What Is The American Legion

The American Legion is a 501.c(19) non-profit organization comprised of veterans, active military and their family members.

The American Legion Family is comprised of three main groups:

The **POST** which is for the Veterans and Active Military members who were NOT dishonorably discharged.

The **AUXILIARY** which is for the female relatives of Veterans and Active Military members.

The **Sons of the American Legion (SAL)** which is for the male descendants of Veterans and Active Military members.

The American Legion Family also includes some additional groups, which require being a member of one of the three above groups:

The American Legion Riders are for those who ride motorcycles, members must be a part of one or more of the three groups above.

The American Legion Auxiliary Juniors is for young ladies/girls under the age of 18. At age 18, they become "Senior" members of the Auxiliary.

American Legion Family Post 77 has ALL of the above!! We are a growing organization who strongly believes in the "Family" concept. We have a monthly meal and meeting where members of all our groups come together. Unlike many other Post Families, we have a light potluck meal and then STAY together for a monthly meeting. The meeting is primarily for POST business, however, input and information from the Auxiliary and SAL is openly welcome. The Auxiliary and SAL may also meet on their own on different days.

Family Post 77 is also unique in another way. We are one the few Post Families that offer <u>FREE</u> annual membership to our Juniors and SAL members who are full-time students in K-12th grade and in tradeschools and secondary education (College). Additionally, we work at offering multi-group and family-group discounts on membership. Ask us how!!

Family Post 77 focuses on supporting Veterans, Active Military, their families AND our community!!

We are proud to support and work with places like:

<u>Clover Community School</u> – A private school in Bentonville that is open to students of all learning levels from K-8th grade (Currently), but is designed around special-needs students. The school teaches regular curriculum as well as basic living functions, and has a functional farm and garden environment.

<u>Socks-and-Cookies</u> – A local organization that sends care-packages to deployed service members around the world. The service members can be from anywhere in the United States. Additionally, if the deployed service member has a child under 12-months at home, the organization sends a care-package to the child as well. American Legion Family Post 77 works with the organization to help get an American Legion Post in their local area in contact with the deployed service members family.

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RIDDLE HUTCHESON FAMILY POST 77 LEGION POST, AUXILIARY & SONS of the AMERICAN LEGION

WHAT WE DO

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

COORDINATE THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS MILITARY APPRECIATION BBQ
SPONSOR THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS VETERANS STAND DOWN
VOLUNTEER TIME AT RETIREMENT AND REHABILITATION RESIDENCES
VOLUNTEER AT THE LOCAL VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL
HELP LOCAL VETERANS FIND HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSPORTATION
ANNUAL POPPY DAY

NATIONAL SECURITY

PARTICIPANT IN NW ARKANSAS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR
PARTNER WITH SOCKS AND COOKIES SUPPORTING DEPLOYED SERVICE
MEMBERS
VETERANS FOOD PANTY
DONOR TO THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

AMERICANISM

SPONSOR BOYS AND GIRLS STATE/NATION CANDIDATES
CHARTER ORGANIZATION FOR CUB SCOUT PACK
COORDINATE PLACEMENT OF FLAGS AT LOCAL CEMETERIES IN OBSERVANCE OF
HOLIDAYS

PERFORM PROPER FLAG RETIREMENTS WITH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROUD SPONSOR OF THE GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL AT LITTLE ROCK ORATORICAL CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS "SAY NO TO DRUGS" POSTER PROGRAM FOR FIFTH GRADERS

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

PARTNER WITH SOCKS AND COOKIES SUPPORTING CHILDREN OF DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS

PARTNER WITH CLOVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL SUPPORTING STUDENTS WHO LEARN NONTRADITIONALLY

ANNUAL MILITARY CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY

MILITARY CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK SUPPLIES

GENE GRAINGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

MR AND MISS POPPY ANNUAL CORONATION

ONE FAMILY, ONE GOAL