



The Veterans Voice

Vietnam War Memorial



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Members Newsletter

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From the Post Commander:

I forgot to mention in last month's newsletter that we had a good turn out for the grilled steak night with Howard playing keyboard and singing. Everyone enjoyed the steaks and the entertainment. Thanks go out to Mark Reed and the volunteers for making the steak night a success. Our insulation is almost paid for. I want to thank all the members for their donations. A big Thank You to Grumpy and Bill Erwin as they really came through when we needed them. The Post is going to have to borrow some money. The combination of our monthly bills and Bingo being down, has really hit us hard. More on this later. We had a great time with the Submarine Association and the USS Lapon folks. The week of September 5, the Post served between 400 and 500 people throughout the course of the week. Our kitchen and bar did an outstanding job. Three briskets and a 261 pound pig were smoked and served to the USS Lapon folks. They had nothing but praise for the way they were treated. A well done for all who served and/or helped. Don't forget Monday nights at the Post. We have a lot going on. Frank & Mike have the bikes coming in and they are cooking hamburgers and hot dogs with live music. We also have Monday Night Football. Bring your chips, dips and snacks. We have a great time playing games, eating and watching the game. We have a pig roast planned for October 9th. There will be several bands to kick things off around 2 pm. Y'all come. Thank you to the Commander's better half for the mums out front and donating the silverware. Don't forget about breakfast on Tuesday thru Saturday 7am to 11 am, lunch Monday thru Friday 11 am to 2 pm, and dinner on Friday nights from 6pm to 9pm. Thank you for your support to the Post.

See ya at Bingo.

John Foss, Commander



From the Ladies Auxiliary:

Membership for 2012 is going great for our Post. We are currently over 53% paid. Your \$30 dues help support our Post and give support to Veterans, and as a bonus, a free meal once a month at our general Meeting. So please renew your 2012 membership if you have not done so, and let's keep our Post thriving.

On the first Friday of this month, the ladies will be hosting the evening dinner at the Post from 6 to 9pm. Our menu for the evening is going to be with an Oktoberfest theme of course. So come out, join us, and have fun while supporting your Post. Thanks.

Jo Lena Shalla, President

**Sons of the Am. Legion:**

Our monthly fish fry went over very well last month. Look for us doing every 3rd Friday of the month from 6 to 9pm. I would like to thank Ken Mooney, Mark Deatherage, Carl Easley, Dan Guy, and all the others

who helped make this dinner happen. Without you guys, we could not have pulled it off. If you missed it in September, come out October 21st and enjoy some good old tasty catfish!

Also, we would like to welcome our 2 new members to the S.A.L., Josh Rogers & his dad, Tim. For those who don't know, Josh is the young man who constructed the flag burning site on the hill for his Eagle Scout project.

J.C. Ponder, S.A.L. Commander

**Bar Report:**

Hello to all. Hope this finds everyone well. Fall is here and looks like October will be a busy month. Saturday the 1st, there will be a fund raiser for the

Sister Cities with the Denzil & Jonathan Band starting at 3pm with some burgers, dogs, chips, and a silent auction table. So come out and eat, drink, buy & be merry. We also are having a dinner every Friday night of the month as the schedule allows so keep that in mind. Come out and support your Post. The ladies will be hosting the KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY SAT 29th, 1pm-3pm, and I'm sure that it will be great as always. So plan to bring your trick or treaters out for the festivities. As for the grown-up trick or treaters, come out that evening for the adult Halloween Party starting around 7pm. Wear a costume and be creative. We're going to have some entertainment as well for the evening. We just don't know who yet. A BIG THANK YOU to Frank & Mike for heading up Bike Night every Monday from 6 to 9pm as we hope to continue next year. We got our foot in the door (so to speak) but they put the word out and got the folks out here and for that, We Thank Them!!!! Good work guys. Thanks to all who help out at the Post. It is Appreciated. Come by and have breakfast, lunch or dinner with us. We're here to serve you and look forward to seeing you.

As always, we appreciate your business as well as supporting your Post. Thanks,

Connie Johnston, Manager

**American Legion Riders:**

I want to thank all those who attended the September meeting. It was well attended and the details for the upcoming monthly spaghetti dinner were worked out. Thanks to all those who stepped up to assist

in this event. We will be serving spaghetti every 2nd Friday of the month except this month due to a scheduled private party. So, we are going to be serving dinner, Saturday, October 15th, from 6 to 9pm. There may even be a band that evening as well.

A sign up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board at the bar for nominees for officers for 2012 to be voted on at the November meeting. Please consider helping serve your chapter.

"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall softly behind you. And until we meet again, may God hold your bike upright in the hollow of his hand." Irish Biker Toast

Mark Jackson, A.L.R. Director

**Kitchen Report:**

Just a reminder that 'Breakfast is the most important meal of the day'. With that being said, we have a full breakfast menu available from Tuesday though Saturday. So come out and put your feedbag on. As

for you late risers, we have lunch as well during the week until 2pm.

As we creep into the autumn months, the festive holidays will soon be amongst us. That being said, there is going to be a sign-up sheet at the Post for those wanting to order smoked turkeys and hams for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Let us know if you are interested. The more we order, the cheaper we can get them.

Keep your calendar handy so you know about the events and meals that Your Post will be hosting. Additionally, the menus and meals are all posted on the back cover of this issue of the newsletter.

Nobody goes away hungry from the Jack-Wagon Café!!!

Mark Reed

Head Chef at the 'Jack-Wagon Café'



Membership Report

According to the Legion, we are asked to attain our 2012 membership renewed by Sept. 14th at 50%. Well, we're blowing that number out of the water!!! As of Sept. 23rd, we are

already at 68.57%. Let's keep it up. We'd like to be at 100% before Xmas. With all the events and meals being offered at our Post, we have a reason for our membership to come out and enjoy the camaraderie with your friends once again.

I would like to welcome some of the new members to our Post, Thomas Bauer, Robert Christy, and Wayne Warner. Welcome aboard.

Dean Agnew, Adjutant

Membership Milestones

20 YEARS: Randy Wingo & Duane Woodruff

15 YEARS: George Riffel

10 YEARS: Lanning Cocky, Dan Culbertson,
Rick Richards & Terry Snow

Editors Special Note: 'Membership Milestones' is a list of our members when they renew their dues for the 2012 year. The years listed denotes how many continuous years, as noted on their membership cards, that they have been a member of the American Legion. If you wear a Legion service cap and would like a service star denoting the number of years of service with the American Legion, see Dean in his office. They are available in 5 year increments.



Buildings & Grounds:

For the second time in as many months, most everything is going fairly well around here.

Nothing has broken or disappeared that I'm aware of lately. With my blessings, one of our members has taken responsibility for keeping the sign out front updated. If you can "read between the lines", you can actually figure out what is going on.

On September 11th, we held a ceremony, along with several Boy Scouts, honoring the sacrifices of the victims and first responders of the Trade Center attack. As a part of the ceremony, a large number of American flags were retired that no longer were serviceable. The burning of these flags went on into the night.

This weekend I hope to do some additional wiring in the kitchen to make things more efficient for our Galley Slaves, who cook our meals. Hope it meets with their approval !!

As always, if you see or hear of a problem with the building or grounds, let me or the bar staff know.



Ron Jackson



Veteran's Military Ball

The 2011 Veteran's Military Ball will be held at the Elks Lodge 409, 2223 E. Bennett St., Springfield, Missouri, on Saturday, November 5th. You need not be a veteran or a member of the Elks to attend. The Ball is open to all who desire to attend to honor our veterans.

Cocktails will be served at 1730 hours (5:30 pm) with Dinner and Ceremony at 1900 hours (7 pm). This year's guest speaker will be LTC Timothy Atkins, Commander, 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry.

The dress is coat and tie, formal, or military dress with decorations. The price per person is \$25.00 which includes dinner, commemorative wine glass, dessert, and dancing. Reserved seating is available for tickets purchased prior to October 1st. For more information, contact Larry Tuck at either (417) 207-2123, sgm92@sbcglobal.net, or see www.VeteransBall.WordPress.com.



OCTOBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1 <i>Sister City's Pig Roast-2pm Open to all!</i></p> <p><i>Band here too!</i></p> <p>Breakfast: 7-11</p>
2	3 Lunch: 11-2	4 Legion & Auxiliary Gen. Meetings Dinner: 6pm Meeting: 7pm Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	5 Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	6 Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	7 <i>Oktoberfest Dinner by the Auxiliary 6pm to 9pm</i> Bingo: 6:30pm Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	8 Breakfast: 7-11
9 <i>Benny Mahan benefit Pig Roast w/ bands! 2pm to ??</i> <i>All invited</i>	10 Lunch: 11-2	11 SAL General Meeting: 6pm Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	12 Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	13 Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	14 <i>(No dinner tonight due to private party at the Post, come tomorrow !!)</i> Bingo: 6:30pm Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	15 <i>ALR Spaghetti Dinner 6-9pm</i> <i>Music 8- ?pm</i> Sub Vets 2pm Breakfast: 7-11
16 ALR Meeting 5:00 pm	17 Lunch: 11-2	18 Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	19 Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	20 Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch 11-2	21 <i>Catfish Dinner by the SAL 6pm to 9pm</i> Bingo: 6:30pm Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	22 <i>Deadline for Newsletter.</i> Breakfast: 7-11
23	24 E-Board 6:30 pm Lunch: 11-2	25 40/8 @ 6pm At Post 639	26	27	28 <i>Rib Eye Dinner 6pm to 9pm</i> Bingo: 6:30pm	29 <i>Halloween Parties @ 639</i> <i>Kids: 1 to 3pm</i>
30	31 <i>Happy Halloween</i> Lunch: 11-2	Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	Breakfast: 7-11 Lunch: 11-2	<i>Big Kids: 7-??</i> <i>Music: 8 to ??</i> Breakfast: 7-11



On Sunday, Sept. 18th, four members represented Post 639 in the annual POW/MIA Awareness Run from the Mt. Vernon Vets Home to the Memorial Park in Aurora.

We started out on the bikes around 10am. The sky was slightly cloudy, not too cold, and not too hot. Well, about 5 miles from our exit, Mother nature decided our bikes needed to be washed; power washed!!! Yes, we got soaked. Once we arrived at the Veterans Home, we had plenty of time to dry out and visit with some other friends; some of them residents. We eventually left with an escort from some of Lawrence County's finest ensuring our safe passage to Aurora. Thankfully, no rain this time. Finally, it turned out to be a nice day.

Once there, Missouri's Rolling Thunder Chapter and the Military Order of the Purple Heart conducted a very solemn and respectful service recognizing the many 1,000's of POW's & MIA's still unaccountable.

The guest speaker, Colonel Michelle Havland, U.S.Army, who was very inspirational, spoke of a soldier, who over 40 years ago was wounded in combat. That young man had NEVER been formally recognized and awarded his Purple Heart. His country that he still so dearly loves, to this day, MAILED IT TO HIM. That is until now. I don't believe there was a dry eye in attendance when the Colonel formally and finally awarded it to one of our long time members of Post 639... Gene Dove.



Welcome Home Gene!!!



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Guest instructor from Denver, Colorado.

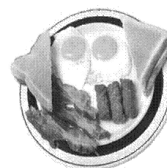
October 13th AND 14th ONLY here at Post 639 from 9am to 6pm. Detailed equipment & course information will be provided after sign up. Breakfast will be available from 7am to 9pm.

Range & Classwork: safe handling & mindset, firearm & equipment selection, ammunition selection & storage, carry methods & holster styles, handgun fundamentals (stance, grip mechanics & accuracy), and carrying concealed in the real world (tips, tricks & grey areas).

Required Equipment: Handgun .22 - 45ACP (rental firearms available from \$10), Spare magazine or speed loader, 100 rounds of pistol ammunition, ear protection (electronic preferred), and eye protection.

If you have any questions, see <http://www.precisionskills.com> or call (970) 443-5644 for further information.

★ JACK-WAGON CAFE ★



**Breakfast served
7am to 11am
Tuesday to Saturday**

**Lunch served
11am to 2pm
Monday to Friday**



**Dinner served
6pm to 9pm
Every Friday**

See back cover for menu & prices!!!



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Breakfast: Tuesday to Saturday, 7am to 11am

2 Eggs (made to order) Bacon or Sausage Biscuit or Toast Hash Browns Coffee \$4.50
2 Eggs (made to order) Bacon or Sausage Biscuits & Gravy Coffee \$4.50
2 Eggs (made to order) Bacon or Sausage Pancakes Coffee \$4.50

Ham & Cheese Omelet
Toast or Biscuit
Hash Browns
Coffee \$4.50

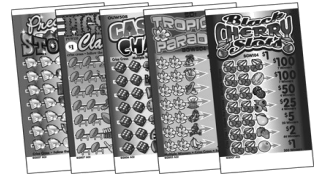
Side Orders: \$1.00 each
Orange Juice, Milk, Biscuit,
Pancakes (2), Hash Browns,
Bacon (2), or Sausage (2)

Lunch: Monday to Friday, 11am to 2pm

Monday: Surprise by the Legion Riders
Tuesday: Pulled Pork or Pork Tenderloin Sandwich
Wednesday: Ribeye or Pork Tenderloin Sandwich
Thursday: Jack Wagon Burgers
Friday: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Friday Night Dinners: 6pm to 9pm

October 7th: Ladies Aux. Oktoberfest Dinner \$7.50
October 15th(Sat.): ALR Spaghetti Dinner \$7.50
October 21st: S.A.L. Catfish Fry Dinner \$7.50
October 28th: Ribeye Steak Dinner \$10.00



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BINGO

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

Pull Tabs start at 4:30 PM
Early Bird starts at 6:30 PM
Guaranteed Pay-out will be \$ 3,600
Plus Progressive & Pull Tabs
Bingo is back at 2032 West Bennett Street

If you can't help work BINGO, come out and Play!

Bingo Supports Your Post!!!