Eve Party	1 2025!!! NEW YEARS DAY 	2	3	4



2024 Annual Holiday Food Drive

Each year, The Post 64 Legion Family puts together Food Boxes for Community Veterans in need, which are distributed during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please consider bringing one (or more) unexpired canned good or non-perishable food item for our Donation Box. Monetary donations to the Post (tax deductible) are always welcome. Frozen turkey's accepted until Nov 21st (10-12 lb size).

JOIN US TO HELP FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

WHAT IS NEEDED

- **Consider putting together a “Meal in a bag” for drop-off**
- **Donate “unexpired” canned goods**
- **Gift Card donation, can be used to make purchases for specific needs**
- **Cash/Check donation to Post 64 (tax deductible donation)**

Help Stock the Pantry:

Proteins: Peanut butter; canned tuna, salmon or chicken; canned beans; pasta and sauce;

Pantry Staples: sugar, flour, condiments; olive oil and spices (basics – salt, pepper, garlic or onion powder, cinnamon, etc.)

Baby Food: Formula, jarred baby food, diapers, wipes

Hygiene Products: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo (travel size are always good)

Household: cleaning products, laundry soap, dish soap

18th Annual Community
Santa Run

**Saturday
December 7th**

Rain or Shine



This is a food and toy run to help area Military Families and local children have a Great Christmas this year!

COST TO PARTICIPATE IS ONE NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM AND ONE UNWRAPPED TOY!

We will meet at 11:00 am at Red River Dodge - Top of the Mountain in Heber Springs with the escorted ride leaving at 12:00 noon.

*Toys will be dropped at DTP in Drasco.
Arkansas National Guard will be on hand to collect the donations.*

Lunch will be provided by Mt. Zion Lodge and Peco

BE SURE TO THANK OUR RIDE SPONSORS:

• All Sponsors are Toy Drop Off Locations •



THE PRINT SHOP
HEBER SPRINGS



Mt. Zion Lodge #10



For more information contact DTP at 870-668-3040 or Red River Dodge at 501-362-5831



HELP WANTED!!!!

Legion Family Volunteers Needed

Open Positions:

Servers

2nd Vice Commander

Oratorical Program

Honor Guard/Color Guard

Event Support



HALLOWEEN DANCE - Saturday, October 26, 2024

8:00pm – Midnight \$10 cover charge

Music Featuring "Plum Crazy"

Costume Contest, Prizes, 50/50 Raffle

Open to Public, over age 21

American Legion Event Hall

49 Park Road, Heber Springs (501) 270-6042