



American Legion Sumter Post 15

34 South Artillery Drive

www.sumterpost15.com

DEC 2017

Next Meeting: 4 Dec. 2017, 7:00 pm



Commander's Call...

We had a wonderful meeting in November. Tim Richards, a member of the Americanism Committee presented our Boys State Program. Nearly 20 boys and



their parents were recognized and honored at our meeting. Each boy had an opportunity to speak of their experiences at Palmetto Boys State. Tim Richards then explained the process

of interviewing and selecting candidates to represent Post 15 at Boys State.



November 11th was Veterans Day, and the Sumter County Veterans Association, of which Post 15 is a member, put on a parade down main street and a Veterans



ceremony on the lawn of the County Court House. Post 15 was well represented



at the parade with many members in golf carts, veterans in the post vans and



even veterans riding in and on monster trucks. Cub Scout Pack 339 and the

Merry 
Christmas 



Axillary also participated. Several members of post 15 were also recognized with



special awards during the Veterans Ceremony. I was extremely proud of our posts participation at this years Veterans Day activities.

I am sorry to report that our Legion Home was broken into late on Halloween Night. The thieves busted out the glass on the rear door, gained entry, and damaged one of our TV's attempting to steal it. Additionally, they succeeded in stealing a second TV. Our alarm system activated, and police were dispatched,

however the thieves escaped. New laminated glass has been installed, along with new key locks.

Our First Vice-Commander, Peter St.Onge reports that membership stands at 319 paid members, or 74% of goal

Post 15 will hold a fund-raising fish fry on February24th, 2018. Tickets are \$10 in advance. All members are encouraged to support this endeavor.

4 Dec 2017 is our next meeting, this is our Christmas party. No business will be discussed. Entertainment will accompany a turkey/ham dinner with all the fixings. Spouses are of course invited.

Commander, *Jim Morris*



From our Chaplain...

One member was transferred to post everlasting since our last newsletter: Marvin Berg, a long serving Sargant at arms.

I am looking for volunteers for the Funeral detail. All veterans deserve a proper send off. Please call if you can assist rendering honors to our fallen comrades. If you know of the passing of any member, or a member who is ill or hospitalized please let me know. (803) 983-9546

Chaplain, *Billy Thompson*



From Our Adjutant...

Everyone needs to reach out to veterans and invite them to join post 15. I encourage all members to go to the National Legion web page and join "mylegion.org". Once you register, you can view post newsletters, messages, and a calendar of events. You can also renew your membership on-line. Members who have not renewed by 1 January will be considered delinquent.

Adjutant, *Nick Nero*



American Legion Auxiliary (ALA)
Unit 15 P.O. Box 2174,
Sumter, S.C. 29151



It's the most wonderful time of the year!

I pray that each of you have had a great Thanksgiving sitting around the table and enjoying the traditional meal with your family. I pray that this letter finds each of you doing well and in good cheer.

We meet November 6th following our Poppy Drive that raised over \$2000.00 for the AV&R program for our Veterans. We marched in the **Veteran's** Day Parade in Sumter and enjoyed waving to the crowd and local Veterans and their families. The presentations and honors given to our past Veterans and present was honorable.

In my Roberts, Emily Banghart (Jr. Member), and Jewel Gibbons visited our veterans in the local nursing homes and boarding homes thanking them for their service. **What an honor to thank those who have served for each of us.**

Foods given by numerous Auxiliary members were boxed and anonymously given to top personnel at **National Guard, Third Army and Shaw Air Force** to deliver to those in highest need for Thanksgiving. It was commented by several, "**How wonderful this is for ALA Unit #15 to give in this way**". Thank you to **Piggly Wiggly for providing Gift Certificates for each family to be used towards purchase of a turkey or ham.**

Please come to the **Legion Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 4th at 6pm.** There will be **raffes for poinsettias and two college themed afghans** by the Auxiliary. All proceeds of these raffles will support the Sara Jernigan Scholarship Fund for our selected Junior members beginning college. We look forward to a wonderful meal and entertainment that night.

We have many events already planned for the New Year, 2018. I pray that each of you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Please note that our 1st meeting in 2018 for January will be on the 8th (Monday).** Do plan to come and attend our meeting. If you find it hard to come out at night, we understand. There are still so many ways to assist us with events. Just call me at 803-464-1427.

Please renew your membership this month or January.

Tammy Cornwell, President (2555 Hwy 521 S; Sumter, SC 2915