

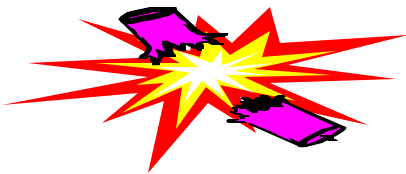


**AMERICAN LEGION - POST 639
VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL**

★
★
The Veterans Voice
★
★

AUGUST 2007 **MEMBERS NEWSLETTER** **VOLUME 7 ISSUE 8**

Happy August **“Welcome to the dog days”**



COMMANDER’S MESSAGE:



Another year is upon us already and we wonder where the year has gone so fast.

First of all I would like to welcome the new E-Board members. The decisions you make chart the course for our Post. I

wish you wisdom and good judgment.

As Commander for the past year, I have had to make many decisions. I have always listened to what everyone suggested and took it into consideration. Just because some people’s ideas were not implemented doesn’t mean they weren’t good. There are many factors that must be taken into consideration when a decision is made. Some things can’t be done because of financial limitations, some because of legal restrictions and some because of insurance, etc, etc. During the past year I always tried to make the decision that I thought was in the best interest of our Post and our members. I would not have been able to perform my job if I hadn’t had the support of the E-Board and many of the members. I want to thank all of you for that support. I especially want to thank the out going E-Board mem-

bers for their help and support. We accomplished some very good things. I am looking forward to working with the new E-Board to accomplish even bigger and better things. Have a great summer.

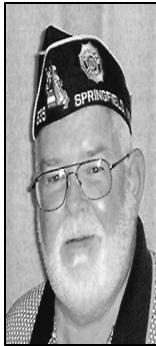
P. S.

Military Order of the Purple Heart, Heart of The Ozarks, Chapter 621, respectfully requests your presence for the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial, Saturday August 18, 2007, 10:00 Hrs Missouri Veteran’s Cemetery, 5201 S. Southwood Rd., Springfield, MO

For God and Country

AL Powers, Commander

CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE:



We have a new stock of the Cedar Box Bibles for sale and you can have one while you’re still alive to enjoy. Just \$55.00 and one will belong to you, just see me, your Chaplain or J.C. Ponder, Commander, Al Powers, or Tom Mabrey to purchase this Bible. If you have not had the pleasure of seeing this Bible please ask and we will be glad to show you one, they are beautiful and well worth the money.

Bobbie Gievere’s Father was in St. John’s with a very close call but is home and doing much better now. Please keep Bobbie and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Everyone in the Post seems to be doing OK - not very many complaints. It’s been one year since our Commander almost cut his arm off. He’s back to about 80% normal and wanting to arm wrestle. I think almost everyone, including the ladies auxiliary can probably pin him down, left handed of course.

Remember our men and women in the military and their families and our POW’s and MIA’s in your thoughts and prayers.

Bob Carroll

Greetings!! My first submission as Second Vice is going to be pretty short.

I wanted to let everyone know what our contribution to Boys State meant to the two boys we sponsored. Zak Loeffler, from Glendale HS, was elected to City Council for his City. He told me that the week in Warrensburg was interesting and the most fun of his life. I haven’t been able to contact the other young man,

Continued from page 1.....

Austin Reed from Kickapoo HS. I did have the opportunity to talk with several of the other attendees at Post 676 and they were all so excited about their experience that when they spoke about it they didn't seem to know where to start, or stop for that matter. All of them said that they would definitely recruit for next years Boys State. Grumpy, thanks for talking me into taking the job.

I'm looking forward to serving the Post in the coming year.

Tom Newsom, Second Vice

ALR CHAPTER 9

At long last our chapter does not have to share our director with City Utilities any longer, now we just have to share him with Dottie [and his medical team]. Congratulations on your retirement Mike. Our dinner rides continue to be well attended by many of our members. Everybody likes to eat and find out what all the others have been up to. Our trip to The Blackbird Grill in Aurora last Thursday had a new couple riding with us. Welcome to the group Bruce and Carol Erb. They are learning the "rules" of our group. Especially like the one about having a full fuel tank and an empty bladder !! One of our 'charter members' also needed a refresher lesson in the "full tank" rule. 'Nuff said about that.

A large group of us went to a poker run put on by the Newton County Cancer Support Group, in Jasper Ark. Lois Moss's Mom, Peggy, is one of the organizers of this run. After four years now they have most

of the bugs worked out of putting this on. Only one thing needs attention. The weather this time of year is, as expected in Arkansas, HOT. Can't do much about that now can we? Maybe next year it will be held in a month that is a bit cooler. Great route up on Gaither Mountain and thru some beautiful scenic areas in Arkansas. We were invited to Peggy's home in Jasper for breakfast the next morning with Lois and her brother Chuck cooking.

Thanks for the invite and good job. We did run up on a bad wreck with a roll-over while returning to Springfield. We parked the bikes while the fire departments did the extrication of victims and an Air-Evac helicopter flew one patient out. Thanks to the trucker that allowed Bob Moss to sit in the air conditioned cab with him. I wish I knew his name, but thanks anyhow. We might have been right in the mid-



dle of this wreck if not for an extended stop at the rest area in Harrison. Sometime it's good to be full of it, right Janie?

Ticket sales and donations are coming in well for our poker run in September. I'm going to be pre-riding the route this month the get exact mileages and turns, and to re-contact the stops involved. Harvey, thanks for making the initial contacts with the merchants at the intended stops.

After yesterday's State ALR meeting in Jefferson City I'm a bit disappointed in the current state of our by-laws and constitution. After a successful meeting in June at Warrenton that had the assembled representatives of the chapters agreeing to changes that mattered to each group, it seems that the Department of Missouri Judge Advocate has seen fit to reverse a vote taken on the issue of vests and the back patch. If you remember the "old" wording called for a "black leather vest with ONLY an ALR patch allowed on the back of it". The vote taken and approved in Warrenton changed that wording to "the ALR patch being the 'dominate' patch on the back of any garment".

Well folks, we might have won a battle but the war is still on. My first impulse was to believe there had simply been a mistake made. Tony Smith [State ALR Dir.] called on Ron Patterson who attended a meeting where the issue of patches was discussed. The feelings of the people at this meeting were that more than one patch on the back of the vest or coat somehow signifies the wearer as being in a, "M/C". Lord knows we don't want that!! My counsel is to be patient for a while longer and see if our new Department Commander can assist us in getting this straightened out. I made mention to the chairman of the oversight committee that we were working against a two year deadline, that our membership voted for, to allow State ALR to get it's act together. Time is running out on that two year limit. If you have any feelings on this issue please share them with Mike, Harvey [our rep. on the committee], or myself.

One of the photos we took on our Colorado trip has made it's way

Continued from page 2.....

to a website of the Veteran we met up on Wolf Creek Pass. You can find his website at: www.bike4vets.org look in the journal on June 11th- 12-th.

I hope everyone is out selling tickets and getting donations for our Poker Run on September 29th. Work is progressing on the planning for this event. It has been submitted to the website : www.lets-ride.com. I hope it will be Posted soon. So far I haven't heard of any other events being held that same day.

Ron Jackson, Ch. 9 Asst. Dir.

Biker wisdom: If you wait, all that happens is that you get older..

LADIES AUXILIARY:



Hi Ladies, Welcome! New officers looking forward to a very successful year with a congrats to the following officers; Vice-President; Marlene Williams, Treasurer; Crystal Vergee, Secretary;

Peggy Baker, Chaplin, Beverly Miller, Historian, Connie Compton, Sgt At Arms, Paula Fleeman and Members at Large: Ann Cave, Jo Mabrey, Cindy Sergey, Dea Gonzales.

Thank You for your new and old commitments it is greatly appreciated. We have a FUN event for the Ladies and Men of Post 639, our 2nd annual get together Picnic. Please bring a dish and stick around for some Ya-Ya Sisterhood and music; Lets get to know each other, meet the new members and regular members. We are all looking forward to a

great time. Thank you Cindy for your support of the Ladies!!

August 28th we will have a 40 & 8 meeting please bring a dessert and come help serve if you can, come around 5pm or as soon as you can.

Sept 8th, we will have a back to school party and the end of Sept. an early bird party so watch for this date to be announced;

The Ladies will be having an Oktoberfest, yes with brauts, silent auction and cake walk. This is set for October 5th, from 5-10 so mark your calendars now. Also, dates to come are: Oct 27th, Halloween kids party and Nov 10th, Veterans Day, the Mt Vernon Vets will be coming!! We may have a yard sale sometime in Sept!!! Please come to the meeting, bring your ideas and help us plan a great year for the vets and kids. We cannot do it without you!! Looking forward to another great year;

Terri Chandler, President

Bar & Kitchen Report



Hello All,

The Jam Sessions are going great. Weather sometimes has brought them Inside, however, we have not let it stop us. There has been some great

talent. Hope it keeps up.

Hope everyone is having a safe Summer season and enjoying family.

Lunches are still here Monday— Friday, 11— 2 PM, Tuesday is Taco Day, Ham & Beans on Wednesday are still two favorites. Cindy's Pork Tenderloin is in the running for the favorites list.

We are gearing up for the Ya-Ya Party. I am sure it will be a good time. Wear your "Story Hat."

Thanks for all of your support! Stop by to see all of us, Bobby, Gretchen, Lisa, Sheila, Nancy.

Grandma, Joyce

If you have an article of interest to your brothers, sisters or Post news you can E-mail it to me at:

Newsletter@Post639.com

Let me take a moment to introduce myself to you, My name is, Jay D'Andrea, and I am your Post Editor, not by choice mind you, I was assigned this position. I have been doing this for a few months now so if you have any suggestions to help me out please do so at the above web address.

Thanks so much, Bill Roark for all your help, direction and patience.

Visit us on the Web
WWW.Post639.com

Continued from page 4.....

Continued from page 5.....

Continued from page 5.....