

# American Legion LeBron Post 58 OBSERVER

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May 2015 "Memorial Day Time"



## Commander's Message



We have been blessed this 89er Celebration and made more than expected due to the rain. We also was honored to have our Department Commander and the National 2016 candidate for Commander attend during the parade. We have already started to look at what we can do for 2016 to make the 89er's week a bigger and even better than ever. We want to grow and one of the ways we grow is to look at different options to make the area larger. I have spoken with the city and we have a great opportunity to enlarge the Celebration a great deal. This will be better all the way around, however some say be hesitant to make such a change, but we want to make it easier and bigger. I have spent two weeks building a new plan along with the history weather reports and will be discussing moving the festival to the Cottonwood Flats area so that everything will be in one area. We also will for the first time allow RV parking for those that have RV units to park and hook up to attend the week. This year I was asked by a number of people why we couldn't do this because they had to park way out of town. By moving this the carnival will be able to add about 10 plus more rides which will generate more revenue for tickets and bring the Post more financial assistance.

Memorial day is just around the corner and we are getting our program together for this year. Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, at least, it marks the beginning of summer.

The Civil War claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history, requiring the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo

## 2015 Post Officers

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—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags. Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars. Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York and Washington, D.C. Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. On a less somber note, many people throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because it unofficially marks the beginning of summer.



Sua Sponte  
Jerry A. Webster  
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### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander's Message



I want to first say thank you to all those that assisted for the 89er Celebration week. I have been down due to some minor issues so this will be a short message but I hope to be back up and running soon. The American Legion is only what we as members make it. We are for the veterans that risk their own lives for us, and we will do everything necessary to assist and help them when in need. Boys and Girl State is going very well. We expect to send over fourteen nominees to this week long program. Let's continue working together to make this LeBron Post 58 the best it can be!

Myrl Waggoner  
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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander's Message



Depending on who you talk to makes a difference whether 89er's was a success or not. The people who attended and enjoyed themselves would consider it a success, however from the Legions point of view it could have been better since this is our largest source of income. It could have been better, but it was about the same as past years maybe I expect too much. A big thanks you to all the people who volunteered and the clean-up crew who kept the streets clean and the trash emptied.

We're on track to start to start Bingo as soon as we receive our license, keep an eye on the local paper and the Legion Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lebronpost58?ref=hl> for dates that we will start. I would like to see as many of our members attend our meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month and our coffee social every Thursday morning at 9:30am. Come join us and find out what's going on and what's coming up. If you are retired, it sure beats sitting at home.

Leroy L. Barnes  
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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander's Message



Greetings to all my Brothers in Arms,

Well, we have recently successfully completed our annual 89er days celebration. After actively working this celebration for numerous years, I have dubbed this week as "Hell Week". It's a very busy week for Legionaires and other workers who volunteered their time to make this enormous event a success. I am pleased to report that after all the blood, sweat and tears, our post made very much needed money! I want to thank all that pitched in to get this very important event planned, organized and executed! "We got'er done!"

In addition, I would like to thank all the folks that donated merchandise to the 89er Days auction. I personally would like to thank the donation of the beautiful rifle by our own Legionaire Terry Pennington of Terry's Gun and Pawn Shop. The sale of this firearm really generated much needed funding to keep our post up and running.

On another good note, I would like to give you all a current update on our Home Depot grant. The Home Depot sent a team to meet with some of us to go over our request relating to repairs on our building. The inspection went very well, the Home Depot even added a few additions to our submitted "wish list"! I strongly believe that we will receive this much needed grant. Let's all keep our fingers crossed. I will continue to keep open dialog with the Home Depot grant representative, Mr. Brett Howard. We also have a limited inventory of American Legion polo shirts, in navy blue and tan in various sizes. They are quality shirts that cost \$30.00 each. If you are interested, stop by the post and get with any staff member.

Semper Fi and God bless  
Gregory Rupert

### Adjutant's Message



89ers is now officially over and it's back to business as usual at the Post. A big thank you to all who helped throughout the week. There was an enormous amount of work involved and it couldn't have been pulled off without you.

Coming out of 89ers week, a time of constantly "putting out fires", I am reminded of Sgt. Maynard H. Smith US Army Air Corps, who was issued The Medal of Honor for actions on May 1st, 1943. His commendation reads:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action above and beyond the call of duty. The aircraft of which Sgt. Smith was a gunner was subjected to intense enemy antiaircraft fire and determined fighter airplane attacks while returning from a mission over enemy-occupied continental Europe on 1 May 1943. The airplane was hit several times by antiaircraft fire and cannon shells of the fighter airplanes, 2 of the crew were seriously wounded, the aircraft's oxygen system shot out, and several vital control cables severed when intense fires were ignited simultaneously in the radio compartment and waist sections. The situation became

so acute that 3 of the crew bailed out into the comparative safety of the sea. Sgt. Smith, then on his first combat mission, elected to fight the fire by himself, administered first aid to the wounded tail gunner, manned the waist guns, and fought the intense flames alternately. The escaping oxygen fanned the fire to such intense heat that the ammunition in the radio compartment began to explode, the radio, gun mount, and camera were melted, and the compartment completely gutted. Sgt. Smith threw the exploding ammunition overboard, fought the fire until all the firefighting aids were exhausted, manned the workable guns until the enemy fighters were driven away, further administered first aid to his wounded comrade, and then by wrapping himself in protecting cloth, completely extinguished the fire by hand. This soldier's gallantry in action, undaunted bravery, and loyalty to his aircraft and fellow crewmembers, without regard for his own personal safety, is an inspiration to the U.S. Armed Forces. "

Sgt. Smith was a shining example of the values shared by the members of the Armed Forces, and Veterans around the world. He took care of his brother servicemen, combatted the enemy, and accomplished the mission through sheer will and bravery. While we as veterans are no longer actively engaged in combat, there is no reason that these values should fade in us. Take care of each other, and accomplish whatever mission may come our way.

As always, I hope to see more members at meetings and activities. We talk about this almost constantly, because it is vitally important to the success of our Post. We are fast becoming one of the premier Posts in Oklahoma, and you as members should see all the things we are involved in that are driving that progression. This is your Post. It doesn't belong to me, my fellow officers, or the Commander. Membership makes the Post live. We have the numbers, let's get active!

Semper Fi  
Ryan Alley  
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**GARDEN TIP OF THE MONTH:**

We need a lot of warm weather and sunshine!  
The purple Martin scouts will be here March 12  
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## **BINGO**

We are waiting on the Oklahoma Able Commission to issue us the license to begin the games. Watch the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lebronpost58?ref=hl> for updates and other announcements that may come up.

### **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.

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**Jed Waggoner**  
Vice President

### **Auxiliary President's Message**



There will be a meeting of the Legion Auxiliary on Tuesday, May 16, 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

### **TAPS**

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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.

**DOC MYRL**



## GUTHRIE LIBRARY NEWS



**\*\*The Summer Reading Program is coming soon!!\*\***

\*Closures: May 1 and 25th\*

(Beginning 19 May) Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10 -11 am - Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance: The movements of Tai Chi help reduce stress, increase balance and flexibility. Learn relaxation to improve your overall mind, body and spirit through a series of slow continuous movements. This program is designed for people at all levels of mobility. Provided by the Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative.

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!

Thursdays, 7 & 14 May from 3:30 - 5:30 pm AND Tuesday, 19 May from 1 - 2 pm - Lego Club: Love LEGOs? We do, too! Get creative and come build with us! Bricks provided, imagination required.

Thursdays, 14 & 28 May 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!

Tuesday, 5 May from 1 - 4 pm - Pet Adoptions: In honor of Be Kind To Animals Week, the library is partnering with the Guthrie Animal Shelter to offer on-site pet adoptions. Do the ultimate kindness by giving a dog or cat their forever home.

Tuesday, 5 May from 6 - 8 pm - Teen Cinco de Mayo Party: Learn some fun facts about this holiday, taste some traditional festive foods and play fun games!

Friday, 8 May from 4 - 6 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.

Saturday 9 May 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.

Tuesday, 12 May from 1 - 2 pm AND 6:30 - 7:30 pm - Medicare Made Simple: Join us for a discussion about healthcare. This presentation will help you understand your rights and options regarding Medicare.

Friday, 17 May from 4 - 5 pm - May Flowers Crafts: Kids, join us and make your own beautiful flower crafts!

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# **!!REMINDER!!!REMINDER!!**

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**AUXILIARY MEETING – April 19<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON.**

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Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984  U.S. Navy

Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975  U.S. Air Force

June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955  U.S. Marines

Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946  U.S. Coast Guard

April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918  Merchant Marines 12/7/41 – 8/15/45 (only eligibility)



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