



CRISWELL-ROBINSON POST #71

May 2016

116 North First Street, Cabot, AR 72023
501-203-5715

Laura Leger - Adjutant James Sanders - Commander

**Post meetings held the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
All members are invited to attend.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 26	Monthly Meeting/Officer Elections	7:00 pm Pre-meeting meal \$4.00 at 6:00 pm
May 30	Memorial Day Ceremony	11:00 am at Veterans Park Community Center
June 2	Game Night - BINGO	7:00 pm at Post 71
June 5	STARS Club Meeting - 1st Sunday	1:30 pm at Post 71
June 6 & 20	Honor Guard Meeting - 1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 pm at Post 71
June 7	Legion Riders Meeting - 1st Tuesday	7:00 pm at Post 71
June 10-12	Department Convention	Wyndham Riverfront Hotel - N. Little Rock, AR
June 14	SAL Meeting	6:30 pm at Post 71

Post Officer Election Time is Here!

Election of Post Officers is held annually before the Department Convention in June.

Elections will be held at our Monthly Business Meeting on May 26th at 7:00 pm.

Post Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Service Officer, Chaplain, and one Post Executive Committee member will be elected.

The Post Executive Committee, consisting of three members, have staggered terms for continuity, so that one person is to be elected each year.

Adjutant, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Sgt-at-Arms, and Historian are appointed positions.

Absentee Ballot: If you are unable to attend the meeting, come in to the Post, get an Absentee Ballot and vote. The Ballots will be secured, and not counted, until the Monthly Meeting.

Proxy Voting: If you can't make it into the Post, such as an illness, being out of town, or family emergency, you can call (501) 203-5715 or email us at americanlegioncabot@suddenlink.net for your Proxy Vote. ❖



Department Convention is coming up

The Annual Department Convention will be June 10-12 at Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock. All the Posts in Arkansas are invited to attend by sending delegates based on Post membership size. The Convention is also the time when new Department Officers will be elected.

We have a list at the Post if anyone is interested in signing up to be a delegate. This year, our Post will have about 19 delegate positions. ❖

You can now pay by credit or debit card at the Post

We have the ability to take cards for dues, purchases, or donations. There will be a nominal fee added to the transaction to help us defray the cost of having this much needed convenience. ❖

Are you getting emails from the Post?

We would rather send emails instead of mailing newsletters quarterly. Besides saving the Post money, you can keep better informed on a timely basis.

Call the Post at (305) 203-5715 or email us at americanlegioncabot@suddenlink.net to add you to our list. ❖

We now have a SAL Charter

By Nathan Longeway



Attention all Legionnaires, we have formed a new Sons of the American Legion, or SAL for short, unit for post 71. We need any and all sons, grandsons and legionaries who are sons and grandsons of veterans to sign up to be a part of this new unit.

Eligibility: All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in Service during World I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War and the War on Terrorism, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for Membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

The dues will be \$10.00 for Legion Members, \$10.00 for children under 18 years of age, and \$20.00 for non Legion members.

Sons of the American Legion assist the American Legion with its programs and activities such as help promote children and youth programs, including the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. SAL members can provide services to those in need in the local community, through programs that include fund raising events.

Other programs will be started to help promote Flag etiquette, marksmanship, and to continue to support the efforts of the Legion Post. So come one, come all to help with getting this unit off the ground, forming programs to help mentor and educate our youth and the future of our Cabot, Legion Post 71. ❖

Lonoke County Veteran Service Officer

Sam High, the Lonoke County Service Officer, is part of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs or ADVA. He works to serve our fellow Arkansas Veterans by

continuing to connect them to the local, state, and federal services they have earned.

On Wednesdays, he is down the hall from our Post, and on Tuesdays, he is in Lonoke.

114 N 1st, Office F
Cabot, AR 72023
Wednesdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Phone: 501-843-0733

108 W. 2nd St.
Lonoke, AR 72086
Tuesdays 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Phone: 501-676-6942 (fax/3088) ❖

Pay your 2016 dues

If you haven't paid your 2016 dues, there is still time.

If you have missed a couple years, or more, it's not too late. In most cases, you can catch up to keep your continuous years paid. Or you can pay the current year, and lose your continuous years paid. ❖

Post 71 Officers for 2015-2016

Commander - Jim Sanders
1st Vice - Art Mason
2nd Vice - Myrl Lawrence
Adjutant - Laura Leger
Assistant Adjutant - Bill Sheets
Finance Officer - Roger Tolleson
Service Officer - Allen Miller
Chaplain - Skip Hill
Judge Advocate - James Caton
Sgt-at-Arms - Mike Leger
Foundation Board Member - Russell Cook

District 8 Officers for 2016-2017

Commander - Jim Sanders
1st Vice - Jasper Honeycutt from Post 80
Service Officer - Russell Cook
Foundation - Russell Cook
District Exec Committeeman - Jim Caton
Sgt-at-Arms - Allen Miller

TAPS

Michael Norris
Leo Munford
Faber Byrd
Kenneth Aikins, Sr.
Michael Gramsch
Allen Ballentine
Robert Jardine, Jr.



Cabot S.T.A.R.S. Club has a radio in our Post

Cabot Small Town Amateur Radio Service, otherwise known as the S.T.A.R.S. Club. Our club call sign is W5STR. We are people from all walks of life, age groups, and experiences that come together to participate in a hobby we love - Amateur Radio!

STARS Club set up a radio in Post 71 as part of the American Legion's Amateur Radio Club

The American Legion has formed a special entity to provide a forum for military veterans who today are engaged in a hobby that can also provide emergency communications "when all else fails." During the May 2011 Spring Meetings, the National Executive Committee authorized the establishment of The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC).

If you're interested in testing to earn an Amateur Radio License please join us at our monthly meetings on the 1st Sunday of each month.

The STARS Club meets the 1st Sunday of every month at Post 71 at 1:30 pm. ❖

If you have any news or articles you want to add to the newsletter, then please email our **Adjutant** Laura Leger at americanlegioncabot@suddenlink.net or call the Post.

Visit the Post website at www.Post71.org and Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/americanlegioncabot

Legion Riders at Post 71

We have American Legion Riders as part of our Post.

If you are a Member of Post 71, or ANY American Legion Post or Post Auxiliary, or SAL Squadron, and your Member dues are up to date, you are eligible to be a member of Post 71 Legion Riders.

They have a monthly meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

If you have any questions, call the Riders Director, Ron Owens (404) 664-4375 or Road Captain, Jay Woods (501) 813-9046. ❖



Honor Guard needs more members

We need your help. The Honor Guard needs more members to help support parades, funerals, and other events in our area.

We have monthly meetings on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month.

We serve as the face of the post in times of celebration and in time of loss. In order to serve our veterans, their families, and our community, we need about twelve more members to join our current ranks.

Please contact Honor Guard Commander, David Barnes at the post (501) 203-5715 for more information. ❖