

We have two new officers which I appointed to fulfill our Post's conducted business. They are Bill Johnson Jr., as 1st Vice Commander, and Jerry Gay, as the Chaplain. We need five officers to conduct and pass motions brought on to the floor, and they said they will fill in at least till next year. On behalf of our post, we thank them for helping out. Remember, this is "our post", and not "my post". The commander's duty is to delegate, and over see, and not to do the other officer's work. He does not even have a vote as to what is going to pass or not to pass. When a post is short of officers, then the commander has the duty to approve things. You can read this on the web site of the American Legion under the "Officers Guide Book". This is going to help out tremendously because I never wanted to be the only voice at the post. It was thrust upon me because of lack of participation. Again, this is "our post", not "my post! Join in with us! I would like to tell you about a rule we passed a year ago, and that is to only allow members or friends and family of the members, to rent out the room at the post. You have to be present to rent out the place, and you can never rent out the bar. Our beverage license doesn't allow that. Call the post for more details. 456-6768 National will be sending out the second notices on you dues if you haven't paid yet. I know they say 25 dollars due, because after we voted on the 30 dollar dues, it was sent in to National after they printed the notices. Also, there was a big misunderstanding as to when the Legion year starts. It has always been July to July. I found out that members were informed in the past of it being Jan. to Jan. Now I know why some members called the post in Jan. thru July asking for their cards. Hope this clears thing up. Most of you know the history of the legion, though, and didn't call. We are caught up now, and things got corrected. We are back in business! Stay informed by logging on to the web site. www.oklegionpost135.com Come meet the new State Commander on his tour on Thursday, Oct. 4th, at 9am -9.30 am at the post. We will have coffee and donuts. Ask him anything you like. He is a real, " go getter" who I think will do great for the State. Also, the District Convention will be at Muskogee Post 15, on Sat., Oct 27, 9am-lpm. We will be printing the Newsletter every other month starting this month, to save money. Send in your membership dues now, so we can budget now, our future here, at Post 135

I am sad to say that Tommy Thompson has resigned as our 1st Vice.

Commander Wes Benge and 2nd Vice Carl Adam have asked me to fill in until formal elections next year. I have reluctantly accepted due to the fact it will be very hard to fulfill the office from my home in Tulsa as it is a long drive. I will do my best to honor you with a good job.

I know that everyone is working very hard to get your membership cards out and Member Roster updated. Then we will go forward into the best year ever.

Now for a little history on me so you will have an idea who I am. I am the son of Bill Johnson, a Past Commander of Post t35. I have been a member of Post 135 for about 7 years but I have not been very active since I do live in Tulsa.

I was honorably discharged US Navy Missile Fire Control Tech P03 . Served November 1962 - Oct 1966. I served on the Frigate Ship USS Preble DLG15 out of San Diego. Our mission in Vietnam was mostly search and rescue with some shore bombardment as well. I hold a Good Conduct Medal and Expeditionary Medal Vietnam.

I have presently been your Internet Web Master since the inception of the <http://www.okleapionpost135.org> web site. I designed and created the web site on February 12, 2007. I hope you are all proud to have a nice web page. If you have not been there, the information is there to help you find services and many good sources of information.

We miss many of you at the meetings, Wednesday Night Potluck dinners (we use this as a fund raiser for Hospitalized Veterans), and Saturday Hamburger cook outs. Please try to attend more often. I have been driving down on Wednesdays to try to do my part. If we could get all our members to attend some of these activities, we could receive donations that would make it very much more possible to help even more Veteran of the area.

We are starting our Turkey Shoots again on September 8, We will have a Fish Fry as well to kick off our Turkey Shoot Season. Come on down, the fish will knock you socks off.

I close now saying For God and Country and for Veterans.

Until next time, bill jr.

SECOND VICE

The Wed. Night Potlucks for our Veterans is doing wonderful. Every week the dishes are getting more and more and tastier. Please come out and join us. If you don't have time to make a dish come out anyway, there is always plenty of food to go around. Every Tuesday we have a Service Officer at the American Legion to help out anyone that is having a problem past or present. Both of the officers do a wonderful and caring job in their efforts to help and answer questions from 12:00-3:00. Our turkey shoots are starting on the 8th and to start it off with a BANG there will be a fish fry and on the 22nd there will be a crawfish fry and boil. Bring along a side dish if possible. On the 26th please bring whatever meat you would like to grill with a side dish. Each month we would like to honor our birthday members on the last Saturday of the month with a birthday cake. If your birthday is during the month please join us in celebrating your birthday on the last Saturday and get a 1/2 price beverage of your choice. The General Meeting and the Auxilary will be meeting each month on the second Thursday at 7:00, so come on in and have a voice.

Then for Oct. on the 6th will be frozen Drink Day. Bring your blender and something to make a special drink like strawberries, Mangos, bannanas, you get the idea. Also a snack to go with the drinks would be great. On the 20th there will be a cookout so just bring a side. On the 31st there will be a Kids Carnival hosted by the Women's Auxilary starting at 6:00. There will be games and prizes etc. for the kids. Come out and join us, be sure that you are in costume that day and evening. Come into the lounge and check out all the fun football things we do and also out capsules. If you want to know what is going on at the American Legion you have to stop in to know. We would also like to thank Ruby Baldrige for the real nice walker that she donated to the Legion. If you or some one you know needs a walker, crutches, or other equipement we do have a few things that we do loan out.
Thanks Carl A.