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Commander's Corner

Commander Roger Groves



Hello Legionnaires,

I would like to thank everyone that attended the American Legion's 98th Birthday Celebration and Awards Banquet. It was a wonderful evening of comradery and celebration along with being able to honor our local area heroes of Morgan County and the City of Decatur. I would also like to congratulate again our Veteran of the Year, Charles McClendon along with our Auxiliary Member of the Year Judy Little. The Auxiliary this year also made a special appreciation award to two of their members, Jean Reeder and Sandra Collins for all their hard work to Unit 15, American Legion Auxiliary.

Upcoming activities at your post are many. We will be hosting the annual JROTC Drill Competition which will be April 8th at 9:00am located in the rear parking area. There will be a membership revitalization drive for the 12th District area which Post 15 will be part of starting on the 20th and ending on the 22nd of April. We would like to ask for anyone's help in contacting prospective members or members that may have not renewed their membership for the American Legion. The American Legion Riders will be having rides on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. We have the Boy's State Convention that will be held in Tuscaloosa at the University of Alabama starting on May 28th thru June 3rd. Please don't forget that in June we will be having our Flag Retirement Ceremony and this year it will be on Flag Day, June 14th.

I want to remind every Legionnaire that we will be nominating candidates for the upcoming officer elections for the post at the April 24th meeting. Two weeks later, on May 8th we will be holding elections at the May meeting for these officer positions. We meet on the first Monday of May due to the By-laws of our post. On June 26th we will install these officers into their elected positions along with the Auxiliary and Legion Riders Officers being sworn into their elected positions.

Now, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me the opportunity to be your commander of Post 15. It has been quite an experience for me for the past two years at the end of this term in June. I have learned many things about the American Legion and the men and women who make up this outstanding organization. Many times, I have seen the members of this post come together for the good of a veteran or veteran's family in whatever their need might have been. We are a family, as a family we might not always see everything alike but the essential point is that everyone does what is needed for the veterans and their families. Along my journey as your commander, I have learned many things but I know there are so many things that go on inside the American Legion all the way to National level that one person cannot do it alone. I have had a great executive committee that helped keep me on task and aware of things that I did not know. I would like to thank them very much for their help and friendship these past two years during this journey.

Please see our website at www.allegionpost15.com for any new and upcoming events. The events on the enclosed 3-month calendar are the known events at the time of this newsletter. Watching our website, and updating your email address for email notifications of upcoming events is a sure way of staying up to date of the events.

May God Bless you and your families, our veterans and families, our current serving military personnel and families.

God Bless the United States of America
Roger Groves,
Commander

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Calendar of Events American Legion Post 15

April 2017						
◀ March						May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  1600-Bingo
2 12 th District Mtg. Location: Post 52 Athens 1300-Lunch 1400-Meeting	3 DAV-Service Officer Priceville Veteran's Memorial 9am to 4pm	4	5	6	7	8 0900-JROTC Drill Competition 1600: Bingo
9	10 1800: A.L.Riders Mtg.	11	12	13	14 Good Friday 	15 0900: Post 310 Mtg. S.A.L. Mtg Riders Ride 1600: Bingo
16 Easter 	17 Tax Day (Taxes Due) 	18	19	20 1800: Marine Corps League Mtg. 1800:Executive Mtg.	21	22 Earth Day 1600: Biingo
23	24 1800: Post Dinner 1900: Legion Mtg. 1900: Auxiliary Mtg.	25	26 Morgan Co. Gov. Day	27 1800: Lady Riders Mtg.	28 Arbor Day 	29 1600: Bingo
30	Notes:					

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May 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 0900: Riders Ride
				1800: Executice Mtg.	Priceville Band Boosters 1600: Somerville Courthouse Fundraiser	1600: Bingo
7	8 1800: Post Dinner 1830: Riders Mtg. & Elections 1900: Legion Mtg. & Elections 1900: Auxiliary Mtg. & Elections	9	10	11	12	13 1600: Bingo
14 Mother's Day 	15 1800: Boy's State Orientation	16	17	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day 0900: Post 310 Mtg S.A.L. Mtg Riders Ride  1600: Bingo
21	22	23	24	25 1800: Lady Rider's Mtg.	26	27 1600: Bingo
28 Boys State Convention 28 May – 3 June	29 Memorial Day  1000: Memorial Svc. Roselawn Cemetary	30	31	Notes:		

American Legion Auxiliary

Dear fellow Auxiliary sisters,



As this year comes to a close, I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to serve as your Auxiliary president. To say that I have learned a lot this year is truly an understatement. I would like to thank all of you for making this a successful year for our Auxiliary Unit 15.

Thank you all to those who have stepped up and volunteered your time with events with this Unit. We have had lot of great things happen this past year. I am very proud of the Post 15 family and I hope you all will step up and volunteer when you can. It's our Post. Treat it as such and let's have fun doing what the American Legion Auxiliary is about. It takes the entire family to help keep Unit 15 one of the best Units in the state.

We have a few important things coming up in the next few weeks.

- April 8 will be our fundraiser at Martin's Benefit Sale. The sale will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Martin's
- April 8 also brings our annual JROTC Drill Competition. Our Juniors will be hosting a concession stand at the competition. Please come and support our Juniors and the Drill Competition. Kickoff for the competition is 9:00 a.m.
- The week of April 10 we will be shopping for the families of three veterans to provide an Easter meal.
- Saturday, April 22 find us celebrating with Judy Little and her family for being our Unit member of the year. The festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Auxiliary Room.
- Final nomination of our 2017-2018 unit officers will be held at our April 24 Unit meeting. We will also be nominating our delegates for our annual Department Convention which will be held on June 15th – June 18th. Please be sure to attend this meeting as your vote is very important to the future of our unit.
- May brings Memorial Day and our annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Roselawn Cemetery. The ceremony starts at 10:00 a.m.
- June 14 is Flag Day and there will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Post beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please attend this moving ceremony to honor Old Glory.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your president this year. I have enjoyed getting to know our members, and I hope for nothing but good for the future of our Unit.

Please remember to take care of yourselves and take care of our veterans and veterans families.

Theresa A. Groves

Neal Allen Perdue
Post 15 Adjutant



Comrades in Arms, Recruiting is a yearlong event for the American Legion. You will notice that you get a "Renew Your Membership" letter about every two months or so wanting you to renew. You say, I have already paid my dues..... Please keep track of when you pay your dues and if you get a renewal notice and you have already paid for that year, please dispose of Renewal Notice properly (Deep Six it). If you are unsure as to whether or not you have renewed, call the Post at (256) 353-5501 and confirm if you have paid or not. You can also call me at (256) 303-4996 or email me at perduena@yahoo.com and I will research and get back with you as soon as possible.

Respectfully Submitted
Neal Allen Perdue
"Semper Fi"

Post 15 Chaplain



I Jerry Hawkins (Chaplain) ,would like to say hello to all the members and future members of American Legion Post 15. I am a firm believer in The Lord Jesus Christ, the United States of America, and all the Loyal Service men and women, also all the Veterans of our Country. If there is ever something I can help you with feel free to call me at (256-565-6984) or e-mail at (jerryhawkins30@aol.com). I would like to encourage ever young Veteran to get involved at American Legion so the fight for your rights will be carried on after my generation is gone.

I will close with a short prayer. Lord Christ our Savior, look over all our men and women in uniform that they can keep the fight going to keep us free. Look over our leaders that they do what is right for you and our country. Please, bless our members that we keep serving you oh Lord our country and fellow citizens. I ask this in your Holy name Jesus Christ
Amen

BINGO
Every Saturday 6 PM
Thousands in Cash Prizes



American Legion Riders



Chapter 15 Riders visited the historic grounds of Vicksburg National Military Park

Rider of the Year 2017

During the 2017 American Legion Birthday Party and Awards Banquet hosted by Morgan County's Post 15, Ms. Becky Burney was awarded the Chapter 15 Rider of the Year. Selected by her peers, Becky holds an influencing role with the Riders, leading efforts to raise awareness for Veterans and local first responders.

Becky is unquestionably credited with chartering the group's existence eight years earlier. It was during a time when she was seeking an opportunity to combine her devotion to the Legion with the enjoyment of riding motorcycles that Becky and her husband Steve took steps to expand Post 15's presence in Morgan County by opening a fun alternative for the American Legion Family.

Over the past two years Becky initiated the hugely successful annual Field of Flags and fostered fundraising sales of veteran-related memorabilia. Becky is an enthusiastic Legionnaire and a very valued member of the Chapter 15 American Legion Riders.



Rider Director Bob Branin awarded Becky Burney as the Chapter 15 Rider of the Year



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June 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Boys State Conv.	2 Boys State Conv.	3 0900: Riders Ride End of Boys State Convention 1600: Bingo
4 12 th District Meeting Location: Post 237 Huntsville 1300: Lunch 1400: Meeting						10 1600: Bingo
11	12 1800: A.L.Riders Meeting	13	14 Flag Day  1830: Flag Retirement at Post	15 State Convention Montgomery, Al.	16	17 0900: Post 310 Mtg. S.A.L. Unit 15 Meeting Riders Ride 1600: Bingo
18 Father's Day 			21 Summer Solstice	22 1800: Executive Meeting	23	24 1600: Bingo
25	26 Officer Installation Legion, Auxiliary, Riders, S.A.L. 1800: Post Dinner 1900: Legion Mtg. 1900: Auxiliary Mtg.		28	29 1800: Lady Rider's Meeting	30	Notes:

Post 15 American Legion Birthday Party and Awards Banquet



Left: Chuck McClendon was recognized by Post 15 as this year's Veteran of the Year.
Right: Decatur Mayor Tab Bowling presented Commander Groves with a city proclamation.

Post 15 American Legion Bingo



The Curbow family having a great time at Saturday evening Bingo.

American Legion Oratorical



Left: Post 15 Americanism Chairman Ernestine Doubek proudly recognized the Division Level Oratorical 1st Place Winner John Lemier.

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