



**American Legion Sumter Post 15**  
**34 South Artillery Drive**

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**February 2023**



Commander's



Call... Next Meeting: 6 March 2023 at 6:30 pm.

The regular meeting of Post 15 was held on 6 February 2023. Commander Keeton welcomed 131 members and guest to our monthly meeting.

Chaplain offered a prayer.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bill Lyons welcomed members and guest to our monthly meeting.

Chaplain offered a blessing.

The program for February meeting was Public Service.

Public service chairman Tim Richards introduced special speaker Senator J. Thomas

McElveen. Senator McElveen thanked Post 15 for the opportunity to be allowed to speak at our function. Thanked all veterans and all public service employees for their dedicated service. Following Senator McElveen, Chairman Richard proceeded with last years awards for each of the following services.

EMT Technician- Private Taylor D. Harvin

Police Officer- Corporal James Salmon

Firefighter- Lieutenant James Hemby Smith

Detention Officer- Senior Corporal Tamiko Gregg-Wright

Sheriff Deputy- Staff Sergeant Steven Blake Weathersbee who was also Post 15 Law Enforcement officer for 2022.

Chairman Richards was thanked for an outstanding program.

At this time the guest and their families were allowed to leave, and the business meeting proceeded.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted as read.

New business: No new business.

New members and guests were introduced.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Lyons then moved to committee reports.

Americanism: Oratorical contest will be held on February 11 in Camden, SC. Post 15 has one candidate participating.

Boys state upcoming and interviews will be held shortly to select participants.

Baseball: Sending out baseball tickets, please support the baseball program by purchasing the tickets, if not please return the tickets.

Scouts: Pinewood derby was a success and Pack 330 from Shaw AFB was invited to participate this year. Blue and Gold was held on Tuesday February 8<sup>th</sup> at the legion home.

Girl Scouts in need of an enclosed trailer for moving camping gear.

Fair: Spent past weekend in Greenville for a fair convention and was a successful time.

Petting Zoo, Magician and Dog act were signed up. Spring carnival for 9 days upcoming.

Fair made a profit of \$20,000.00.

Home: No Report.

Legion Riders: April 22-23 there will be the Legacy Ride to raise money for veteran children's education fund.

Public Service: February meeting program

Publicity and Historian: No Report

Service Officer: VEAC upcoming in March. If attending, please bring all paperwork you have so they can advise you on your next steps. Will be held from March 23-25.

Membership: Is at 286 and is 80.34% of our goal of 356.

Post Everlasting: No reported deaths in January.

Adjutant: Thanked those who came out to help with the set-up Notified members that this year's conference would be held in Columbia at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel from May 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21st. Any member who wants to attend to see me so I can add them to the list of attendees and the Post pays your registration fee. Also the Post has rifle raffle

tickets to sell and if any member would like some to sell to see me.

New business: No new business.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Commander, Keeton

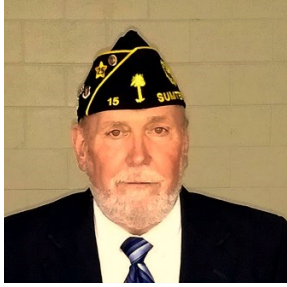


From our Chaplain...

January: No reported deaths.

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.

Adjutant, Larry Lighthill



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No Report

Next Meeting:  
3/6/2023

Serving our Veterans in love,

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President