

# The AMERICAN LEGION

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**JANUARY 2012**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Home of the 2011-2012**

**Veteran of the Year**

**John DAWSON**



Just a few comments to let you know what has been happening at the post for the past few months.

We have been busy starting with the Sheriff's Rodeo in Sept, Veterans' Appreciation Day in Oct, Veterans' Day Parade in November, Gifts to Vets at Tuskegee and Bill Nichols nursing home in Alexander City in Dec, along with the Christmas Parade and Christmas Parties for the Kids and a other one for the adults.

January 2012 is shaping up to be as busy. We are hosting the Chamber or Commerce Business and Biscuits Breakfast on Wednesday, January 11 @ 7:30. We will be presenting a program on the Oratorical Contest coming up in February and Boys State in June.

Mid-Winter will be held the Jan 13-15 at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery. We have a full delegation attending. Our family dinner will be held on Friday January 20 where we will be honoring the Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, and EMT of the Year awards. We will also be adding another category this year, Junior ROTC Cadet. We will be honoring a cadet from both the Central and RCHS units. There will not be a breakfast on Jan 14 but there will be one on Jan 21.

As mentioned earlier our Oratorical Contest will be held on Saturday February 11 at 10:00. We need timekeepers, escorts and monitors to make sure the program is properly operated. Come and join in on the activities and listen to the Future Leaders talk about the Constitution.

We are getting several requests from the OCS Students and other units to volunteer to do community service for our area. We have had great service from them in cleaning up the cemeteries of Phenix City. We will continue to work with the units but need some of our members to escort the teams to the various locations and be responsible for the equipment the city lends us for the work.

Come on down and be a part of your Post and become involved in your community.

For God and Country,

Earl Hutchinson, Editor

"Veterans Serving Veterans"

## Message from Adjutant

We are at 80% membership. We should be at 85%+ by mid-winter. Come by and pick up your 2012 card. Dues are still \$30. This will be a good time to sign your free Insurance renewal card for 2011-2016. The free \$1000 Accidental Life Insurance policy has been renewed for 2011 – 2016. All members need to sign a new signature card. If you have not received one then drop by the Post and sign one. We will mail it in. If you can't come by to pick one up contact us and we will send one to you. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU SEND IN A NEW SIGNATURE CARD SO YOUR INSURANCE WILL BE IN EFFECT!!**



ATTENTION

Due to Mid-Winter being held on the 13-15th we will hold our monthly dinner on Friday January 20 at which time we will honor our Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, EMT and Jr ROTC candidates for their services.

BINGO Tuesday & Thursdays

Executive Committee Mtg  
1st Monday (2ND)

Dinner 3RD FRIDAY  
20TH

Breakfast 4th Sat

Tuskegee Bingo 2nd Sun

Members Mtg 3rd Monday

CVVC Committee 3rd Wed

12 Noon 21st

January 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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January Activities

Hope everyone had a Happy Christmas and a Joyful New Year. Its is starting out at a fast pace with the Post hosting the Business and Biscuits Breakfast on Wed Jan 11 at 0730, then the Mid-Winter Conference on Jan 13-15 in Montgomery. On Friday Jan 20th we will be honoring our Law Officer, Firefighter and EMT candidates. This year we are honoring the Jr ROTC top cadets from both Central and RCHS and hope to make this a state-wide event next year along with the other categories.

In February we will hold our annual Oratorical Contest on Sat, the 11th. The District contest will be in Auburn on the 18th and the Division will be held on the 25th. We are planning on a big Valentine Day Celebration on Friday, Feb 10 with a live band for dancing and entertainment.

We have several groups of active duty personnel who are volunteering their time and energy to get involved with the community. We are planning on cleaning up some of the cemeteries on Sat. Jan 7, weather permitting.

We have a young lady that would like to start a Zumba Exercise class here at the Post. It will probably be scheduled for Sat morning about 0900. Call the office if you are interested in participating.

Prayer Request

Our prayer list can only be effective if we are aware of members in need. The Chaplain is the main contact but you can contact the office or any of our officers and we will relay the message to the Chaplain.