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THE TRIPLE NICKEL

PRO-BONO WILLS AND ADVANCED DIRECTIVES OFFERED TO POST 555 MEMBERS

After offering pro-bono wills and advanced directives to the entire Post, there were several delays coordinating with the Alabama Elder Care Law Firm, LLC due to our POC, Valerie Sawyer completing the BAR and then able to put the appointments going. I had a total of 23 members and 13 spouses show an interest, and ultimately were able to have 17 members and 11 spouses return their required documents to the three attorneys to further process.

The date was chosen and agreed upon for Sat., June 8, 2024 so I sent out e-mails to everyone who was still interested and could be there. There were a few hiccups with the schedules switching people around, but no one seemed to mind. There were also some members and a member's daughter there to provide assistance to be witnesses, etc. so I want to highlight them: **Chuck and Karla Kiser, Karryl and Becky Anderson, Bill and Pat Blank, and Derek Winters Sr., and Gary Wright**. Some of them had appointments so they were available if needed. Skip's daughter, **Ashton Mize**, offered to be a back-up Notary Public, and I think she did one or two.

We will be honoring the members of the **Alabama Elder Care Law Firm, LLC** at the September 5, 2024 General Membership Meeting, so hopefully those of you who were privileged to have your documents prepared will be there to have a photo with them. Also, the young lady who was assisting all three attorneys, **Lilly-Claire Mann**, will be present tonight to be honored as well.

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Squadron 555 Commander Donald Walker asked me to please insert the following photos of his involvement with the Sons at the conference that was held at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery, Alabama, June 20-22, 2024. The Sons received a ton of accolades for their performance this past year, and all were well-deserved.



L/R: George Krigbaum, Donald Walker, and Sons National Commander, Donald “J.R.” Hall. Donald is being recognized as Son of the Year for his work on the Detachment staff as Historian. Donald was elected as 2025 Department Vice Commander of Area Three focusing on membership.



L/R: George Krigbaum, Ron Koonce, and Sons National Commander Donald “J.R.” Hall. Squadron Adjutant/Finance Officer, Ron Koonce was recognized for his service to the Detachment as Americanism Chair. Ron was re-elected as the Americanism Chair for 2025.



L/R: Detachment Commander George Krigbaum, Ron Koonce, and Sons National Commander Donald “J.R.” Hall. Ron is accepting the 100% Membership Certificate for the Squadron.

“FIRE ON THE WATER” OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

As in many past years, members of Post 555 were invited to attend “Fire on the Water” 4th of July Celebration at the Oak Mountain State Park the afternoon/evening of Wed., July 3, 2024. It was much better weather this year (we got soaked last year by afternoon storms), but still very hot. However, the following members stepped-up to help set-up and most stayed to help with tear-down, so I first want to thank **John Clopton** for pulling the Post 555 trailer to and from the park. This always seems to be a hard

“task” to find someone to take on, but **John** was absolutely fine with it and for that I am thankful. Also present were **Bill Blank, Skip Mize, Karla Reagin-Young, Dorian Ross, Tim Vincelette, and Nancy Waller.**

After the sun went down, the Post 555 Color Guard was ready to go with the presentation of the National Colors while the National Anthem played and was beautifully sung by Rob Robinson. The Color Guard members were **Skip Mize, Karla Reagin-Young, Dorian Ross, and Nancy Waller.** We are not pros, but I think we did an excellent job!!! I hope we are invited to return next year.



L/R: Nancy Waller, Karla Reagin-Young, Skip Mize, and Tim Vincelette.

Rob Robinson singing the National Anthem.

POST 555 MEMBERS VISIT THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL IN TUPELO, MS

Not sure if you knew this or not (I definitely did not) that there is a Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Tupelo, MS that is absolutely a site to see. On Fri., July 26, 2024, **Bill Blank, Chic Cecchini, and Henry Crist** joined other Veterans from Post 255 on a bus ride to Post 49.



L/R: Bill Blank and Post 255 Service Officer. Bill is accepting a Vietnam Veteran cap.



Three beautiful sites in this park.



ALABAMA YELLOWHAMMER LEGION COLLEGE HAS TWO MORE GRADUATES FROM POST 555

The Department of Alabama located in Montgomery, Alabama hosted the July 26-28, 2024 Alabama Yellowhammer Legion College. There were quite a few members of The American Legion who attended from all over the state. Two of us represented Post 555 which *is Harry “Skip” Mize IV and myself, Nancy Waller*. Our *Squadron 555 Commander, Donald Walker and Department/2nd Division/23rd District/Post 555 Judge Advocate, Tom Long* were both instructors for this course, and they did an OUTSTANDING job. The students were tasked with several individual and group tasks which were interesting, and made all of us work together which is part of what the AYLC stands for; bringing ideas back to our respective Posts and working together to make them better.

Of course, Skip and I graduated “with honors” (but so did everyone else...), and we had a great time. We received some very beautiful certificates, and I framed mine and put it on my “I love me” wall (don’t laugh because I know you know what that means and a lot of you have one, I guarantee). We joined an elite group of current AYLC graduates at Post 555 which includes Bill Blank, Ron Koonce, Tom Long, and Donald Walker (if I missed anyone, I apologize). Our plan is to take the information we learned back to Post 555 and start having sessions during our General Membership Meetings to try to help with clarifying old and new policies in the Legion and to hopefully receive feedback from the members who attend.

On another note, if there is anything **YOU** want us to research and present for you, let us know by contacting me, the Editor (Nancy Waller) and I will share your request with the other AYLC graduates.

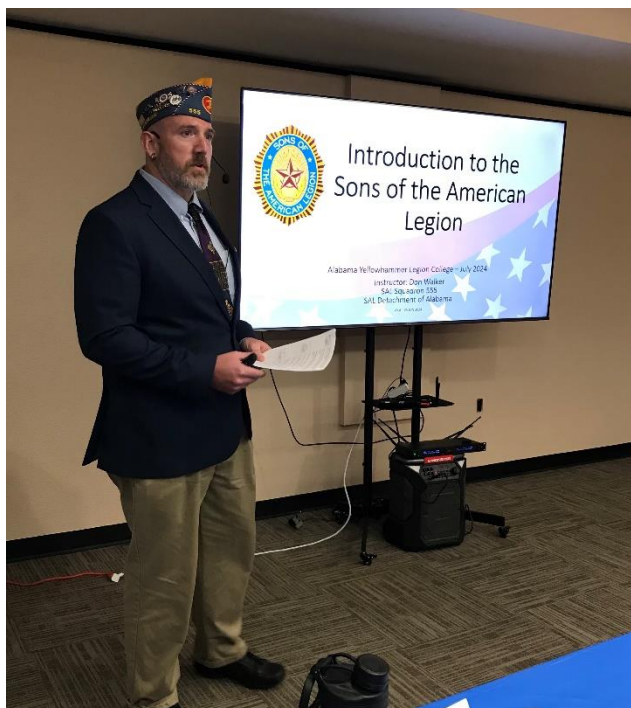
If you are interested in attending the next AYLC, here are the requirements: Be a member in good-standing, commit to all three days, wear the official American Legion Headgear (at graduation only), complete the on-line American Legion Basic Training Course (need to had a certificate to send with your application), pay a \$50 application fee, and have your application reviewed and approved by the Post Commander and the 23rd District Comander. Takes a little bit of effort, but well worth it in the end.



Skip Mize receiving his AYLC diploma.



Nancy Waller receiving her AYLC diploma.



Donald Walker, AYLC graduate, instructing.



Donald Walker, Skip Mize, and Nancy Waller.

CHAPLAIN'S UPLIFT

Have you ever heard the term “He’s meaner than a snake”? It’s not so good if you see him that way, and doesn’t want to be around him. It’s really not good if she dies and they all remember her that way! Such was my wife’s grandmother. Everyone bragged on her when she reached the age of 100. The local news even came to our house to film her riding on the back of a motorcycle for the first time in 100 years! “What an amazing lady,” they said.

My kids saw her differently. They remember how mean she was when they would come into the house for a drink of water. She would go into the kitchen and “shoo” them out, thinking they came in to steal a cookie. After she died, the grandkids **never** talked about her, unless it was in the context of remembering that she was meaner than a snake.

I wish she had died at 70! She would not have left behind such a terrible legacy. Far worse, though, than running the kids out of the kitchen, was the fact that she was SO prejudice! She would sit 3 feet in front of the TV watching her game shows and saying to herself, “The blacks always win the prize.” “The blacks always win the prize.” Seriously? “Granny, **stop** putting your poison into the minds of my kids!”

I come from kinfolk deep in the country, and they were so prejudice in the ‘50’s and 60’s. Once I was watching Motown and the Supremes singing on TV. I was 15 years old. I said, “Man, Diana Ross is beautiful! I’d marry her in a minute.” My dad got **so** mad and told me not to ever say that again. Out of respect, I didn’t say anything else. But I still wanted to marry her :))

Here is my point. My dad sat in his recliner one day, crying like a baby. He had just found out that he was dying from cancer. HOW he wished that he could go back and change some things. But it was too late. His legacy was set in stone. He fell victim to Proverbs 10:7 “The memory of the righteous is Blessed, but the name of the wicked WILL ROT.” (emp. mine). I decided way back when that I will not be like my kinfolk.

I served in Papua New Guinea for 11 years and I am not prejudice, but I do have a lot of things in life that I would change. So would you. I get it. Here is the great hope from the Bible for believers: We cannot change how the story started or has been going for us even up to yesterday, but we can change the ending. When I speak, I know that if I have a strong ending, it will be remembered.

My fellow Veterans, it is the same in life. If you want to leave a lasting legacy, determine to **finish strong!** You can, you know. Your progeny and your friends will talk about it in a positive way. You can, you know. If I were your coach sending you into the game, I would say, “**Vet, you’re up!**”

*For God and Country,
Chaplain Joe*

71st ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE KOREAN WAR

On Sat., July 27, 2024, several members attended this event at Committal Shelter #3 at the Alabama National Cemetery (ALNC) to honor the end of the Korean War. Post 555 members present were **Bill Blank, Chic Cecchini, James Darden, Frank Lakotich, Kenneth Paschal, Ray Pata, Conrad Stempel, and Eldon and Bonnie Woodie.**

On the 71st Anniversary of the End of the Korean War

The Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery

Invites You To Join Us For A
Memorial Wreath Laying
and Taps

Saturday, July 27, 2024, 10 am
Alabama National Cemetery
Committal Shelter 3
3133 Highway 119, Montevallo, AL

In memory and honor of the brave military service members who served in the Korean War, we will share a prayer, the national anthem, moment of silence, wreath laying and taps. The brief (10 minute) tribute will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices of the brave Americans who served. The public is invited to join us as we reflect on their memory and thank the humble members of the Silent Generation.



Flyer distributed by the ALNC.



Eldon Woodie, Bill Blank, Frank Lakotich, and Kenneth Paschal.



“Buglers Across America” representative playing Taps.

CATCHING-UP ON ROVEO LUNCHEONS

ROVEO Luncheon # 17 was held at the Golden City Chinese Restaurant in Pelham on June 11, 2024. There was a full table for this event: **Karryl Anderson, Terrie and Barry Blount, Frank Chacon, Chic Cecchini, Joe Dunn, Ron Koonce, Robert Sanders, and Nancy Waller.** The food and service could not have been any better (the company, always).



L/R: Nancy Waller, Chic Cecchini, Karryl Anderson, Frank Chacon, and Terrie Blount. Those are Barry Blount's hands at the head of the table.



Robert Sanders showed-up, but I think Joe Dunn was a little late.

ROVEO Luncheon # 18 was held at 2 Pesos in Pelham on July 16, 2024. I was at my quarterly SCALNC meeting so I could not join the group. From photos that Chic took, this looks like one of the largest ROVEOs in a while! Attendees were **Karryl Anderson, Chic and Rita Cecchini, Frank Chacon, Henry and Nancy Crist, Chuck Kiser, Mark Mays, Robert Sanders, Tim Vincelette, and Pete Williams**. I heard both good and bad comments, so it might not be on our schedule for a return visit; we'll see.



L/R: Robert Sanders, Pete Williams, Rita Cecchini, Nancy Crist, Henry Crist, Mark Mays, Tim Vincelette, Chuck Kiser, Frank Chacon, Karryl Anderson, and Joe Dunn. Chic is behind the camera (as he is most of the time).

ROVEO Luncheon # 19 was held at the Margarita Grill in Pelham on August 6, 2024. Since Javier Jerez, an owner, is a member of Post 555, we try to solicit his restaurant as much as the group allows. Members present at this event were **Karryl and Becky Anderson, Frank Chacon, Joe Dunn, Mary May, Robert Sanders, Nancy and Sparkie Waller, and Eldon and**

Bonnie Woodie. Great food (and plenty of leftovers) and camaraderie. As always, Javier stopped by to pay us a visit. Wonderful host and Post 555 member!



L/R: Karryl and Becky Anderson, Joe Dunn, Mark Mays, Robert Sanders, Frank Chacon, Eldon and Bonnie Woodie, and Nancy and Sparkie Waller

HELPING OUR FRIENDS AT THE HOOVER SENIOR CENTER FOR THEIR VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT

Jerry McClain's wife, Charla, asked Post 555 members for help with her Volunteer Recognition Event on Fri., August 9, 2024 at the Hoover Senior Center. It is a beautiful place, and we were glad to help. Members who volunteered were **Bill Blank, Helen Moman, Vashone Smith, and Nancy Waller.** **Jerry McClain** was also there (of course) to assist with the set-up.



L/R: Jerry McClain, Helen Moman, Lillian Banks, Vashone Smith, Nancy Waller, and Bill Blank. The second photo is how the tables were set-up.



Old 45 rpm records decorating this door.

POST 555 MEMBERS VISIT THE VIETNAM VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WALL AND SPORTSMAN LAKE PARK

On Fri., August 23, 2024, several Post 555 members went to a VVA event in Cullman, Alabama. Those attendees were Bill Blank, Chic Cecchini, Frank Lakotich, Ronnie McGriff, and Larry Strayer. I was told that it was a beautiful park that included a memorial wall honoring Fallen Heroes from Alabama, a "Huey" helicopter, and a tank. Check-out the photos and see for yourself. You might want to head to Cullman to check this out.



L/R: Frank Lakotich, Larry Strayer, Ronnie McGriff, Vann (last name unknown), Bill Blank, and Clarence (last name unknown). Chic is behind the camera.



Ronnie McGriff is deciding whether he wants the helicopter or tank; tough choice!!!



I am not going to tell who is being squeezed onto the “kiddie train”, but I had to put this photo in here. Check out Frank Lakotich laughing as he walks away.

PELHAM POLICE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We were invited again this year to participate in the Pelham Police National Night Out scheduled for Tues., October 1, 2024 at the Pelham City Park from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. I am looking for Volunteers to help with set-up between 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Luckily, John Clopton volunteered to transport the Post 555 trailer to the site so we could set-up our tent, information table, etc. I am also hoping that Riders Director Doug McDaniel can have some of his Riders come to this event because the bikes are always a highlight and draw people to our area.

If you would like to help with set-up and/or tear down, let me know. We have a few Volunteers already but the more hands, the easier it is. You can send me an e-mail to wallernj@gmail.com or call my cell @ 251-554-6986. Let me add YOU to the list.

NOVEMBER THANKSGIVING DINNER/MEETING

I already sent one e-mail out Post-wide to let you know that we are having our Thanksgiving Dinner/Meeting again this year at the First Baptist Church Pelham’s Annex. The dinner/meeting will be on **Fri., November 8, 2024** due to the church utilizing the Annex Mondays through Thursdays, so we are grateful to have this facility to use. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. but please arrive earlier than that so there is time to sign-in, get your name tag, and pick your favorite place to sit, etc.

I will need RSVPs so that I can keep track of the number of attendees. The maximum headcount will be 125, so if/when I get to that point, I will put out another e-mail letting you know that the headcount has been reached. Two members already sent me their RSVP since they read between the lines in my e-mail about this event, so I will send another e-mail with all the details you will need.

We will be inviting our VIPs in the community and several guests, so get your name to me ASAP. For any questions, contact me, Adjutant Nancy Waller, @ 251-554-6986.

I hope to see you!!!

2024 WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (WAA) CAMPAIGN IS ON!!!

If you did not see my plea for donations to the upcoming WWA Campaign in a recent e-mail, here is your second chance to consider donating. The wreaths are now \$17 each and our goal for the cemetery is to have 11,000 purchased. After this article, there is a copy of the WAA Donation Form that you can complete with your payment payable to "Matthew Blount Post 555" with "WAA Donation" on the memo line. You can complete the form and mail it and your check to 50 Racquet Club Parkway, Pelham, AL 35124.

The WAA event takes place on **Sat., December 14, 2024, 11:00 a.m.** I will keep everyone informed on the arrival of the trucks transporting the wreaths from Maine so that you can help unpack the trucks. A truck (or maybe trucks) will move around the Alabama National Cemetery (ALNC) to have Volunteers pre-position the wreaths at every section for family members to place a wreath on the headstone of their loved one(s), then the Volunteers will place the rest of them. If you haven't seen this sight before, it is truly one you will remember for years to come. Put the week of December 9-13 on your calendar to keep clear until the arrival of the truck(s), then of course the day of the event on the 14th.

Since I needed a whole page for the WAA Donation Form, it starts on page 12.

Sixteenth Annual Wreaths Across America – 14 December 2024
Alabama National Cemetery - Montevallo, Alabama



Remember - Honor - Teach

Updated 25 January 2024

The Blue Star Salute Foundation, Inc. (BSSF) needs sponsors for our 16th Annual Wreaths Across America project -- a nationwide fundraising endeavor to provide a live Maine Balsam Wreath for each Veteran's grave each Christmas season. Wreaths sponsored by this BSSF endeavor are for Veteran's graves in the **Alabama National Cemetery (ALNC)**, located on Highway 119 in Montevallo. The 2024 Remembrance Ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on December 14, 2024 and is coordinated by the Support Committee of the Alabama National Cemetery (SCALNC). The cost to sponsor a wreath is **\$17.00**. In 2024, we will need approximately 11,000 wreaths for our cemetery. All wreath sponsors, as well as family members of those buried within ALNC, are invited and strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the wreath-laying ceremony.

To sponsor wreaths for the ALNC, please complete this form and return it with your payment to **The American Legion Matthew Blount Post 555, 50 Racquet Club Parkway, Pelham, AL 35124**. Your checks or money orders **must** be made payable to "Matthew Blount Post 555"; be sure to put "Wreaths Across America" on the memo line. Each sponsorship is tax deductible. For sponsorships of \$250 or more, a donation acknowledgment will be sent to the e-mail address indicated below.

"IN MEMORY OF/IN HONOR OF" RECOGNITION

This year, the names of your loved ones will be included in the Ceremony Program which will be viewable on-line and will be available for downloading and printing. For the "In Honor/In Memory" names to be included in the Ceremony Program for 2024, forms must be received no later than November 30, 2024.

Wreaths Across America Sponsorship Form

Please Print Legibly to Ensure Correct Information for Your Loved Ones

Name of Individual/Organizational Sponsor: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Sponsorship Amount (\$17 each): _____

In Honor of (living): _____

In Memory of (deceased): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

REPORT FROM TOM LONG ABOUT THE 2024 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONFERENCE



I had the opportunity to attend the 105th American Legion National Conference in New Orleans, LA August 23rd thru 29th. It was my first national legion conference and very eye opening. I wanted to give you all a very brief idea of some of the events and meetings that I attended. Firstly, Alabama was well-represented with over forty (40) Legionnaires and guests attending. We were not the largest but certainly were one of the most active departments in the country there. The conference had many dozens of meeting from which we could select. The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion were well-represented as well. I have not heard the total number of attendees yet, but one estimate was between 9,000 and 10,000 Legionnaires not counting spouses, etc.

As I mentioned, there were many opportunities to attend meetings. Several included; TBI/PTSD Suicide Prevention Committee, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Legislative Commission, Constitutional Amendments Convention Committee, and the American Legion General Session which was an all-day event. I visited other meetings and networked with Legionnaires from around the country and several foreign countries including China and France. At the General Session, the delegates heard from all our American Legion Youth Champions including oratorical winner and air rifle champion and the Spirit of Service Award winners. We heard from many dignitaries such as General Chance Saltzman, Director of Space Force Operations; as well as Michael Fitzmaurice and Britt K. Slabinski, both Medal of Honor Recipients. Veterans Administration Secretary Denis McDonough also addressed the convention. There were many more. I urge you to go to the American Legion National website and review all the material from this convention (cut and paste.) <https://www.legion.org/>

One of the high points for me during the week was the outgoing National Commander Seehafer's address. Both Presidential Candidates were invited to speak at the convention. Neither one had the flexibility in their schedule to attend. I understood that in fairness and our apolitical position, both had to accept as we would not allow only one candidate to attend. I strongly encourage you to listen to Commander Seehafer's message to the presidential candidates (cut and paste).

<https://www.legion.org/commander/videos/PL048E5F43D9D11C0E/5GdwfxOLojU>

James A. LaCoursiere Jr. from Connecticut was elected the 2024-2025 Commander of the Legion on Thursday. We look forward to his time as our Commander (cut and paste).

<https://www.legion.org/convention/videos/PLB6BF9D441DABBFCE/QLAN8XVO7ms>

Sadly, the conference also experienced a tragedy which I am sure many of which you may have already be aware. Four (4) members of the Alabama contingent and Rider's groups traveling on their motorcycles, were in an accident on the way back from New Orleans. They were members of Post 255. Sadly, one Auxiliary member lost her life, and two other Riders were injured, one seriously. He has been transferred to the Lakeshore Rehabilitation Center in Homewood for treatment. I encourage everyone to keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Overall, a great experience which I would encourage everyone to attend a national conference in the future.



RESULTS OF THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND JUNIOR SHOOTERS' FUNDRAISER



As is the case on every Junior Shooters' Fundraiser in which we have been asked to participate, Post 555 came through AGAIN!!! Sam Richardson, the Director, told me when I picked-up the meat order that other than he and his wife, Post 555 was the next highest participant in this event by us purchasing **\$1,605** worth of butts, briskets, and chicken breasts.

Thank you to the following members who purchased meat: **Karryl Anderson, Bill Blank, Barry Blount, Chic Cecchini, John Clopton, Joe Dunn, Tom Long, Ronnie McGriff, Helen Moman, Rick Morris, Curtis Orse, Herb Rosenbaum (a friend of Jimmy Watson's), Harry Sessamen, Rachel Sills and Cheryl Gilliam, Vashone Smith, Tim Vincelette, Nancy Waller, Pete Williams, Eldon Woodie, and John Zeiss.** I will keep the two names to myself of who I had to call to come and pick-up their orders.....

JULY "BELATED" BIRTHDAY WISHES

Harris, Jerry F., 07/04
Bass, Johnny R., 07/05
Mize, Skip, 07/05
Murphy, Patrick J., 07/05
Newton, Brian K., 07/05
Fort, Eric P., 07/06
Pillar, Thomas N., 07/06
Healy, Edward A., 07/07
Helmick-Williams, Desiree, 07/07
Remmem, Douglas W., 07/09
Young, Christopher J., 07/09
Woodie, Bonnie G., 07/10
Franklin, Leon G., 07/14
Colvard, Donald R., 07/15

Robertson, Linda M., 07/17
Bennett, Anita F., 07/18
Honbarrier, Kurt, 07/18
Bangert, John L., 07/20
Blount, Barry K., 07/20
Argo, Richard A., 07/24
Moman, Helen, 07/25
Raymond, Leroy F., 07/25
Strayer, Larry E., 07/25
Yokel, Ray, 07/26
Byram Bobby W., 07/27
Ferguson, Randy A., 07/27
Reagin, Young, Karla D., 07/30

AUGUST “BELATED” BIRTHDAY WISHES

Coram, David W., 08/03
Farmer, Alan K., 08/04
Horsley, Bobby L., 08/04
Blount, David, 08/09
Thompson, Robert G., 08/10
Kernea, Doyle R., 08/12
Burell, Andy A., 08/14

Waller, Rick G., 08/20
Wolf, William T., 08/24
Borge, Paul F., 08/27
Kennedy, Edward D., 08/29
Taylor, Eddie E., 08/30
Weldy, William, 08/30

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES

Vonderau, Chris, 09/01
Zeiss, John J., 09/01
Watson, Jimmy J., 09/04
Jones, James L., 09/04
McLain, Kyle D., 09/04
Cleveland, Ken A., 09/06
Orse, Curtis, 09/06
Franklin, Joyce, 09/09
Patton, James H., 09/09
Dobbins, Durall P., 09/10

Echedon, Renae, 09/12
Kaster, Richard L., 09/12
Whitney, David N., 09/13
Merritt, Sammy L., 09/15
Morris, Rick P., 09/15
Mann, Jimmy R., 09/16
Dunaway, James E., 09/20
Jensen, Paul E., 09/20
Ackley, Charles W., 09/22
Walker, Quinntel W., 09/23



If your birthday is in July, August, or September and your name is not on this list, it is because it is not listed in your profile in MyLegion.org. Please send me your birthday so you can be included in future Happy Birthday wishes!!

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We normally meet the first Thursday of the month, so please join us on **Thurs., September 5, 2024** with our fellowship meal (hosted by Texas Roadhouse) at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. at the Pelham Senior Center at 50 Racquet Club Parkway, Pelham, AL 35124. The highlights of this meeting will be honoring the members of the Alabama Elder Care Law Firm, LLC who helped 17 members and 11 spouses update their wills and advanced directives at no cost to them! I have already asked all of these members to please try to attend the September meeting so that they could be in a photo with the members of the law firm. We will also have a guest speaker, Mr. Christian Hatfield, talking about “Fentanyl Awareness”. Appears this is a big concern in our community.

POST LEADERSHIP FOR 2024 – 2025

Post Commander

Bill Blank

First Vice Commander

Harry “Skip” Mize IV

Second Vice Commander

Dorian Ross

Adjutant

Nancy Waller

Judge Advocate

Tom Long

Finance Officer

Ron Koonce

Chaplain

Joe Dunn

Sergeant-at-Arms

Jerry McClain

Service Officer

Curtis Orse

Historian

Nancy Waller

Public Relations Officer

Nancy Waller

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Frank Lakotich (3 Yr.)

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Donald Walker, Commander

Ron Koonce, Advisor/Adjutant

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Boy Scout Troop 404 Coordinator

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