



The Patriot



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Commander's Corner



Commander Harald Belletete
Dear Legionnaires and members of Post 15

Its already 3 months since I became YOUR Post Commander. I have learned many things these past three months and I'm working hard to make our post better each month. With the assistance of our past commander and finance officer I have settled in to be a commander that you can be proud of.

As I have expressed in our last newsletter, this is not a one-man job. We have a good Executive Committee: People that are dedicated to YOU and this post. They're working with me to make improvement to the physical structure within this post, as well as helping with improvements of serving to YOU "the members of our post".

I would like to see many of you at our monthly (4th Monday of the month) meetings, as decisions are made that affect YOU, the members of this post.
Your input is very important to your Commander and members of the committee.

Here are MY challenges:

I would like to see about 75 to 100 of our members at our monthly General Membership Meeting.

I would like your Voice heard when we make important decisions for YOUR Post.

Over the next three months we have many activities that will be of interest to you:

Beginning with our 2nd and 4th Friday of the month Dance. Please come and bring your dance partner, and get into the swing.

Weekly Bingo (Saturday nights) come and support this event. You may be the one that walks out with big winnings.

In November, we will have our Veterans Dinner, participating with Morgan County Veterans Parade, and have the Field of Flags display at our post front lawn.

In December, we will have our Christmas Dinner and be participating in Christmas parades.

Please see our website at <http://www.allegionpost15.com> or on Facebook American Legion post 15 for any new and upcoming events. The events on the enclosed 3-month calendar are known events at time of this newsletter.

Thank you

Harald Belletete
Commander

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Calendar of Events American Legion Post 15

October 2017						
◀ September						November ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 12 District Meeting 1300 Dinner 1400 Meeting Post 52 Hartselle	2	3	4	5	6	7 0900 Riders Ride 1800 Bingo
8	9 Columbus Day  1800 Riders Mtg	10	11	12	13 1800 Dance	14 1800 Bingo
15	16	17	18	19 1645 Auxiliary Executive Mtg 1800 Executive Meeting 1800 Marine Corps League Meeting	20	21 0900 Riders Ride 0900 S.A.L Mtg 1000 Post 310 Mtg 1800 Bingo
22	23 1800 Post Dinner 1900 Post Meeting 1900 Auxiliary Mtg	24	25	26 1800 Lady Rider Meeting	27 LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR VETERANCE DAY DINNER 1800 Dance	28 1800 Bingo
29	30	31 Halloween 	Notes: Post Closed on Thursdays			

Calendar of Events American Legion Post 15

November 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends  DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day 
12	13	14	15	16 Great American Smokeout	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	Notes:	
					Post Closed on Thursdays	

Post 15 Adjutant

Greetings and Salutations. Summer is moving out and Fall is moving in, with that are many events taking place at the Post. "Field of Flags" is a Great way to Honor our Men and Women of the Armed Services, be it Retired, Active Duty, Veteran, or those Guarding the Gates of Heaven. Flags will be placed on the Lawn of the Post on Veterans Day, Saturday November 11th from Dawn to Dusk in honor of a veteran. To Honor a Veteran, there are forms at the Post, for those wanting to memorialize a veteran of theirs. Donation of \$10 for each veteran's name that will be attached to the flag along with the name of the Sponsors name. This is the third year that this event has taken place and if you haven't witnessed it, the Flags are awesome in the early morning hours and at Sunset. Please go by the post and pick up your sponsor form. If you have questions, please call the Post at (256) 353-5501. Deadline for this is Wednesday November 8th. Thank you for your support.

Members, tell **US** how we can get **YOU** to attend the Post meetings the 4th Monday of each month and how **WE** can get **YOU** more active in this **POST!!!** We currently have over 400 members of this Post, 10% live out of state, 20% are unable to attend the meetings due to mobility/age, 10% attend the meetings, so how do we get the other 60% of the members to get active in **OUR** Post? Let us know what you think that we need to do to get our members active in this Post. **WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU WANT TO ATTEND THE POST AND IT's FUNCTIONS?** Let us know by calling the Post at (256) 353-5501, email us at info@allegionpost15.com. You can also mail your suggestions to the following address:
American Legion Post 15
PO Box 996
Decatur, Al. 35602

Your input would greatly be appreciated
Neal A. "nap" Perdue
Post 15 Adjutant

1st Vice Commander

Greetings Comrades. Proud to say in the last couple of months membership is on the upward swing. We have 5 new members and 3 transfers from other posts.

New Members are: Cynthia Givens, Kenneth Erickson, Howard Roberts, Ronald Baldwin and Robert Wilson.

Transfers are: Lowell Chaffin and Dennis Newsom, and Richard Mercer.

Members, if you know of any veterans out there that do not belong to the American Legion, talk to them, get the word out.

Wayne Dunkin
Post 15 1st Vice Commander

Greetings from the ALA Auxiliary!



Wow, we have really hit the floor running this year. I'd first like to thank everyone that helped with the Fish Fry & Membership Drive Day. The cake walk and auction was a success again this year.

Next, we have been busy joining efforts with the Legion Family to collect items for the hurricane victims. We are blessed to have so many generous donors here and throughout Alabama. The first load we sent down filled the Legion van, and that helped to fill the 3 large Box Trucks and 2 utility trailers that was sent to Texas. Now we need to pray for those in the path of hurricane Irma. As this is being written we are teaming up the Decatur Emblem Club #127 to provide lunch at the CCC downtown focusing on Homeless Veterans. We have invited the Decatur Career Center, a Men & Women's Recovery Group, the Free Clinic, Mental Health Services & Veterans Services in which we hope the participants will take advantage of the information provided to them and seek help if needed and reintegrate into society.

Upcoming activities: Yard sale Oct. 14th and a Painting Party on Nov. 30th. Watch the Facebook page and your email for more information. Let's keep the wonderful momentum going and keep working together to have a great year!

Susan Letson
Unit 15 Auxiliary President



Installation of Chapter 15 Officers



Chapter 15 Riders stand flag line at Hartselle Purple Heart ceremony

Post 15's Annual Early Bird Membership Drive and Fish Fry. Full of Food, Fun, and Fellowship!



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					1	2 0900 Riders Ride 1800 Bingo
3 12 District Meeting 1300 Dinner 1400 Meeting Post 176 & 229 Madison	4	5	6	7 1645 Auxiliary Executive Meeting 1800 Executive Meeting	8 LAST DAY FOR RESERVATION FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER 1800 Dance	9 1800 BINGO
10	11 1800 Post Dinner 1830 Riders Mtg 1900 Post Mtg 1900 Auxiliary Mtg	12	13	14 1800 Marine Corps League Meeting	15  1800 Christmas Dinner	16 0900 Riders Ride 0900 S.A.L Mtg 1000 Post 310 Mtg Wreath over America 1800 Bingo
17	18	19 1800 DVPC	20	21 Winter Solstice	22 1800 Dance	23 1800 Bingo
24	25 Christmas 	26	27	28	29	30 1800 Bingo
31 NEW YEAR's EVE	Notes: Post Closed on Thursdays Post Closed Christmas Day					

BINGO
Every Saturday 6 PM
Thousands in Cash Prizes

3rd Annual American Legion Post 15 Field of Flags

Honoring Veterans - Past, Present and Future



A Veteran's Day display of a **FIELD OF FLAGS** honoring our past, present and future Armed Forces men and women.

Anyone can Sponsor a flag for \$10.00. The sponsor may specify the Person they are memorializing or honoring or may just sponsor a flag and a local veteran will be assigned. Flags will be labeled with sponsors name and Veteran being honored. Flags will be displayed in order to allow sponsors to locate the flag they have sponsored.

Flags will be displayed from dawn to dusk on Veterans Day, November 11th, at The American Legion, Morgan County Post 15, at 2607 Highway 31 South, Decatur, Alabama, 35601.

To sponsor a flag, please complete the following information and turn in at The American Legion or mail to P.O. Box 996, Decatur, Al., 35602. Please do not send cash in mail. Make checks payable to The American Legion, Morgan County Post 15.

Sponsor's Name _____ Address _____
 Email Address _____ Phone _____
 Veteran to be Honored _____ Service Branch if Known _____
Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard

War Era Served if Known _____ Years in Service if known _____
 Check here to have Honoree Assigned _____ (You want to Sponsor a flag, but don't know a Veteran to honor).

Mail completed form with sponsorship of \$10.00 to: American Legion Post 15
 P.O. 996
 Decatur, AL 35602



Installation of Post 15 2017-2018 Officers

Invitation to join the celebration of Commander Belletete's 50th wedding anniversary



*Today,
Tomorrow,
Forever*

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF
HARALD AND HILDA BELLETETE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER TWENTY-SECOND
AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

AMERICAN LEGION POST FIFTEEN
2607 HIGHWAY THIRTY-ONE SOUTH
DECATUR, ALABAMA

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