The Clarion
St. Charles American Legion Post 312
May 2019

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Our final Centennial Event honoring our current generation of Veterans was held on April 13. The evening portion of the program was well attended, and a good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who made that long day possible.

I contacted the founder of **Summit for Soldiers** and the local contact for **Team RWB**. Both are veteran centric organizations which attract younger veterans and I am working to build a relationship to build our membership and serve our veterans.

Team RWB is a global organization that promotes comradery through physical fitness, a great contact as I plan for the third year to have a **walk, ride, run event on Katy Trail** next year.

Summit for Soldiers engages Veterans with a focus on suicide prevention. Stay tuned for further updates.

We will ask for nominations for a **Sergeant-at-Arms** at the next General Membership meeting on May 13. We also need a **Color Guard Captain**.

Please start thinking of the next year coming up soon. We will need a **2nd Vice**, a **Finance Officer** and an **Adjutant**.

Sign-up sheets are posted for **Poppy Days May 9-11**, please sign up for a shift, your help is needed.

This year, in our back yard, we have the chance to attend historical events including the celebration of the **1st St. Louis Caucus 100 years ago**. This is May 9 and 10, lets show up in force. I will place information on the website.

See the last Clarion or check out **www.Legion.org** for upcoming historical Department and National events in St. Louis and Indianapolis. Your participation is appreciated.

Every **second Thursday** of the month is **Freddy's Night** now. Anyone can visit Freddy's at I-70 and Cave Springs from 5 to 9 PM, tell them you are there for American Legion Post 312 and they will donate 15% of your bill to Legion Post 312. This simple fundraiser has raised over $65 with very little effort.

Stay updated on our website, **alpost312mo.org,** our Facebook page and flyers at the Post, and now follow me on Twitter@legion_312.

Larry Carron, Commander
636-345-6106

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FIRST VICE COMMANDER

Your dues must be paid for you to be eligible to vote for new Post Officers at elections coming up in June.

Dues are $30 and can be dropped off at the Post or renewed online at **www.legion.org**.

Remember your membership helps support the American Legion and Veterans Administration as well as our Post.

Please join us at the **next Post meeting** on Monday, May 13 at 7:30 PM.

Daniel N Sauer, 1st Vice Commander
dsauer@aol.com 314-808-8438

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CHAPLAIN

Legion members **Les Anderson**, **Robert Ehlenbeck** and **Rick Schierding** passed away since my last report. No Legion services were requested.

Rich Middendorf, Post Chaplain
636-328-6996

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Well, we've had our April Showers, so looking forward to the May Flowers!!

May is such a busy month here for the Auxiliary. Two of our three major fundraisers happen in May – the Annual **Spring Luncheon** and our **Poppy Days**.
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We will be "cruising" our way to the Island of Fun this year with our cruise theme for the **Spring Luncheon**!

We will have lots of raffle baskets, bingo, a delicious lunch and so much more! Our BIG basket will again be a "Scratchers" basket with all kinds of scratch-off tickets included. You won't want to miss this one! This ship sails on Tuesday, **May 7**.

Poppy Days will be Thursday-Friday-Saturday **May 9-10-11**. The sign-up sheets are posted in the Foxhole, so come and choose your time slot to distribute poppies at your favorite location.

I want to remind everyone of an easy opportunity available to support the ALA anytime that you make a purchase on Amazon.

If you use **smile.amazon.com** instead of amazon.com, you will see the exact same screen but .5% of every purchase will be donated to the **American Legion Auxiliary Foundation**. Such an easy and painless way to give!

All year we have been celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. An incredible 100 years of service and dedication to our Veterans, our Military, their families and communities!

We held our final celebration of this huge milestone on April 13 with an open house, dinner and music. Thank you Post 312 for a wonderful day!

The Auxiliary will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary in November. Can't wait to see what exciting things we have in store!

Don't forget our **"Let's Be There" drawing** to be held at the end of the July meeting.

Names of everyone who has **attended at least 10 meetings** will be entered into a drawing. The winner will have their dues paid for the 2019-20 year!! (Officers are not eligible. That means you have 3 more months to meet the 10-meeting minimum!!

Next meeting is **April 13**. See you there!

Jan Irwin, Auxiliary President
636-699-9577

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AUXILIARY FIRST VICE

We invite The American Legion and Sons of the Legion to sign up your spouses, children, grandchildren, great grand-children, mothers and sisters to be members of our great Auxiliary.

We need members for our Auxiliary so we can accomplish our Auxiliary Mission:

• To support The American Legion and its programs for veterans, young people and community.

•To provide for today's needs while being advocates for a brighter future.

•To advance the understanding of patriotism and responsibility of citizenship.

• To promote individual integrity and family values.

•To ensure, as volunteers, that Auxiliary members continue to promote all that is good in the nation today, tomorrow and for generations to come through serving others first and not self.

We need your support to "LET OUR LIGHT SHINE!" for all veterans, active military and their families.

Please consider renewing your membership and finding new members to help us reach our goal. You know membership is everyone's job. Thank you for your support.

Remember our Veterans on Memorial Day and everyday throughout the year.

Lucille Armbruster, Membership Chairman 636-441-6419

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Auxiliary member **Betty Stahl** passed away in April. Please pray for her and her family.

Jeanne Steinhoff
636-219-4311

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Poppy Distribution Campaign this year is **May 9, 10 and 11**.

PLEASE consider giving a little of your time to help the Veterans in our area. We only succeed with your help!!!!!
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Sign-up sheets are available in the Foxhole or call me at 636-288-1250 (after 5 PM).

We will be distributing our Poppies at **Midtowne Market** on Thursday and Friday, May 9 & 10.

At all other locations, we will be distributing on Thursday, Friday & Saturday May 9, 10 & 11:

Bass Pro Shop

Gingham's Restaurant

Sam's Wholesale Club

Cabela's

We will also be at **Cabela's** on **Memorial Day Weekend** for their **Hometown Heroes Event** on Saturday, May 25 from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, May 26 from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Brenda Richarz, Poppy Chairman
636-288-1250 after 5pm

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POST SERVICE OFFICER

Please contact me if you know of anyone who may need our assistance.

Bruce Cross, Post Service Officer
Brucec1_99@yahoo.com
636-946-9754, M-F, 1-5 PM

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AMERICANISM/ CHILDREN & YOUTH

Post 312 is sponsoring the following high school juniors to this year's Boys State:

Spencer William Foss of St. Charles High

Collin Michael Meyer of St. Charles West

Luke Edward Hermann of Duchesne High

Dylan Michael Whitlock of Duchesne High.

Boys State will be held in June on the campus of Central Missouri University in Warrensburg. All participants completing the 8-day course "A Week to Shape a Lifetime" will receive 2 or 3 college credit hours.

The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Ted House. Judge House, as a 1976 graduate of Boys State, is a real-life example of the American Legion Boys State program.

Larry DuFour, Americanism, Children & Youth, Public Safety 636-441-7102

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FAMILY SPAGHETTI DINNER

The next Spaghetti Dinner will be on Tuesday, **May 28**. Come join your friends and neighbors for a good dinner at a great price!

If you would like to volunteer to help with preparation or serving, contact us at the numbers below.

Spaghetti Dinner Committee
Dan Sauer, Rich Middendorf
314-808-8438 or 636-328-6996

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VETERANS HOME BINGO

Come join us for the next **Veteran's Home Bingo** on Thursday, **May 16**. We leave the Post at 6 PM or you can meet us there. Call me for more info.

Rich Middendorf, VA&R Chair
636-328-6996

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION

It is my sad duty to report the loss of SAL member **Jeff Middendorf**. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Tickets are on sale now for the **ALR Steak Dinner** on **May 19,** proceeds to benefit Post renovations.

The **National SAL Commander** will be in St. Louis on **May 9 and 10** to participate in the rededication of the Veterans Memorial in remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of the St. Louis Caucus of the American Legion.

The time is fast upon us to get our service hours turned in for our annual consolidation report. These numbers go all the way to National and contribute to our ability to influence veterans' benefits.

We still need help with membership. Recruit, invite, call old friends and members we have not seen in a while. 2019 dues are still only $20.

For our veterans and service members, for our community and nation, God Bless America!

See you at our **next meeting** on **Monday**, **May 6 at 7 PM**.

Jeff Kull, Squadron Commander
636-675-924

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Please join us for our **Steak Night** on **May 19**. Barbeque extraordinaire, **Albert Sinclair** has agreed to be the Master of the Grill and we hope to see you all there. See the flyer at the back of this Clarion for more details.

As the Riding season begins, and we start populating the roadways again, please keep an eye open for motorcycles!

Our **next Riders meeting** is on Saturday **May 4** at 1500.

Paul Rodgers, Director
314-800-8318

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Foxhole

Cinco De Mayo Party
Sunday, May 5

May Music
Larry & Jake on 5/4
Just for S &G on 5/11
Jack DeWeese on 05/18
Boston Dave on 05/25

May Bowling
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
5/1 & 5/15

May Shuffleboard
Sundays at 3:30 PM
5/19 & 5/26

Greetings to all the Post 312 Family members!!

Getting into the swing of the Cardinal baseball season and very encouraging Blues playoff run has kept everyone glued to the TVs in the Foxhole.

On May 5th, the Foxhole will host a "**Cinco de Mayo"** party with delicious Mexican food and drink specials.

Music for the month of May will have Larry & Jake on 05/04, Just for S & G on 05/11, Jack DeWeese on 05/18 and Boston Dave on 05/25!! We look forward to seeing you there and "Thank you!" for your support of the musicians and the juke box nights on Saturdays.

May bowling will be held on 05/01 & 05/15. Shuffleboard will be held on 05/19 and 05/26.

Come join in on the fun, we are always looking for players. There are drink and pizza specials for the players!! Sounds good already!! See you there!!

On to the results of our Foxhole sporting events.

4/4 bowling results:

1st place – Stan & Dean
2nd place – Jay & Rich
3rd place – Mary B & Sean

3/24 shuffleboard results:

1st place – Mike & Mary M
2nd place – Roseann & Betty
3rd place – Royce & Diane
4th place – Rich & Marie

Shuffleboard results for 4/14:

1st place – Rich & Diane
2nd place – Mike & Marie
3rd place – Rosanna & Hilda
4th place – Royce & Marie
5th place – Dave & Dianna

Congratulations to of the winners and many "Thanks!" to all the players!! Well done!!

I want to give a belated "BIG" **shout-out** to an unsung Post member who has helped the Foxhole many, many times!! That person is **Kerry Humphrey**!!

A couple of months ago, he met me at the Foxhole after a long day at work to repair and replace the exhaust fan in the men's rest room and the light switch for the Mural.

He got it all done quickly and the fan and lights work as they should now!! Thank you, Kerry, for taking care of those problems. **"Well Done!"**

There are other Legion Family members who take care of problems without asking for or expecting recognition!! A simple "Thank You!" to acknowledge their contribution would be nice!! Thank you in advance!!

As always, we look forward to seeing you soon and often in YOUR Fox Hole!!

If you have suggestions regarding the entertainment, drinks, etc. please write them down and give to me or the bartender on duty. Thank you! Cheers!

Dean Irwin, Foxhole Manager &
Bar Committee Chair
636-288-1888
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Derby Day Party
Saturday, May 4

1st Capitol Lions
at Legion Post 312
$30/person
Doors Open at 2:30 PM

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Cinco De May Party
Sunday, May 5

In the Foxhole
Food & Drink Specials

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Spring Luncheon
Tuesday, May 7

Doors open at 10 AM
$13/person
Lunch, Bingo, Raffles
Attendance Prizes

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Happy Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12

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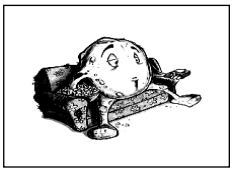

RETIREE'S CLUB

When: 1st & 3rd Wednesday
Where: Legion Hall
Fare: $5.00
Starting @: 10:00 AM
Lunch @: 12:00 Noon

May 1

KP
Gene Fair
Tom Goodnich
Mike Hachting.

Menu
Chicken Enchilada Casserole,
Beans, Chips and Salsa,
Dessert

May 15

KP
Al Hagedorn
Don Hallemeier
Gerry Hollrah

Menu
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes,
Green beans, Dessert

Bill Reilly, President
636-328-2340

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Poppy Days
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
May 9-10-11

Midtowne Market
Bass Pro Shop
Gingham's Restaurant
Sam's Wholesale Club
Cabela's

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Riders Strip Steak Dinner
Sunday, May 19

4 – 7 PM
$20/person
Food, Drink & Music
Proceeds to Post Renovations

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Memorial Day
Monday, May 27

Remember our Veterans!

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