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#### **SAXTON-WILLIS POST 64**

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# JANUARY - MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR with HOLIDAY EVENTS

AR Post 64 2025-1 Newsletter



#### **AMERICAN LEGION NEWS & COMMANDERS REPORT**

Post 64 Commander, Ron Fenner

Greetings from the Commander,

From looking at the past and where we have been, there has been some changes made in leadership as we move forward to better our post.

I would encourage everyone to get involved with post meetings. We always need members to help with events and there are some events coming up where help is needed. They will be posted on our Facebook and web site.

Membership is looking good on renewals and if you haven't renewed your membership, please do as soon as you can, as it helps to care for our veterans and our community.

With all the bad weather here around us, please look in on our elder membership to make sure they are safe and warm.

There will be more training coming up, please try and attend at the Post.

As always, remember our troops that are in harms way and pray for their safe return home.

American Legion Officers		Auxiliary Officers		S. A. L. Officers		
Commander	Ron Fenner	President	Betty Cupples	Commander	Tim Grant	
Adjutant	(Vacant)	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Debbie Thompson	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Harold Foster	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Jerrell Skinner	Secretary	Donaice Harris	Adjutant/Finance	Tom Thompson	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Johnny Whitmire	Treasurer	Robin Rose	Sgt at Arms	Phillip Harris	
Finance	Sandi Baker	Chaplain	Annetta Williams	Chaplain	Tim Golden	
Sgt at Arms	Karl Marshman	Historian	Shoshanna Wells			
Chaplain	Sam O'Leary	Sgt at Arms	(Vacant)			
Historian	Michael Hernandez	Parliamentarian	Paula Sporn			
Service Officer	Jennie Miller	Members at Large				
Judge Advocate	Bonnie Tatom		Kelly Poole			
Executive Com	Bruce Ziegenbalg		Donaice Harris			
Executive Com	Gary Zieres					

# 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\*

\*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

#### SUPER BOWL SUNDAY CHILI COOK-OFF



#### **FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

### NO ENTRY FEE, ENTRANTS SHOULD BRING CROCKPOTS OF DONATED CHILI AROUND NOON.

JUDGING HELD AT 2:30 P.M.

**PRIZES:** 1<sup>ST</sup> \$40: 2<sup>ND</sup> \$30: 3<sup>RD</sup> \$20

Serving to patrons for \$5.00 donation all you can eat following judging.

#### **FOLLOWED BY THE SUPER BOWL**

#### WATCH THE GAME ON SIX TELEVISIONS

LOTS OF FUN AND COMARADERIE WITH FELLOW

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY AND THEIR GUESTS

- ➢ No Cost at the door
- Great food and CHILI
- > Enjoyment of Friends and Family

#### SPONSORED BY SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGIONSQUADRON 64

Proceeds earned from the Chili Cook off will support local Community Endeavors supported by the SAL.

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#### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS

Unit 64 President, Betty Cupples

Hello everyone!

Looks like winter has finally found us! Between the snow and super cold temperatures, I hope everyone is staying warm and safe. Hopefully it will only last a few more weeks.

January has been our "down time" month. No meeting or anything.

But we did plan our Valentine's events at the meeting in December. We will be having a raffle with some nice stuff as well as selling hearts. The raffle tickets are being sold now. They are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Just let me or Robin know if you would like some. The drawing will be held during Bingo on Valentine's night.

We will start selling hearts on February 1. Let someone know you care about them by buying them a heart.

In March, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day, as well as the Legion birthday on March 17. We will have cookies and desserts for sale.

Also, on March 29<sup>th</sup>, we are going to have a "Welcome Home Celebration" for our Viet Nam veterans. We would like to present them all with one of our Field of Heroes flags and certificates at 1:00 pm in the Post 64 Event Hall. We will fly them free this year for them. So, if you have or know of a Viet Nam veteran, please get in touch with me (501) 365-6895 or Robin at (501) 691-0456. We need to know how many will be there so we know how much food and how many flags will be needed.

As always, remember our veterans and their families. Stay safe.

Until next time,

Betty Cupples, President, ALA Unit 64



# ALA Unit 64



#### Valentine Raffle 2025 – February 14th at Bingo

1<sup>st</sup> drawing: Teddy Bear, Box of Candy, Dinner for 2 @ Verona's and a night stay at Quality Inn

2<sup>nd</sup> drawing: Teddy Bear, Box of Candy, Dinner for 2 @ SmokeHouse and a Cowboy Chevrolet Oil Change

3<sup>rd</sup> drawing: Brooks & Co Sterling Silver & CZ necklace (valued @ \$70)

TICKETS: \$1 each or 6 for \$5

#### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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
501-270-6042

#### **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 Door Opens at 5:00 PM GAMES START AT 6:30PM

KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN!!!

Must be 18 to play!
This is a NON SMOKING, NON DRINKING
BINGO HALL.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! CASH PRIZES! Join us at American Legion Post 64 in Heber Springs EVERY Friday! 10 games. Every game has a cash prize! All proceeds benefit your local veterans and their families as well as local non-profit organizations!



#### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS**

Director, Karl Marshman

The Post #64 Rides are looking forward to an active 2025 Spring.

We are in the process of planning a Riders Spring Fling in March; this will include an outdoor cookout and include the Silent Auction we have been working on since November. We have collected over \$1,200 in Merchandise and Gift certificates, donated from local businesses and restaurants. We are still working on a raffle for a Shot Gun, coming soon.



Legion Riders Officers

Director Karl Marshman
Asst. Director Johnny Whitmire

Secretary/Treasurer

Sgt at Arms Chaplain Road Captain



# SAXTON-WILLIS POST 64 – ADJUTANT REPORT ADJUTANT

For all current information on our Post, please go to our website: https://www.arpost64.org or visit our official Facebook page: American Legion Post 64 – Heber Springs, AR

Please like and follow us on Facebook!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SENDING BEST WISHES TO ANYONE WITH A JANUARY, FEBRUARY OR MARCH BIRTHDAY!!







# SAXTON-WILLIS POST 64 - HONOR & COLOR GUARD REPORT CAPTAIN BONNIE TATOM

This past quarter has been interesting. We started with Patriots Day opening of Field of Heroes at the Court House. Then we traveled to funerals. WE were at NLR, Woodlands at Bryant and Clinton in the rain along with several closer to home.

We also had Veterans Day at Quitman School and at Spring Park. Mike Nuckolls made the speech for the program at Quitman - Thanks, Mike. Then we posted colors at the closing of Field of Heroes. Then we had Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies and the Christmas Parade on the same day.

We would like to thank all that prepared food and fed us on those busy days.

The Honor Guard can use more members. We did manage to do two funerals at same time since one only wanted the flag folded and presented. But we did a couple with the minimum of three members.

We would like to welcome Karl Marshman as our newest member.

#### **ATTENTION LEGIONNAIRES!!!**

Any Legionnaire interested in participating in the Honor Guard, please contact the Post by calling 501-270-6042 and leave a message for Bonnie Tatom.



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

KARAOKE WITH



EVERY TUESDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT 7PM- Close

**Dart Tournament** 



Saturdays 4pm

Saxton-Willis Post 64 49 Park Rd, Heber Springs 501-270-6042



#### **SAXTON-WILLIS POST 64 – POST SERVICE OFFICER REPORT**

JENNIE MILLER, POST SERVICE OFFICER (PSO)

Our "Loan Closet" has various medical equipment, such as canes, walkers, limited number of wheelchairs, porta chairs, and even a lift hoist. These gently used items are available for "loan" to local/area veterans or their family members, at no cost. To support our community non-veterans are reviewed and assisted on a case-by-case basis as the need arises. Contact the Post Service Office or Post 64 for additional information. If you wish to make a donation of equipment, we are accepting new or like new medical equipment, such as listed above to our inventory. Individual items will be inspected before accepted.

Some retirees may be rapidly approaching the deadline for obtaining a new Next Generation Military ID card. If you are retired from the Military service and have a Legacy "blue, or red" retiree ID card, your card may be expiring soon. Legacy USID cards remain valid through their expiration date, however, individuals with an indefinite (INDEF) expiration date on their legacy USID card may replace those ID cards with a Next Generation USID card. The Next Generation USID card incorporates an updated design and security features to deter counterfeiting and fraud and is printed on a plastic cardstock.

You must go to an ID card issuing station to renew, however, in some cases you can renew on-line. Below are the criteria to renew on-line. Sponsor must be a CAC holder or have a DoD Self-Service Logon username/password

- Must be requesting a renewal of an active USID card
- Sponsor and Cardholder must have email addresses listed in DEERS that they have authorized DoD to use for contacting them
- Sponsor's personnel status must extend at least 30 days into the future
   Cardholder has a photo saved in DEERS taken in the last 12 years
- Cardholder's mailing address is present in DEERS and is in United States
- USID cards cannot be shipped to PO Boxes

You can either go to Little Rock AFB or call (501) 987-8228 for an appointment, walk-in hours are 0730-1530; additionally, you can go to DEERS at Camp Robinson, their number is (501) 212-5065, open for walk-ins 0800-1500. If you have any questions, please see Cleburne County Veteran Service Officer (VSO), Destiny Eirsman, located at 2319 Hwy 110 W, Suite B, Heber Springs AR 72543.

Rides on the DAV van for veterans to Conway, NLR, and LR VA if anyone needs assistance with transportation. Just call VSO Destiny Eirsman at (501) 362-6211. Please allow at least two business days ahead of the date you need.

Please check the Post 64 webpage for information to include links, data and information go to RESOURCES and select *Veteran Assistance*. Our first endeavor will be the PSO is available, the first Saturday of the month from 0900 to 1100 by appointment; call the office (501) 270-6042, Post 64 and leave a message. Post 64 business hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm M-F.



THE AMERICAN LEGION IS THERE TO HELP

National: www.legion.org
Department AR: www.arlegion.org

Post: 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, so that we may add to our Historian publication.

For Historian updates – see Photo Montage Newsletter page 10

Check out our **NEW OFFICIAL** Facebook page - give us a "like & follow": FB Name: **American Legion Post 64 – Heber Springs, AR** 



Sandi Baker, in her Dia de los Muertos costume, winning first place in the Halloween contest.



Mike Nuckolls blows Taps at the Veterans Day Commemoration in Spring Park



Sgt Chris Gracey, giving the keynote address at the Closing Ceremony for the Field of Heroes.

# October - November - December



Ziggy Ziegenbalg fills a turkey platter with all the fixings and succeeds in downing it all.



Santa (Todd Rose) takes requests during the Legion Christmas festivities.



Plumb Crazy (the band) rocks in the New Year at the Legion party.

JANUARY 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	6:30-7:30pm Sons of the Legion Meeting	CLOSED Kitchen Duty NO BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament  7:00pm Karaoke
2:00-3:00pm Executive Board Meeting	6	7 5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7:00pm Karaoke	8	6:30-7:30pm Auxiliary Meeting  Law Enforcement Appreciation Day	CLOSED Kitchen Duty NO BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00pm Karaoke
12	13	5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7:00pm Karaoke	15	6:30-7:30pm Post General Meeting	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - SAL 5:00 BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00pm Karaoke
19	Inauguration Day  ****  MLKJr Day	5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7:00pm Karaoke	22	Thursday's Free Pool Night	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - Legion Riders 5:00 BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00pm Karaoke
26	27	5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7:00pm Karaoke  Lunar New Year	29	Thursday's Free Pool Night	31 4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty -Legion 5:00 BINGO	1





	FEBURARY 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
26	27	28	29	30	31	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00pm Karaoke	
Groundhog Day	Four Chaplains Day	5-8pm Taco Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm Legion Riders Mtg 7:00pm Karaoke	5	6 6:30-7:30pm Sons of the Legion Meeting  Thursday's Free Pool Night	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00 BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00pm Karaoke	
Super Bowl Chili Cookoff  2:30pm Judging Starts!	10	5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7:00pm Karaoke	12	6:30-7:30pm Auxiliary Meeting  Thursday's Free Pool Night	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty- TBD 5:00 BINGO Valentines Day	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00pm Karaoke  Valentines Dance 8pm-Close	
2:00-3:00pm Executive Board Meeting	17	5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7:00pm Karaoke	Coast Guard Reserve Birthday	6:30pm Post General Meeting  Thursday's Free Pool Night	21 4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00 BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00pm Karaoke	
23	24	25	26	Thursday's Free Pool Night	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00 BINGO	1	

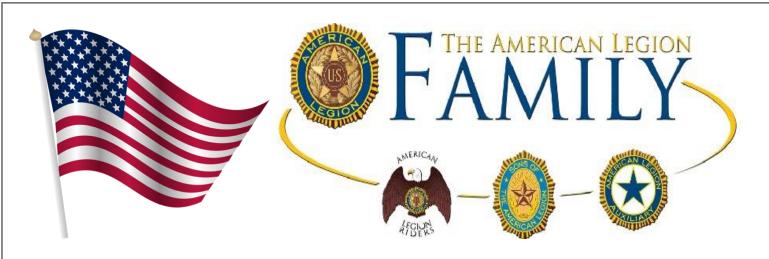
Sunday, February 9, 2025 Super Bowl Chili Cookoff – Sons of the American Legion ALA Unit 64 – Valentine Raffle Drawings @ Bingo on Friday, Feb 14th Executive Board and General Meeting Dates were changed to deconflict Special Events

MARCH 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	5-8pm Taco Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm Legion Riders Mtg 7:00pm Karaoke	5	6:30-7:30pm Sons of the Legion Meeting  Thursday's  Free Pool  Night	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00 BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament  7:00pm Karaoke
2:00-3:00pm Executive Board Meeting	10	5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7:00pm Karaoke	12	6:30-7:30pm Auxiliary Meeting 6:30-7:30pm General Mtg Thursday's Free Pool Night	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00 BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00pm Karaoke
16	St Patrick's  Legion Birthday  President's Day	5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7:00pm Karaoke	19	Thursday's Free Pool Night	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00 BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00pm Karaoke
23	24	5-8pm Taco Tuesday 7:00pm Karaoke Medal of Honor Day	26	Thursday's Free Pool Night	4:00-9:00pm Kitchen Duty - TBD 5:00 BINGO	3:30-7:00pm Dart Tournament 7:00pm Karaoke Vietnam Veterans Day
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Monday, March 17 Legion Family St Patrick's Dinner & Legion Birthday Party

### Happy 106<sup>th</sup> Birthday – American Legion

Saturday, March 29 Auxiliary Unit 64 to present Vietnam Veterans with flags & certificates (see Auxiliary report, pg. 4, for additional information)







# When to Fly Your American Flag in 2025

The American flag should be displayed on all days and especially the holidays listed below. The dates marked in red color indicate when you should fly your flag at half staff. Sign up for our Flag Alerts to receive timely emails alerting you to flag events such as when to fly the flag at half staff.

New Year's Day - Jan. 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Jan. 20

Inauguration Day - Jan. 20

Lincoln's Birthday - Feb. 12

President's Day - Feb. 17

Washington's Birthday - Feb. 17

U.S. Hostage & Wrongful Detainee Day - March 9

St. Patrick's Day - March 17

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

- March 29

Gold Star Spouses Day - April 5

National Former Prisoner of War

Recognition Day - April 9

Easter Sunday - April 20

Earth Day - April 22

International Firefighters Day - May 4

National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service May 4 (half-staff) Mother's Day - May 11

Peace Officer's Memorial Day - May 15 (half-staff)

Armed Forces Day - May 17

Memorial Day - May 26 (half-staff to noon)

Remember D-Day - June 6

Army Birthday - June 14

Flag Day - June 14

Father's Day - June 15

Juneteenth - June 19

Independence Day - July 4

National Korean War Veterans

Armistice Day - July 27

Coast Guard Day - Aug. 4

National Purple Heart Day - Aug. 7

Labor Day - Sept. 1

Patriot Day - Sept. 11 (half-staff)

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day - Sept. 17

Air Force Birthday - Sept. 18

National POW/MIA Recognition Day

- Sept. 19

Gold Star Mother's & Family's Day -

Sept. 28

Navy Birthday - Oct. 13

Columbus Day - Oct. 13

National Indigenous Peoples Day -

Oct. 13

Election Day - Nov. 4

Marine Corps Birthday - Nov. 10

Veterans Day - Nov. 11

Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 27

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - Dec. 7 (half-staff)

Space Force Birthday - Dec. 20

Christmas Day - Dec. 25

NOTE: Your flags should also be flown on State Birthdays. Visit flagandbanner.com/flag-days for your states date of admission.



# WANTED!

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your experience and expertise are needed by your Post.

To grow and keep relevant, volunteers are needed in a variety of positions.

Please consider volunteering time to your Post and/or help with one of the following committees.

· AMERICANISM · ORATORICAL · HONOR GUARD · BOYS STATE ·

Opportunities abound other than on a committee to volunteer a few hours here or there. Making an impact in fellow veterans lives and that of your community is rewarding and essential to maintaining our relationship across our service areas, as well as advancing the causes for which the Legion is noted. Please contact the Post 64 by calling (501) 270-6042 for more information or just stop by for a free cup of coffee and visit.

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