



Post 123 News

James T. Rayle American Legion Post 123, Inc.

October – December 2019 706-743-8267

FROM THE COMMANDER

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for not getting the Post newsletter out in a timely manner, things have been a little hectic for me.

To let you know, Jerry Goettig has resigned his position as Commander of the post due to health reasons; Tim Faust has moved into the Commanders position. The Board would like to thank Jerry for his years of service as Commander as well as the work he personally put into the Post. We will keep him in our thoughts as he faces his current challenges. At present we have several positions open on the Board; Jr. Vice, Historian and Sgt@ Arms. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact any Board member.

Over the last several months, the Post Family has participated in or hosted several community events: the Oglethorpe County Community Day, The Madison County Fair, The Auxiliary's Annual Cancer Ball and the 10th District Quarterly Meeting. Our Thursday Family Steak Night continues to be popular with the community and brings in a lot of new faces and prospective members.

For various reasons, several of our larger post projects were place on hold. Now that things are cooling off we hope to get a few things done on the outside to improve our facility.

For God and Country,
Carol Eidson, Sr. Vice Commander

Post Projects

- **The addition to & covering the porch**
- **Grading of dirt drive to stop the wash**
- **The Clearing of beaver dams**
- **Repair and covering of sofit & facia**
- **Helicopter Refurbish/Memorial Project**
(see separate article on details of this project)

Donations July - October

- **Active Military Family Assistance**
- **Oglethorpe Cty Athletic Boosers**
- **Recreations Dept. All Star Team**
- **Auxiliary Cancer Ball**
- **Fruit Baskets for Senior Citizens**
- **Oglethorpe Cty. Community Day**

NOTICE

The membership will be voting on revisions to our Constitution and By-Laws at our regular meeting on January 21, 2020. The revised version will be sent out to Legionairres for review via email to those who have provided an email address. Copies for review can also be picked up at the Post. Comments/Suggestions should be in writing and addressed to Finance Officer Keith Hardman

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary has been very busy these last three months with several significant events taking place at the Post:

- In July we participated in hosting the 4th of July Celebration and fireworks at Bryant Park.
- In August we distributed school supplies, enough for 300 kids, during Oglethorpe County's Annual Community Day.
- In September the Auxiliary along with the Sons of the American Legion and Riders operated the concession stand at the Madison County Fair, in Comer, from 9/24/19 – 9/27/19. The Auxiliary had 9 members participate, working at total of 184 hours over the four- day period.
- Our Treasurer and Secretary attended the 10th District Meeting held at Post 163 in Statham, GA 9/15/19, bringing back a lot of good information on upcoming Auxiliary events.
- In October the Auxiliary hosted its Annual Cancer Ball, raising over \$1600.00 to help fight cancer.
- We hosted a Truck or Treat event at the Post on Halloween, providing approximately 200 kids a place to go and trick or treat.
- November, members attend the 4th Qtr. 10 District Meeting held at Post 64, Monroe, GA.

Up-coming events - Mark your calendars

Dec. 2 – Annual Legion Members Pot-Luck Dinner & Bingo, meat will be provided, dinner starts at 7:00PM.

Dec 5– Visit to the Milledgeville Nursing Home

Dec. 17 – Lunch with the National Auxiliary Commander at Post 64, Monroe, GA

We have great organization, come join us!

Carol Eidson, Secretary

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Department of Georgia Convention was held June 27 – 30 in Valdosta, GA. The Squadron Adjutant attended that meeting and learned that National will be voting on an increase in dues for members to become effective during the 2020-2021 year. For the second year in a row, Squadron 123 members were recognized for their contributions to the Legion family and community. Once again, George Gray was elected as 10th District Commander and Detachment Jr. Vice Commander. Greg Gabriel was named as 10th District Sr. Vice-Commander.

You will remember that last year, Commander Gabriel was recognized as Detachment Member of the Year. This year, Adjutant Gray received that same honor. To put that recognition in perspective, there are over 4600 members in the Detachment of Georgia.

During the July meeting, Squadron members were advised of the potential increase in dues from National. After some discussion, members present voted for the Squadron to cover the expected upcoming increase. As a result, individual membership dues for our Squadron members will remain \$25.

Independence Day has come and gone. On July 4th, the Sons along with other members of the Post 123 family joined with the County and Gagliano family in sponsoring a family day at Bryan Park. That event ended with an impressive 51 minute display of fireworks.

In mid-July, the Squadron learned of the need for a handicap ramp by a long-term friend. Members of the Squadron furnished materials and labor to build that ramp.

On August 3rd, the Sons joined with other members of the Legion family to support Community Day at Bryan Park. Support of that event results in the youth in the county having access to much needed school supplies.


In September the Squadron with the assistance of the Auxiliary operated the concessions at the Madison County Fair sponsored by the Lions Club.

As mentioned in every newsletter, membership is paramount to our ability to support our veterans, children and youth and community. Dues for the 2019-2020 year are now due. Each member is very important to the vitality of our Squadron.

If you know someone that may be eligible to be a member of the Squadron, invite them to come be with us as we work with the Legion and Auxiliary to continue to grow and strengthen the Post family for God and Country.

George Gray, Adjutant.



November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 	28 	29 	30 	31	1 Karoake 8:30 Line Dancing 7	2
3	4	5	6	7 Family Steak Night 	8 Karoake 8:30	9
10	11	12 Sons of the American Legion 7:00 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	13	14 Family Steak Night 	15 Karoake 8:30	16 DANCE THE BACK UPS
17 10TH DISTRICT MTG POST 64 MONROE, GA 2:00 PM	18	19 American Legion Meeting 7:00	20	21 Family Steak Night 	22 Karoake 8:30	23
24	25	26 American Legion Riders Meeting 7:00	27	28	29 Karoake 8:30	30



Family Steak Night every Thursday 6:30 - 9:00, other menu items available. Members receive a free dinner on the Thursday of the week of their birthday.

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 AUXILIARY'S ANNUAL BINGO DINNER DINNER @ 7:00PM BINGO FOLLOWING	3	4	5 Family Steak Night 	6 Karoake 8:30	7 DANCE The Southern Drive Band
8 	9	10 Sons of the American Legion 7:00 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	11	12 Lunch w/ National Auxiliary Commander 11:00 Post 64 Monroe, GA Family Steak Night 	13 Karoake 8:30	14
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29	30	31  DANCE HUNTER GRAYSON	1	2	3	4

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

When renewing your American Legion membership by mail, be sure that it is mailed to the Post, and not to State headquarters in Stockbridge. This is to ensure that there is no delay in receiving your new membership card, and so that Post 123 is credited with the renewal. The Post's mailing address is: PO Box 19, Lexington, GA 30648.

A new card reader was installed in the door of our Post the first week in September. Now that it is installed, it will only read the new (blue) door card that you should have/will receive upon renewing your American Legion membership. The new card reader will not read the old orange card, so be sure to renew your membership as soon as you are notified.

The LEGION Act signed into Law



President Donald J. Trump signs S. 504, the Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service (LEGION) Act Tuesday, July 30, 2019, in the Oval Office of the White House. Official White House Photo by Tia Dufour

In a significant legislative victory for The American Legion, President Trump signed a bill July 30 that declares the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941.

The American Legion sought the declaration as a way to honor approximately 1,600 U.S. servicemembers who were killed or wounded during previously undeclared periods of war.

Now that the legislation has been signed, The American Legion's eligibility criteria immediately changes from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

HOURS OF OPERATION

	OPEN	CLOSE
MON	3:00 PM	7:00 PM
TUES	3:00 PM	7:00 PM
WED	3:00 PM	7:00 PM
THUR	3:00 PM	10:00 PM
FRI	3:00 PM	12:00 MID
SAT	3:00 PM	7:00 PM *
SUN	CLOSED	

* Open til 12:00 Mid if having dance



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every Friday night
from 9:00 pm until....**

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Post 123 "Huey" Veteran's Memorial

The UH-1 "Huey" helicopter display area at Post 123 will become an Oglethorpe all-veteran's/all-conflicts memorial in the near future. Tentative plans call for the "Huey" to be raised off the ground approximately 2 feet on four cement pylons. A decorative brick wall then will be built around the pylons. This wall could then be faced with memorial bricks that families of veteran's could purchase (price to be determined) to honor their service member. These bricks, which measure about 4X8 inches, can be inscribed (up to 3 lines) with the veteran's name, rank, dates of service, or other relevant information (see second photo below). The wall may also hold plaques representing each branch of the U.S. Armed forces. Photo below shows what the memorial may look like.

The "Huey" will also be repaired from damage it has sustained by vandalism over the years.

Completion date for the memorial is tentatively scheduled for some time in 2020.

