



American Legion Sumter Post 15

34 South Artillery Drive

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MAY 2019

Next Meeting: 6 May 2019, 7:00 pm



Commander's Call...

The regular meeting of post 15 was held on 1 Apr 2019. Commander St. Onge welcomed about 120 members. Chaplin Thompson offered a prayer. Our program last month was Officer Nominations

Americanism Chairman Rodgers Greenawalt reports that its time to start selections for Palmetto Boys State. Local schools have been notified. Interviews for selection will be the end of April. If members have a son or grandson rising senior interested in Boys State, contact Rodgers.

Bill Lyons reports that P-15's will recognize selected veterans at Post home games, if your interested in being recognized, contact Bill Lyons. Season tickets have been mailed, please send in your payments.

Boy scouts and fair had no reports.

Ray Keeton, Post historian reminded everyone that September is the Post's 100th birthday. He is looking for help in organizing a celebration.

Ray Baker reports that a clean-up day will be held sometime in April.

Service Officer David Lepage reminded everyone to turn In a copy of their DD214.

First Vice-Commander Bill Lyons reports that membership stands at 400. Still short of our goal of 408. We still have about 40 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.

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 donate. The Riders depart Post 15 Saturday April 27th at 7:00AM.

Adjutant Nero conducted nominations for post officers. Bill Lyons was nominated for Post Commander. Nick Nero was nominated for first Vice-commander. And five members were nominated for second vice-commander: Jim Morris, Peter St.Onge, Jackie Hughes, Lamar Otts, and Judith Pandorf. Elections will be held at our May meeting. And our new Department Commander will install officers in June.

Commander, *Peter St. Onge*



From our Chaplain...

Two members were transferred to post everlasting since our last meeting: Stanley Kohli and William Shuler.

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...

NOTICE: A poll of members at our April meeting passed a motion to amend the post by-laws to change meeting times to 6:30PM instead of 7:00 PM. A member vote will be held at our May meeting.

Adjutant, *Nick Nero*



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Had a great meeting in April 2019. What a great turn out we had this meeting. We appreciate each of you for being committed. Looking forward to seeing many more in May 2019.

This month we commended our members for their hard work at the Soup Luncheon and Craft/Vendor Show on March 16th. We had a wonderful time. The soup was delicious and the Craft/Vendor Show was great. We already look forward to having this again next year.

The Baseball Committee has met and will be ordering new T-Shirts and other baseball items for the P-15 American Legion Booth. Look forward to this baseball season and support the players and Legion/Auxiliary!

Our Essay Contest has concluded and the winners will be announced at our May Meeting. We look forward to hearing the winners read their essays to us and will award them in May.

Please put May 19th & 20th on your calendar for our Poppy Drive at several locations throughout Sumter, SC. We need volunteers to be at the locations to receive donations on these dates.

Finally, Girls State is around the corner. We will be interviewing nominees in April and sponsoring our Girls State Tea on Sunday, May 21, 2019. Please come and assist us with finger foods and praise these young ladies for their selection in Girls State 2019.

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President

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