

The AMERICAN LEGION

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APRIL 2012

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Home of the 2011-2012

Veteran of the Year

John DAWSON



April will also be a busy month with our Easter Picnic on Saturday 7th at Uchee Creek Recreation Area. Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews and join in the fun. There will be plenty of food and games for the kids, rocking chairs and fans for the old timers, and plenty of stories to last a lifetime. Come on down and join us.

March 15 is the designated birthday of The American Legion. On that date in 1919, the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris. Much as the birthday of the United States is celebrated on July 4 – for the date in 1776 when patriots declared the independence of the British colonies and the spirit of America was born – March 15 is the date when The American Legion came to life.

Saturday the 14th we will again host the Tuskegee Veterans for lunch and Bingo. Let's see if we can have a bigger group of volunteers than we had last month.

Saturday the 21st we will have a group of volunteers to work with us in cleaning up some of our cemeteries. This group worked with us last fall and cleaned up Emmonds and Community Cemeteries. We will furnish lunch for them at the Post at or about 1300.

On March 24th the Russell County Middle School Chorus held a car wash to raise money for their annual school trip. They sold hot dogs, chips and drinks. Overall it was a successful event. The Legion and the Auxiliary donated money to their trip.

We still need sponsors for Boys State. We have to have the money and registration into Department by May 25th so we need everything turned into the Post by the 15th. We have a bus under contract to transport 25 boys plus 4 chaperones to Tuscaloosa on June 10 and will return on June 16 to pick them up and return them to the Post. We would like to have a nice crowd to send them off and to welcome them back home. Put June 10 and June 16 on your calendar.

Message from Adjutant

Membership is at 105% (237 members) with several that have not renewed. Look at the address label on your Newsletter for the last year you paid dues, L11 means that you still need to pay your 2012 dues. Come by and pick up the new card. Dues are still \$30.

For those of you that want to go ahead and pay your 2013 (we already have 11 members paid up for 2013) dues just send us a check for \$30 and mark it for 2013 dues and I will send you the 2013 cards in July.

This will be a good time to sign your free Insurance renewal card for 2011-2016. YOU can pay your dues online if that would be easier for you.

DD214 Access: The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's, www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html

REMEMBER ITS NOT THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR MEMBERSHIP

IT'S THE PRICE YOU PAID TO BE ELIGIBLE!!

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ATTENTION

Easter Picnic and Easter Egg hunt, Saturday April 7th. April Dinner will be on Friday, April 13th. If you are not superstitious about Friday the 13th come on down and join us. Diane will be preparing the dinner and we will be having a Talent Contest. \$\$\$ for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Individuals or groups.

BINGO Tuesday & Thursdays

Executive Committee Meeting 1st Monday April 2nd 7:00 PM

Easter Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt Sat 7th Uchee Creek Recreation Area, begin 11:00 am till.....

Easter Sunday 8th

Dinner 2nd Friday 13th 7:00 PM Talent Show Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Winner plus Karaoke

Tuskegee Vets Visit 2nd Sat 14 Need side dishes and Desserts

Members Meeting 3rd Monday 16th 7:30 PM

EAVAC Meeting 4th Wed 12 Noon 25th

District Meeting 4th Sunday Valley Post 67 22nd

MARCH Activities

March was a good month. We started with our monthly dinner on the 9th honoring our Oratorical Winner, Aaron Cappuccino who also won the 24th District contest. A few of us tried out the new Karaoke machine and sung a few kids songs (the only Karaoke CD we had). Johnny Robinson entertained us with his rendition of the 3rd Division marching song. We will have to have him do it again when we have a bigger crowd.

On Saturday the 10th we had as our guests veterans and their support staff from Tuskegee. We served over 50 guests plus all of our volunteers. I want to give a personal Thanks to all of the following personnel for helping on Saturday, especially the Ladies as they not only helped in preparing the meals, serving and then cleaned up while the rest of us entertained the Veterans with Bingo.

Thanks to:

Virginia and John Dawson

Carolyn & Cecil Peterson

Elizabeth & John Burk

Mac & Dot MacDonald

Deborah & Bobby Mitchum

Barbara & Wayne Mitchell

Lou & Vince Calip

Tassi Calip

Dot & Carson Mitchell

Lamerle Demspey

Alonzo Lindsey

Breshunda Lindsey

Rudy Pendergrass

Shirley

Frank Toves

Dennis Austin

Earl Hutchinson

Without these volunteers we would not have had a successful event. Next month the Tuskegee veterans will return on Saturday, the 14th. They should be here by 1300 our time. Come on down and join in on the fun and socialize with our fellow Veterans and Legionnaires.