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“Spring has Sprung”



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:



Happy almost Spring. It's election time and nominations are being taken. If you would like to be part of the executive committee put your name on the nomination list or see Jeff Maloney, nomination chairman. We have openings in all positions from Commander to members at large. Get on board, toss your name in the hat.

We have expanded the bar area, put in new tables and chairs, all to make your post more accommodat-

ing for you and your guests. We want our members to feel like they have the best social gathering place in town. Our bar and kitchen manager, Joyce, is working hard with her bartenders, Bobbie, Sheila, Gretchen, and Lisa to make us smile and feel good when we come to the post. great job, Gals.

Our wonderful cook Mel always has something delicious for lunch Monday thru Friday 11am to 2pm, Come by and say, "Hey."

May is coming fast and the Armed Forces Remembrance Day plans are rolling right along. We still need some help to get more events for the children. If anyone has any ideas or time we sure could use you. Please contact myself, Sam McGowan, or Rick Stephens. We have reached confirmation from a few groups, such as the Black hawk fly-in, Howie and the Hillcats with their hot air Balloon, that we will have a raffle drawing for rides, or a consolation prize of two round trip airline tickets to Las Vegas, completments of Allegiance Airlines. Lance and the Rock'n L's, and the Classics Band will be here to perform. And believe it if you will, the beloved group from Branson, THE BALDKNOBBERS ,will be performing at 1:00. WOW!!!!!!!

We tried to get Governor Matt Blunt as our guest speaker, but he had a prior engagement. However, Lt. Governor Peter Kinder may be available. As soon as we can get him a solid schedule of events, he will let us know. As you can see we are working hard on this event to make it the biggest and best ever. Please come out and help. See Sam McGowan's article for even more information. As Ed Sullivan said many times, "It's going to be a really, really big show."

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

AL Powers

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:



In March the Post started taking nominations for Post Officers. The elections will be held on June 5th General Meeting. If you wish to run for one of these Officer of the Post place your name on the list of nominations posted at the Post.

April 7th will be the Children's Easter Egg Hunt 1pm -3pm .

May 19th is the Post Remembrance Day celebration, so plan on

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attending. It should be a lot of fun. Don't forget the Kitchen is open week days for lunch from 11am - 2pm enjoy the food.

JG Ponder

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

It seems the world has a history of forgetting sacrifices that military men and women have made when our lives and our lifestyles are no longer in jeopardy. Francis Quarles was born in 1592 and died in 1644. Here's what he had to say.

"Our God and soldiers, we alike adore

Ev'n at the brink of danger; not before

After deliverance, both alike are requited,

Our God's forgotten, and our soldiers slighted."

Let those of us members of Post # 639 never forget our God or slight our military. We have many opportunities to show our appreciation but a very special opportunity at our REMEMBRANCE DAY, on May 19th On that day we will honor our military in a very special way. Please participate by helping Sam McGowan and his staff prepare for this special day.

There are many jobs needing volunteers. If you can help see Sam. If you can't, at least be here.

Tom Mabrey, Finance Officer

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

This has been a tough winter and we were due for it, but Spring is here! George Baker has been back to Fayetteville hospital again and is on a soft food diet, soups and such. I was told Peggy is a very bad potato soup maker, sorry about that George.



Dorrell Gardner has had shoulder work again but looks like he is doing fine. Ralph Wyman was in Cox South for about 5 days. He is home now but moving slow and doing well.

Robert Wilson joined out post in 1998. Bob has gone to the "post everlasting" February 2007. Remember his family in your prayers.

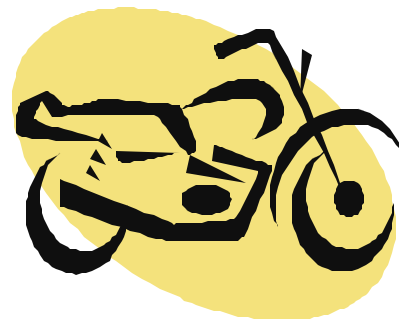
The post gave his family one of our cedar box bibles. There have been questions regarding who gets these bibles. Any member of our post who has served in the military and has a DD214 form, their family will receive one of these bibles. This eliminates mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles or any other family member not a member of this post. But you can buy one of bibles for \$55.00 if you would like one. They are not free.

Remember our Men and Women and their families. Our POW and MIA in your thoughts and prayers.

Bob Carroll

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On Saturday, March 10 we had our first organized day ride for 2007. About 19 members on 15 bikes left our Post at 9am. headed for Bennett Springs State Park. We followed some of the old Route 66 trail from Springfield through Marshfield to Lebanon. After a stop at Ozark H-D for some attention to Ken Sandridge's ride [who'd a thunk it!!] we were off to lunch at the park with Jack McKee in the lead. Only "lost" a few as we made our way through all the traffic lights in Lebanon. Our "lost souls" finally caught up to the rest of the chapter in the parking lot at the park. Jack and I went inside to check on our tables and got several strange looks from the other diners. The wait staff at the lodge did a bang-up job waiting on us and getting our meals to us



in short order. Good food too and pretty reasonable. Our next destination was Crossroads bar in Brighton, to try to surprise Lenny Miller, who was not in attendance. The rest of the patrons, some of which were bikers, looked a bit shocked when we all arrived. The bartender gave great service to all of us even to the point of taking a couple pictures of our little group outside before we left. A quick jaunt down hi-way 13 back to the post and we filled most of the chairs back at Post 639 for a cou-

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ple hours that afternoon.

Our regular Tuesday night dinner ride found us headed to Aurora and the Blackbird Grill. The place was suggested by Bill Erwin and Sue Butler. Good idea guys. I called ahead and told them to expect us shortly. When we got there and parked, the owners were waiting to greet us at the door. After waiting for Harvey to pump up the shocks on his bike we all were seated at one long table. The stories and BS were so thick you couldn't cut it with a knife. Talk I heard mostly centered around the up coming trip to Colorado in June and plans for who is going to Sturgis this August. The weather was exceptionally nice for the middle of March. I almost wanted to keep riding into the night, after returning to our Post for a cold one, after dinner.

Our next membership meeting is Sunday the 18th at the Post starting at 17:00 hours [5 pm. for Phil] with the next day ride headed for Roaring River State Park in Cassville on March 24th. We'll be leaving the Post at 9 am. with Steve Skahan as road captain.

Every day is a good day to ride-some are just better than others! Ride often and safely. Date for the next ride to Roaring river state park is March 24th.

Ron Jackson

LADIES AUXILIARY

HI LADIES, HURRAY!! IT IS SPRING!!



All things are made new and bright with spring colors!!!! Easter is coming. Our ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AND PARTY WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 7TH FROM 1-3!!!

EGG HUNT; BIKE GIVEAWAY AND MANY FUN ACTIVITIES!!!

Please remember our meeting April 3rd dinner @ 6pm and meeting @ 7pm. Thank you, Dea, Lance, and all the Sons for the great dinners Awesome!! Also tell all crafters and artists to come on MAY 19TH, for REMEMBRANCE DAY to set up a booth! Ladies we will set up a booth and be in charge of helping our VETS from MT. Vernon and the kid's games and activities that day so come to the APRIL meeting with all your great ideas!!!

WE CAN NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!!

Thank you all,

Terri Chandler

Bar & Kitchen Report

Hello All,

As I am sitting here counting the hours "til" I officially become a grandma , it dawned on me that it is the 16th newsletter time. The kitchen has picked up the pace this month. Thanks to all of you who have stuck in there and supported us! We had a write-up in the newspaper this month that has resulted readers coming in to check out what we have to offer. Mel's ham & beans as well as her steak sandwich continue to be a success.

For you gals, I have not forgotten you and I am working on the next theme party. It will be about your post. You all may help make up the appetizer menu by sampling products from Banta.

Don't forget march's birthday party on the 24th. Live music by the Countdowns. On April 14th we'll celebrate Tax Deadline with live music by the "Classics."

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, Sheila Lisa and I are all here to serve you your favorite libations as well as refreshments. Stop by and say, "Hi."

Joyce

On 4/14 a band called The Classics will play at the post. Armed Forces Remembrance Day is 5/19. Some of the highlights of things that will be going on are **HOWIE AND THE HILLCATS, ROCK'N L'S, COUNT DOWNS, SARRAB MIDDLE EASTERN DANCE GROUP**, a car show, a bike show, shrine clowns. The Boy Scouts are going to be having a flag retirement ceremony. If you have a worn and tattered old flag please bring it out for proper retirement. We are also needing booths and crafters to come out and set up. Please pass that word around. Remember the best advertisement is you telling your neighbors and friends. On 5/20 the Blues Society Of The Ozarks (BSO) will be holding their monthly event on our stage.

On 6/8 & 9 we are going to be hosting a Volkswagen rally (around 100 vw's). I am looking for a good blues band for this event. Please come out and enjoy the best free entertainment in the 417 area. Provided by your local VETS.

Sam McGowan

