

The Post-Dispatch



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Auxiliary News	2
Legion Rider News	2
Cpl. Ayers Scholarship	2
The Bicentennial Rug	3
Still Serving	4

From the Commander’s Desk

“Welcome Home.” Our post has been closed for several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have done our level best to follow all national, state, and local guidelines to do our part. Our American Legion was founded during a Pandemic, and like a hundred-year flood, we have found ourselves fighting another. As you know the American Legion decided to not hold elections this year and asked if officers were willing to stay in place another year. Our commander for the last two years, Bill Dolan, had already made a commitment to step down this year and so tendered his resignation to the board effective July 1st, 2020. Bill and his wife Mary, our departing adjutant, are both Legionnaires, both are retired Coast Guard, and both have made a positive

and lasting impact on our post. We are better organized and better prepared for the future because of their diligence and attention to detail. It has been my pleasure to work with each of them and I wish them well as they settle into their new house and also their new, hopefully less stressful lives. Jeff Devries and Ordia Brown also left the executive board this year. Ordia will stay on as the Riders Director and Jeff, having just retired after 30 plus years at the Atlanta Police Department, is going to decompress a little. The board elected me, Thom Williams, from the Senior Vice position to fill the vacant Commander’s seat, and Mike Burwell, who had been the Jr. Vice, was elected to fill the vacant Sr. Vice position. Jim Carmona has graciously agreed to return as my adjutant and Johnnie Windham has

agreed to stay on as a board member. Fritz Siler is staying on as Finance officer, and as of tonight, Eric McDowell has also joined the board. We will be vetting several candidates for the open slots on the executive board and I feel confident that over the next few months we will be back to a full complement of officers.

We have a lot of work to do. The time we spent with our doors closed was a financial difficulty, but one that we are already working to overcome. We have assisted several veterans since re-opening, and we are well positioned to make up for the lost time.

I look forward to working for and with all of you. I take this job very seriously and I hope that will come through as we get back to Legion business.

S.A.L. Squadron 233 News

The Sons of the American Legion are looking for a few proud descendants to step up and lead the squadron forward. Reach out to the post commander if

you are able and willing. Nationwide, the SAL is committed to supporting the mission of the American Legion, with a special focus on the Children and Youth pillar.

A vibrant SAL organization can be a buffer against the normal ebb and flow of American Legion membership.

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,
WE ASSOCIATE
OURSELVES TOGETHER
FOR THE FOLLOWING
PURPOSES:**

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Auxiliary News – Anita Owens, President

Hi everyone, we have missed you during this Stay at Home Executive Order that we have all been under. Finally, it has been lifted and we are looking forward to seeing more of you. Our Bingo has been up and running since Sunday, June 28th and our first monthly meeting of the Auxiliary will be held, Tuesday, August 4th at 8PM. It is the same date and time as the Legion. Due to so many restrictions in place, we will not be having a dinner before our

meeting. We held a special meeting on June 2nd for the purpose of electing officers for the new year which started July 1st. I was elected to serve as your President; Mary Nelson is 1st Vice President, Lucy Mulligan, 2nd Vice President, Karen Holcombe, Treasurer, Regis Stamey, Chaplain, Crystal Wilson, Historian and Marion Strom and Greta Coble, Sergeant at Arms. I look forward to working with this team and all of our members.

As you are aware, our Bingo has been stopped since March 14th and we have not been able to earn income to assist us in the many projects we do for our Veterans, Community and Children and Youth programs. At our meeting we will be going over the budget to see what we can accomplish this year and need your input. Please try to come and be with us on August 4th. We do have procedures in place to help protect you from COVID 19.

Legion Rider News – Ordia Brown, Director

The American Legion Riders of Post 233 remain a close-knit family as we continue to go through this difficult time. Thanks goes out to our 52 members that make up our dynamic team. I would also like to thank our Past Directors, Stan Mauldin, Marci Hood, Mike Burwell, Eddy Simpson, and Thom Williams for creating a great foundation for the American Legion Riders to build upon. Since this pandemic began, our team continually supported each other in ensuring the well-being of each

other. The camaraderie is unbelievable and is part of what makes it an honor to be an American Legion Rider of Post 233. It was a difficult decision to cancel the 22nd Ride For America but it was for the safety of our members, sponsors, and supporters. Even though this year's Ride For America was canceled, we will still be awarding the Cpl. Jonathan Ayers Scholarship, and supporting our veterans and community. I would like to thank our sponsors for their

continued support for Ride For America, our supporters, community and the Riders of Post 233. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our visit to the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville, GA due to the pandemic. As soon as we receive clearance, we will be scheduling our visit to honor our heroes at the Georgia War Veterans Home. We look forward to the camaraderie and providing a meal and comfort items to our heroes. This is one event you don't want to miss.

Cpl. Jonathan Ayers Memorial Scholarship

I would like to thank Past Director Thom Williams, Rachel Williams, Regis Stamey, and Sandy Dennis for their dedicated commitment in organizing and judging the 2020 CPL Jonathan Ayers Scholarship Competition. This year's competition had our largest number of contestants, six, in

which all contestants did a fabulous job in writing their essays. Congratulations goes out to Joshua Walker of Walnut Grove High School for winning the 2020 Cpl. Jonathan Ayers Scholarship. Joshua will be awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship and will be attending the University of

Georgia and studying International Affairs, Economics, and Foreign Languages.
Ordia Brown, Director,
American Legion Riders

The Bicentennial Rug – a gift to our post.

As you are in and around the post, look for the Bicentennial rug that was recently gifted to our post by a gentleman from Lawrenceville. He reached out to the local V.F.W. because his parents had left him this rug and he had downsized and wanted to donate it to a patriotic organization. Lucky for us, they did not return his call, but we did. After a couple

of days of phone tag and a couple of weeks of trying to work out a time to meet, he brought it by and it took our breath away. The colors are so vivid for a 44-year-old rug and it makes a beautiful and movable addition to our Post Home.



“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

**American Legion Post
233**
4635 Atlanta Hwy
Loganville, GA 30052

Phone 770-466-4728
E-mail
info@gapost233.com

Still Serving, it is what we do...

In 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens. These programs make a difference in hundreds of thousands of lives each year.

Our organization's positions and programs are guided by resolutions passed by American Legion National Convention delegates, and committee and commission members who represent nearly 2 million wartime veterans and their families. These programs, and the men and women who take the time to perform them, are what allow The American Legion to make a difference locally, and on the state and national levels. It is who we are and what we do.

We're on the Web!
www.gapost233.com