

American Legion LeBron Post 58

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March 2015 "American Legion Birthday"

"Capt. Leo P. LeBron Appreciation Day"



Commander's Message



On March 15, The American Legion Post in Guthrie will be celebrating the American Legion's birthday by having a large celebration at their Post.



As part of the celebration, they will be hosting the descendants of the man their Post is named after, Captain Leo P LeBron. "We will have several members of the city and state governments in attendance," Ryan Alley said.

A proclamation will be made making March 15 as "Captain LeBron Day" in both the city of Guthrie and The State of Oklahoma.

The public is invited to the event to be held at 123 N. 1st Street in downtown Guthrie.

About Captain Leo LeBron

Capt. Leo Parrott LeBron was formerly from Guthrie. He was killed on February 5, 1918 when the Tuscania was torpedoed off the Irish coast with the loss of 101 men. His body was temporarily buried on the island cemetery in a plot given by Lord Morrison. LeBron's body was later shipped to his birthplace, Keokuk, Iowa.

Capt. LeBron was the son of Frank and Mrs. Elizabeth LeBron of Keokuk, and the grandson of Brig-General Parrott of Iowa. While he lived in Guthrie, LeBron was a civil engineer for the Fort Smith and Western Railway. He was born July 2, 1876, and educated in the public schools of Iowa and graduated from the Kemper Military Academy and Iowa State University. He volunteered for the service on August 6, 1917 and was commissioned a captain from the Department and sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He sailed for France with the Corps of Engineers on January 23, 1918 on the U.S. Transport, Tuscania. Captain LeBron was killed on February 5th, 1918, when the Tuscania was torpedoed off the Irish coast with the loss of 101 men. His body was buried on the island, in a cemetery for which the land was given by Lord Morrison. He is now buried in the cemetery of his birthplace.

Captain LeBron was also the first member of the B.P.O.E. in the world to be killed in the war. He is survived by Mrs. LeBron, his widow, and two children, Leo, Jr., and Miss Nan, of Oklahoma City.

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The American Legion, Inc. is a federally chartered corporation formed in Paris on March 15, 1919 by veterans of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Their main mission is to sponsor programs that improve veterans communities, such as scholarships, veterans help programs (i.e. ending veterans homelessness), and youth sports. They also promote national security, patriotism, and devotion to veterans.

The aftermath of two American wars in the second half of the 19th century had seen the formation of several ex-soldiers' organizations. Following the American Civil War of 1861-65 former Union soldiers had established an organization called the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), while their Southern brethren had joined together as the United Confederate Veterans (UCV) in the aftermath of hostilities. Both of these organizations had emerged as powerful political entities, with the GAR serving as a mainstay of the Republican Party, which controlled the Presidency from the Civil War through the Theodore Roosevelt administration for all but the two terms of office of Grover Cleveland. In Southern politics the UCV maintained an even more dominant position as a bulwark of the conservative Democratic Party which ruled there.

This situation was a particular matter of concern to Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., eldest son of the 26th President. One day in January 1919, Roosevelt had a discussion at General Headquarters with a mobilized National Guard officer named George A. White, a former newspaper editor with the Portland Oregonian. After long discussion, Roosevelt suggested the establishment at once of a new servicemen's organization including all members of the AEF, as well as those soldiers who remained stateside as members of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps during the war without having been shipped abroad.

March 15, the designated birthday of The American Legion, is the day in 1919 when 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 day in 1776 when revolting patriots declared the independence of the British colonies and the spirit of America was born – March 15 is the date on which the Legion came to life. In closing for the first time since 1999 Post 58 is 100% in paid membership. Our membership is getting stronger by the day with new members. Let's keep up the work to help The Department of Oklahoma become 100% as well. Remember the Legion is what you make of it!!! Great job Legionaries'

HAPPY 96TH BIRTHDAY LEBRON POST 58



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1st Vice Commander's Message



We are always looking for volunteers to step up to the plate.

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between the American Legion and the VFW? There isn't any! We are all veterans who have served this great country with honor, and courage. The only difference is the American Legion requires you to have served during war time. The VFW requires you to have your boot on the ground in the combat area.

That little difference can sometimes drive a big wedge between these organizations. But in Logan county-we are a "unit on one", working hand to hand to help veterans. If you're looking to have a family night out visit the VFW.

Remember your Legion Post is having a Garage Sale on March 20-22.

We could use more items to sell. American Legion Boy State/Girl State is a unique summer time educational program that does not emphasize classroom lectures and text book learning instead, it focuses on participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with governing bodies and elected public officials. It is designed to mirror the structure and operation of its state government to develop leadership and pride in American citizenship. At this time we are accepting applications. So if you have a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter who are junior's this year contact 1st Vice Commander Myrl Waggoner and 3rd Vice Commander Gregory Rupert!

Myrl Waggoner
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2nd Vice Commander's Message



If you are like me you are beginning to suffer from cabin fever. We finally got the winter weather everyone was expecting and the cold weather makes you want to stay inside. I finally had to get out so I went to our Thursday morning coffee, several other guys had the same idea. If you get cabin fever come join us and see what's going on, we discuss anything that happens to come up. This article was in the newspaper, who says history doesn't repeat itself:

WHO ARE THE CULPRITS?

As our Founding Fathers tried to write a constitution, disagreements were so strong that the convention almost broke up. Members took a break and met to pray for God's guidance. When they came back, the difference was extraordinary, and they designed a government that acknowledged the Bible's revelation that man's basic nature was not good but was self-centered. They therefore inserted "checks and balances" so none of the three branches could gain control of the people. By limiting the power of government, the Founders provided citizens with freedoms that 95 percent of the world's peoples had never known.

In 1831, French historian Alexis de Tocqueville visited the United States and was so impressed with the unity and prosperity of the young country that he began researching for the causes. He immediately noticed two: The people fervently practiced Christianity and they had tremendous freedoms. The government had kept itself out of the affairs of the people except for a few constitutionally defined areas.

America continued to increase in prosperity until the 1930s when the economically native Franklin Roosevelt tried Socialism, which turned a temporary recession into the Great Depression. Who are the culprits today?

This 1944 quote from Socialist Norman Thomas is pretty plain. "The American people will never knowingly adopt Socialism. But under the name of "liberalism" they will adopt every fragment...I no longer need to run as a presidential candidate for the Socialist Party. The Democrat Party has adopted our platform."

Leroy L. Barnes

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3rd Vice Commander's Message



Greetings to all my brothers in arms,

I would like to start off with a great thanks to our Guthrie Mayor and fellow legionaires. Mark Spradlin and other city officails responded to our post's request to have three handicap parking spaces marked on the north side of our post. The signs look great! As you all probably know, we have many of our Legionaires that are handicapped and really need easier access to our post. Again, thanks to everyone involved with this important project that has been completed.

Next, I would like everyone to get an update on our grant submission to the Home Depot. This grant is for very much needed repairs and renovations to our building. According to the Home Depot grant rep. all required information for our grant request has been received and is under review by the Home Depot grant chain of command. In other words, the Home Depot has everything they requested from us. So, I guess right now, all we can do is wait and keep our fingers crossed. Also, at this time we are working on uniforms (i.e. polo shirts and trousers), Also navy blue jackets with our name on them. Many believe that if we all wore the same type of casual uniform to various public functions we would project a professional appearance. We are currently considering navy blue polo shirts with emblem on them and khaki trousers. Please let our post staff know what you think. Everyone's input is important.

The other night I was reading one of Chris Kyle's books, "American Gun". In the book he made a reference to his quote, "A veteran is a person who wrote a blank check payable to the United States of American for an amount up to and including one's life". This struck a cord in me! Thanks to Pete for loaning me this book I knew I've heard this before, so I searched through my small collection of callenge coins and gues what? I found one of my coins with the same quote! I now carry this coin in my pocket wherever I go. I think it is a quote we should all keep in our hearts and minds. May God bless Chris Kyle and his family!!

Semper Fi and God bless

Gregory Rupert

Adjutant's Message



Happy March Legionaries.

In March of 1941 the Tuskegee Airmen were activated as the 99th Pursuit Squadron. This famous unit, known as the Red Tails, fought bravely during World War II, despite the discrimination and segregation that came with being the first all black unit in the Army Air Corps. They were, and remain today, an example of the dedication and love of country that our armed forces has exemplified throughout our history.

Some of you may have seen the story of Donnie Loneman on the news recently. He was a homeless Marine Corps vet who recently passed away. Diagnosed with terminal cancer, and given only 3 weeks to live, Loneman had one last wish, to be buried in Dress Blues. Though the help of local businesses, organizations, and the VA, his wish was granted. Loneman was carried to his grave in uniform and with full military honors with Marines serving as his pallbearers. I am so happy and proud that this veteran could be given the honor he deserved. Regardless of social or economic status, no veteran should have to pass in anything less than the dignity and honor he or she earned through service to the nation. If you know of any veterans who are sick, or who are approaching that final post, please let an officer know, so that we can ensure that they receive all they are due.

This is an exciting and busy time for our post. We have the Birthday celebration, bingo is getting closer, and we are just over a month away from 89ers week. There is a lot to be done and a lot of chances for you to get involved. I know we talk about member involvement all the time, but it is important. The Post is more than just the officers and staff. It is the members that make an active and thriving post. If there is anything you want to get involved in, give us a call, or stop by. We would be more than happy to help you.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Jerry and Albert. They spend so much time and energy on the project we have going. Be sure to let them know how much you appreciate them and all they do.

Ryan Alley
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City of Guthrie Councilman - **John Wood, PHD**

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Service Officer's Message

VETERANS – you should take advantage of the VA benefits that you worked so hard to earn!

Post 58 Service Officer Linda Turner is available to help navigate through the paperwork requirements of the VA claim process. You can come and see the Service Officer every Monday from 9:30 – 2:30. It is a first come first serve basis. I encourage each one of you to get what you deserve.

Auxiliary President's Message



There will be a meeting of the Legion Auxiliary on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at noon. We will be discussing the upcoming garage sale, renting spaces out of the Legion for a craft fair, bingo set-up and other fund-raising activities for the Legion. For all those who sent in membership checks, I have them but so far have gotten NOTHING from state in regards to your membership cards or a roster. I am working to get these to you as soon as I can. Promise. Your checks will be cashed before years end.
Polly Hawkes, President, Auxiliary

Thanks!! Polly Hawkes, President

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GARDEN TIP OF THE MONTH:

We need a lot of warm weather and sunshine!
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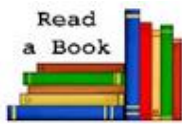
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HEALTH TIP OF THE MONTH:

Simple yoga exercises help insure good balance. We all know the older we get the more unstable we become.

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GUTHRIE LIBRARY NEWS



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Mondays from 1 - 2 pm - Eat Better Move More: Classes will teach you how to improve your meals with better nutrition, find simple, fun ways to introduce movement and exercise into everyday routines and develop a plan that will enhance the quality of life you now live. Participants will receive a free pedometer! This series will help you stick with your New Year resolution to live a healthier life!

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm - Crochet Group: Come to learn the basics or to swap tips with other experienced crocheters- this class is for everyone and all ages! Taught by Joan Kendall. Materials are provided.

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am - Children's Story Time: A fun and educational experience for children. Enjoy stories and nursery rhymes, songs, puppets and much more! Join us for the special holiday party on the 17th- Santa will be there!

Wednesdays, 12 & 26 Mar from 4 - 4:30 pm - Read to Sasha! Kids, come practice reading out loud with Sasha. She is a soft and cuddly certified therapy dog who loves to listen to stories. Don't miss this fun way to practice your reading skills!

Thursdays, 5 & 19 Mar from 3:30 - 5:30 pm - Lego Club: Love LEGOs? We do, too! Get creative and come build with us! Bricks provided, imagination required.

Tuesday, 10 Mar from 6:30 - 7:30 pm - Email 101: Do you need an email address to apply for jobs, register for services, or keep in touch with family but don't know where to start? Join us for a session on email basics! Learn the pros and cons of email, the different email options, how to set up your account, and safe email practices.

Thursday, 12 Mar from 6:30 pm - 8 pm - Home School Forum: Guthrie Public Library invites families that home school and those who are interested in homeschooling for an open feedback session. We would like to share information about our resources and programs and receive feedback and suggestions from home school parents and children about how we can better serve you. We look forward to this opportunity! Refreshments will be served.

Saturday 14 Mar from 11:30 am - 1 pm - Caregiver Support Group: This support group offers a safe place for caregivers, family and friends of persons with dementia to meet and develop a network and mutual support system. Talk through challenges, exchange practical information, share feelings, needs and concerns, and learn about resources available in the community.

Thursday, 19 Feb from 6 - 8 pm - Teen Mad Hatter Tea Party: Don't be late for the very important date! Follow the White Rabbit down the hole to the Mad Hatter Tea Party. Put your best Wonderland costumes on and come enjoy tea, games and fun!

Saturday, 21 Mar from 11 am - 1 pm - Anime Club: Teens, are you a huge anime and manga fan? Come to the library to meet other people who love it, too! Watch episodes and discover new series, discuss canon and fanfic, and share your own art works. Snacks will be provided. *Anime may contain material that is considered unsuitable for ages 13 and younger.

Monday, 23 Mar from 6 pm - 8 pm - Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma! This book discussion group, made possible by a generous grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council, Kirkpatrick Foundation, and Inasmuch Foundation, is meeting for the new Mysterious Fears and Ghastly Longings series, featuring Gothic fiction. Pick up a copy of Dracula by Bram Stoker and Salem's Lot by Stephen King at the library and join us for an enlightening presentation by a knowledgeable and engaging local scholar, refreshments, and group discussion.

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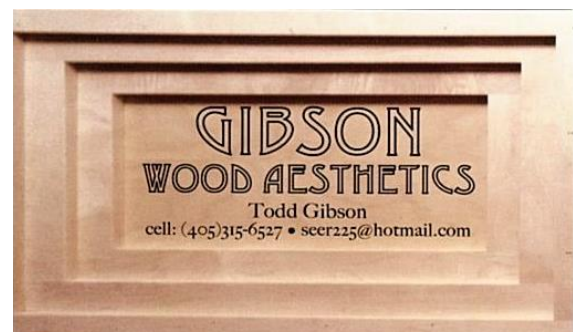
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American Legion 96th Birthday Celebration And Capt. LeBron Appreciation Day



On March 15th at 1:00pm we are going to have a special ceremony for the American Legion's 96th Birthday, but more importantly activating the first annual Capt. LeBron Appreciation Day! Our post is named after a great WWI hero and we are going to learn more about this great soldier. Many things have been learned lately about Capt. Leo P. LeBron and we will share all that has been learned on this great day. Capt. LeBron's family will be attending this event and invitations will be sent out for the city of Guthrie, Governor's office along with the Department of Oklahoma leaders. We have many things we will present during this day. I encourage each and every one of our Legionaries to attend this. We will have a finger food and drinks on hand that will be no cost.





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