The Clarion

St. Charles American Legion Post 312

MARCH 2025

COMMANDER JOE

The Post annual First Responders Awards Dinner was held on January 11, and it was very interesting to listen to what the award winners had done to receive these awards. It would have been nice if there would have been a few more Legion members in attendance to show support for our First Responders. Due to the low turnout our Post has experienced for the Annual American Legion Family Day, which is open to the public and is scheduled during April, the Post membership has decided to try and schedule the day on a Saturday in September in hopes of getting more members and public to attend. Once again, we have experienced more problems with our building. On Friday January 24, when we came in to set up for Friday Bingo, we found the roof leaking and there was no hot water for the kitchen. As the water was leaking onto some of the Bingo monitors and on the Bingo stage it was necessary to move some of the electronic equipment and Bingo paper to a different area. It was also necessary to close the kitchen as per the city health department, we cannot sell food without having hot water available. I want to thank all the volunteers who worked that Friday for the extra efforts they put forth in preventing us from having to cancel Bingo that night. The leak was repaired the following Saturday, and it was necessary to purchase a new hot water tank which was also installed the following Saturday.

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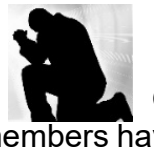

POST CHAPLAIN

Good News! None of our Post 312 members have been reported sick or injured since the last report in February. Our prayers are for the continued good health of our membership

Just a Note My wife Cindy of 53 plus years is at big Barnes Hospital in St Louis recovering from hip surgery and brain tumor surgery as of February 4, 2025. Thank you all for your prayers. She seems to be doing better and is improving.

CALLED TO THE HIGH COMMAND

It's my sad duty to report that Post 312 members James “Jim” Ehlmann and Michael “Mike” Doyen have been called to the high command. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed “rest in peace” Amen.

Larry DuFour Post Chaplain 636-441-7102

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Top of the Mornin to ye. I’m hoping as you read this issue, we are still celebrating a Kansas City Chiefs victory at the Super Bowl!

Thank you to those who participated in our Annual Cake Walk to benefit the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund. These funds go to Auxiliary members during crisis and with the floods and fires during the past 12 months the funds will be put to good use. If you would like additional information on the Emergency Fund, please contact our Chairperson Tricia Casper.

Straighten your hat and pull up your boots for this year’s Spring Luncheon scheduled for May 6th.Tickets are available for purchase for $15 and MUST be purchased in advanced. We are now accepting donations for gift baskets and/or door prizes. If you have any ideas or need additional information, please contact me. This annual event raises money for Girls State Sponsorship and our Scholarship Fund. It is our largest annual fundraiser. If you’ve never, been you are really missing out on a lot of fun. We have basket raffles, prizes and all the funds raised go to our area young people.

Just reminder monthly meetings are the second Monday of every month. March’s theme is

"Wearing of the Green" and April's theme is "Its raining, It's Pouring better get your rain gear ready"

May the wind be always at your back and may God Bless our troops, our Veterans, and America!

God's Blessing

Laura L. Diel Auxiliary President
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AUXILIARY FIRST VICE

What are the advantages of American Legion Auxiliary membership?

The ALA is a remarkable organization with over 100 years of service to veterans and the nation's communities. In addition to the personal gratification and rewards gained in voluntary service, there are many tangible benefits for members of the ALA. Members receive a complimentary subscription the Auxiliary's national quarterly magazine and have exclusive access to a wide variety of discount services and supplemental insurance products. Members also have access to free classes, webinars, and trainings through the ALA Academy. The Auxiliary Emergency Fund is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency help to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have suffered a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis. These are some of the reasons you belong and pay your dues. Thanks to all 217 who have paid. Letters have been sent to those who have not yet paid. Please think about it and send your dues as soon as possible.

Always "Remember Your Why".

Lucille Armbruster, Auxiliary 1st Vice President & Membership Chair lucillera@charter.net
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636-441-6419 or 314-238-6330 cell

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Thank each of you who donated purses for the Crisis Nursery purse drive. Your thoughtful donation was deeply appreciated.

From my Irish heart to yours:

"May the dreams you hold dearest, be those which come true, and the kindness you spread, keep returning to you." Happy St. Paddy's!!!

Bam Kelly Auxiliary Chaplain terikkelly@aol.com 314-795-0283

VETERANS HOME BINGO

The next Veterans Home Bingo will be Thu March 20. We must leave the Post promptly at 6 PM. Please call us ahead of time if you want a ride. Join us for a fun time!
Mary Diel, VA&R Chair 314-910-2992
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Next meeting Mon March 3 at 7pm.

John Leonard Squadron Commander
314-303-6665

Do you know where your DD-214 is?

Have you seen it recently? This is your most important document that you and your family needs. It takes months to get if it is lost/misplaced. But if you live in Missouri- and enlisted or retired or got out here. Here we have an archive section at the state headquarters in Jefferson City (Ike Skelton). The number you can contact is 573-638-9500. Let them know that you are looking for your or family members discharge

papers. This will save you a lot of headaches in the future.

Vernon and Julie Bauer

AMERICANISM CHILDREN & YOUTH COLOR GUARD

COLOR/HONOR GUARD

Your Post 312 Color Guard will participate in the opening ceremonies of the "St Charles County Mayors Charities Ball" to be held at the St. Charles Convention Center on Saturday March 15, 2025. Other participants include St. Charles City Police and Fire Departments, St. Charles County Police and the St. Charles County Marine Corps League Detachment 725.

American LEGION HIGH SCHOOL
ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

'A CONSTITUTIONAL SPEECH CONTEST'

Vanessa Ng our St Charles County winner of the high school constitutional speech contest, also won the Ninth (9th) District contest at the Wentzville Post 323. Vanessa came in second (2nd) place in the Zone one (1) contest held at Hannibal Post 55. Drury University in Springfield Mo. Awarded Vanessa Ng a $13,000.00 per year scholarship for four (4) years should she decide to go to Drury University for her efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry DuFour 636-441-7102
Americanism/Children & Youth/
Law and Order/Color Guard Captain

Weather is breaking, at least on and off and things are busy. Look for flyers for our Chili Cook Off and Mardi Gras featuring an authentic, delicious menu with freshly imported shrimp and andouille straight from New Orleans.

Music Bingo will be Feb 22nd this month.

Remember to save the date of March 15th to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

For entertainment, in March, we have Mike Feldman on Mar 1st, starting at 6 PM. Jackie D in the foxhole on the 8th. Music Bingo Mar 22nd and Boston Dave Karaoke on Mar 29th.

Check us out on our website, alpost312mo.org. Please note our Facebook Page/Meta page has been suspended again, thanks to AI and its infinite wisdom and lack of any human person being available to answer to our inquiries and plea for reinstatement.

Larry Carron Bar Chairman
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FAMILY DINNER

Tuesday, March 25 4:30-6pm $15

Dine-In or Carry Out

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

BBQ Pork Steak, Mac n' Cheese, Coleslaw, and Apple Crisp! Free coffee and iced tea with a cash bar available. We offer dine-in or carry out. **Please make your reservation by March 20th** by texting or calling Bam Kelly, **314-795-0283.** We look forward to seeing you and please invite a friend!

Thank you for your continued support of your American Legion Post 312!

SAVE THE DATE

Sun. Apr 20 – Easter Fox Hole Closed

Tue Apr 29 – Family Meal – Chicken Modiga from Tonys on Mail

Sun May 4 – Cinco DeMayo Fox Hole

Tue May 6 – Auxiliary Spring Luncheon

Thru May 15 – Veterans Home Bingo

Sat May 17 – Armed Forces Day

Tue May 27 – Family Meal Meatloaf

Sun Jun 1 – District Meeting Post 312

Tue Jun 3 – First Responders Fish Fry Lunch

Sat Jun 15 – Flag Day

Tue Jun 24 – Family Dinner

SAVE YOUR TAB TOPS

Don't forget to save your tab tops for the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary uses them in support the Ronald McDonald House. Drop them off anytime at the Foxhole.

POST HISTORY

This information was recently found in a 1986 history book completed by 1986 Commander Roger J. Brimeyer.

PART THREE OF THREE

Our wonderful Ladies Auxiliary does not sit idly by and let us carry the ball alone. The Auxiliary also sponsors and sends girls to Girls State, a student from each high school, including Orchard Farm. They also Sponsor a girls softball team. The most important donation from the Auxiliary goes to the Post. Do you know that Unit 312 has donated over $2500.00 within the last few months to our Post to help defray some unexpected cost? They also donate a lot of help for the Festival of the Little Hills and the Octoberfest, not to mention preparing these dinners for our enjoyment. Together, Post 312 and Unit 312 donate thousands of dollars each year to various health and charity organizations, such as the Salvation Army, Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Lung Association, Diabetes Foundation, U.S.O. and American Heart Association. The list is a long one and goes on and on. So, you see, we do get together and have a good time, but we also do not forget those who need our help.

To those members of our community who look down on us. I have this to say, "you must be pretty high up there to be able to look down on an organization as great as the American Legion. Are you sure you are looking down on us and not up to us?".

Joe Diel Historian

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAT APR 12
Masters Twosome Par 3, Pheasant Run O'Fallon.75 a person includes beer on the course and lunch at the clubhouse. Proceeds Benefit Greater St, Louis Honor Flight and American Legion Riders Chapter 312
Phil McHenry 314-443-3009
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Hall Rental 314-952-8833 Post 636-947-7666 Foxhole 636-724-9712

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Mike Feldman @ Foxhole Madi Gras Celebration 5 pm
2 District Meeting Post 297 Union	3 Riders Meeting 6pm SALS Meeting 7pm Foxhole Closed	4 Clarion Articles Due ClarionPost312@gmail.com Foxhole Closed	5 Bowling Foxhole 630	6	7 Bingo 6:30pm	8 Jackie D @ Foxhole
9	10 Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm Legion Meeting 7:30pm	11 Foxhole Closed	12	13	14 Bingo 6:30pm	15 American Legion Birthday Celebration Foxhole ST. Pats Day Celebration Foxhole
16	17 Foxhole Closed	18 Foxhole Closed	19 Bowling Foxhole 630	20 Family Dinner reservations due 314-795-0283 Veterans' bingo	21 Bingo 6:30pm	22 Music Bingo @ Foxhole
23	24 Foxhole Closed	25 Family Dinner 4:30-6pm Foxhole Open 3-8pm	26	27	28 Bingo 6:30pm	29
30	31					Check our new Facebook page or the Foxhole tab on our website at **www.alpost312mo.org**

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Commander Joe Diel
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