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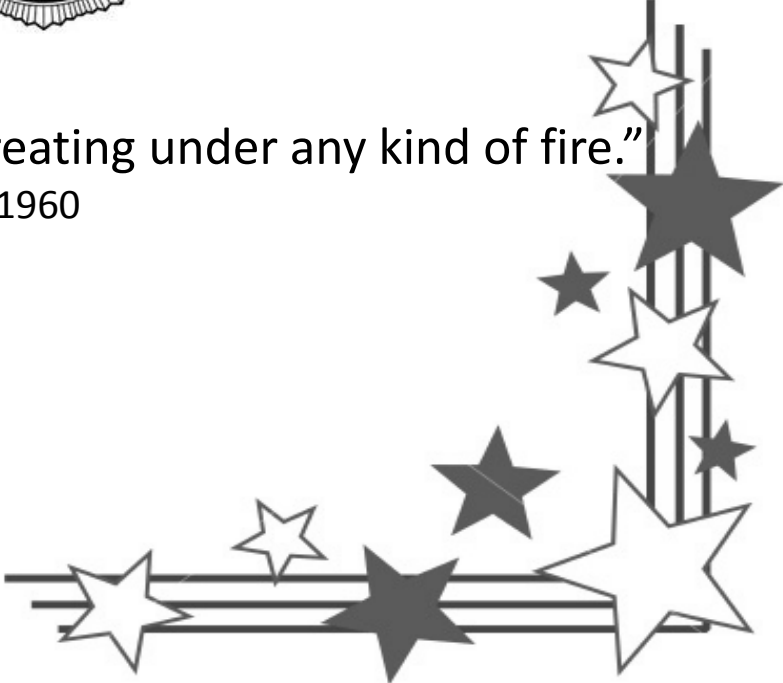
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President John F. Kennedy, October 1960





Post 15's

# THE PATRIOT



Jan/Feb/Mar 2014

## Commander's Corner

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Well, here it is a New Year. How the time flies. I hope you all had a Joyous Christmas and a great start to the New Year. If you made some New Year resolutions, like I did, again, I hope you were specific in what you resolved to do. I heard a man say one time that his New Year's resolution was to get his body in shape. He accomplished that, but unfortunately it was the shape of a pear. So be specific. We have accomplished a few things during these last six months but we have a lot more to do. Thanks to the help of a lot of good people, and I won't name them for fear of omitting some. We've created a committee with representatives of all branches of our Post and working together we've had some good fund raisers, cleaned out the big building, built our best float (and I will say a very special Thanks to Steve Burney on that because without his artistic expertise we would not have been able to do it), we've exceeded every goal so far in membership, and other things that I am sure I have overlooked. But a big Thank You to everyone for your help. We have a lot to do in the coming months. We have to pursue our membership vigorously to make and exceed our 100%. We have to have a Flag disposal Ceremony to dispose of a large and growing number of unserviceable Flags. We are scheduling this for Saturday, February 1, 2014, beginning at 10 O'clock in the morning, and then again on 8 March, 2014, at 10 O'clock. We will be asking for Color Guard from the Honor Guard, and others from general membership to assist in the burning. This will be a several hour detail so we will need several assistants. We also will be needing volunteers to assist in the upcoming Oratorical contest during February and March and hopefully we can resurrect County Government Day to expose our High School Students to local government procedures and actions. This also will require a few volunteers for assistance so please help if you are called upon. Together we can accomplish all this and more so let's all work together and make this the best year ever.

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**Note from the Adjutant:**

In accordance with instructions from the state and national headquarters; I will need to start obtaining and keeping on file DD214s for all members. In the past I have only required this for Officers. Due to audits being conducted by the IRS at some Post, we are now being advised to keep all our membership applications and make attempts to obtain DD214s. Members that do not have this document ( Active Duty less than 90 days) will need to provide me with orders of active duty service during the time periods for eligibility. I will be glad to assist any member obtain these documents. Members may also black out information that is not needed for membership and SS numbers. These files will be kept in a locked and secure file. I will make every effort to be at the Post on Thursday mornings conducting Adjutant and Service Officer duties, please call and make an appointment if I can help you. 256-345-7610

**Flag Disposal** - Announcing flag disposal ceremonies being held at your Post at 10 AM on 1 February and 8 March. Stop by and observe this distinguished ceremonial activity.

**Oratorical Contest** - Each year the American Legion conducts an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. Beginning at the local level, the County/Post competition will be held at Post 15 on 8 February at 10 AM. Winners will continue on to compete at the 12th District level on 15 February at 10 AM, and then the 1st Division level on 22 February at 10 AM. All events will be held at Post 15. We're looking for volunteers to help judge, tabulate, escort, usher, or keep time. Please contact our new Americanism Chairman, Kathy Moore. 256-686-2249

**Free Income** Tax Preparation and fast Electronic filing. For Households earning less than \$50,000 per year with one or more children or \$20,000 per year without children. Sponsored by The Decatur Daily. For an appointments call 1-888-99-TAX-AL. Appointments begins mid-January @ Turner-Surles Community Center, 702 Sycamore St NW, Decatur, AL 35601. Services provided by UAHUNTSVILLE and the University of Alabama.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped build this year's winning float. A special thanks to Steve Burney, who designed and built the featured eagle that caught so many people's attention.



Member Joe Geisen riding on the Post float.

# JANUARY 2014

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday           | Thursday | Friday           | Saturday  |
|--------|--|---------|---------------------|----------|------------------|---|
|        |  |         | 1<br>New Year's Day | 2        | 3<br>Dance 7 PM  | 4<br>BINGO 6 PM                                     |
| 5      | 6  | 7       | 8                   | 9        | 10<br>Dance 7 PM | 11<br>BINGO 6 PM                                    |
| 12     | 13   | 14      | 15                  | 16       | 17<br>Dance 7 PM | 18<br>Breakfast 8 AM<br>Sons Mtg 9 AM<br>BINGO 6 PM |
| 19     | 20<br>M L King Day                                       | 21      | 22                  | 23       | 24<br>Dance 7 PM | 25<br>BINGO 6 PM                                    |
| 26     | 27<br>Dinner 6 PM<br>Post Mtg 7 PM<br>Auxiliary Mtg 7 PM | 28      | 29                  | 30       | 31<br>Dance 7 PM |   |

**2 February**  
12th District Meeting  
Open to all Post members  
Meal served at 1 PM  
Meeting starts at 2 PM

# FEBRUARY 2014

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                              | Saturday  |
|---|--|---------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------|---|
|   |  |         |           |          |                                     | 1<br>BINGO 6 PM<br>Flag Disposal<br>Ceremony 10 AM  |
| 2<br>12th District Mtg<br>Open to Post members<br>Meal 1 PM<br>Meeting 2 PM | 3  | 4       | 5         | 6        | 7<br>Dance 7 PM                     | 8<br>County Oratorical<br>Contest 10 AM<br>BINGO 6 PM                                       |
| 9   | 10<br>Riders Mtg 6 PM  | 11      | 12        | 13       | 14<br>Valentine's Day<br>Dance 7 PM | 15<br>District Oratorical<br>Contest 10 AM<br>Breakfast 8 AM<br>Sons Mtg 9 AM<br>BINGO 6 PM |
| 16  | 17<br>Presidents' Day<br>Opening of The<br>National Veterans<br>Shrine at the American<br>Village - 1 PM | 18      | 19        | 20       | 21<br>Dance 7 PM                    | 22<br>Division Oratorical<br>Contest 10 AM<br>BINGO 6 PM                                    |
| 23  | 24<br>Dinner 6 PM<br>Post Mtg 7 PM<br>Auxiliary Mtg 7 PM   | 25      | 26        | 27       | 28<br>Dance 7 PM                    |   |

Music, Dancing, Snacks,  
and Door Prizes. Every  
Friday at 7 pm

# MARCH 2014

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday                                      | Saturday  |
|--------|--|---------|-----------|----------|---|---|
|        |  |         |           |          |   | 1<br>BINGO 6 PM   |
| 2      | 3  | 4       | 5         | 6        | 7<br>Dance 7 PM                             | 8<br>JROTC Drill<br>Competition 8 AM<br>Flag Disposal<br>Ceremony 10 AM<br>BINGO 6 PM |
| 9      | 10<br>Riders Mtg 6:30 PM                                 | 11      | 12        | 13       | 14<br>Birthday and<br>Awards<br>Dinner 6 PM | 15<br>BINGO 6 PM<br>Breakfast 8 AM<br>Sons Mtg 9 AM                                   |
| 16     | 17   | 18      | 19        | 20       | 21<br>Dance 7 PM                            | 22<br>BINGO 6 PM  |
| 23     | 24<br>Dinner 6 PM<br>Post Mtg 7 PM<br>Auxiliary Mtg 7 PM | 25      | 26        | 27       | 28<br>Dance 7 PM                            | 29<br>BINGO 6 PM  |
| 30     | 31   |         |           |          |   |   |

**BINGO**  
Join us every Saturday at 6 PM  
Card Sales Start At 5 PM

**8 March**  
State Oratorical  
Troy State University,  
Rosa Parks Museum

Online calendar:  
[www.allegionpost15.com/calendar.html](http://www.allegionpost15.com/calendar.html)