



January 8, 2024



Commander's Call...

American Legion Sumter Post 15

34 South Artillery Drive

www.sumterpost15.com



Next Meeting: 5 February 2024 at 6:30 pm.

The regular meeting of Post 15 was held on 8 January 2024. Commander Lyons welcomed 49 members and guests to our monthly meeting.

Chaplain offered a prayer.

Minutes of the October, November and December meetings were read and accepted as read.

New members and guests were introduced.

Commander Lyons then moved to committee reports.

Americanism: The post has one oratorical contestant and it will be held on 13th January at the post. If you would like to participate in this event contact Philip Good.

Baseball: Work has begun at Riley ballpark to have the infield grass replaced with astroturf and padding to be added to the outfield walls for safety measures. All signs will have to be replaced using a wrap instead of the metal signs that were on the walls. So far all but 2 vendors have requested to have their signs replaced with the wrap signs.

Scouts: Currently the scouts are busy with their projects, and we have had an increase of youth joining the scouts with the girl scouts having the most in our program. Journey and Awards day was the weekend of 6th January and had a little problem when they lost power in the building for a little while.

Fair: Is the program for this month.

Home: No Report.

Legion Riders: Will have a meeting on 20th of January. ROMP is scheduled for June and it will be held in South Carolina and you can pre-register. There will be a pre-ride in April and scholarship money will help with the Hope Program. Are in the planning stages for a meet and greet in August. Veterans run for Christmas gifts at Dorn Hospital. Riders participated in the Wreaths across

America program. Riders participated in the flag line ceremony.

Public Service: February meeting will be the program for next month and the winners for this event were selected on Monday 8th January. Chairman Tim Richards asked members for help in setting up for this event on Monday the 5th of February as we will be having a large group of public service attendees.

Publicity: No Report

Historian: No Report

Service Officer: No Report

Membership: Is at 283 and is 87.62% of our goal of 323.

Post Everlasting: 1 member transferred in October: Daniel T. Burnette. 1 transferred in November: Marvin W. Vannoy and 3 transferred in December: John D. Reames, George M. Reardon and Willie B. Singleton Jr.

Adjutant: Informed the members that the post has a new flag on display in our meeting room. We have added the Space Force Flag to our flag display.

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.

The program for January meeting was the Fair report.

Fair chairman Nicole Custer gave members a report many obstacles with the fair this year. We were able to put on a safe, family fair without any incidents or safety concerns. The audit for 2023 will be completed in the first quarter of 2024 and we hope to show a profit. The fair presented the Post with a check for \$15000.00 and will continue to pay for the monthly meals for the post.

The regular meeting of the post was suspended, so the post could go into a brief business meeting to discuss the motion by the executive committee to increase our yearly dues from \$50.00 per year to \$60.00 per year due to The National Department raising their dues that the post pays to them. Currently the post pays \$34.00 of our \$50.00 dues to National and it will go up to \$39.00 as of 1 July 2024. We are anticipating that the State will follow National and raise theirs also and that is why the executive committee is asking for a \$10.00 increase. A vote on the increase will be held during our February meeting.

During our business meeting in December the fair committee presented the following recommendation to the executive committee that Nicole Custer be Fair

Chairman for the next two year term and the Stephanie Gibbons be treasurer for the next two years. A motion was seconded and a unanimous vote followed.

The executive committees recommendation was presented to the members and a vote was taken and passed.

The business meeting was closed, and the regular meeting continued.

Commander, Lyons



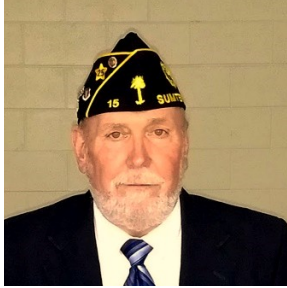
From our Chaplain...

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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:
2/05/2024

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