

# Oct/Nov 2009 American Legion Newsletter



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**Volunteers of the Month:**  
**August: Ladies Auxiliary**  
**September: Post 133 Members**

## *The Commanders Corner:*

The Ladies Auxiliary did a phenomenal job with the preparation, communication and coordination for our 1st Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony event and it went off without a single hitch. The ONLY reason it went so smoothly was all the upfront work and preparation, which was extensive. They should be very proud of their efforts, as should each one of you who came out to support the event, in any capacity. When you get a chance, please, thank them for all their hard work! Specifically: Bev McGovern, Carol Boswell, Teresa Ginther, Reba Hitson, Norm Ginther, Boz Boswell, Rhonda Overton, John McGovern, the entire volunteer setup/cooking/cleaning teams. Thanks go out to Mary Rhodes for procuring us signs from one of our vendors for this event so that everyone who drove by knew what we had going on. If I missed any of the organizers please accept my sincere apologies as this event couldn't have been as successful as it was without so many who stepped up to the plate to help in any way they could. It isn't often that we have the opportunity to show our active duty veterans and our local 1<sup>st</sup> responders how much we appreciate what they do every single day, for both our country and our community. Thank you all! Through your dedicated efforts, Post 133 had an opportunity to shine, and shine we did.

For those of you who were unable to attend the POW/MIA Ceremony on 19 Sep 09, you missed a wonderful ceremony. The POW/MIA flag will now fly permanently under the American Flag at the statehouse.

The next opportunity to show our support for our veterans is coming up on 9 Oct 09. There will be a Vietnam Veterans welcome home event at the coliseum in Montgomery on this date. I have all of the information posted on the board in the canteen. If you are a Vietnam era veteran and would like to participate in the veteran's parade there are 2 different staging points. If you ride a motorcycle, staging will be at Sam's Club on the Eastern Blvd at 3:45 with a police escort to the Farmers Market. If you do not ride, staging will be at the Farmers Market at 4:45. If you are not a Vietnam veteran and would like to show your respect for those who never received it upon their return home, please join the rest of us forming the parade line to be in place NLT 5:00. Following the ceremony, there will be a free concert for all who would like to stay and enjoy the entertainment.

We will be placing a box for canned/boxed food items to be donated to the Welcome center in the post. If you would like to bring something in, please do and we will ensure that these items are taken to where they are most

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needed. We will also be placing a box for your old used cell phones. There is an organization that is accepting these and donating calling cards to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan in exchange for these used phones. Update on repairs/modifications: The old part of the building attic duct repair work and insulation have been completed, and the new video surveillance system, which monitors both the inside and outside of the building has been completed as well.

Membership renewal is still on-going, so if you have not already renewed your Legion, Auxiliary, SAL or Riders dues, please do so as soon as you can. This will help all membership representatives ensure that they have an accurate membership roster to double check against our security system records.

Summer is about over and that means that the holidays are right around the corner. We will be looking for some folks to come in and help us get the post decorated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in November, so if you would like to join in the fun we would love to have you out. Details will follow when we get closer to that date.

The Cheer Wagon is built, on display in the canteen, and tickets are now on sale. If you would like to grab some and sell them, please see Rex, Harry or myself. This year's wagon has a net value of approx \$900.00 (the tickets say \$750, but we had some donations for this year's wagon as well that we hadn't counted on).

For God and Country,  
Teri Parkinson, Commander

### ***1st Vice Commander (Norm Ginther):***

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2009-2010 please make an effort to do so. Membership is the life's blood of any volunteer organization and especially the American Legion. Our Division Commander, Jack Donovan, has set the goal of Third Division being a 100% Division. I don't believe it has ever been done in the Department of Alabama. It is a very ambitious goal but a worthy one. Let's do our part.

If you weren't at the Post for the Patriot Day Observance on September 11<sup>th</sup> you missed a truly special event. I've been a member of Post 133 since 1994 and this event is one of the best things I've seen us do. The Auxiliary took the lead on this and made the Post shine. They most certainly had help. Members of the Legion, SAL, Riders, and 40+8 all helped make it happen. Calling it a team effort is a huge understatement. The only problem now is that we have set a standard that we have to live up to. Mayor Kelley has already asked what we have planned for next year's observance.

Finally, Veteran's Day is coming up fast and the Chamber of Commerce has asked that we perform our Flag Retirement Ceremony as part of their observance. The event will be held at the Community Center near the Village Green. I'll be asking for volunteers.

Norm, 1st Vice



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 133

*President Beverly McGovern*

I would like to echo the words of Commander Parkinson and 1st Vice Norm Ginther, and thank all of those involved in the 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony the team effort put forward surpassed everyone's expectations.

A big thank you to Teddy & Benny Korson who provided the Sept Wednesday evening meal, as always delicious and enjoyed by everyone.

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Monday, Oct 12th, this is a Federal holiday for some but I would sincerely appreciate seeing as many members as possible attend. With the holiday season right around the corner we have many ideas that we would like to discuss.

Auxiliary steak night is 9 Oct - as always we need volunteers to step up and assist, if you are available please contact me.

Auxiliary Wednesday night supper is 21 Oct - we will discuss at our Oct12th meeting the menu and volunteers for this event.

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In closing, I ask all of you to pray for our servicemen and women and their families.

Bev McGovern, President



## SAL SQUADRON 133

*Commander – Andrew Cherry*

Thanks to all SAL members who renewed their membership and took advantage of our two years for one year paid. It was a nice change to have members at our monthly meetings, let's keep it up. Participation of our membership is very important, thanks again.

SAL is raising funds for the Child Welfare Foundation by selling tickets for a chance to win, two tickets for the Alabama - Auburn football game at Jordan-Hare Stadium, on the Alabama side of the field. Fifty yard line upper deck tickets for a donation of thirty dollars for the pair of tickets. Ticket sales will start September 28th and the drawing will be done on Veterans day, Wednesday November 11th . See an SAL officer or member for a chance to

win these two tickets.

SAL membership has not stepped up and not volunteered as needed to assist with the loss of our biggest contributor, Butch. I would like to thank all who have done more than their share to try and keep the SAL afloat. George, Tina, Terri, Bobbie, Caroline, Jonathan, Debbie, Lebo, Harold, John and Bev. I apologize if I failed to mention everyone who has contributed, thank you all. More help is needed, please help. Times for evening cooking's are: prep time at 4 o'clock, cooking from 5 o'clock to 8 o'clock plus clean up time. If you cannot make that early starting time, show up late, get a bite to eat and help clean up for those who have cooked.

Kitchen cooking is how the SAL is able to sponsor and support Boys State, Legacy Scholarship Fund, Child Welfare Foundation, American Legion Baseball along with other activities.

Thanks for your support,  
Andrew Cherry, Commander  
For God, country and the betterment of Post 133.



## Post 133 American Legion Riders



Thanks to all who showed up at the short notice ride into Montgomery for the POW/MIA ceremony. The weather cooperated and the ceremony was really good, with a great turnout. The POW/MIA flag will continue to fly under the American Flag at the statehouse from now on due to recent legislation passed. We received a thank you letter from National Headquarters, American Legion Scholarship Legacy fund for the donations sent to them from the men and women of the post. Thanks to the SAL for their \$100.00 donation to this fund, the AUX for their \$500.00 donation and the Legion for their \$500.00 donation. We are still needing help 2X a month for cooking. I know that this gets monotonous, however, this is who we raise our money for the Legacy Scholarship fund, and allows us to get together and have some fun. We have 3 rides coming up. 3 Oct 09 to the Faunsdale rally, 9 Oct 09 to the Vietnam Vets welcome home, and 13-14 November to Walhalla, SC for a Poker Run benefiting a local Veterans Museum. What can we do to pull the riders back together? If you have any inputs for this, please, let us know. We appear to currently be splintered and we need to pull the group back together. If you have any suggestions on how to do this, please talk to Alan or AA as they are our points of contact for how we can pull the group back into a fully organized and energetic and fun group.

<b><u>Dates to remember:</u></b>	
2 Oct 09	Friday ALR Steak Night - Volunteers are Gene, AA, Tom, Ricki, and TJ
3 Oct 09	Saturday, Ride to Faunsdale, meet at post with KSU at 9:30 a.m.
9 Oct 09	Friday, Vietnam Vet Welcome home in Montgomery kick off for the state fair
11 Oct 09	Sunday ALR Breakfast - We need volunteers, we only have 2 to date
12 Oct 09	Columbus Day
17 Oct 09	ALR State Meeting, Guntersville, AL at noon. Ride time TBD
6 Nov 09	Friday ALR Steak Night - Need volunteer's
8 Nov 09	Sunday ALR breakfast, will really need volunteers as the weekend trip is this weekend also
13-14 Nov 09	ALR weekend ride to Walhalla, SC area
26 Nov 09	Thanksgiving

## Post Hours of Operation:

### **The Canteen is Open the Following Hours:**

Sunday	8:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Monday - Thursday	3:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Friday & Saturday	3:00 PM - Midnight

### **The Kitchen is Open the Following Hours:**

Sunday Breakfast	8:00 AM - Noon
Wednesday Dinner	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Friday Steaks	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  <b>Faunsdale Rally</b>	2  <b>Leadership Conf</b> <b>ALR Steaks 5-8 P.M.</b> <b>Faunsdale</b>	3  <b>Leadership Conf</b>  <b>Faunsdale</b>
4  <b>Legion Breakfast 8 A.M. - Noon</b>  <b>Faunsdale</b>	5	6  <b>Legion Membership Meeting</b>	7  <b>40 &amp; 8 Dinner 5-8 P.M.</b>	8	9  <b>Aux Steaks 5-8 P.M.</b> <b>Vietnam Vets Parade, 5:30 P.M. Garrett</b>	10
11  <b>ALR Breakfast 8 A.M. - Noon</b>	12  <b>Columbus Day</b> <b>Aux Membership Meeting</b>	13	14  <b>Aux Dinner 5-8 P.M.</b>	15	16  <b>Legion Steaks 5-8 P.M.</b>	17  <b>ALR State Mtg. Guntersville, AL 12:00 Noon</b>
18  <b>40 &amp; 8 Breakfast 8 A.M. - Noon</b>	19  <b>ALR Membership Meeting</b>	20  <b>SAL Membership Meeting</b>	21  <b>Legion Dinner 5-8 P.M.</b>	22  <b>40 &amp; 8 Promenade</b>	23  <b>Legion Steaks 5-8 P.M.</b>	24
25  <b>Legion Breakfast 8 A.M. - Noon</b>	26	27	28  <b>Legion Dinner 5-8 P.M.</b>	29	30  <b>No Steaks</b>	31  <b>Halloween Host Post 210 Poker Run Bike Night</b>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Talladega</b> <b>No Breakfast</b>	2	3 <b>Legion</b> <b>Membership</b> <b>Meeting</b>	4 <b>40 &amp; 8 Dinner</b> <b>5 – 8 P.M.</b>	5	6 <b>ALR Steaks</b> <b>5 – 8 P.M.</b>	7
8 <b>District 32</b> <b>Mtg.</b> <b>ALR Breakfast</b> <b>8 A.M. - Noon</b>	9 <b>Aux</b> <b>Membership</b> <b>Meeting</b>	10	11 <b>Veterans Day</b> <b>(Flag Ret )</b> <b>Legion Dinner</b> <b>5 – 8 P.M.</b>	12	13 <b>Aux Steaks</b> <b>5 – 8 P.M.</b> <b>ALR Ride to</b> <b>Walhalla, SC</b>	14 <b>ALR Ride to</b> <b>Walhalla, SC</b>
15 <b>Legion</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>8 A.M. - Noon</b>	16 <b>ALR</b> <b>Membership</b> <b>Meeting</b>	17 <b>SAL</b> <b>Membership</b> <b>Meeting</b>	18 <b>Aux Dinner</b> <b>5 – 8 P.M.</b>	19	20 <b>Legion Steaks</b> <b>5 – 8 P.M.</b>	21 Decorate Post for Christmas 12:00 Noon
22 Decorate Post for Christmas (1:00 P.M.) <b>40&amp;8</b> <b>Breakfast</b>	23	24	25 <b>Police &amp;</b> <b>Firefighters</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>(No Wed</b> <b>Dinner)</b>	26 <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Day</b>	27 <b>Iron Bowl</b> <b>(No Steaks)</b>	28
29 <b>Legion</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>8 A.M. - Noon</b>	30					

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