American Legion Sumter Post 15

34 South Artillery Drive

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NOV 2017 **Next Meeting: 6 Nov. 2017, 7:00 pm**

Commander's Call...

We had a great meeting in October. We had members of the P15 Baseball team and some of their parents as guests.

At the time of the meeting we had just completed the one hundred and first edition of the Sumter Fair. I want to thank Chairman Nick Nero and his Fair

Committee for all the hard work in providing the community with a safe and fun family Fair. This year the Fair took steps to rebrand themselves as the Sumter American Legion Fair. This is an important step in the Post being recognized as the ones putting on the fair, and not the County. We hope this aids in obtaining sponsorship and financial assistance from the community. The new logo for the

Fair reflects this change. I also want to thank long time Fair Manager Mel Curtis who is retiring. Peter St.Onge is taking over as the new manager.

District 11 Commander Jack Lonergan attended our October meeting to

administer the oath of office to our own Peter St.Onge. Peter in the new County/Area District 11 Commander. Commander Lonergan also informed the membership of the planed March visit of the National Commander, Denise Rohan. Commander Rohan plans to visit Shaw AFB, 3rd Army, and Sumter posts 202 and 15.

At our November meeting we will recognize Americanism, and our guests will be Boys State attendees and their parents. This program was rescheduled from the cancelled September meeting.

Our guest speaker at our October meeting was Coach Steve Campbell. Coach Campbell thanked the members of Post 15 for their support of youth Baseball.

Our Post Historian Ed Venticinque was honored by Department.

Ed's history book for Post 15 won first place for best submission for Posts of our size. Well done Ed!

First Vice Commander Peter St.Onge reports that membership stands at 281 paid members, or about 65% of our goal. If you have not yet renewed your membership for the 2018 Legion year I urge you to do so.

In January the post will participate in a district wide revitalization. Members from all District Posts, Department of SC, and National Hqts. will operate out of Post 15 in an attempt to generate new Legion members.

Commander, *Jim Morris*

From our Chaplain...

One member was transferred to post everlasting since our last newsletter: Thomas M. Dabbs.

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, *Nick Nero*

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Our October month began with a change in leadership for the Auxiliary as Jean McAfee-Rogers resigned from her position as President. Tammy Cornwell was asked to move into this role and Connie Suitt
has accepted her request to be Vice President. Our meeting began with our Girls State ladies sharing about
their experiences this past summer. The Auxiliary sent fourteen ladies to Girls State this year. There were
funny and educational events that they experienced and shared with us all.
In the upcoming days ahead, our Auxiliary ladies will be busy preparing for the **Poppy Drive on November 3rd and 4th** at **Piggly Wiggly** at *Broad Street and Hwy 15 South* here in Sumter and **Simpson's**
Hardware on *Wesmark Boulevard*. Please join us between the hours of **9:00am through 4:00pm.** Please
contact *Nancy Jordan at 803-720-4144 or Carolyn Hudson at 803-773-5336* if you would love to join us at the
stores this month.
On **November 11, 2017 (Saturday**) we will be joining the Legion in downtown Sumter for the **Veteran's**
Day Parade. The Auxiliary and Legion will compete with a *decoration of golf carts*. Come and join in on the fun
and let's see who does the best job decorating our golf carts and showcase them in the parade that day. *After*
the parade, meet us behind the old court house of Sumter and enjoy the vendors of Sumter who will be there
to let veterans and service men and women learn our many resources of aid and support available to them.
Thanksgiving is among us this month and we, the Auxiliary, have decided to give aide to our current
service men and women and their families who are struggling financially.
Our goal is to enable these families to have a "bountiful-feast" this Thanksgiving. We will best reach
this goal by asking the Legion to participate with us by bringing items on November 6th, our Monday
Meeting.
We will collect the following items: boxed mashed potatoes, cans of green beans, corn, yams, etc.,
gravy mixes, Mac-n-cheese boxes, baked beans, cornbread mix, Cranberry Jelled, Pumpkin puree, pie crust,
Cake mixes, Icing, Marshmallows and any other items you wish to bring. We are asking our local Piggly Wiggly
to donate turkeys. The Auxiliary ladies will assemble baskets with each item and turkeys along with a card from
ALA Unit 15 and Legion Post 15.
Again, we will have **baked items, potted Mum plants, and the Clemson and Carolina Afgans** to

RAFFLE at our November meeting. The Education Program chairman asks that we bring our zip lock
baggies filled with school supplies to the meeting for our local school children.
Finally, please keep the family of Edith Heath in prayer as they adjust to having lost her on October 6,
2017. Edith will be missed by many and especially by this Auxiliary.
Submitted by Tammy Cornwell, President ALA Unit #15 of Sumter, SC