



February 5, 2024



Commander's Call...

American Legion Sumter Post 15

34 South Artillery Drive

www.sumterpost15.com



Next Meeting: 4 March 2024 at 6:30 pm.

The regular meeting of Post 15 was held on 5 February 2024.

Commander Lyons welcomed 121 members and guests to our monthly meeting.

Chaplain offered a prayer.

Commander advised that we would be reversing our normal meeting procedure to present our program for the night after enjoying our meal before resuming our normal meeting.

Chaplain offered a blessing.

The program for the February meeting was Public Service.

Public service chairman Tim Richards introduced special speaker Mayor David Merchant. Mayor Merchant 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 Mayor Merchant, Chairman Richards proceeded with 2023 public service awards for each of the following services.

Firefighter- Division Chief Hal Watts

Police Officer- Sergeant Robert Beckford

Detention Officer- Senior Corporal Joshua Howell

EMS Technician- Lieutenant James Watson

Sheriff Deputy- Sergeant Mike McCauley who was also Post 15 Law Enforcement officer for 2023.

Chairman Richards was thanked for an outstanding program.

At this time the guests 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.

Commander Lyons then moved to committee reports.

Americanism: There were two contestants for the district area oratorical contest and the contestants one was for Post 175 and the other for Post 15.

The quadrant oratorical contest will be held on February 10th at Post 15 at 10:00 am. If you would like to attend, please arrive before that time.

Boys State will be opening registration very soon and we hope to have a full allotment for the program.

Baseball: Work is continuing at Riley ballpark and will have dedication of the field on Saturday 10 February. Baseball will have a senior team and a junior team as normal.

Softball: Softball will field 3 teams this year as it was last year.

Scouts: Scout held their Pinewood Derby in January and as always it was a big success. Girl Scout will be receiving their cookies soon and will be at our March meeting taking orders.

Fair: Dates for the fair have been changed so we don't have to compete with the state fair. October 22 to

October 27th. Hopefully this will help with our attendance. Tim Richards has been temporarily named Fair manager.

Home: No Report.

Legion Riders: 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 to Myrtle Beach. Riders will escort the visiting National Commander during his visit.

Public Service: Was the program for the evening.

Historian/Publicity: New chairman introduced-Cleo Klopfleisch

Service Officer: No Report

Membership: Is at 294 and is 91.02% of our goal of 323.

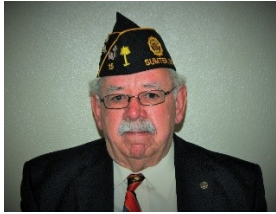
Post Everlasting: No post everlasting during the month of January.

Adjutant: State convention will be in May and I need to know who will be attending to send in the information for the post.

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.

Commander, Lyons

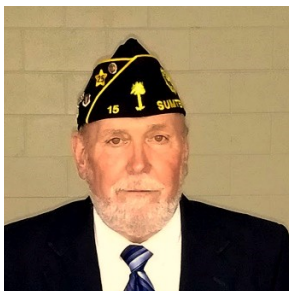


From our Chaplain...

No reported Post Everlasting during the month of January.

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:
3/04/2024

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