



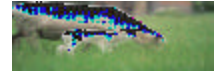
# AMERICAN LEGION - POST 639 VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL

## The Veterans Voice

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### “Spring” is around the corner



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#### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

2007 I hope no one got into trouble for missing Valentine's Day. We had a great turnout, for the dance. I would like to thank the membership for your support and participation at the party. The Countdowns band was great, and everyone enjoyed them. This is what makes out post the best.

March 17<sup>th</sup> is St.Patrick's day and we look forward to seeing even more of you at the NEW MR. & MRS DAVE SMITH wedding celebration party. Since the Commanders birthday is in March, The St.Patrick's party will be in connection with the March

birthdays. Everyone with a birthday in March is invited to come celebrate your birthday at the post. Come out and enjoy the Commanders Specials.

Right now we are in the planning stages for the annual Armed forces Remembrance Day, (May 19<sup>th</sup>). We need help in getting this event off the ground. If you have any expertise or the desire to help, we would appreciate it. Sign up at the post or see Sam McGowan or Rick Stephens our entertainment chairmen. Sons and Auxiliary included. It's all about US, not you, or me. This is our 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so let's make it special.

At the March 6<sup>th</sup> General meeting, we will start taking nominations for elections. Jeff Maloney will be the chairman. If you or anyone you know would like to help lead our post, come and sign up. Everyone is eligible to run for office. You must have a current paid dues card with one (1) full year as a member, no felonies, and a desire to improve the post

On February 13<sup>th</sup> our newly formed janitorial service started and what a job they have done and will continue to do. Our floors are sparkling clean, and the men's and ladies

facilities sanitized. This is a huge improvement, come check it out.

In closing I hope everyone weath-ered the ice storm and are about back to normal

For God and Country

#### **AL Powers**

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#### **ADJUTANT'S REPORT:**

The Post made it though the ice age of January I think.

In the month of March the Post starts taking nominations of Post Officers. The elections will be held in June's General Meeting.

If you wish to run for one of these offices put your name in or nominate someone else.

The main point if you run for office it is not what the Post can do for you, but what YOU can do for the Post to make it become the best in the State. Lets make this membership work together with the Ladies Aux. and the SAL membership.

Come and enjoy the Post and its new look on the inside also help

support kitchen & bar, lunch is served weekday from 11am till 2pm .

*JG Ponder*

**FINANCE OFFICER'S RE-**

**PORT:** I encourage all members to attend the general meeting on March the 6<sup>th</sup> to participate in decisions to be made concerning our recent growth in membership and in the scope of our activities. Recent improvements to the Post are resulting in improved participation in activities by members. This increased activities by members is resulting in stronger financial condition. As many of you know, we have had to put in one new furnace and install new heat exchangers in two furnaces. This very expensive project was needed and long over due. The worn out heat exchangers were becoming dangerous as well as wasting gas

The total cost came to \$ 11,500.00. Our Post is now in better physical condition than it has been for many years. For those of you who have not been to the Post for awhile, come in and enjoy the changes. Also, Sam McGowan could use your help in planning and contributing your special talents to the success of our anniversary program slated for May19<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you at the general meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Mabrey, Finance Officer

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**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:**

Everyone looks to be in good health, George Baker is home and Peggy is waiting on him hand and foot. George is getting everything he wants now. Remember our Men and Women and their families. Our POW and MIA in your thoughts and prayers

*Bob Carroll*

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**ALR CHAPTER 9**

Another month has come and gone and Jay wants another column for the Veteran's Voice. Here Goes. We had a good turnout for the February 18th meeting at the Post, 15 members attended. Dottie gave the financial report. Hey we are making progress on our account. Harvey and Dolores are doing a fine job keeping our display case stocked and presentable. If there is anything you would like special ordered from the Legions Sales Catalog, let Harvey know and he will be glad to place it on the next order. The planned chili dinner is on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Post. We need volunteers

to help with every stage of this event. If you would like to help out get with Mike or myself. The Post Remembrance Day celebration planning is coming along. We need a good showing of our members to, both escort the Mt. Vernon Vets, and man our booth at the picnic. We will have a sign-up list for both

Groups at a future membership meeting. The chapter officers attended the State Legion meetings last weekend in Jefferson City. State ALR has a lot of problems that are going to be put behind us with everyone's' patience and hard work. We fielded a panel of State ALR officers at this meeting:

- State Director ,Tony Smith, Chapter 3
- State Assistant Director: Norm Gentry Chapter 2
- State Secretary: Terry (Snowflake) Martin, Chapter1
- State Treasurer: Danny Higgins Chapter 6

The dues we owe form last year are now due and payable to the State. Just remember everyday is a good day to ride. Some are just better than others.

Ride often and safely.

**Ron Jackson**

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**LADIES AUXILIARY**

Hi Ladies,



We had a very successful Valentines party and YES, the tree is gone!!

The Party Lite party was great; thanks, Susan Ford for your

contribution!!

Please come to our meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>. We are getting ready

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for our Easter Party. We need your help with the kids and activities !! As always, we will have our annual BIKE GIVE-AWAY and EASTER EGG HUNT. Bring NON-CHOCOLATE Candy, to the meeting so we can start filling the eggs. We plan on having even more than Last year!! Thanks to Katrina and Richard for hiding the eggs and Tom for the hot dog cook out!! We will need a package of hot dogs (BEEF) for the April meeting. The egg hunt is on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

We are working on getting OUR POST 639 cleaned up!! It really looks good.

Thank you Commander, Al for all you do!!

We Ladies are working on our office and the Ladies Bathroom to get all of the facility looking the best it can by our May 19<sup>th</sup>. Remembrance day event!!! Let's get going on this event and make it the success it can be. As always we cannot do it without your help!!

*Terri Chandler*

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TO ALL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS:

**ALL VENDORS AND CRAFTERS ARE INVITED**

TO SET UP A TABLE/BOOTH FOR THE MAY19TH REMEMBRANCE DAY. THERE IS NO CHARGE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE. CONTACT THE POST FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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Remember If you have anything you would like to see or like placed in your Veteran's Voice : E- Mail it to me at

**Newsletter@Post639.com**

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**Bar & Kitchen Report**

Hello All,  
Spring is in the air this week we finally have had a beautiful week of weather. The Valentines tree is gone, but not forgotten The dance was a fun even and a nice time out for those who attended, for those of you that didn't, ya missed a good time. The Band, The Countdowns are returning on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March to help us celebrate many



March birthdays,( Psst including your Commanders). Do not forget this is the month of the first Grand Baby's arrival, so, stop in and see my new grandma's Tee Shirt.

The kitchen is hopping,

**Monday—Friday 11 AM—2 PM**

Mondays are men's day, all day long with special drink prices, Wednesday is for the Ladies all day long with special drink prices also. Bobby, Gretchen, Lisa ,Sheila and I are all here to serve you your favorite libations as well as refreshments. Stop by and say Hi.

Plans are under way for our Remembrance Day Celebration, on May 19<sup>th</sup> Please plan on attending and mark your calendar so you won't forget, this is going to be an event that you will all want to see.

See You Soon,

*Joyce*



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Notes from Entertainment Committee:

We have had just 2 meetings but things are progressing real well. The Blues Society has booked our stage for 2 dates May 20 and September 16. The May 20 date follows our **Armed Forces Remembrance Day** event So, we will be having 2 full days of fun in the sun. Details of these 2 days will be forthcoming .

I just wanted, as well as your Editor to wish David Smith and Deanne (used to be Montgomery), now Smith congratulations on their recent marriage.

On March 24<sup>th</sup> the Countdowns will be here for a birthday party. April 14<sup>th</sup> The Classics will be here for the I (Heart) the IRS party, after that we will be doing our May 19 th and 20th Thing.

Come out and enjoy your Post **Sam McGowan**

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Talk to me people .



