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Commander's Corner



It is that time of the Year where we will prepare for nomination, voting and installing NEW Officers for Morgan County Post 15, to serve for 2018-2019. Nominations will be on April 23rd, Voting on May 7th and Installation will be on June 25th. To nominate you can see the Nomination Committee's headed by Ralph Terry, and by Dona Underwood.

During the 3rd Quarter of my administration we got the following accomplished. Replaced and upgraded our post sign, replaced one of the Air-conditioning units, improved our Bingo administration, upgraded our Constitution and By-laws. I like to thank all that worked so hard to get this done.

We participated with the Mid-Winter Conference here in Decatur. Held our Post Oratorical. Celebrated the 99th Birthday of the American Legion with a Birthday and Awards Banquet and selected Comrade Donald Curbow as our Veteran of the Year.

I like to thank all our members for assisting me during this year to improve our post.

Harald Belletete, Commander

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Congratulations to Don Curbow, the American Legion Post 15 Veteran of the Year.



Congratulations to Buzz Brown, the American Legion Chapter 15 Rider of the Year.

Calendar of Events American Legion Post 15

| ✓ <u>March</u> | | | April 2018 | 3 | | May ► |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 22 Earth Day | 23 1800 Post Dinner 1900 Post Meeting 1900 Auxiliary Mtg NOMINATIONS | 24 | 25 Administrative Professionals | 26 1800 Lady Riders Meeting | 27 Arbor Day 180-0 Dance | 28 1800 Bingo |
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| 27 | 28 Memorial Day | 29 | 30 | 31 | Notes: | |
| | 1000 Memorial Svc Roselawn | | | | Post Close Thursdays | |
| | | | | | Boys State | e Convention |



From the Adjutant

Greetings and Salutations Comrades. Spring is in the air. Get off the couch and come be a part of our Post and attend our meetings, it's once a month. Get something for your dues, like camaraderie with your fellow veterans. Eat a good meal, relax and then see what our Post is doing for the community.

On membership dues – Yearly Membership runs from January 1st to December Please Remember -31st of each vear. National sends out dues renewal notices at least 4 times a year..... If you have already paid your dues, please disregard the renewal notices from National. When you pay your dues, I receive vour dues and send vou vour membership card and then send the renewal information to Department and they intern submit that info to National. I hope that down the road, National will do a better job keeping track and updating their membership information before renewal notices come down from them. Please have patience and understanding with this process. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at adjutant15@legional.org, or call the post.

We have a great post, great members, and we can always use new members (hopefully younger) to keep this great post going for another 100 years. Please come attend a meeting, 4th Monday of the month, dinner at 1800 (6p.m.) and meeting at 1900 (7p.m.)

"Semper Fi"

Neal A. "nap" Perdue Post 15 Adjutant

Auxiliary



Happy Spring from the Auxiliary!

We had a great Mid-Winter Conference here in Decatur in January and we had a great crowd for the 1st Crock-Pot Potluck Dinner. Thank you for all those who came out and supported us!

The picnic basket was a great success at the American Legion Birthday Dinner! Special thanks to Harleigh Belletete for putting the basket together, getting all the donations, and selling the tickets. Harleigh is a Junior Auxiliary member and did an awesome job! Congratulations to our winner, Judy Little.

In May we will be going back to Tut-Fann for a Birthday Celebration for the residences there. We have such a great time when we get to go there and serve the cake, ice cream and soft drinks to them. They have some fun people to talk to there and hear their stories.

Please be saving your "Pop Tops" from you pop cans for our Junior Auxiliary Members to carry down to the Ronald McDonald House in Birmingham.

Girls State is quickly approaching for us and we will be selecting our delegates to represent us and their schools very soon.

Don't forget about Junior Leadership Camp that will be held at Camp Booth the 1st week in July. It is open to all our youth both males and females. The cost is \$160 per camper. This is an awesome camp and the youth learn so much! If interested, please feel free to contact me for further information.

Looking forward to a great Spring!

Susan Letson Auxiliary President Unit 15





Chapter 15 Riders represented the American Legion during the Color for a Cause fundraiser and awareness campaign at the Decatur Mall. This was a great opportunity for us to make the community aware of the American Legion programs and what we do to help Veterans.





Post 15 Street Sign Gets a Much-Needed Makeover Commander Belletete worked with local vendors to reach an affordable restoration solution for the deteriorating sign along Highway 31. Now highlighting all programs of the Legion Family to include the Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders, the brightly lit attraction now better reflects the spirit and professionalism of Post 15.



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Commander Harald Belletete, 2nd Vice Commander Donald Smith, and Finance Officer Charles Doubek, visiting Comrade Roland Guyse at River Oaks Apartment to present him with the American Legion Continues Membership of 70 Years award. Ronald is 92 Years old, a member of our Post and a member of the American Legion since his 22nd Birthday.

Birthday Party and Awards Banquet





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