

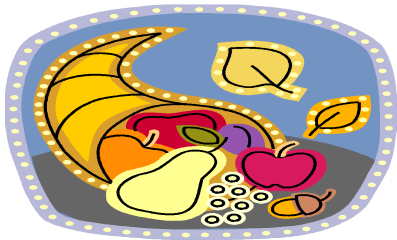


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COMMANDER’S MESSAGE:

MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Forrest has resigned her position as 1st Vice Commander. Thank you, Cindy for all of your contributions while in this position. Congratulations to our newly elected 1st Vice Commander, Larry Tuck. Thank you, Larry, for accepting this position. Along with being 1st Vice Commander, he assumes the responsibility of being Membership Chairman. Larry, myself, and JC are pushing really hard, with help from others to get the membership over 100%. If you have not paid, you’ll get a phone call to renew. Send in or come by the Post. I would like to welcome aboard the new members, and thank you for selecting our Post. Welcome to the E-board, Larry. I know you will do an excellent job.

We are approaching November. What a great month, for in November is “Veterans Day”. The Mount Vernon Veterans will join us for a continental breakfast and the Veterans Day parade on Saturday, November 10th. We will return to

the Post for dinner and entertainment. Come out and join us, your company will be enjoyed more than you can imagine. They don’t get many visitors at the Veterans home. We have them here at the Post twice yearly, Fathers Day and Veterans Day. But this year we will have them here a third time. On Monday, November 12th at 9:45 AM, the Viet Nam era Veterans from the home will be here to receive their Vietnam medals from Governor Matt Blunt. All members who applied for this medal need to be here at 9:45 AM, November 12th. This will be a great and historic day for Post 639. Governor Blunt has a tight schedule that day. We will start the ceremony promptly at 9:45 AM. All members are invited,. Please attend and bring your cameras.

I would like to congratulate the ladies auxiliary on the success of their chili dinner and the silent auction. Great job ladies! It was a great turn out and a lot of fun was had by all.

A special thanks goes out to some members for outstanding service to our Post.

To the Sons of the Legion for the wonderful meals they provide for general meetings and other meetings as well. The Sons, again, will be providing Thanksgiving dinner this year. This gives us all an opportunity to spend time and give thanks with friends and family on this special day. Bring a cov-

ered dish and join us. Thank you, Lance, and your crew.

To Clark (yea, baby) Pike, and his crew for volunteering to provide us with a fish fry on the 3rd Friday of each month. I want to let all members know that Clark does all this hot and hard work free of charge. The only reward he receives is a thank you. So when you see Clark please tell him thank you. Great job, Clark.

Ron Jackson is now our Building and Grounds Chairman. Since his appointment the PUFL boards are in place, and a lot of repairs and improvements have been made to our Post. Thanks, Ron. Jeremiah Johnston resigned this position for one simple reason. He didn’t have the time because he had a new BABY BOY (JAKE). Congratulations and we all understand. Thank you for what you did.

Speaking of the PUFL boards, the new PUFL name tags are in place and up to date, thanks to (my friend) Maurice Walls. Thanks Maurice, the members that paid the big bucks for a life membership, appreciate seeing their name on the PUFL boards.

A special thanks to Sam (rocks to roses) McGowan for taking care of our rose garden. The roses were beautiful this year.

A big thank you to Miss Joyce and her staff, for a job well done. Being a bar manager, bar tender, wait-

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ress is hard work, and they also have to have the patience to put up with people who have had one too many. This is not an easy job, please reward them with what you can. In order to keep the doors open. The membership has to support the club room. In the past few months this has not been happening. Our club room revenues are way down, and if it doesn't pick up, the E-Board **MAY** consider reducing the hours of club room operations. When we have a function, please come by even if it is only a short visit.

BINGO. Our Bingo chairman Jack Martin is doing an excellent job, however without players at the tables there's not much he can do. He and crew have some new ideas to draw people, along with advertising. Bingo revenue is way down. We don't have the number of people we used to. I realize the price of groceries and gasoline has put a cramp in everyone's style. Thank you to all the workers who work bingo. If you can't work bingo please come out and play. Tell your friends and neighbors and come out to Bennett Street Bingo on Friday's nights. Pull tabs and paper sales start at 4:30, Bingo at 6:30.

Dates to remember:

November 2nd. ALR is having their chili dinner.

November 10th. Veterans from Mount Vernon home at our Post, and the veterans day parade.

November 12th. Governor Matt Blunt will be here at 9:45 to present the Vietnam era Metals.

November 22nd. Thanksgiving dinner with the Sons of the Legion.

December 2nd. Toys for Tots, (chili cook off) enter your favorite pot. Deer season is approaching. I would like to see the members get

together and come up with a wild game feed.

I suppose I have complained enough, but the issues I mentioned previously are serious issues. Your Post needs you..... please support it. Thank you in advance for your future support.

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FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN :

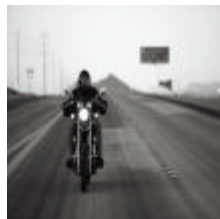


Joyce Earl passed away this month. Also, Sharon Van Matre lost her mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families

during this difficult time.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

By now those of you who were in attendance at our first poker run know the results. We had an outstanding turnout from area riders and some from a bit of a distance away. Several of our brothers from



St. Robert came to try their hand at taking our first prize money home with them. They almost, made it to Post 639 without problems, but a flat tire on one of their bikes sidelined them for a while. With just a phone call to us at the Post, we had a trailer enroute to rescue the stranded rider. Thanks to Lee Boler and George's son-in-law, Tom Gould, for responding to help these guys out. Thanks also go out to Denny's H-D for getting a new tire on the bike with the flat.

We made over \$4,300.00 with the Poker run, silent auction and gun raffle. The pistol was won by Brian Stark of Nixa. Congratulations, Brian. The poker run was won with a Spade Flush, by Wayne Underwood from Republic. A big thanks to Dave Williams of Chapter 639, for being the high bidder on the special helmet that was donated for auction. Thank you to everyone who helped out on Saturday with whatever needed to be done, from getting donuts in the morning to stacking chairs after everything was over. A special thanks to the Sons of the Legion for cooking the burgers and hotdogs and to Joyce and the bar staff for keeping up with the demand for "refreshments". A big "Atta Boy" to Dave Smith for chairing the committee putting on the run.

The next event on the calendar is the State Legion Convention in Jefferson City, on October 27-28. Several of your officers plan on being there to make our collective voices heard. I really hope we can get the by-laws and constitution problems behind us. More next month on that issue. Our Chili Dinner, fundraiser is scheduled for the 2nd of November. Make sure to note the date on your calendar.

I would like to welcome our newest members to the chapter. Scott Drake, Joe Simmons, Burl McCulloch, Chris Boyd, and Jim and Kara Joiner, have joined with us, to make a stronger chapter and Post.

Looks like the weather gods don't want us to go to El Dorado, Kansas. The weather forecast was for more storms in the area, so the ride there has been canceled. Maybe next year the weather will cooperate.

On Saturday the 13th 7 lucky members made a run down to Jasper, Arkansas. Kim's prayer asking for good weather and no problems

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was answered and the day was great. I called the Cliffhouse Restaurant from the state line about 10 AM and gave them a "heads up" on our expected arrival time of 1 Pm. Sandi wondered aloud what we were gonna do for 3 hours just to ride about 50 miles. To say the least, we didn't go in a straight line for long.....or ever. We pulled onto the parking lot of the restaurant at 10 minutes to 1, exactly as planned. After lunch everyone was full and gettin' sleepy, so more curvy back roads were in order. We managed to keep everyone wake on the ride back to Springfield.

Ron Jackson

ALR Ch. 9 Asst. Dir.

Biker wisdom: Don't ride so late into the night, that you sleep through the sunrise.

S.A.L.

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

Lance Shockley,
S.A.L. Post 639 Commander

Bar & Kitchen Report



MISSING!!!!

Hello, All. Let me introduce myself....my name is "Granny" Joyce. I am your bar manager. I have been here one year now. I want to thank Al and all of the E Board members for their continued support. I have met several members that I have en-

joyed immensely. However, there are numerous members that are missing. If you have not been in to visit your Post lately, it's time to come in and meet your staff. Bobby, Connie, Gretchen, and Shelia do a great job as bartenders. I appreciate their hard work! "Fancy" Nancy has some good ol' grub for lunch every Monday—Friday, 11:00-2:00. Stop by soon for lunch.

The past year we've had some fun parties; "Little Black Dress" wine tasting, we ran our feet through the sand at the Beach Party during the ice storm, two Blues Society "Picnic in the Park", and Cindy's "Ya Ya Sisterhood" party was the party of the summer. September was the "Back to School" party with **Elvis**. This October 27th is the Ladies Auxiliary "Halloween Kid's and Adult" party in the evening.

November 9th we are kicking off **Steak Night**, and on the 16th is the **Fish Fry**. We are currently organizing a **NEW & BETTER HAPPY HOUR**.

We are looking forward to the next year, meeting some new people (and serving the oldies).

Also, welcome aboard, Larry! Thank you all of your patronage and help.

Joyce

LADIES AUXILIARY:



What a success we had with the Octoberfest!! I am proud to announce that the Ladies Aux will be able to contribute \$500+ to the Family Violence Center.

A BIG THANK-YOU there are so many to thank I might forget, you know who you are. There were those that gave and collected donations, helped out at the auction, bought from the auction, walked in the cake walk,

made the cakes, ran errands, bought the food and sold the food, cleaned up and cooked the BRATS (thank you Brandon!!) They were great!! Thank you one and all!! You are all appreciated. We had a FUN time and look forward to the holidays with our old and new friends!!

Please come and join us for our annual VETERANS DAY!! We will be entertaining the Mount Vernon Vets before the parade, during the parade and serving a home cooked meal with the Garbonzos entertaining us. All are invited to help us with the day on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH. Please come and support our Veterans!!! Monday, November 12th, Gov Matt Blunt will be coming to recognize many of our Post 639 veterans!! Ladies we will be serving breakfast from 7:30-9:00am please come and help if you can. Peggy Baker will be arriving early to cook our Mount Vernon vets dinner and the Breakfast for Nov 12th. So come and help and thank you, Peggy. Ladies it is time to plan the Kids Christmas Party so please come to the Meeting Nov 6th. We can always use your input and your help; we will also be planning our yearly Christmas party for the ladies come join us!!!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!! A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS FOR ALL YOU DO!! I AM Very THANKFUL to be in your company,

Terri Chandler

Ladies Auxiliary



