



# Monthly Newsletter Updates

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**Commander**-Jim Sanders

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice**- Frank Trent

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice**-Myrl Lawrence

**Adjutant**-Bill "Doc" Sheets

Assistant Adjutant Laura Leger

**Finance Officer**- Bill Weaver

**Membership**- Joe McGloflin

**Service Officer**- Allen Miller

**Chaplain**- "Skip" Hill

**Sgt-At-Arms**- Mike Leger

**Historian**-Art Mason

**Judge Advocate**- Jim Caton

**Disaster Officer**—vacant

**Social**

## Post 71 Begins Its New Year

WELL !!!!! It's a new year, and with that, an amazing one as well. Right now, we have already 360 Paid Members for the post. This also, is the time of year that we have also members that pay their dues as well. They feel, and that is perfectly fine, that they pay their 2015 dues in 2015 so, I am thinking we will have a great 1<sup>st</sup> quarter or 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, depending on how you look at it, upcoming. For those that may not know or don't keep close ties on things such as paid members and when they are such and the numbers. On June 30, of 2014 just before our State Convention AND the end of the fiscal year for the American Legion, we had 374 paid members at that point.

We are only 15 or so members paying dues OR new members or transfers from in-state membership to break that number wide open.

In addition to just the fact that there are dues being paid, what is more important is the fact that we have a pretty high percentage of the members inclusive of the 360 members that are NEW members or TRANSFERS to the post. While we are so very proud of our recurring members paying dues and being a part of the post, if you think about it, with nearly a 14% rate of the numbers being new and/or transfers, that shows factual growth in the post.

That shows a healthy post that are going places and doing things for Area Veterans, their families, the Public Schools and its students, and the Community.

We have a good solid financial base as far as the ability to have funds for things as needed. That said, we have to thank the City and County for their fabulous support in providing to our post the physical plant that IS the post offices and meeting place, as well as that of the Auxiliary of the post AND the kitchen that allows us to be able to serve those meals before our monthly post meetings and other events too.

We are still working on things to setup fund raisers to do just what we are wanting to do in support of the community and its Veterans. In this newsletter, there will be information to help in some financial and volunteer support of the post. So, please, read the information and help the post in its needs to be a part of the post.



the member that is only \$60 per year though. That same 100 members doing \$10 per month would be \$10,000.00 per year. And yes, \$25,000.00 for the 100 members doing \$25 per month.

So, even as I was working with Myrl Lawrence asking questions about what other posts were doing, and even other organizations as well, I asked even members that were not really in a financial situation that would allow a lot of funds, they even said that \$5 per month they could do.

SO, if you really want to be a more active part in the post, do more to help the Area Veteran's, the Community, our School Students in Scholarships etc. then contact or come by the post. We have a startup slip that has the Post Bank account information so that you can go to your bank with and have them setup an automatic draft each month for you. We do understand that some members don't like the idea of doing either an online or other bank draft. Not an issue. You can send to the



post your check as well or bring your donation to us.

Also, this year which we are setting up as the fiscal year, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 as our Charter Year. So, if you join this year and do your payments either monthly quarterly etc. Then you will get your Foundation Member Certificate like is as shown at the beginning of this article. If you look just above the Arched "The American Legion" you will see in Gold "**CHARTER MEMBER**"

I am going to be a member as well but with various things (yeah, yeah excuses, excuses) didn't get my account started as I wanted to so I will be shortly making my yearly amount payment in the next couple of weeks or so and I will be then setting up my auto-draft account as well so that going forward, it will be each month, then sent to the post.

A couple of things we ask however, especially if you would do an account draft from the Arkansas Federal Credit Union, we have one thing in that we just get a draft total seen on our bank account bank statement, so please, if you would, either send an email to the financial officer, or come by the post and leave a note for the financial officer(Bill Weaver) so that we can log in your amount. This is for some nice reasons but also for an important reason as well.

Remember that even as a post member, if you do monetary donations to the post, that is a valid tax deduction for your taxes each year.

We will each year then, give you a statement for your records your yearly total amount which you can then claim on your taxes. If you don't tell us, then we don't know the what's and where's.

In addition, in things like our newsletters here, we will list your name NOT however your level or your donation amounts. We what to be able to let other members who is being an active part of the post.

So, contact the post and talk to Joe McGloflin or Bill Weaver to get the donation slip so you can get started as well.

**Criswell-Robinson**

**RED WHITE  
AND BLUE  
Businesses**

## ***1st Annual Central Arkansas American Legion Golf Tournament.***

## ***Golf Tournament Volunteers***

**MyHosting.com**

Thanks to a lot of hard work by our Honor Guard Commander, Frank Fiore and help with design and other deskwork was Assistant Adjutant Laura Leger. Frank has setup a great Inaugural Golf Tournament which this year will be held at the Rolling Hills Country Club.

For those that don't play golf, you can really be an important part of this event.

**Excel Ford**

They have room for 144 players and then some great prizes, the one that is greatest is that of the Vehicle Hole-In-One hole.

We are going to need a bunch of volunteers for the Golf Event.

**Crown  
Trophies**

Excel Ford again has stepped up to the plate and for those golfers in the tournament that want, they can

We need help manning tables and our booth, we will need help with getting the golfers signed in that day, we need help with so many different things.

**Stitch-N-  
Time**

buy into the



**AAA McNeill  
Mini Storage**

Chance to at one of the holes, and they shoot a hole-in-one on that hole will win a new Ford Vehicle. Yes, not a joke, not a clunker, but a new Ford.

We have a sign-up sheet at the post to sign up and if you for instance are working and can't make it to sign up, then call the post or send us an email to the post and we will put you down on the sheet.

**Rhyno Car  
Wash**

**Civitan**

In addition, we are having businesses to sponsor each of the holes to have additional draw of money for the tournament. Details will be shortly coming in flyers and other information so if you are a golfer for petes sake get into the game and see what you can do. Heck the price of admission is one if you pay in for a chance at that Ford Vehicle then contact Frank Fiore for details on either entering the tournament OR if you have a business and/or maybe you know that your employer would want to sponsor their company, advertisement on a hole again contact Frank Fiore. To call him you can reach him at **501-590-5937**. Frank's eMail is [Trimone98@aol.com](mailto:Trimone98@aol.com).

We are really hoping to have a great tournament and we actually have a chance to hit a few grand In money proceeds on this one event.

**Sawbucks  
Cabot**

The basics are now set. There will be a great prize for the hole-in-one for those that decide they want to be a part of that. Thanks to Excel Ford, the first golfer at the hole that gets a hole in one will win a 2015 Ford Escape.

If this goes well and we can make this an annual event, we can really make the kinds of money to get more scholarships in the hands of those that really are in need and deserve funds for college. Please, if you can for one day become a important and viable part of this event come out and help us with the things we do for the golf

There will be also some prizes for the closest to the pin, the longest drive and other drawing prizes as well. Then after the tournament, there will be a meal served. Again, if you are a golfer then think about joining the tournament. If you have a business or if you think the company you work for would like to sponsor a hole, then get involved with that. If you aren't a golfer then also think again, about being a

volunteer for the event as we will need quite a few to run this event.

tournament.

### New Service for Veteran's getting their Rx's from VA

Back in October of 2014, the VA made some changes to the delivery of Meds to Veteran's that receive their medications from the VA's Pharmacy. If the Rx is not on a narcotic drug schedule such as 3 or 2 etc. You get your refills through the USPS in most cases. However, if you have Schedule Narcotic drugs they are delivered via UPS.

As a part of that new service there is also a new feature from "Big Brown" called **UPS My Choice**

The Veteran goes to a website area ( [click here](#) ) and registers there. Once done, you can actually then get either an email or text message sent to you when UPS is scheduling a delivery of meds to you. Also on the My Healthy Vet website ( [click here](#) ) as well and there is also a very detailed information web page on the Myhealthyvet site as well ( [click here](#) ) which gives more information about the tracking of meds being sent to the Veteran and links to get started there as well.

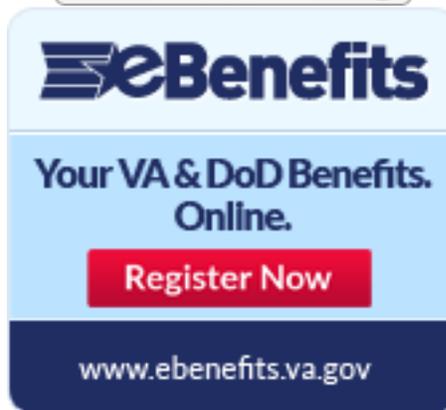
Also, on MyHealthyVet when you now click the Prescription tab, you will see the normal selections on the left hand side as seen here.



Notice now though that there is an additional item now called Prescription Tracking. This option will allow you to see your Rx's and will even show you if it is being sent via USPS or UPS along with tracking numbers for you to see the progress of your meds being sent and other delivery information. Pretty Neat Huh ?????? This does make it so much easier for a Veteran to know when their meds will be on the truck for delivery so

### IMPORTANT VA LINKS AND VETRECS SITE

Here are some Additional links for VA sites and services. The first is for MyHealthyVet the second is the Veteran's Crisis Line when in need of "right now" help for mental needs and the last is the website for a Veteran to get data for both VA and DoD Benefits etc. Lastly, is the VetRecs Bitmap link for the site to retrieve your DD-214's as well as instructions for getting even personnel, pay and even your military Medical Records. Handy things to have when you are in need of getting data for VA case's etc. We have not been putting these links in the newsletter's each month up to now, but hopefully depending on the amount of data room we have each month, I hope to be able to put this in every month depending on the overall layout of the newsletter. But at least every other month for sure.



### COMPUTERS AVAILABLE AT THE POST FOR MEMBER USE

We are working to offer more things up at the post for our members needs. We recently did have the new flat screen TV installed on the back wall at the post so that members and their guests/family could come up and watch some TV during times that the post is open, and now also, we are setting up 2 desktop computers so that a member can login to check their email accounts etc. We will be setting up the 2 computers hopefully in the next couple of weeks. We will be setting up the systems over where the old financial and adjutant computers were located at since we took over the additional office space, we have moved those systems into that office area and now using the old area for the members to have computers available for their use. These could also be used to even log into MyHealthyVet, go online to VetRecs and request their Military records, ask for DD-214's etc. Hopefully this will be something that will be of benefit to our members going forward in the future.

they are not constantly waiting around the house every day not sure what date and/or time their meds will show up.

**Amateur Radio Club**

Recently, we were lucky to be in contact with a local amateur radio club in the Cabot area. They were in need of a meeting place as the one they were using vanished on them. We had that same thing happen to us as a post back at one time and knew they were in need. We also found that they also have members that were Vets and one thing led to another and now we will be sponsoring them as far as giving them a place for their meetings. Even better was the fact that some of those Vet's have already become members of the post as well. Also, we are going to work with the club and setup a Radio Site here at the post which will be great in the event of emergencies such as natural disasters and the like. This is the kind of thing that the Legion does. We work with the community and help where we can to support and now we also have become a site for emergency broadcasts for the Amateur Radio Club.

The Club Name is

**Cabot S.T.A.R.S Club**

Their website is

[www.W5STR.org](http://www.W5STR.org)

You can go to that site

**National Commanders Visit/Breakfast**

**For the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, the National Commander for the American Legion will be visiting Arkansas and again, our post has been honored to offer during one visit day, a breakfast for the Commander.**

**The visit date is February 16<sup>th</sup> which is this coming Monday and we will start @ 7:30AM. He will be here around an hour to visit enjoy a meal and talk with members.**

**After that he as well as those that wish, will then drive up to Beebe to dedicate their new post. So those of you that can and want, we will caravan up to help them with a new post.**

**North Little Rock Veterans Cemetery**

Up at the post, we have now the form (application) and information about how as a Veteran you and your spouse can be buried at this cemetery, either by a in-ground casket burial or a cremation crypt interment.

Basically, you will need to as the Veteran get the application along with a copy of your DD-214 sent to the cemetery office and then once processed for approval, you can be then upon needed be buried there. If you and your spouse are to use this site, you will also need to send up a copy of your marriage certificate as well. The cost for the Veteran is free however, there is a \$300 charge for the opening for the spouse. That fee is not necessary to give until that is needed.

If you haven't been up to the cemetery, it is a very nice facility and they are working constantly to improve the grounds and site areas.

Also, you and the spouse can take your forms and application to the office there at the cemetery, give them the documents for processing and then take a look at the site as well. The address for the cemetery is

**1501 W Maryland Ave,  
Sherwood, AR 72120  
(501) 683-2259**

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