

# THE AMERICAN LEGION SAXTON – WILLIS POST 64

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## Commander's Corner



### ~Ronald Fenner

The last quarter has been a very busy month for us here at the American Legion Saxton – Willis Post 64. The Old Soldier's Parade and Carnival was a success. Many came out despite the heat. The winners of the floats are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> the American Legion Saxton-Willis Post 64 Auxiliary; 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to the Princess Team and third place went to the Fire Monkeys.

In addition to the prize money, the American Legion Saxton-Willis Post 64 gave several donations to our community members, such as the Ozark Trail Rotary club for a scholarship, the Heber Springs High School cheerleader and football team, as well as the Memorial Fund for each of our members who are no longer with us.

It is my hope that next year we do more. I would like to see our High School marching band participate in the parade and in Boys and Girls State.

I am proud to announce our Post at the Arkansas Governor request to participate in a 106-year-old very active veteran. Our Honor Guard presented colors. Our 1<sup>st</sup> vice, Josh Webb, gave a speech and our guest of honor was presented with a certificate and limited addition American Legion coin from our Post. I am proud to have attended and share stories with this Honored Veteran. The entire ceremony is on the American Legion Web page for those that would enjoy viewing it.

Several Committees have been formed with many still needed. I am happy to announce we have two new Youth Service Officers, who are currently working certification.

Our post still needs a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, this position is responsible for running the kitchen, keeping up to date inventory, and managing those who use the kitchen for special events. This person would be responsible for planning and implementing special event and holiday meals. In addition, this person would be third in command of the American Legion Saxton-Willis Post 64. If a veteran is interested, please contact my office.

Since the beginning of our new cycle of membership in July, we are growing. Many have discovered they can become members. If one cannot obtain a DD214, I have been able to do so through various agencies. If you have a valid VA medical card you are eligible to become a member.

I am proud to say that volunteers are hard at work repairing wheel chairs for veterans in need. We still have a few wheelchairs, along with some other medical equipment we be happy to put in use. Just come by, and sign one out. We only ask that the person is a member of our Post, and when the item is no longer needed, it is returned so that it may be signed out to the next person in need.

Due to waiting list with meals on wheels, and other services, I am concerned many veterans and their families are going without. Please, if you know of a member, or past member that is need of assistance please contact my office. We have a great team of people helping our Legion through various activities, from outreach to shut-in veterans, assigning wheel chairs, mowing lawns and linking them to services in the area.

The funds for donations come from our Bingo Hall use. It is available for outside activities not just for Post's use if you know of someone looking to rent at hall for family reunion, arts and crafts or large activities, please give our office a call. The funds help us provide more assistance to our community, in addition to scholarships.

Since the entire building has gone "non" smoking, we have purchased a new backdoor, which is to be installed. This will help with the influx of traffic moving from inside to outside to enter the designated smoking area. We have enough funds to buy the material to begin building our Smoking building just outside where the tent is standing.

We have more activities planned for the coming quarter. Such as the following:

September 28, 2023 Bike Night in the evening

Next Executive Meeting is 08 October 2023 at 1400 hrs.

General Meeting will be 12 October at 1830 hrs. The quilt of Valor will be attending the general meeting as guest.

Early Bird Dinner will be held 21 October

28 October in the Bingo Hall, is the Halloween dance/party for 21 over, cover charge at the door. Costumes recommended but not required

Anyone who would like to speak to me, please come by, my office door is open. We need to encourage new membership with fresh new ideas and start getting our youth involved with their community and help them develop a strong sense of self and Americanism.

We have lost some great members of the past; they will be missed. My heart and thoughts are with their love ones. In the coming months there will be a celebration of life for Gregg Mendivil once the family set a date. Mario Oliveira's celebration of life will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Our past Post Commander, Larry VanveKoven continues to remain in the hospital, my prayer for him and his family.

God Bless this Nation, our troops and the American Legion Family.

### **Honor Guard**

~ Bonnie Tatom

This last quarter was strange. We started of like gang busters and became inactive at the end. We started with the Flag Retirement ceremony. Again, this year we had a large number of flags to retire. Thanks to the help of the Sons of American Legion and others for their help.

We had three parades, two on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, then the Old Soldier's Parade using 19 people and 30 volunteer hours.

We performed at 15 funerals, with 89 callouts and 208.5 volunteer hours.

We lost Mario Oliveira this quarter.

Larry VanveKoven is very ill and is in the hospital, again at last report.

Steve Williams has joined the Honor Guard and is a thankful addition to our group.

## **Auxiliary**

~Betty Cupples

Hello everyone! It's time for this pesky newsletter again! LOL.

This quarter we are going to be a little busy. We will have our Fall Conference on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the State Veterans Home located on Fort Roots in North Little Rock. Registration is at 9:30, and the meeting starts at 10. Please come join us.

We will have our Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28, from 5-7 pm. There will be lots of games, including the "Cake Walk", prizes, and food. Costumes are optional! Entry fee is one canned food per child, to be donated to the Thanksgiving food boxes. We will have a trunk or treat on the parking lot next to the bingo hall, passing out candy.

We will be having our closing ceremony for the Field of Heroes on Saturday, November 11, at 2 pm. Please attend to pay honor to our veterans.

Our Pre-Thanksgiving bake sale will be on Tuesday, November 21, from noon till 4pm. We will have our order forms out about the second week in November so you can pick what you would like for us to bake for you.

The Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, December 9, from 11am until 5pm. There will be yard sale items, baked goods, and a silent auction. All proceeds go to our general fund to help us help the veterans and their families.

## **Son's of American Legion**

~Tim Grant

Squadron 64, with the ongoing support of our patrons and Legion family, continues to move on with our Taco Tuesdays and Bingo nights.

It is with heavy hearts we lost two Sons of American Legion members, Greg Mendvil was with us for 13 years, and our dual member, Verlon Abam who was a member for 9 years.

We participated with Auxiliary Field of Heroes, the Post's 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic, OSR parade and provided the main course for Survivor Banquet at Relay for Life.

The Squadron made donations to the National Endowment Foundation for single parents, Heber Humane Society, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and contributed to the Post newest project building a Smoking Area outside of the Post Building.

The last quarter of 2023, we will support Post and Auxiliary Activities. We will make local donations like CAPCA and Margie's Haven House.

Keep your Sons membership current for 2024. Membership is vital for us to support our very worthy cases.

## **POST SERVICE OFFICER**

~Steve Williams

Thank you to everyone for being patient with me as I get started as your new Post Service Officer. This is a challenging job, but something I am enthusiastically diving into. I met with the Cleburne County Veterans Service Officer, Destiny Erisman, to update our information. We discussed several things to include how many veterans we currently have in our county and what all services she is able to assist veterans in receiving. Since I am not certified to submit VA documents, we are fully coordinating with her office for most VA type benefits. You can email her at [clebva@yahoo.com](mailto:clebva@yahoo.com) or call her at 501-362-6211. If you have a need for any health aids, such as, wheelchairs, walking canes, or maybe a hospital bed, we do have a few of each available to veterans on hand at the Legion. Please feel free to call me at 501-837-2892 for any assistance and we can get you pointed in the right direction.



## American Legion Activities



*September 2023, Field of Heroes, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion and Legionnaire volunteers.*







**A Special Thanks for the pictures**

# October 2023



Every Tuesday @ 5

Every Friday doors open at 5 and games begin at 6:30



Every Tuesday & Saturday @ 7 No cover charge



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			<b>Sons of American Legion Meeting @ 6:30</b>			<b>Executive meeting @ 2 p.m.</b>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Columbus Day</b> <b>Indigenous People's Day</b>			<b>General Meeting</b> <b>Guest Quilts of Valor @ 6:30 pm</b> <b>Auxiliary meeting @ 6:30 p.m.</b>		<b>Early Bird Dinner at</b>  <b>@ NOON</b>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					 <b>Auxiliary NHR Fall Conference @ 9:30</b>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					 <b>Auxiliary Trunk or Treat @ 2 to 4</b> <b>Fall Festival Spring Park</b>  <b>8 pm Rider's present 21 &amp; over Halloween Dance</b>	
30	 <b>Halloween</b>					

# November 2023



Every  
Tuesday at  
5



Bingo Every Friday,  
doors open at 5 game  
begins at 6:30



Every  
Tuesday &  
Saturday  
@ 7 no  
cover  
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**11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day**  
Ceremony Spring Park @  
11 followed by Auxiliary  
Courthouse Ceremony

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	5
			 <b>SAL</b> meeting @ 6:30		 <b>AL</b> District Meeting @ 11  <b>Mario</b> Oliveira @ 2 pm  <b>Women</b> Veteran Summit – Mt Home @ 2 -5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	 <b>AL Rider's</b> meeting @6:30		 <b>Auxiliary and</b> General Meeting @ 6:30	<b>Veteran Speak at</b> Concord School @ 8 a.m.	 <b>Free</b> Hot Dogs & Burgers to All veterans.	<b>Executive</b> Meeting @ 2
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					 <b>Thanksgiving</b> Dinner @ Noon	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<b>Auxiliary Pre-</b> Thanksgiving Bake Sale 12 p.m.-4 p.m.					
27	28	29	30			
			 <b>SALS</b> meeting @6:30			



# December 2023



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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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4	5	6	7	8	9 	10
			 SAL's meeting at 6:30 p.m.		Auxiliary Christmas Bazar Noon to 4	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			 Auxiliary Mtg @ 6:30 p.m. No General mtg			No Executive meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bar closes @ 5 pm 				NO BINGO		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Closed all day <i>Merry Christmas</i>				NO BINGO		



## American Legion Saxton Willis Post 64 Family Roll Call

### Legionnaires

- **Post Commander** ~Ronald Fenner 479-670-0573
- **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander** ~Josh Webb 501-358-2921
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander** ~Vacant
- **Adjutant** ~Vacant
- **Finance Officer** ~Sandi Baker Fenner 870-810-0770
- **Chaplain** ~Jerrell Skinner 501-269-4227
- **Service Officer** ~Steve Williams 501-837-2892
- **Judge Advocate** ~Bonnie Tatom 501-556-5186
- **Historian & Public Relations** ~Michael Hernandez 501-691-5441
- **Sergeant of Arms** ~Johnny Whitmire 501-277-0147

#### **Post 64 Executive Committee**

*Bruce (Ziggy) Ziegenbalg 501-270-1157*

*Tim Sartin 501-270-2923*

#### **Post 64 Canteen Committee**


*Bruce (Ziggy) Ziegenbalg 501-270-1157*

*Tim Sartin 501-270-2923*

*Michael Hernandez 501-691-5441*



## Auxiliary Officers

 President	Betty Cupples	501-365-6895
 Vice President	Donaice Harris	501-206-6999
 Secretary	Marla Chalk	501-306-4230
 Treasurer & Historian	Robyn Rose	501-591-0456
 Chaplain	Darla Hawley	
 Segreant of Arms	Beverly Head	417-540-8759



## Sons of the American Legion Officers

❖ Commander	Tim Grant	501-691-3839
❖ 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Phil Harris	501-206-6999
❖ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Robert Willard	501-206-5147
❖ Adjutant & Finance Officer	Tom Thompson	501-306-2781
❖ Chaplain	Timothy Golden	501-306-2781
❖ Segreant of Arms	Harold Foster	
❖ Historian	Larry VanveKoven	501-362-3887
❖ Liaison	Bob Wetzel	501-2702878



## American Legion Riders Officers

✓ Director	Ronald Fenner	479-670-0573
✓ Vice Director		
✓ Secretary & Treasurer	Tom Thompson	501-206-4069
✓ Chaplain	Jim (Spud)	501-206-7632
✓ Sergeant of Arms	Johnny Whitmeyer	501-277-0147
✓ Head Road Captain	Chris Fortenberry	501-887-6494
✓ Assistant Road Captain	Johnny Whitmire	501-277-0147



## Honor Guard

Bonnie Tatom	Bob Wetzel	Tom H Stanford
Jerrel Skinner	Charlie Cashion	Kenneth Wahlgren
Steve Williams	Tim Golden	Phil Harris
John Armor	Larry VanveKoven	Skip Graewert
Mike Nuckolls	Sam Clary	Johnny Whitmire





## *Memorial*



- Jack D Allen
- Billie D Webb
- James L Barney
- Ben Wright
- Kenneth Ballard
- Jimmy Anderson
- Mario Oliveira
- Clarence V Abram, past Arkansas State and Post 64 Commander





American Legion Saxton Willis Post 64

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

**TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

- ❖ TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER
- ❖ TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICANISM
- ❖ TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS IN ALL WARS
- ❖ TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION
- ❖ TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY OF BOTH THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES
- ❖ TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT
- ❖ TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOOD WILL ON EARTH
- ❖ TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY
- ❖ TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS.

**Volunteerism** is the back bone of the American Legion, without your help the American Legion Saxton-Willis Post 64 would not be able to provide donations, and services to our veterans, their families and our community.

## **Special Thanks to**

Auxiliary Ladies for their undying volunteering to help their community through many avenues of time, cooking wonderful meals and outreach.

Sons of the American Legion for their dedication, as special thanks to Harold Foster for mowing the American Legion Saxton-Willis Post 64 lawn and provide many volunteer hours.

The Honor Guard and Riders put in many endless hours attending funerals and helping members of our veterans during their time of need.

*Those that would like to give a few hours to volunteer please come by the office. For those that have put endless time volunteering please come by the office and complete a form for your volunteer hours. This is essential for the American Legion Saxton-Willis Post 64.*

## **Passing thought**

The Officers at the American Legion Saxton-Willis Post 64 are always looking into ways to better the Post relations with the members, family and community. If you have any suggestions, please come by and speak with the Commander. In addition, we are looking to add entertainment during the week, suggestions are greatly appreciated.



## **BETHEONE.ORG**

Suicide has taken many, by **BEING THE ONE**, we can help those that are struggling and feel their lives no longer matter. A simple smile, a hug, or a phone call may be all that soldier needs to help them get through. If someone appears in need by **BEING THE ONE**, a life can be saved for another day. If you or someone you know needs help do not hesitate to contact Ronald Fenner, Post 64 Commander, he will get you or your friend help. OR, **contact the 24/7 Confidential Crisis**

**support for Veterans & their love ones.**

**VETERANS CRISIS LINE DIAL 988 press 1 OR  
TEXT 838255.**