

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

Notes from Commander Gary Kempker:

Spring has Sprung! By the time you get this newsletter we should be approaching Easter and the weather should reflect the change in seasons. It has been a long winter and I hope spring brings about a renewal and rejuvenation of spirit and enthusiasm. As previously reported, the renovation of the remainder of our post is about to begin. While the main hall and kitchen will be closed for several months, the Club Room and Annex will be open and post activities will continue. We hope you will continue to gather at the post and participate in our many activities. We will make every effort to continue the activities that we can and maintain a home for our members and supporters. The Wall of Honor at the entrance to the Club Room continues to grow and the proceeds are greatly needed to continue to address the maintenance and capital improvements to the post facilities. Please continue to monitor announcements through social media and news releases to keep informed of post activities and changes. As always, your support of our mission is always appreciated.

Remember, **"It's About Veterans!"**

Gary Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

So far, we have 35 new and transfer members for 2021. As of March 19th, we have 1,175 members that have paid their dues for 2021 which is 89% of our 2021 goal of 1,316 members. If you have not yet renewed your membership, I encourage you to send in your dues as soon as possible to help keep Post 5 and the American Legion strong organizations. If you know a member that has not renewed, please encourage them to renew. If you know a veteran that is not a member, please encourage them to join and become a member of the Largest Post in Missouri.

The Nominating Committee for 2022 Post Officer Elections has selected their nominees for the following positions: **Commander – Gary Kempker, 1st Vice – Daniel Levasseur, 2nd Vice – Dee Dee Cryderman, Adjutant – Jim Mead, Finance Officer – Tom Lauer, Service Officer – Don Cryderman, Chaplain – Bert Miriello, Historian – Bob Wendell, Sergeant-at-Arms – Steve Spayde, Judge Advocate – Charlie Goodin, Executive Board – Charlotte Dudenhoefer, Executive Board – Dave Campbell and Executive Board – Vince Rost.** If you have an interest in running for one of the Post Officer positions and were not nominated, come to the May meeting to toss your hat in the ring. Nominations will be taken from the floor. The 2022 Elections will take place at the May Post Meeting.

The monthly Post Meeting takes place on the third Tuesday of each month and starts at 6:30 PM.

The Post Officers strongly encourage members to attend monthly meetings to provide your input into how your Post operates.

Upcoming Events: The Post 5 BBQ is scheduled for April 17th at Post 5 starting at 11:00. The 12 month Gun Raffle tickets supporting the Post 5 Baseball Program sold out and the first drawing was held on March 16th at the Post 5 Birthday Dinner. Remember your tickets are good for the entire 12 months. Visit our website (www.post5.com), for the newsletter, calendar of events, news releases and various other functions by our Post Family clubs and follow us on Facebook. Also visit our State website: (www.missourilegion.org).

New Members: Robert Aegerter, Simon Hartman, Daniel Hatfield, Nicole Bailey, and Ric Meyer. Please welcome them to the American Legion Family.

TAPS: James Marcantonio, Martin Beck, Julian Wren, and Larry Zulauf. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

Thank you to all who assisted with and supported our spring fundraiser barbecue. Thanks to Debbie Alderson for chairing this event. We sold out of food quickly and had sold lots of baked desserts and

home canned goodies. We will discuss if we want to do another in the fall. Thanks also to those who helped and attended the Birthday Dinner. Congratulations to Catherine Wolters on 50 years of membership. We used daffodils as a symbol of hope and renewal. Hope that we can renew our commitment to our veterans, our country, our community and youth.

April is the month of the military child. We would like to show our support to them by asking everyone to wear purple to the April meeting. We will take pictures and hope to share them with the children. We are planning a spring Poppy Drive on May 22nd at area stores. We will need lots of volunteers to assist. Please follow our Facebook page and watch emails for more information. During the upcoming renovations we may need to change our meeting time or location, please be alert for notification of any changes. We want to keep our unit moving forward during this time. If you have ideas on fundraising or support activities, please let me know. You can email me at ALASUnit5JCMO@gmail.com.

For God and Country, We Serve.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Rick Wolters:

Hope everyone is staying safe. Just a reminder to anyone that has not paid their 2021 dues. Dues are \$25.00 for 2021 and can be mailed to Dan Boeckman, 2013 Brandy Lane, Jefferson City, MO. 65101. They can also be dropped off at our mail box located by the new bathrooms at the Post. Also effective March 1, 2021 there will be a \$5.00 charge to replace a lost keycard. A key card is mailed to everyone with the paid receipt when you renew. If a replacement is needed please contact Dan Boeckman. The Post is trying to get most activities back up and running. Check our volunteer lists for opportunities to help. Come out and enjoy the new club room and all the activities. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 6th at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, contact me at rickwolters21@gmail.com or (573)220-4882. Hope to see you soon at the Post!

Rick Wolters, Commander, Squadron 5

Notes from Legion Riders Director Daniel Levasseur:

Riders, Once again, we are doing great things for amazing people and organizations. Last month we provided outstanding service on Cook Night. We also did a Cabin Fever Ride and our Annual Corn Hole Tournament which turned out to be two magnificent events. We also donated money to the American Legion to buy a Television to put above the Kitchen window to act as a menu and information board and donated to sponsor a Boys Sate Candidate for 2021. Thank you for all the helped and participation. This month, aside from riding events we have our Annual Parts Swap on [April 17th](#), which will be at the DAV Building on Monticello Road in Jefferson City. Clean out your garage, **PROMOTE** the event, mark your calendars, and make some money!!

In the month of May our very own Dave Neighbors has been working diligently to finalize and bring back to Jefferson City a possible **"Bike Night"** which will offer live bands, bike rodeos, vendors, bike wash, and a bike show. The intent is for the event to be free and occur every month during the summer. It will also provide the opportunity for everyone to come together from around the area. If there is any profit made it will be directed towards a donation to a Veteran Related cause. I have no doubt these will be a huge and very productive events.

Thank you for all you do, you are the reason why we are the Largest and Best Chapter in Missouri.

We Can Do Better Together.....

Dan "Frenchie" Levasseur, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

Notes from Home Association President Jerry Koestner

April is an exciting time for Post 5 with the renovation of the Main Hall and Kitchen starting on April 5th. The Main Hall and Kitchen will be closed around 4 to 5 months. The CLUB ROOM WILL BE OPEN for business with normal operating hours. We will be running a Happy Hour from 4:30 to 6:30 Tuesday thru Friday. Don't forget that we do have 12" pizzas, hamburgers, hotdogs and hot wings available every day

at the bar. On April 17th is our next BBQ at the Post starting at 11.00 am – till sold out. Curb side delivery is available. There is a shuffleboard tournament every 3rd Sunday of the month. The winners of the tournament will play for the bragging rights of being the Champion in November. We now have Dart Boards in the meeting/game room along with a Golden Tee golf machine for you to play. We will be having our Easter Dinner on April 4th serving from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. To go orders will be available. We will be serving out of the kitchen window, not buffet style. While the Main Hall will be closed down we are still going to try to have our Karaoke nights in the meeting room, see the calendar for the dates. Please have patience while the renovation is going on it is going to be worth it in the end. Thank You
April Showers Bring May Flowers!

For questions and food orders call Club Manager Sharon at 573-636-2311 or email to post5ha@mchsi.com for more information.