



HAPPY NEW YEAR

FEBRUARY IS AMERICANISM MONTH

Americanism

...is an unflinching love of Country; loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity

I LIKE YOU GOBS AND GOBS. YOU SEA... AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME!



Commander's Message



Thanks for all the hard work this year and for what you have done for me. Thanks all of you.

Lots of information inside, so be sure to take note of upcoming events and activities, and participate if you can.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jerry Landreth
Commander 2024-2025

REMINDER!

Feel free to set the thermostat as high as needed to be comfortable. When leaving, if it says "run schedule" on the lower right, press the lower button on the right and it will go to pre-programmed mode.

David Darrow, Trustee

EDITOR'S NOTE: After 20 years of faithfully bringing you "The Bugle" six times a year, it is time for me to retire. Not by choice, because this has been a labor of love for me, but because I am no longer visually able to continue.

So the position of newsletter editor will be up for grabs as of January 2026, if not before. I will be happy to pass on my software and other files if needed, but there's nothing that says the person who picks up where I leave off has to do it the same way I did.

So ... if you have experience publishing newsletters (or are willing to learn), please get in touch with me at your earliest convenience.

Suzan Kaye / 870-321-0520



Come join us!



ADULTS: \$10 donation
KIDS 5-12: \$5
KIDS 4 & UNDER: FREE

ADULTS: \$8 donation
KIDS 5-12: \$4
KIDS 4 & UNDER: FREE

JANUARY 13: PARADE OF SOUPS (see p. 2)
FEBRUARY 10: CHILI & CHOCOLATE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
FROM 7:30-11:00 am

SERVED FROM 4-6 PM
BOTH MEALS ARE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
INCLUDES CORNBREAD, SALTINE CRACKERS, DESSERT & DRINK

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES with SAUSAGE, BISCUITS & GRAVY, OJ & COFFEE
WW II & KOREAN WAR VETERANS EAT FREE!
ALSO FIREFIGHTERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, EMTS & ACTIVE DUTY IN UNIFORM!

NO TAKEOUT AVAILABLE FOR THESE MEALS

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

A Community of Volunteers Serving
Veterans, Military, and their Families



Happy New Year, Everybody! I hope 2025 finds you and your family happy and healthy.

I would like to begin this new year with a heartfelt "Thank You!" to all the volunteers that have stepped up this year to help with our various projects and activities. We had help from the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, a number of Post members and some of our Auxiliary members.

The following is a list of **SOME of the things we accomplished in 2024**. We served **10 2nd Monday Night Dinners** which provided us with more than enough money to send 6

girls to Girl State, with some left over for next year; presented **2 \$1,000 scholarships** to deserving graduates; **made hats** that were donated to the Baxter Hospital newborns, to the Mountain Home Food Basket, to KTLO Radio in conjunction with their winter coat drive, and to The Call (foster-child advocacy group). We assisted our Military Service Sisters chapter by providing **120 small net bags of toiletry items** for Mountain Home and Flippin high school girls. (Currently I am looking for help from our members to make washcloths using cotton yarn which we can place in a bag with soap and possibly combs for each girl student.) We donated **homemade Easter Baskets** to The Call. Two representatives from The Call came to one of our monthly meetings to tell us about the program. We helped the Post with **10 pancake breakfasts**, and served a **Thanksgiving Lunch** to any members of the American Legion or Auxiliary (and their guests) who wanted to dine with us, or were feeling lonely and just needed some company.

A special big "Thank You" to Charlotte Guest for putting together **gift bags for our Veterans in local nursing homes at Valentine's Day, 4th of July, Veterans Day and Christmas**. She would appreciate help putting those together and delivering them. Lucia Pairolero and LouAnn Peach put together a beautiful memorial program in November the public could participate in called "**In Remembrance**." Nancy Stang arranged for **poppy distribution in May**. Our Pantry has been extremely busy all year long, serving Vets and their families by **providing food and other daily necessities**. A huge "Thank you" to Suzan for organizing this program and all the helpers that volunteer each Saturday to make sure everyone who needs our help gets it.

We still do **box-up on the first Saturday of the month** and would love to see you there to help fill 8-10 boxes. Our service members really appreciate the gifts they receive since they are so far from home.

All our talented members were very busy making quilts & afghans, dolls, Snuggies, hats, and stuffed animals for our annual **Veterans Christmas Store** which would not have happened without a slew of volunteers. This event was 5 full days long with 2 additional days just to set up, but was well worth the work. Every Veteran was given a quilt or afghan, if they wanted one, and left with gifts for their families (24 households — a total of 108 people!). There were tears, cheers and smiles all week long.

Several **stuffed animals were donated to the Baxter County Juvenile Detention Center**. This was Post 52 member Mike Perryman's idea. When he called their office, he discovered they were getting ready to have a party for the children and their families. The timing was perfect — every animal found a new home.

So, you can see why you are so important to me AND to our unit. Each one of these activities requires some time, it's true — but we usually only ask for a couple of hours, and only ask that you do what you are capable of or comfortable doing. We all have a talent we can contribute, so please join us on **Monday, January 6th** for our next meeting. Hear our future plans and meet some new friends as well as get reacquainted with old friends. If driving at night is an issue, just reach out — someone would be happy to give you a ride!

Karen Mikulewicz, Unit 52 President / 870-707-0111 / daycaremom_1@gmail.com



Let's start off 2025 with a Bang! If you have not participated in our Monday Night Dinners, here's your chance. This year we are starting off on January 13, with our Parade of Soups. We will be offering a variety of soups to enjoy, including Homemade Vegetable soup (both vegetarian and beef), Homemade Chicken Noodle soup, and Potato Soup. For accompaniment we will be serving both cornbread and/or saltine crackers, dessert and drink -- all at the same low price of \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children under 12.

Kitchen Report


...serving both regular red chili with beef and beans and white chicken chili along with cornbread and/or saltine crackers. All desserts will be chocolate, in observance of Valentine's Day. As usual, all dinners include a choice of drinks (iced tea, lemonade or coffee).

Hope to see you all there. Remember all proceeds from our Monday Night dinners go towards sending high school girls to Girls State in the spring.

February's Monday Night dinner will be held on February 10, and will feature "Chili and Chocolate." We will be

*Debbye Barreda, 2nd Vice President
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January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1ST SATURDAYS CARE PACKAGE BOX-UP 9:00 AM	2ND MONDAYS PUBLIC DINNERS 4:00-6:00 PM	HALL RENTALS (870)424-6277 LEAVE MESSAGE IF NO ANSWER	1 	2	3	4 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
5	6 <u>Leg / Aux</u> Potluck 5:00 pm Meetings 6:30 pm	7 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	8	9	10	11 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
12 <u>Public</u>	13 <u>Public</u> Parade of Soups 4:00-6:00 pm	14 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	15	16 <u>Legion</u> Board meeting 9:00 am	17	18 <u>Public</u> Coffee Social 9 am Vets Pantry 9-11
19	20	21 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10 am - 3 pm	22	23	24	25 <u>Public</u> Breakfast 7:30-11 Vets Pantry 9-11
26	27	28 <u>Public</u> Craft Time 10a-3p Aux Board Mtg 1p	29	30	31	4TH SATURDAYS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFASTS 7:30-11:00 AM



(Jan 13) Parade of Soups -- all homemade / All-You-Can-Eat — no takeout available
Veggie (with or without beef), Chicken Noodle and Potato / served with cornbread and/or crackers, dessert & drink

February 2025

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(Feb 10) Chili & Chocolate Dinner / All-You-Can-Eat — no takeout available
Red Chili or White Chili / served with cornbread and/or crackers, chocolate desserts & drink



FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

Happy New Year to one and all! A total of 201 members paid 2025 dues by December 31st. To achieve the 262 membership goal, our post needs 61 new members, renewals or transfers.

There are 55 delinquent members. Pay 2025 dues NOW to save your continuous years with the American Legion and get out of delinquent status! The option to pay dues for three years is available ONLINE only.

Each member, no matter what their level of participation, helps Veterans, their families, and adds to our combined voice before Congress!

PLEASE call me at (870) 405-0047 anytime (leave a message, if no answer), email bair.vicky77@yahoo.com about your membership status, or with questions. Any non-membership questions I will do my best to answer or direct you to the right person!

PLEASE inform me of ADDRESS CHANGES to prevent return postage of "THE BUGLE" and make sure your family knows how to contact us. I can update various areas of your membership profile online.

PAYING MEMBERSHIP @ THE POST OPTIONS:

- ★ Send to 717 Market Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653
- ★ Use the white drop box by front door to deposit payment envelope
- ★ Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Crafting Tuesday)
- ★ Saturday coffee social from 9-10:30 a.m.
- ★ Monthly potluck/post meeting from 5-7:30 p.m.
- ★ Our fundraisers – 2nd Monday Dinner / 4th Saturday All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast



Please save your
Town & Country
grocery receipts for
us thru March 1



**CARE PACKAGE BOX-
UP 1ST SATURDAY OF
THE MONTH, 9 AM**



FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION
& AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY,
EVERY DAY IS



The American Legion Family



**RENEW
YOUR DUES
TODAY!**

**REMINDER TO ALL
POST/UNIT MEMBERS:**

**YOUR 2025 DUES ARE
NOW PAST DUE!**

As of January 1 each year, if you haven't already paid your current year's dues, you're delinquent. You have until January 31 to renew, or your status will change to "suspended," and you will lose your benefits and privileges as a Legion or Auxiliary member. This includes forfeiting any offices or chairmanships you may hold.

Legion dues are \$50. Auxiliary dues are now \$40 for ages 18+ and \$10 for ages 17 and under.



Gun Raffle

Enter To Win
Tickets: \$10.00 ea. or 6 for \$50.00

HENRY ARMS



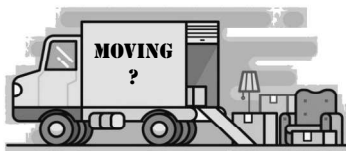
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LEGION/AUXILIARY ITEMS OF INTEREST

- ★ Dept of AR FREE quarterly newsletter, "The Arkansas Legionnaire" www.arlegion.org (left sidebar)
- ★ The American Legion Education Institute legion.org/alei offers a FREE self-paced course about the American Legion.
- ★ Everything you EVER needed to know: about the ALA: alaforveterans.org
- ★ ALA Training Academy: legion-aux.org/ala-academy

Historically Speaking

Well, the New Year is upon us. They never slow down, do they!

Joining the Post sometimes warrants wearing more than one hat, so in 2024 I volunteered to be one of the Post's Trustees. It wasn't because I needed to occupy more of my spare time, but because it needed to be done. It takes a lot of upkeep to keep a post running. Large things like keeping the HVAC equipment going, cutting grass, cleaning gutters, to small things, like hanging bulletin boards, installing doorbells etc., etc.

This coming year will be no different. There are a lot of things that need work. With an aging organization, I understand how a lot of us are past our prime in doing some of these things (I don't do ladders anymore). Let's face it, none of us are getting any younger. I also know how hard it is to get volunteers to step up for these types of physical projects.

However, there are other ways for you to help out. One way would be by making a monetary donation to fund some of the projects we need to do. From my understanding, donations of this sort can be claimed on your taxes.

If any of you would like to help out, the Trustees meet every Tuesday at 09:00. Come out, and we'll put you to work. And if any of you would like to make a monetary donation, please see one of our officers. Either way, you'll be helping out the Legion and it will greatly be appreciated.

Alley-White American Legion Post #52 – Making history one meeting at a time!

Bob Renforth / Post 52 Historian / Trustee
Ren4th57@gmail.com

VSO REPORT

I'd like to wish the following members a HAPPY BIRTHDAY in the month of January: **JERRY BIBB, DAVID CONES, JASON DUNN, PHILLIP HUDNALL JR, DEE RENFORTH, NANCY SMITH, and CHARLES YOUNG!** Also Auxiliary members **WILMA MUETING (100 YEARS OLD!!), CLYNESE SPELLMAN, KAREN MIKULEWICZ, JUDE ZACK, CHRISTINE FREGO, NANCY STANG, KYLEE LEE and CONNIE SKARDA.**

AND in the month of February: **THOMAS COLEMAN JR, BILL EUBANK, JOSEPH FAVARA JR, ELESHA GRANNISS, PHILLIP GRANNISS, EDWARD HOFERKAMP, KATHY JOHNSON, EARL JONES, WADE JONES, DONALD PRINCIPATO, RICHARD SEILS, STEVEN SHORT, JASON SMITH, and JOHN WINDSOR!** Also Auxiliary members **JOYCE HENSLEY, JANICE FARMER, LOUANN PEACH, KATHY JOHNSON (DUAL MEMBER), FLOSSIE WIESEND, ELESHA & PHIL GRANNISS (DUAL MEMBERS) and MARY ANN WAJDA.**



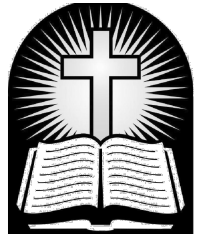
Honor Guard Report

The Honor Guard conducted nine honor ceremonies since October 1, 2024. We now have 19 active volunteers on the roster, but due to work schedules, health issues or other restrictions it is difficult to muster even 3 rifles, a chaplain and a bugle player for each detail. We have plenty of uniforms available if you would like to join us in this very worthwhile endeavor. No previous experience necessary – we will train you! Please contact me if you are interested.

Frank Kaye / 870-404-5462 / fkaye53@live.com

Chaplain's Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please keep everyone you know on your prayer list right now ... so many of our members (including Post 52 Chaplain Michael Nighbert) are down sick, in the hospital, having family emergencies and experiencing emotional distress that we ALL need to be remembered in each other's prayers. May 2025 be a healthier, happier year for all of us!



AMERICANISM REPORT

We only have one participant for this year's High School Oratorical Speech Contest. The Post competition will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2024, at 11 am. If you are interested in assisting in the monitoring and/or judging of the competition, please contact me.

Frank Kaye, Americanism Chairman
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MEMO FROM THE 2ND VICE COMMANDER

I hope everyone had a nice and safe Christmas and new year. The Christmas party was pretty well attended and everyone seemed to have a good time.

We need to work in the coming year on membership and attendance at the monthly meetings

David Fenwick, Second Vice Commander / 717-961-1230





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Happy Valentine's Day!

COMING UP IN JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2025

★ GENERAL MEETING ON JANUARY 6 @ 6:30 PM, POTLUCK @ 5:00

★ GENERAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 3 @ 6:30 PM, POTLUCK @ 5:00

FRIED CHICKEN WILL BE PROVIDED — BRING SIDES OR DESSERTS & YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE

★ SATURDAYS: COFFEE SOCIALS FROM 9-10:30 AM / PANTRY AT THE POST 9-11 AM

★ TUESDAYS: CRAFT TIME FROM 10 AM - 3 PM (EVERYONE WELCOME!)

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