



American Legion Sumter Post 15

34 South Artillery Drive

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February 2019

Next Meeting: 4 Feb 2019, 7:00 pm



Commander's Call...

The regular meeting of post 15 was held on 7 Jan 2019. Commander St. Onge welcomed about 120 members. Chaplin Thompson offered a prayer. Our Program was the annual membership meeting of the Sumter County Fair by American Legion Post 15 Inc. Nick Nero, Chairman of the Post fair Committee, and Chairman



of the fair Corporation reported on the condition of the fair. Tim Richards, Corporate treasurer gave a financial report. The Fair had a successful year and was able to provide a total of twenty-five thousand dollars in direct support to the post. In the end of January the Fair Officers will attend a convention in Atlanta Ga to shop for entertainment for the 2019 Fair and to confirm contracts for the ride company. The 2019 Fair will be the 103rd edition of the Sumter County Fair. Our Fair is one of only a few county fairs still operating in the State. Post members can enter the Fair with a guest by showing their paid legion membership card.

First Vice-Commander Bill Lyons reports that membership stands at 374. Still short of our goal of 408. We still have about 60 members who have not renewed their membership for 2019 and are now in expired status.

All post officers are selling tickets for the 2019 Department Gun Raffle. Tickets cost twenty-five dollars and are good for all 52 weeks of the raffle. This year, the post retains ten dollars for each ticket sold. I encourage you to support this endeavor because it benefits the post at no expense to the post.

Our February Program is Law and Order. Frank Brown and Jackie Hughes have agreed to co-chair the Public Service Committee. We will honor first responders

from the City Police Department, The Sheriff's Office, EMS, The Fire Department and Corrections Officers. A Law Enforcement Officer, and Fire Fighter of the year will be chosen to represent the post in Department level competition.

I am proud to report that Post 15 is the starting point for this year's Legacy Scholarship run. Legion riders from across the state will meet at Post 15 and begin a motorcycle ride around the state to raise money the Legacy Scholarship Program. Be sure to sponsor a rider, or simply make a donation.

Commander, *Peter St. Onge*



From our Chaplain...

Three members have been transferred to post everlasting since our last meeting; Bruce Pauley, Lamar Wells and James Campbell.

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...

Just a simple reminder, as of 1 January, members who have not paid their 2019 dues become delinquent status. Be sure to pay your 2019 dues if you haven't already done so.

Adjutant, *Nick Nero*



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Had a great meeting in January 2019. Thank you all for attending. We are happy to have four new members join our Auxiliary: Patty Selzer, Shelia Laws, Gerri Voss, and Cynthia Keely. Welcome ladies!

We voted to move our soup luncheon to March 9th, 2019. Please come and support Girls State attendees with this event.

Our 2nd Annual Crafts & Vendor Show will be March 9th, 2019. We have asked Legion to consider another delicious hot meal to be sold to all during this event this year.

At our next meeting we will take nominees for 2019 P-15 Baseball Committee as we need to determine new items to have ordered and ready for the booth in June-August 2019. Please consider assisting on this committee.

Thank you all again for submitting Mid-Year Reports last month on time. We meet 100% of our goal!

Tammy Cornwell

President

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