



# The Patriot



Post 15

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## Commander's Corner



### From the Commander

Greetings Comrades of Morgan County Post 15

The first 9 months of our Calendar Year 2019 -2020 have gone by and here we are already 3 months in the Year of 2020. Thank you to all our members for your support.

So what have we accomplished in the first 3 months (January thru March) 2020

**JANUARY:** American Legion Post 15 held its Oratorical Contest on Saturday 18th at our Post. We attended Mid-Winter Conference in Huntsville 16th to 19th January.

**FEBRUARY:** We purchased one more 10-ton Heating and Air Unit. Had part of the Roof replaced. Purchased additional chairs (now we have a total of 160 new chairs).

**MARCH:** Held our 101st Birthday and Awards Dinner and we had a good time. Winners for Morgan County Post 15: Sons of the American Legion most outstanding member: Brendon Orme. Rider of the Year: Joseph McCarrick. Morgan County Post 15 Veteran of the Year: Roger Groves Appointed Roger Groves and Ralph Terry as leaders of the nomination committee for 2020-2021 post year.

So, what is going on for the remaining months of 2019-2020?

**JUNE:** Nomination, Voting, and Installation of new officers for 2020-2021

A personal note: Thank you for your Support for the past 3 years, as I am stepping away as Commander of Post 15 after my term is up in June to take care of my wife and my family. I had a wonderful ride being your Commander.

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  
Commander Belletete

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

Post 15 is taking measures to safeguard its members

Member meetings for April and May are cancelled.  
County Government Day is cancelled.  
JROTC Drill Competition is cancelled.  
Boys State is pending

Until Further Notice  
The Post 15 building is closed to public gatherings.  
Daily Operating Hours have ceased.  
BINGO is cancelled.

April 2020						
◀ March						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12  EASTER	13	14	15	16  1800 Executive Meeting	17	18 
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 	28	29	30		



Legion Mobile Apps

May 2020						
◀ April						June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2  Riders Ride
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 MOTHERSDAY  Happy Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 
17	18	19	20	21  1800 Executive Meeting	22	23
24	25  MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29	30 1800 Bingo
31						





Second Vice Commander Don Smith posts the colors during the American Legion Birthday & Awards Dinner



Congratulations to Post 15 Veteran of the Year Roger Groves and Auxiliary Member of the Year Theresa Groves



Congratulations to Chapter 15 Rider of the Year Joe McCarrick, and not shown- Brandon Orme as Outstanding Son of the American Legion

## From the Adjutant

Aloha

Spring is around the corner. With that said, please attend our meetings if you can. We have averaged 24 members attending our membership meeting the 4th Monday of the month, that is around 6% of our membership. I will say that about 20% are unable to make it due to age and getting out. 10% live out of state. We have this nice HUGE building – help us fill it on our meeting night. There are a lot of old timers out here and could talk “story” to us younger folks. Tell us what it was like back in your day, have some decent chow and discuss business. Veterans are our priority. Thank you for being a member.

**On membership dues** – a couple of months from now, we will be pushing 2021 dues. If you have any questions about dues, please contact me via email at [adjutant15@legional.org](mailto:adjutant15@legional.org), or call the post at (256) 353-5501.

There are numerous ways to keep up with our events, visit the Post Facebook Page or our Internet Page, [www.allegionpost15.com](http://www.allegionpost15.com), also, we have our Quarterly Newsletter mailed to our members. January, April, July, and October are the start of each new quarter.

Officer elections are a few months away, if you are interested in serving the Post and our Veterans as one of our Officers, please let any of the current officers know. Also, there will be two nominating committees appointed by the Commander to help in the selection process.

“Semper Fi”

Neal A. “nap” Perdue  
Post 15 Adjutant

## Auxiliary



Hello Springtime and Auxiliary Ladies,

It is my hope that each of you are safe, secure and stocked up on life's necessities during the current circumstances in our community and nation. Having stated the obvious, these thoughts come to mind: Safety first in the face of adversity AND It is wiser to err on the side of safety.

I received a message from Jerry Hawkins, (acting Commander) stating that the Post is closed until May 31. We had already been made aware that the Post had cancelled the JROTC drill competition and County Government Day, and that the District meeting on April 4 was cancelled. Although we are in a time of uncertainty, sickness, chaos, confinement and cancellations, we can still continue several of our spring projects from home. Save the plastics bottle caps to be recycled, old newspapers for the animal shelter, and coupons can still be saved, clipped and sorted for our Help the Troops. Tut Fann birthday party, the Annual Poppy Day event, and Girl's State are undecided. Our elections for the upcoming administration and committee meetings regarding our Constitution/ByLaws/Standing Rules, and anything else that was pending will be addressed when we are given the approval to "gather" again.

The By-Laws of our Auxiliary state the following: **"Between meetings, the government and management of this Unit shall be entrusted to the Executive Committee and all actions of said committee shall be presented to the Unit at the next meeting for approval."** Please understand that the current national health situation has put the reality of this major responsibility at our own "front door". The Executive Committee is now tasked with making decisions that will impact programs/projects which directly involves people other than just within our Auxiliary. At the time of this writing, our next opportunity to gather as a Unit, will be in June which is AFTER the dates the scheduled programs/projects would normally have occurred. On behalf of each person on the Executive Committee who has been put in this unprecedented position of having to exercise this responsibility, I ask for your patience, understanding and support. This responsibility will not be taken lightly.

Please share this newsletter and any other communications from the Auxiliary and Post with others. Check up on your family, friends and neighbors. Remember our nation's leaders, veterans, those who currently serve in the military, health caregivers and first responders, ... most especially utilize all safety measures within your means to help curtail the spread of this deadly virus and pray unceasingly.

Susan

President

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 15

## Riders



If you are eligible to join the American Legion, The Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion, and own a motorcycle, find out more about the Chapter 15 American Legion Riders on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LegionRiders15>. We meet monthly on the 2nd Monday at 6 pm and ride the 1st and 3rd Saturday.



June 2020						
◀ May						July ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6  1800 Bingo
7	8  1800 Riders Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 1800 Bingo
14  Flag Day	15	16	17	18  1800 Executive Meeting	19	20  0900 SAL Meeting 1000 310 Meeting 1800 Bingo
21  FATHERSDAY	22  Membership Meeting Officer Nominations Officer Elections Installation of Officers	23	24	25  1800 Lady Riders MTG	26	27 1800 Bingo
28	29	30	POST CLOSED ON THURSDAY			



# 2020 – Post 15 Oratorical

## The Post 15 Oratorical

Clockwise from top:  
Post 15 Commander addresses  
oratorical candidates. Post  
members providing support to  
local youth program. Moderator  
George Marsh meeting with  
time keepers Roger Groves  
and Eric Palmquist.



## Veterans Fair

Post 15 sponsored a Veteran's Fair.





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