The Clarion

St. Charles American Legion Post 312

September 2023

POST COMMANDER

I am back in the saddle again, closing out my first meeting on 8/14/23. It was busy as we welcomed two new members, **Scott Cox, and Mark Sloan**. We went right to work and took on the issue and approved the outdoor digital sign to replace the aged channel letter sign for the Post. This project has been a couple years in the making starting with **Kerry Humphrey** securing the first bids. It is a big spend but I believe it is well worth it to get timely, attractive messages to the public all updated on-line. We also approved getting the hall floors stripped and coated, which should only be needed once a year.

We still need a **Business Manager** and **Facilities Manager,** and I will revisit the Kitchen manager position as we move forward. Next, working closely with our bookkeeper and Finance officer, the executive Board will establish a budget for the coming year.

Please attend the **District 9 meeting** at Post 312 on September 10, 9 AM.

We also received confirmation that the National Commander will visit our zone from October 19-October 23rd so will consider hosting a Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, or a Meet and Greet. We will advise at the next meeting, let's show up in force for whatever we plan.

I will be entering the 2023-2024 planning calendar in the Events Calendar on our webpage. Stay updated on the website, alpost312mo.org and through flyers at the post.

God Bless America.
Larry Carron, Post Commander
636-345-6106

POST CHAPLAIN

Since the last report, we learned of two Legionnaires who passed earlier in the year: **John Spillane** and **Richard Robinson.** Please keep their families in your prayers.

Rich Middendorf, Post Chaplain
middendorf802@gmail.com 636-328-6996

POST FIRST VICE

Due to recent surgery and recovery, Brian will not have an article this month.
He will be back at full strength next month. We wish him well and pray for a speedy recovery.

Brian Bush, 1st Vice President
bbush2005@gmail.com 636-698-5495

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Happy Fall to All! Hopefully, the weather is going to cool off a bit and settle into a beautiful Fall season!
We've had our first meeting of the new year and have some things in place to get us off to a wonderful start!
Our first District Meeting will be held Sept 10 at Post 312. If you have any items to donate to the raffle, we would gladly accept them. We have a delicious meal lined up and would love to have a record-breaking showing of members, so please mark your calendar.
The Post Family Picnic will be held on Sept 16, with food, fun, and Legion Family! This is always a good time, so be sure to keep that date open!

I would like to take a moment and say thank you to the members of Unit 312. For those members past, present, and future…. the work you do, the plans we plan that you make a reality, the service you do to take care of our **Veterans, Active Military,** and their families… you are an incredible bunch of people, that truly exemplify the motto of **"Service Not Self"** every day. I am proud to be a part of this Unit.
See you at the meeting on September 11!

Jan Irwin, Auxiliary President 636-699-9577

AUXILIARY FIRST VICE

The theme this year is "Let Freedom Ring – Because of Those Who Serve." We need to strive to make this happen every day around Missouri. As members of the **American Legion Auxiliary,** we need to let the world know what we do to serve our veterans, their families, our children and youth and our local community. American Legion Auxiliary members are caring individuals who reach out daily to touch the lives of others. The only way people are going to know the impact we make is if we show them or tell them. When people learn more about our organization, they will want to join us in our service to others.
Our goal this year is 278. I am sure we can meet this if all our members renew and recruit.
There are many ways to pay your dues:
1. Mail it to the membership chairman at 8 Alma Dr., St. Charles, MO 63304-5512
2. Leave it at the Fox Hole, but make sure your name is on the envelope.
3. You can pay online at the National Website
Please make your checks out to ALA Unit 312.
Senior dues are $34.00 and Junior dues are $5.00.
Remember to "Fly your Flag" on VJ Day (1945), Labor Day, and Patriot Day 9/11.
Also remember POW/MIA Recognition Day September 15 and Gold Star Mother's Day September 24.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 636-441-6419 or 314-238-6330 or you can email me at lucillera@charter.net.

Lucille Armbruster, Auxiliary 1st Vice & Membership Chairman lucillera@charter.net
8 Alma Dr, St. Charles, MO 63304 636-441-6419 or 314-238-6330 cell.

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Each day we decide.
what we are filled with and
what we pour out…..
Let it be Love, Peace,
Joy and Kindness
today and every day!

As summer is coming to a close and our days are becoming shorter take a minute to make someone smile. Hugs are free!

Bam Kelly Auxiliary Chaplain 314-795-0283

VA CLINIC RELOCATING

The St. Charles VA clinic is moving to
2845 Veterans Memorial PKWY
St. Charles, Mo. 63303. 314-286-6988.
This is located int the old Office Max building next to Sam's/Walmart in ST. Charles**.**

POST PICNIC

Saturday, Sep 16, 1 PM to 6 PM
Beer Garden & Food
St Charles Police and Fire Dept vehicles on display (unless they must respond to emergency calls).
If planning on attending, please advise no later than Sunday, Sept 9. You can sign up in

Foxhole or call and leave a message at the Post, 633-947-7666 OR call Joe 314-913-9597. Please leave your first and last name and the number of adults and children in your party. Children's games and Bingo for the adults. Come out and have a good time seeing old and new members of the American Legion Family.

Joe Diel. Post 2nd Vice/Historian
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SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION

Sept. meeting cancelled. Nothing planned for September.

Next meeting on Mon Oct 2 at 7 PM.

John Leonard, Squadron Commander 314-303-6665

VETERANS HOME BINGO

Thursday, July 29, seven volunteers traveled to Missouri Veterans Home to conduct bingo for 22 residents, and give out lap robes, games, etc.
The next Veterans Home Bingo will be Thu September 21. We will leave the Post at 6 PM. Please call us ahead of time if you want a ride. Join us for a fun time!

Mary Diel and Rich Middendorf Veterans Home Bingo Co-Chairs
Mary 314-910-2992 or Rich 636-329-6996

AMERICANISM/ CHILDREN & YOUTH/ COLOR GUARD

SCHOOLS ARE OPEN!!!
I'm back in the elementary schools promoting our Americanism essay contest with the fifth graders leading up to **AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK** which is always the middle week in November each year. The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary are National Co-Sponsors of AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK.
The fifth graders' essays give us a keen insight into their thoughts and wishes for the very best in America.
Stay tuned for updates on today's youth and tomorrow's leaders.

AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 'A CONSTITUTIONAL SPEECH CONTEST"
I'm also back in the high schools promoting our American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program in which high school students earn scholarships by speaking on the U.S. Constitution live before an audience without notes. All high school students wishing to enter the Saint Charles County contest must be certified on or before November 30, 2023, by their respective high schools and oratorical chairman.
Stay tuned for updates on the best and brightest of today's youth as they progress forward and upward as they prepare to be tomorrow's leaders!!

COLOR GUARD/HONOR GUARD NEWS:
Your Post 312's Color/Honor Guard team will participate in the Watch Fire ceremony to be held at 6:30 P.M. on Friday September 15, 2023, at Bishop's Landing.

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

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

We have a ride, Sept 9th, KSU 1000 at the post. Destination – Copperhead Tavern in New Canton IL. This is a lunch ride and meeting. Let's have some fun. Upcoming events: Get ready, chapter 312 Riders are hosting on December 9th the Army / Navy football game at the Foxhole. Game starts at 1 pm, doors open at noon. Come tailgate with us

and enjoy a spirited football game that is bound to be a good one. Last year's game went into double overtime with Army winning by a field goal. The Navy is looking for redemption. Come and enjoy the camaraderie, the food and fun. Invite a friend, better yet a fellow veteran.

Tony Rumbo, ALR Director
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HISTORY

The last operational World War Two LST (Landing Ship Tank) will be doing its annual cruise in September. This year the ship will be docking in Hannibal Missouri from September 15th-18th. Several years ago, I was lucky enough to tour the ship when it visited Alton Illinois. If you are interested in making the 1 1/2 hour drive up Highway 61 to Hannibal, it is well worth the $15 admission price to see an actual operational WW2 ship. Note: this ship is **NOT HANDICAPPED ACCESSABLE.**

For more information, visit their web site at USS LST-325 | WWII Landing Ship | Evansville, IN (lstmemorial.org). or call them at (812)435-8678.

Al Schultz

We completed the first month of the non-smoking trial in the Foxhole. I can report that many people have commented favorably on the air-quality, but I can also tell you sales have dropped off considerably. If you haven't taken advantage of visiting The Foxhole, come on in, buy 50/50 tickets, have a drink we would love to see you. We will be serving drinks outside at the Post Family Picnic on September 16, details will follow.
Save the date.
On September 24, we are having a Bourbon Tasting event from 2-4PM, see the flyer with this Clarion.

For entertainment in September, we have
Michael Feldman on the 2nd,
Jackie D on the 9th and
Boston Dave, (Karaoke) closing out the month as we recognize September Birthdays on the 30
Thank you all for your support of The Foxhole, don't forget to sign your guests in, let's close out the summer in great fashion.

Kris Marsden, Bar Manager
636-219-5282
Larry Carron Bar Chairman
636-345-6106

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Tue Sept 26, 4:30 - 6 PM, Dine-In or Curbside, Text or Call 636-328-6996 by Thu Sept 21, to order.

$10 for spaghetti & meatballs, salad, dinner roll and homemade dessert. Desserts will be choice of apple crisp, pineapple upside down cake or German chocolate cake. The Foxhole will be open 3-8 PM.

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO AT POST 312

Hello to all my Bingo friends.
Friday Night Bingo is going quite well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participate and help us keep the doors open for all to enter and for helping to make this a safe place for everyone.
It really takes all of us working together to make it a success.
On Friday, August 4th we instituted two changes. After careful thought we decided to open the doors to the public at 3:00PM. We also at this time initiated a new policy of not allowing

saving of seats. I am glad to report that these changes seem to have gone smoothly and many of our players are glad of the new changes. We still start selling at 4:30 and start playing regular bingo at 6:30.
I invite everyone to come out and give us a try. See if working a few hours, a week or month would be something you would like to do. We always need volunteers. If you just want to get out and play bingo, that is great too. We would love to see you there.

Glenda Reed
Bingo Co-chairman

POST 312 LEGION BASEBALL NEWS

Rich Middendorf was the American Legion Baseball 50/50 winner.

Russell Klicker, Post 312 Baseball Manager 314-705-9147

DISTRICT 9 MEETING

Post 312 will be hosting the District 9 meeting on September 10, commencing at 9 AM. Lunch will be served. Foxhole will be open.

Please come and show your support for Post 312!

INTERESTED ?

Excellent opportunity for a qualified handyman. Part-time position with very flexible hours for a multi-property owner. Must have experience with drywall hanging and taping, plumbing, painting and electrical. Prefer you have your own equipment, but arrangements can be made. Pay can be negotiated. For questions and more information, call Larry at (636) 751-0174.
Larry Reighard

SAVE YOUR TAB TOPS

Please continue to save your tab tops in support of the Ronald McDonald house, bring them to a meeting or drop them off at the Foxhole. Thank you!

Brenda Richardz

GENERAL INFORMATION

On Sundays from noon until 1:00 there is a radio program dedicated to Veterans Affairs. It is broadcast on station KTFK-FM 97.1 on your radio dial.

Bob Pritz.

American Legion Post 312 St. Charles MO

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Post 636-947-7666 Hall Rental 314-952-8833 Foxhole 636-724-9712

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 **Bingo** **6:30 pm in the Hall**	2 **Mike Feldman** **In** the Foxhole
3 Foxhole Open Noon-6pm	4 **LABOR DAY**	5	6 Foxhole Open 3pm **Xbox Bowling** **6:30pm in the Foxhole**	7 Foxhole Open 3pm	8 **Bingo** **6:30 pm in the Hall**	9 **Jackie D.** In the Foxhole Last day to sign-up For Post Picnic
10 **DISTRICT MEETING** **9 am** Foxhole Open	11 **Post Meeting 7:30pm** **Auxiliary Mtg 7**:30pm Foxhole Open 5pm	12 **Clarion Articles Due** clarionpost312@gmail.com	13 Foxhole Open 3pm	14 Foxhole Open 3pm	15 **Bingo** **6:30 pm in the Hall**	16 Foxhole Open 3pm **POST PICNIC 1– 6**
17 Foxhole Open Noon-6pm	18	19	20 Foxhole Open 3pm **Xbox Bowling** **6:30pm in the Foxhole**	21 Foxhole Open 3pm **VETERAN HOME** **BINGO 6 PM** **Last Day to Order** **Spaghetti Dinner**	22 **Bingo** **6:30 pm in the Hall**	23 Foxhole Open 3pm
24 Foxhole Open Noon-6pm **Bourbon Tasting** **In Foxhole**	25	26 **Spaghetti Dinner** **Dine-In or** **Curbside 4:30-6pm** **Foxhole Open 3-8pm**	27 Foxhole Open 3pm	28 Foxhole Open 3pm	29 **Bingo** **6:30 pm in the Hall**	30 **Boston Dave** In the Foxhole