

American Legion LeBron Post 58

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April 2015 89er Celebration Time



Commander's Message



I first would like to say I saw a video that was very touching. The video can be found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_l4Ab5FRwM. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) states that the nation's homeless veterans are predominantly male, with roughly 8% being female. The majority are single; live in urban areas; and suffer from mental illness, alcohol and/or substance abuse, or co-occurring disorders. About 12% of the adult homeless population are veterans. Roughly 40% of all homeless veterans are African American or Hispanic, despite only accounting for 10.4% and 3.4% of the U.S. veteran population, respectively.

Homeless veterans are younger on average than the total veteran population. Approximately 9% are between the ages of 18 and 30, and 41% are between the ages of 31 and 50. Conversely, only 5% of all veterans are between the ages of 18 and 30, and less than 23% are between 31 and 50. America's homeless veterans have served in World War II, the Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War, Grenada, Panama, Lebanon, Persian Gulf War, Afghanistan and Iraq (OEF/OIF), and the military's anti-drug cultivation efforts in South America. Nearly half of homeless veterans served during the Vietnam era. Two-thirds served our country for at least three years, and one-third were stationed in a war zone.

About 1.4 million other veterans, meanwhile, are considered at risk of homelessness due to poverty, lack of support networks, and dismal living conditions in overcrowded or substandard housing.

The Oklahoma Land Rush of 1889 was the first land rush into the Unassigned Lands. The area that was opened to settlement included all or part of the present-day Canadian, Cleveland, Kingfisher, Logan, Oklahoma, and Payne counties of the US state of Oklahoma. The land run started at high noon on April 22, 1889, with an estimated 50,000 people lined up for their piece of the available two million acres (8,000 km).

The Unassigned Lands were considered some of the best unoccupied public land in the United States. The Indian Appropriations Bill of 1889 was passed and signed into law with an amendment by Illinois Representative William McKendree Springer that authorized President Benjamin Harrison to open the two million acres (8,000 km) for settlement.

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Due to the Homestead Act of 1862, signed by President Abraham Lincoln, legal settlers could claim lots up to 160 acres (0.65 km) in size. Provided a settler lived on the land and improved it, the settler could then receive the title to the land.

A number of the people who participated in the run entered the unoccupied land early and hid there until the legal time of entry to lay quick claim to some of the choicest homesteads. These people came to be identified as "Sooners." This led to hundreds of legal contests that arose and were decided first at local land offices and eventually by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Arguments included what constituted the "legal time of entry." While some people think that the settlers who entered the territory at the legally appointed time were known as "Boomers," the term actually refers to those who campaigned for the opening of the lands, led by David L. Payne. The University of Oklahoma's fight song, "Boomer Sooner", derives from these two names.



Sua Sponte
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1st Vice Commander's Message



The Medal of Honor is the United States of America's highest military honor, awarded for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty. The medal is awarded by the President of the United States in the name of the U.S. Congress to U.S. military personnel only. There are three versions of the medal, one for the Army, one for the Navy, and one for the Air Force. Personnel of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard receive the Navy version.

The Medal of Honor was created in 1861, early in the American Civil War, to give recognition to men who distinguished themselves "conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity" in combat with an enemy of the United States. There have been 3,469 Medals of Honor awarded to the nation's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and coast guardsmen since the decoration's creation, with just less than half of them awarded for actions during the four years of the Civil War.

The Medal of Honor is usually presented by the President in a formal ceremony at the White House, intended to represent the gratitude of the American people, with posthumous presentations made to the primary next of kin. In 1990, Congress designated March 25 annually as "National Medal of Honor Day". Due to its prestige and status, the Medal of Honor is afforded special protection under U.S. law against any unauthorized adornment, sale, or manufacture, which includes any associated ribbon or badge.

Because the medal is presented "in the name of Congress", it is often erroneously referred to as the Congressional Medal of Honor; however, the official name is simply the "Medal of Honor".

There are two distinct protocols for awarding the Medal of Honor. The first and most common is nomination and approval through the chain of command of the service member. The second method is nomination by a member of the U.S. Congress, generally at the request of a constituent, and the subsequent approval via a



For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty, in action involving actual conflict with an opposing armed force.

special Act of Congress. In both cases, the Medal of Honor is presented by the President on behalf of, and in the name of, the Congress. Since 1941, more than half of the Medals of Honor have been awarded posthumously. Medal of Honor recipients are usually personally decorated by the President. If the Medal of Honor is awarded posthumously it is presented to the recipient's family.

Myrl Waggoner
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2nd Vice Commander's Message



Well, it's hard to believe another month has come and gone and we are entering the busiest month for Lebron Post 58, April is 89er month and it will be very active here at the Post. There are more activities planned for 89er week than ever before, starting with the Chuck Wagon Feed and ending with a concert downtown on Sunday with a lot going on in between. There will be music for everyone from rock and roll at the car show to big band at the Legion. You can enjoy a rodeo at the Fairgrounds and a carnival up town, and everyone can enjoy a parade, the largest Legion sponsored parade in the United States. With so much going on, there should be something for everyone, so come join us in the celebration.

We had our Capt. Lebron Appreciation dinner which was a success, met some old friends and made some new ones. The only thing missing was you, if you didn't attend.

We had our garage sale, and would like to thank everyone for stopping by to help with this event. The City election is coming up on April 7th, I urge everyone to vote. If you are undecided, I urge you to get to know our own Steve Gentling who is running for Mayor. He is a good man with the interest of Guthrie in mind!

Leroy L. Barnes
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3rd Vice Commander's Message



Greetings to all my Brothers in Arms,

I hope you all are doing well, especially now that spring is upon us!

Well, the other day while I was driving, I was listening to the radio. I discovered a "talk show" station called "Honoring America's Warriors". It is a talk show that has veterans talking about their experiences while serving in the military and after, in their civilian lives.

The station is KOKC radio 1520 AM. It airs on Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and on Saturdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. They also have a Website at "Honoring America's Warriors. com". You all might want to check it out. I really enjoy listening to it.

O.K. , now an update on our endeavors to obtain our grant from the Home Depot. I have recently contacted the Home Depot grant representative, Brett Howard. He advised me that he and his team would visit our post within the next two (2) weeks to take measurements for the requested repairs. These repairs include windows, doors and other miscellaneous building repairs. So it seems all is going well with the grant.

Semper Fi and God bless
Gregory Rupert

Adjutant's Message



I am excited to say that membership continues to grow. We are adding more and more veterans to our ranks each month. This excites me, because it says to me that our members are talking up the Post and the American Legion. Let's keep it up. The higher our membership, the stronger we are. Strength is not only in numbers though. We need to be active as members as well. Being active does not mean you have to be in the Post every day. Coming to the monthly meetings is a great start. We have over 200 members, but average of only 10 to 12 at each meeting, most of those being officers. A lot happens at the meetings that our members need to be aware of and involved in. These monthly meetings are where we are updated on the status of our post, and make decisions regarding our future. It's a small time commitment, approximately an hour per month.

89ers is almost here. Just a few more weeks until the celebration begins. A big thanks to Steve Gentling and the 89ers committee for all the work they have done to get everything ready.

Have a great month everyone. I hope to see you at the post. Remember, if you have any needs feel free to stop by or call the post.

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

Ward 1 – Please call him if you have any

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ROMA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT



GARDEN TIP OF THE MONTH:

We need a lot of warm weather and sunshine!
The purple Martin scouts will be here March 12
FARMER MYRL

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, April 27, 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

If you know of a Legionnaire that has transferred to the Post Everlasting please notify the Legion office at 282-2589.



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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



****Celebrate National Poetry Month! Submit your original poetry to be included in a published anthology- prizes will be awarded to judges' and peoples' choice in child, teen and adult categories****

****Free tax preparation and electronic filing for qualified individuals - call 282-0050 for more info****

Closures: April 3, 4, 18, 29 and 30th

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, 9 & 23 Apr 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, 2 & 16 Apr from 3:30 - 5:30 pm AND Tuesday, 7 Apr from 1 - 2 pm - Lego Club: Love LEGOs? We do, too! Get creative and come build with us! Bricks provided, imagination required.

Monday, 6 Apr from 6 pm - 8 pm - Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma! RESCHEDULED from February: Meeting to discuss the novels *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley and *Mutation* by Robin Cook.

Friday, 10 Apr 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 11 Apr 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, 14 Apr from 6:30 - 7:30 pm - Local Author Visit with Bonnie Lanthripe: Join us for this informative meet and greet with Bonnie Lanthripe, author of the compelling young adult novel *The Ringleader*. Bonnie will be available to discuss her work, answer questions and sign books. Don't miss the opportunity to meet this talented author!

Friday, 17 Apr from 4 - 5 pm - 89er Days Crafts: Kids, join us and make you own fun frontier crafts!

Friday, 24 Apr from 4 - 6 pm - Teen Movie: Watch a great movie and meet new people at the library! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Monday, 27 Apr 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 Mysterious Fears and Ghastly Longings series, featuring Gothic fiction. Pick up a copy of Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen and The Mistress of Mellyn by Victoria Holt at the library and join us for an enlightening presentation by a knowledgeable and engaging local scholar, refreshments, and group discussion.

Check our website at www.guthrielibrary.com or call 282-0050 for more information!

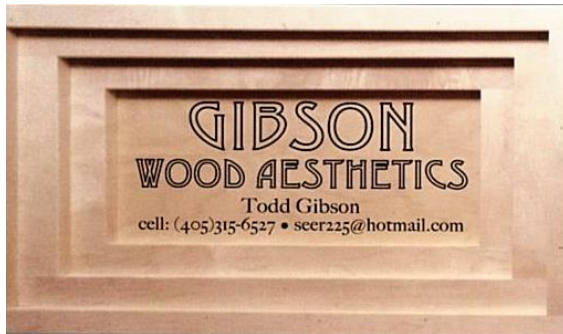


----- PLACE ON FRIDGE -----

!!REMINDER!!!!REMINDER!!

**MEETING REMINDER!!! COME TO THE LEGION FOR YOUR
MEETING ON April 23, 2015 1830 HRS.**

AUXILIARY MEETING – April 27TH AT NOON.



I HAVE ENCLOSED A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE SO IF YOU FIND SOMEONE THAT WANTS TO JOIN GIVE THEM AN APPLICATION. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD A STONG LEGION.

The American Legion Membership Application			
(Name) _____		(Phone) _____	
(Mailing Address) _____		(Date) _____	
(City) _____	(State) _____	(Zip) _____	(Post #) _____
(Membership ID #... former member) _____		(Dues) _____	
Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 2, 1990 – cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> June 25, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard <input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 – Nov 11, 1918 <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines 12/7/41 – 8/15/45 (only eligibility)			
			
I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.			
30-009 Signature of applicant _____		Name of recruiter _____	

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We are doing great on our membership we are now standing at 210 members. Way to go Post 58 for your diligence in gaining new members. Let's keep up the hard work. We also had a great yard sale and gained \$1515.50 during this sale.



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