

# The American Legion

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## Fletcher McCollister Post 135

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### SPECIAL NOTICE

Post 135 membership dues are now \$30.00. This increase was due to National and Department increasing their portion of dues. Post 135 keeps only \$1.00.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER

When: Friday Night January 12th 2007.

Where: Post 135 Banquet Hall.

Time: 7:00 PM Eastern Time.

For: Legion Families.

Bring: Deserts if you will.

Entertainment: Yes. Gospel and Country.

Menu: Spaghetti and our famous thick meat sauce, Garden Salad, Bread, Coffee, Tea and Milk. All furnished by Post 135 and prepared by Legionnaires and Ladies. If you can help, don't be bashfull, come on in early and help out. All help will certainly be appreciated.

## Post Bingo Volunteers, December 2006

Name	Title	Hours
Dorothy Mitchell	Auxiliary	16
Carson Mitchell	Adjutant	28
Barbara Mitchell	Auxiliary	21
Wayne Mitchell	Commander	21
Paul Donmoyer	1st Vice	28
Rosa Brown	Auxiliary	28
Fred Claassen	2nd Vice	28
Earl Hutchenson	Trustee	20
John Dawson	Judge Adv.	04
Helen Brown	Treasurer	12
Herbert Brown	Trustee	12
Laura Sewell	Members Wife	13
Virginia Dawson	1st Vice	09
Lyndia Dawson	President	6
David Allen	Sgt At Arms	28
Rudy Pendergrass	Member	28

**BINGO**

Bingo is the money making program of Post 135. This is where we make the funds to support our charities and our programs, such as Children & Youth, Boys State, Oratorical, Kids Halloween and our Veterans programs, etc.

We have increased our player attendance and by doing this we have been able to put more money into Post 135 through the Wear and Tear that we are allowed.

There is more that you will hear about as time moves forward such as needed repairs to our building and much needed equipment that needs upgrading or replacing.

Thanks go to the volunteer's that are continually-working to keep these thing happening.

Can you volunteer ? We need your help.

## PAID UP FOR LIFE PRICES

Current Dues  
\$30.00

AGE	
24 & Under	\$1,045.00
25 - 29	\$994.00
30 - 34	\$938.00
35 - 39	\$878.00
40 - 44	\$811.00
45 - 49	\$739.00
50 - 54	\$662.00
55 - 59	\$582.00
60 - 64	\$501.00
65 - 69	\$422.00
70 - 74	\$348.00
75 - 79	\$278.00
80 - 84	\$217.00

**ORATORICAL 2007**

This may be a bit early but it is time to be thinking of our annual Oratorical Program.

The dates have been set and the Phenix City-Russell County contest will be held at Post 135 on Saturday morning February 10th at 11:00 AM (Eastern Time).

The 24th District contest will be held at Auburn High School on Saturday morning February 17th at 11:00 AM (Eastern Time).

The State contest will be held on Saturday morning February 24th at 11:00 AM (Eastern Time). The place will be advertised at a later date and given in our February Newsletter.

Attend if you will and enjoy what you will see & hear.

**TUSKEGEE VETERANS PROGRAM**

Another month and another rolls around. Seems like the cycle never stops and this brings on another second Sunday, Sunday January 14th we go to Tuskegee V.A. Hospital with Home Made Cakes and to play BINGO with the patients. We take 10 to 12 cakes and money to purchase the Canteen Books that the patients receive when they BINGO.

Lets all work to continue our programs and especially our Vterans Hospital programs. You can never realize how important these programs are until you alk down thoe halls and talk to the patients in those rooms.

Thanks for your participation.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007**

Post 135 Officers would like to take this space To wish each Legion Family Member and their families a very Happy and Healthy 2007. May you be successful in everything that you do and that all your resolutions and promises are kept and your dreams come true.

God Bless and Happy New Year.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

# January 2007

## JANUARY 2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

- 🕒 Monday Jan 8th Exec.Meeting 7:00PM
- 🕒 Friday Jan 12th Family Night Dinner 7 PM
- 🕒 Sunday Jan 14th Tuskegee Bingo & Cakes  
Leave Post Home 1:15 PM
- 🕒 Monday Jan.15th,Legion & Auxiliary  
Business Meeting at 7:30 PM
- 🕒 Mid-Winter Conference this year will be on  
Thursday Jan 25th-until noon Sunday Jan  
28th, in Birmingham, AL at The Marriott  
Hotel on U.S. 280.

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<b>OFFICERS OF POST 135</b>	
<b>FOR YEAR 2006-2007</b>	
Wayne Mitchell	334 298 4610 Commander
Paul Donmoyer	334 297 3952 1st Vice Commander
Fred Claassen	334-480-8508 2nd Vice Commander
Carson Mitchell	334 298 7988 Adjutant
Rick Dawson	706 565 4303 Finance Officer
David Allen	334 297 6904 Sgt At Arms
John C. Dawson	706 687 5911 Judge Advocate
Cecil Peterson	334-448-7486 Chaplain
Herbert Brown	706 687 0270 Trustee #1
Joe Richardson	334 297 5621 Trustee #2
Earl Hutchinson.	334 214 5524 Trustee #3

### IN MY OPINION

We all say it. We all say we are going to the "Legion," meaning we are going to a Legion meeting or to a building we call "the American Legion Post." But, think about this for a moment. Is the building we meet in "the American Legion Post?" Or is the Post the Legionnaires who meet in the building we call "the Post?"

Sometime soon, walk into the Post when no one else is there. You will quickly realize there is something missing. Oh, the tables are all there, the chairs are all there, the charter is hanging on the wall as well as the plaque with all the PUFLs and Past Commanders. But, something is still missing. The Legionnaires are not sitting in the chairs or standing around talking to one another.

The Post comes together on the third Monday night of each month. When it does, the building rings with greeting and laughter. We enjoy hot coffee and donuts and gather in the meeting room when that time comes.

The Commander, assisted by the other officers, opens the meeting. We conduct the business at hand, receive reports, pray for those in distress or in need, and make plans for upcoming events. Hopefully we hear about coming educational events to make us better Legionnaires..

Then, the Commander closes the meeting and dismisses the Legionnaires. We take off our caps, say our good-byes and go home, promising to be at the next Post meeting.

What does that mean? We take off our caps and go home. Is being a Legionnaire a job we hold for an hour once a month? And at a certain time, we are no longer on the job?

Legionnaires, I hope that is not how we think. I hope that at each meeting we learn more about what it means to be a Legionnaire, that we grow closer together, and that we are better equipped as Legionnaires when the Commander dismisses us.

I would like to see up get a renewed understanding that when we are at the "American Legion Post," we are "the Post gathered," and when we are dismissed, we become "the Post scattered" into the world. We as Legionnaires never stop being "the American Legion Post."

Fred Claassen, 2nd Vice Commander

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2007**

All 2007 membership is now due and payable at the \$30.00 rate.

All 2006 members will have to be removed from our membership rolls as of January 31st 2007.

At this time we have 203-2007 members and there are 44-2006 members that have not sent in their renewals.

Post 135 needs these Legionnaire's. We will appreciate very much if you will take a few minutes of your time and mail in your renewal check of \$30.00. This will keep our Post strong so that we can continue our very important programs. Don't let us down

Send your checks to:  
The American Legion  
P.O.Box 36  
Phenix City, AL. 36868-0036

Thanks to all of you.

For God and Country,

*Carson Mitchell*

**MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
2007**

We are all looking forward to the Mid-Winter Conference this year. The Conference is being held in Birmingham AL at The Marriott Hotel on U.S. Highway 280 and starts on Thursday January 25th and continues on until noon on Sunday January 28th, Post 135 will have 8 delegates attending the Conference this year and they are, David Allen, Sgt. At Arms, going up for 1 day for the Saturday session, Wayne Mitchell, Post Commander and also 2nd Division Commander, Herbert Brown, Trustee, John Dawson, Judge Advocate, Paul Donmoyer, 1st Vice Commander, Fred Claassen, 2nd Vice Commander, Carson Mitchell, Adjutant, Ricky Dawson, Finance Officer.

Ladies of The Auxiliary Unit 135 will be Lyndia Dawson, President, Virginia Dawson, Vice President, Helen Brown, Treasurer, Barbara Mitchell, Member and Dorothy Mitchell, Past President.

Paul Donmoyer's wife Fran will also be in attendance.

**NOTICE TO ALL LEGIONNAIRES & AUXILIARY MEMBERS**  
**Don't forget that we play BINGO every Tuesday and Thursday nights starting at 600PM**  
**Come on down—We need your support, remember our BINGO is for Charity.**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

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