



American Legion

Sumter Post 15

34 South Artillery Drive
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Mar 2017

Next Meeting: 6 Mar 2017, 7:00 pm

Commander's Call...



At our February meeting I welcomed about 200 members and guests as we honored our Public Safety Officers of the year. Each year we recognize a Law Enforcement Officer, Fire Fighter, EMS Tech and Corrections Officer. Bobbie Baker and his Public Safety Committee did a wonderful job as usual, working with city and county officials to select our honorees.



This year our guest speaker was the Representative for District 51, Representative J. David Weeks. Representative Weeks spoke of the hard work and courage of our public safety personnel. Representative Weeks assisted me in recognizing these hard working individuals.



Our 2016 Corrections Officer is Lt. Cynthia Kelly. The EMS Tech for 2016 is Lt. Rhonda K. Pyle. Our Fire Fighter for 2016 is Chief Charles "Bud" Ivey. And our Sheriff Deputy and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year is Sheriff's Deputy, Sergeant Wesley Floyd.

Ray Baker, Post Home Committee Chairman reports that we will have a Post clean up day sometime in the spring. The date will be announced. There is always something that you can do to help, even if it is just to give support to those working.

Baseball Chairman Bill Lyons reports that season tickets have been sent out to members. Tickets are \$30. If you don't want them, please return unused tickets to the Post.

First Vice-Commander, Jim Morris reports that membership stands at 409 paid members. That is well short of our goal of 469. All members are asked to check your membership card to ensure that you have paid your 2017 dues.



Our guest speaker for our March meeting will be the National Commander of the American Legion, Charles E. Schmidt. Commander Schmidt will visit Shaw AFB, McIntyre ANG Base and will be a guest of the SC State Legislature. All Post officers are instructed to wear a coat and tie. All members are asked to dress in Business Casual.

Commander, Buddy Suitt

From our Chaplain...

There were four members transferred to Post Everlasting since our last meeting: William E. Smith, Luke Rogers, Robert A. Reagan and Donald R. Fink. If you know of the passing of any member, or a member who is ill or hospitalized please let me know. 983-9546

Chaplain, Billy Thompson

From our Adjutant... Adjutant Nero reports that Department is conducting a statewide gun raffle and tickets are available from post officers. The cost is \$25 for each ticket. Each week, starting in July 2017 the Department will draw one winner of that week's raffle. Your ticket is good all 52 weeks of the raffle, or unless you win. The value of the weapons range from several hundred dollars to over a thousand dollars. Brand names include Ruger, Browning, Benelli, Beretta, PSA and many other popular brands. All weapons are long guns, both rifles and shotguns. The post retains five dollars for every Twenty-five dollar ticket sold. This is a great way to raise funds for the post.

January first is the past-due date for dues. More than 100 members have yet to re-new their membership. 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, Nick Nero*



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Our next meeting will be March 6, 2017; the meeting will be on Community Service.

We had a very successful day at the Soup Luncheon. I just can't believe our soup has done so well, I have received so many great comments. Some even would like for us to do it another time of the year. I really just want to thank everyone that helped out. I would like to thank the Legion for keeping the tables and chairs up and removing them for us later. This was a blessing. I think we all enjoyed the fellowship. I also want to thank the ones that helped but wasn't even a member of the Auxiliary. Please let them know how much we appreciate them. Also, the ones that purchased tickets or gave a donation we are grateful for their help. Each year we try to improve to make our luncheon experience one they would love to come back and bring a friend. Thank you members for your help. We have misplaced a metal spoon at the Soup Luncheon that belonged to one of our members. Please take a moment and look to see if it got mixed up in someone's things. Perhaps it is hopefully misplaced. It was a member's favorite spoon. She would just be grateful to get the spoon back. Thanks for looking.

We are collecting donations for our Girls State. If you need a letter please let Nancy Jordan know. If anyone knows of a senior they would recommend being interviewed please let us know the cost is now 340.00 to send a girl to girl state.

There has been a few that have been sick. If you know of someone who is sick please let Margaret Hill know.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2017 please do so immediately. Membership dues in the Auxiliary are \$30.00 for each senior member and \$5.00 for each junior member. Please send the dues to PO Box 2174, Sumter, SC 29151. If you know of someone who would like to join our meeting we would love for them to come to a meeting.

Please don't forget to be collecting your pocket change in the apple juice bottles for the AEF. If they are already full, you can bring them back. We need them back by April's meeting. It will be interesting to see how much we can collect.

We are asking everyone to bring can goods for Christian Charities of Sumter; we are still collecting coupons for Nancy Jordan to send to our Service Members overseas.

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