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Commander's Corner



From the Commander

At ease. I will be in the area all day.

If you didn't make it to the Annual Awards and American Legion Birthday Banquet on March 11, you missed a great time. We feasted on a steak dinner catered by JW Steakhouse followed by some tasty birthday cake. We presented 18 awards to the community's finest to include Educators of the Year, Eagle Scouts of the Year, Girl Scout of the Year, Firefighters of the Year, Rescue Squad Member of the Year, 911 Operator of the Year, Correction Officer of the Year, and Law Officer of the Year. Sonny Wright was recognized as the Sons of the Legion Member of the Year. Frances McCarrick was recognized as the American Legion Rider of the Year. Marsha King was deservedly awarded the Auxiliary Member of the Year. The highlight of the evening was as a complete surprise when Mayor Tab Bowling awarded Comrade Joe McCarrick the Veteran of the Year. Please congratulate these individuals the next time you see them.

During the presentations, I took a few minutes to illustrate to the attendees many of the contributions Post #15 makes to the community and country. As you can imagine, the list was quite long. I am sure every Legionnaire's heart filled with pride as I explained many of the things we do for veterans (home visits, benefits assistance, financial support, Tut Fann), for children (Boys/Girls State, Oratorical Contest, JROTC drill competition, scholarships), and for the community by donating over \$40k to approximately 20 charities in the last eight months alone. We also loan our building at no cost to the electoral commission, sheriff's department, the rescue squad, and the Foundation for Mental Health among others. It really is amazing what this Post has accomplished.

It is hard to believe, but my year as commander is rapidly coming to a close. At the March membership meeting, we will be selecting a nominating committee. It is important that the Post elect competent officers to carry on the legacy of those that came before us. There are plenty of opportunities in which to serve the Post, Legion, community, and country. Please seriously consider how you can benefit the post and let the nominating committee know what might interest you.

The Riders are organizing the JROTC drill competition on Saturday morning, April 9. This is going to be the biggest competition yet. Drill teams from Limestone and Madison County will vie to dethrone the Morgan County teams as the best drill team in northern Alabama. A bit of nostalgia is sure to overcome every veteran to watch young adults in full uniform and rifles perform drill and ceremony. Please make it an effort to attend and support our military's future. Lunch will be provided.

If you haven't made it to a membership meeting since Covid hit, you owe it to yourself to make it to one. Violet has been preparing some Epicurean delights for dinner that are sure to please the most discerning connoisseur. Besides, there are always some great veterans to converse with. The Post meets on the fourth Monday of the month. We do offer the opportunity to attend by Zoom. If anyone needs a ride to a meeting, call the Post at 256-353-5501. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,
Joseph Woodbury
Post 15 Commander

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					1	2  RIDERS RIDE BINGO
3 12 DISTRICT MEETING	4	5	6	7	8	9 DRILL COMPETITION 0900-1200 BINGO
10 	11  RIDERS MEETING	12	13	14	15	16  S.A.L MEETING BINGO
17	18	19	20	21  EXECUTIVE MEETING	22	23 BINGO
24	25  MEMBERSHIP MEETING OFFICER NOMINATIONS	26	27	28  LADY RIDERS MEETING	29	30 BINGO



May 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5  EXECUTIVE MEETING	6	7  RIDERS RIDE BINGO
8	9  MEMBERSHIP MEETING VOTING FOR OFFICERS	10	11	12	13	14 BINGO
15	16	17	18	19	20	21  S.A.L. MEETING BINGO
22	23	24	25	26  LADY RIDERS MEETING	27	28 BINGO
29	30  MEMORIAL DAY	31	POST 15 CLOSED ON THURSDAY'S			



**NEEDED
BINGO WORKERS**



**PLEASE
CONTACT IF INTERESTED**

BINGO CHAIRMAN AT 256-345-9509

QUALIFICATION:
NEED TO BE MEMBER OF POST 15, AUXILIARY, OR SONS OF THE LEGION

Auxiliary



Greetings from the Auxiliary!

First, I'd like to express our many thanks to Theresa Groves for her years of commitment and service to our Auxiliary Unit 15. Theresa has served as our Unit President, Membership Chair, and for the past several years, our Treasurer, she'll be greatly missed as she & Roger move south.

It's time for our annual elections again! Nominations are being taken for Officer's for the 2022-23 year. Contact a current officer if you are interested in running.

Congratulations to Marsha King as she was unanimously voted this year's Member of the Year! Marsha is always busy helping doing whatever is needed!

May we will be hosting the "birthdays" at Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veteran's home. We'll take mini-canned drinks and lots of snacks for them in honor of the birthday Veteran's.

June is our State Convention which will be held in Birmingham this year. Elections for our Department of Alabama Officers will be held at this convention.

We have a lot of great things in the works for the upcoming year, you'll have to stay tuned or better yet, come join us to find out what!

Susan Letson
Unit 15 President



Auxiliary Unit 15 recognized Marsha King (left) as Member of the Year during the recent awards banquet.



Sonny Wright (right) was recognized as the Outstanding Veteran of the Year for the Squadron 15 Sons of the American Legion.

June 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4  RIDERS RIDE BINGO
5 12 District Meeting	6	7	8	9	10	11 BINGO
12	13  RIDERS MEETING	14  FLAG DAY	15	16  EXECUTIVE MEETING	17	18  S.O.L. MEETING BINGO
19	20	21	22	23  LADY RIDERS MEETING	24	25 BINGO
26	27  Membership Meeting Installation of Officers	28	29	30	POST 15 CLOSED ON THURSDAY'S	

Meeting Minutes and Newsletters can be accessed online—

<http://www.allegionpost15.com/members.html>

American Legion Riders



Dear fellow American Legion family members,

The American Legion Riders Chapter 15 wish you and your families a Happy Spring!

January and February were quiet months for us, and March saw us participate in the Morgan County American Legion Post 15 Community Awards and American Legion Birthday Dinner. We were so very proud to present Mrs. Frances McCarrick as our Rider of the Year this year. She truly deserves this award, as she and her husband, Joe, participate in almost all the activities of our Chapter and of our Post.

Saturday, April 9 will be the annual Post 15 JROTC Drill Competition at our Post. The competition will begin at 9:00 a.m., and we would love to have your attendance for this event. JROTC Units from Decatur High School, Austin High School, Priceville/Brewer High Schools, Hartselle Civil Air Patrol, Lawrence County High School, Athens High School, and Madison County High School will be here showing their drill and ceremony skills.

This is an outstanding activity for our Post to sponsor, and the competitors love to come show off their abilities in front of a crowd. The event is free to everyone, and there will be trophies and other prizes for the teams.

Believe it or not Memorial Day is sneaking up and will be here before we know it. Monday, May 30, there will be held the annual Memorial Day Ceremony sponsored by the Combined Patriotic Organizations of Morgan County. It will be held at Roselawn Cemetery in Decatur beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to join us at this ceremony. Remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live free in this country.

May also brings officer elections. I would like to thank the Riders of Chapter 15 for allowing me to be their Director for the past year. It has been my honor and a privilege to work with all Riders this year. I know our next Director will enjoy working with the Riders, looking for much success in the future.

We look forward to continuing fellowship with our comrades at the Post in the next three months, and we hope we get to see more of your faces soon.

Wind therapy helps all of us. Join us if you can.

Theresa A. Groves
Riders Director

Chapter 15 Riders Director Theresa Groves (right) presents Francis McCarrick (left) with a plaque to honor her selection as the Rider of the Year. Francis is a dedicated chapter member and supports our programs throughout the year.





POST 15 EVENTS

Pictures from the American Legion Birthday and Awards Banquet. Congratulations to all awardees, with special recognition to Joe McCarrick, The Post 15 Veterans of the Year being presented by Decatur Mayor Tab Bowling.

