



American Legion

Sumter Post 15

34 South Artillery Drive
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May 2017

Next Meeting: 1 May 2017, 7:00 pm

Commander's Call...



At our April meeting we conducted nominations for Post Officer positions for the Legion Year 2017 - 2018. Adjutant Nero opened nominations for five Second Vice-Commander positions. Commander Suitt submitted names selected by the post Executive Committee. The nominees are, Alphonso Times, Roger Hill, Jackie Hughes, Darrell Hughes and Monty Player. There were no other nominations from the floor, the nominees were accepted and nominations for Second Vice-Commander were closed. Adjutant Nero then opened nominations for First Vice-Commander. Commander Suitt submitted a name selected by the post Executive Committee. The nominee is Peter St. Onge. There were no other nominations from the floor, the nominee was accepted and nominations for First Vice-Commander were closed., Adjutant Nero then opened nominations for Commander. Commander Suitt submitted a name selected by the post Executive Committee. The nominee is Jim Morris. There were no other nominations from the floor, the nominee was accepted and nominations for Commander were closed.

Elections will be held during our May meeting and the Commander elect will name his Officer appointees. All officers will be administered the oath of office at our June meeting. The newly elected Department Commander will officiate.

Our program for April was scouting. The scouts posting the colors opened the meeting. Commander Suitt welcomed all members and guests. Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, leaders and parents were among the guests in attendance.



Troop 339 Scoutmaster James Sandifer was our guest speaker. James briefed the membership on all of the activities of the troop. This past year the troop went on several camping trips and a few members even went to The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. A unique Scouting program that offers aquatics Programs such as sailing, and scuba diving.



Commander Suitt then presented James a check for fifteen hundred dollars, the annual Post donation to the support of the Troop. David Hayes, Cub master, accepted the donation for the Cubs.



Darrell Hodges, Director, Post 15 Legion Riders, asked for members to reach out and find sponsors for this year's Legacy Scholarship run. Funds raised go to a scholarship program to provide scholarships for children who have lost a parent to war since 911, In addition, to veterans who have become disabled. A sponsor simply pledges any amount to pay based on the number of miles his Legion Rider completes during the run. The run circles around the state and ends at the State Capital. An average distance is about 600 miles. Commander Suitt and Adjutant Nero both pledged ten cents a mile, and challenged other members to match their pledges.

Baseball Chairman Bill Lyons reports that season tickets have been sent out to members. Tickets are \$30. If you don't want them, please return unused tickets to the Post.

First Vice-Commander, Jim Morris reports that membership stands at 430 paid members. That is well short of our goal of 469. All members are asked to check your membership card to ensure that you have paid your 2017 dues. It's not too late for us to make our goal!

Commander, Buddy Suitt

From our Chaplain...

There was one member transferred to Post Everlasting since our last meeting: Bertrand Waring. If you know of the passing of any member, or a member who is ill or hospitalized please let me know. 983-9546

Chaplain, Billy Thompson

From our Adjutant... I wish to remind all members that Memorial Day is fast approaching. On May 27 the post will join with several other veterans groups belonging to the Sumter County Veterans Association, of which, Post 15 is a member, and place flags on the graves of our fallen comrades. Post 15 is responsible for the Sumter Cemetery, located near-by on Oakland Avenue. We will meet at the former Farmers Market Building at 0730. Post 15 will provide coffee and donuts to the volunteers in attendance. Bring a digging tool, like a screwdriver, to poke holes in the hard ground to place the flags

Adjutant, Nick Nero



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Our next meeting will be May 1, 2017, the meeting will be our Poppy meeting, and it is that time of year to think about our poppies. I am so grateful that Nancy Jordan and Carolyn Hudson will be heading this project. They cannot do this alone please be thinking when you can help to make this successful. Poppy Days will be 5 & 6. There will be a sign up sheet at next meeting. If you happen not, to be able to make May's meeting and you would like to help please contact Nancy or Carolyn. Our nominations for next year's 2018. September 2017-June 2018 are as follows President: Jean Rogers, Vice President: Tammy Cornwell, Secretary: Immy Roberts, Treasurer: Lorena Pate, Chaplain: Bessie Williamson, Sgt at Arms: Shirley Osborn, Carla Banghardt, Ann Barrett McNair, Pam Budden, Historian: Vacant Please everyone recheck your kitchen utensils. We have misplaced a large metal serving spoon during the soup luncheon. It was a members favorite spoon. She would just be grateful to get the spoon back . Thanks for looking we are collecting donations for our Girls State. If you need a letter please let Nancy Jordan know. If anyone knows of a senior they would recommend being interviewed please let us know the cost is now 340.00 to send a girl to girl state. There's been a few that have been sick. IF you know of someone who is sick please let Margaret Hill know. If you haven't paid your dues for 2017 please do so immediately. Membership dues in the Auxiliary is \$30.00 for each senior member and \$5.00 for each junior member. Please send the dues to PO Box 2174, Sumter, SC 29151. Also, all paid memberships have been mailed out. If you know of someone who would like to join our meeting, we would love for them to come to a meeting. Please don't forget to be collecting your pocket change in the apple juice bottles for the AEF. Please bring them back this is the last meeting to collect to turn in for this year. We are asking everyone to bring non-perishable food items for Christian Charities of Sumter. We had discussed to bring peanut butter and jelly if possible but we will accept all food donations. We are still collecting coupons for Nancy Jordan to send to our Service Members overseas.

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