

## APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Meetings: Post 5 – Third Tuesday at 6:30 PM, Auxiliary Unit 5 – Third Tuesday at 6:30 PM  
SAL Squadron 5 – First Tuesday at 7:00 PM, ALR Chapter 5 – First Thursday at 6:00 PM

### **Notes from Commander Gary Kempker:**

Spring has Sprung! When you receive this newsletter, we should be enjoying great weather and we will all know that we have survived another winter. Easter is just around the corner. Spring is the time for rejuvenation and renewal. It is my hope that you all will look for opportunities to renew your support for our post and the causes we represent. Our BBQs have resumed, and we now have an outside patio for enjoying the nice weather.

At the March post birthday celebration we were able to recognize a number of our long-time members and supporters of the post. Those receiving their 50 and 60 year certificates on continuous membership are: Kenneth Luetkemeyer 60 years, Gilbert Rank 60 years, William Braun 50 years, Charles Goodin 50 years, Howard Gray 50 years, Michael Henry 50 years, Donald Keiver 50 years, Douglas Roling 50 years, Terry Schubert 50 years, and Gary Zeilman 50 years. If you see any of these members please congratulate them on this huge achievement. They have all contributed to make sure our post is here for us and future generations.

As we move into the spring and summer months, please be safe and continue to support your post. Remember, **“It’s About Veterans!”**

Gary B. Kempker, Commander, Post 5

### **Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:**

So far, we have 57 new and transfer members for 2022. As of March 18, we have 1,131 members that have paid their dues for 2022. We have achieved 91% of our 2022 membership goal and still have a long way to go to our goal of 1,240. 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 or someone still on active duty that is not a member, please encourage them to join and become a member of the Largest and Most Active Post in Missouri.

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

The Post 5 Nominating Committee will announce the slate of officer nominees for the 2023 membership year at the April Post Meeting and they will be published in the May Newsletter. The election will be held at the May Post Meeting.

**Upcoming Events: Post 5 BBQ, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Schulte’s Parking Lot.** Support your Post by purchasing some of the best BBQ around!!

If you are a disabled veteran with a service-connected disability you may qualify for one set of no fee license plates. To qualify for Disabled Veteran specialty license plates, you must be a Missouri resident who has served in and was honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces. To apply for Disabled Veteran license plates, you will need to submit: A completed and signed [Application for Missouri Military Personalized License Plates \(Form 4601\)](#) and a statement from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, no more than one year old, stating your disability is service-connected. The letter must be directly from the VA, **not** a veteran's hospital or clinic.

Visit our website ([www.post5.com](http://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 the Department of Missouri website: ([www.missourilegion.org](http://www.missourilegion.org)).

**New Members:** Gregory Vaughan, Brandi Pressley, Levon Ingram and Michael Turner. Please welcome them to the American Legion Post 5 Family.

**TAPS: John Mennemeyer and Virgil Prenger.** Please keep their families in your prayers.  
Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

**Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:**

Congratulations to Roberta (Schepers) Schulte on becoming our newest 50 year member of Unit 5. The Schepers' family has a long and large history of support for our Veterans and our organization. Thank you to those who attended the birthday dinner, it was wonderful food and is a great way to show support for long term members and our organization. We delivered six complete "Baby Boxes" to the VA, thank you to those who contributed. Please pick up baby items when you can and we will let you know when this activity will be repeated. We are trying to organize a trivia night and a dart tournament fundraiser, please let Dottie Sanning or Christie Schepers know if you are interested in helping with either of these activities. Unit 5 will also sell cookies at each barbecue at Schulte's. Please donate homemade sweet treats or volunteer when you can. Nominations for officers for next year will be read at the April meeting and election of officers will be held at the May meeting. We need volunteers for these leadership positions. Please contact Claudia Goodin for information. An updated Constitution and Bylaws will be emailed to everyone in the email list. A limited number of paper copies will be available during our meetings.

Please pray for peace and for strength for those affected by the war and keep our military in your prayers always.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

**Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Chris Althusser:**

Thanks to all who participated in Super Bowl board. All proceeds were donated to Post 5. Congrats to the winners!

A big Thank You to our Friday Night Cook Crew volunteers. You do a great job. Thank you to all of our members that volunteer at Post activities. Your support is always appreciated. If you haven't volunteered, give it a try. It is a rewarding experience.

2022 Dues are due. Dues are still \$25.00. When sending money to pay dues, please let us know who's dues you are paying. I invite all SAL members to join us at our monthly meetings which are the [first Tuesday](#) of each month. Meetings [start @7:00 PM](#). Hope to see you soon at the post  
Chris Altheuser, Commander, Squadron 5

**Notes from Legion Riders Director Dave Campbell:**

March madness is at hand as temps swing from snow and ice one day to 70 degrees and sunny the next. As the itch to get out and ride is strong in all of us just remember to keep your head and watch the weather for morning and evening temps major swings going on here in lovely Missouri. Please keep Sherry Faughn in your prayers as she goes thru her surgery's this month.

March was a slow month and hopefully everyone was able to do a double check on their bikes and riding gear. The State Legacy Ride has been announced for June. Register for this always fun event. Check the state or our Facebook page for info.

This year Tennessee is having their first Legacy Ride the beginning of June as well. Information is in our state Facebook Page. The Tennessee State Director, Rick Wright, stated that any and all ALR Missouri riders are welcome to attend.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!**

Dave Campbell, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

**Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Jerry Koestner**

April brings us all kinds of excitement!! We will still have our Lent Fish lunch specials through Good Friday and our regular Friday night meals all month as well. The April BBQ is on the 16<sup>th</sup> at Schulte's. Also, Good Friday is April the 15<sup>th</sup> "TAX" day. So come and either celebrate or mourn your tax returns with us. On April 7<sup>th</sup> the MLB Baseball season kicks off. Come in and enjoy the games on our many TVs.

“GO CARDS and ROYALS”!! Also, Blues’ Hockey will still be going on and they will be fighting for the Stanley Cup. Whether you are watching the games or just simply enjoying a visit with friends we have your favorite beverages, popcorn, pizzas from West Main Pizza, hamburgers and hot dogs. It is important that you get with Kelly and set up your private event. There are options on the Hall rental. It greatly depends on if you use our catering or not and whether you are a member. This can be clarified by Kelly. If you bring in your own catering there will be a rental fee for the Hall. As always, I want to give a great big THANK YOU to all Post 5 Family members that give so much time to our Post throughout the year. Without your help we cannot offer everything we do for our veterans. Again, THANK YOU for your service to the Post and Veterans. One item that we want to remind everyone of is that the Club is for our members and their families. During public events, please keep the door into the Club closed. Members can use their key card as well as buy the drinks at the window. During Friday night meals the doors are open to allow the wait staff to be able to enter and serve customers. Follow all the events and meals on the insert or the calendar in the newsletter and our Facebook page. If you have any questions, contact Club Manager Kelly Perez 573-636-2311 or [post5ha@mchsi.com](mailto:post5ha@mchsi.com).