

## AUGUST 2021 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:**

By the time this newsletter reaches you summer will still be in full swing and we will all be hoping for some relief from the heat. The good news is that we will hopefully be within a month of reopening our fully renovated post. We are still on track to hit our September 1st target and are anxious to get our activities back to where they were. I want to thank everyone for their patience and support during this time and for your many contributions to keep the post going during these months of renovations. Many of you continued to support our post by coming in and participating in the activities and services we were able to provide during the renovation. As our activities resume we will need to rejuvenate our volunteer effort. This post survives and prospers because of our many volunteers from all of the American Legion Family groups. It is my hope that we create an environment where we not only do great work but also have fun in the process. I appreciate all you all do and fully realize our success is completely dependent upon your support and contributions. While we were once again recognized as the “Largest American Legion Post” in the state, it is my belief that we are also the “Best American Legion Post” in the state!

Remember, **“It’s About Veterans!”**

Gary B. Kempker, Commander, Post 5

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

So far, we have 2 new and transfer members for 2022. As of July 9th we finished the 2021 membership year with 1,216 members. As of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have 92 members that have paid their dues for 2022. 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 Post Officers strongly encourage members to attend monthly meetings to provide your input into how your Post operates.

Installation of officer’s for the entire Post 5 family will take place on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Missouri Veteran’s Commission, **Veteran’s Service Officer (VSO)** is located at 1500 Southridge Drive (Adjacent to Das Stein Haus) Suite 300. The phone number for the VSO is 573-522-4225.

**Upcoming Events:** The Post 5 **BBQ is scheduled for August 21st at Schulte’s parking lot starting at 11:00 AM**. The fifth Gun Raffle ticket was drawn at the Post Meeting on June 15th. A list of the winners is available at the bar in the Club Room. Remember your tickets are good for the entire 12 months. **The 2021 Post 5 Baseball Banquet is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Tickets are available at the Post or by mail. Tickets are \$100.00 and include a meal for two and a chance to win up to \$10,000.00.

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:** Ernest York and Tom Miller. Please welcome them to the American Legion Family.

**TAPS:** Leland Schweiss and Walter Malzner. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

### **Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:**

August begins a new year for the Auxiliary, hopefully new beginnings where we can become a more active unit for our veterans and our community. Dues for the new year remain the same. Adults \$30.00 and juniors are \$5.00, and can be paid now. This year’s theme is “ God Bless our Women Veterans” We

hope to do some activities to recognize women veterans in our community throughout the year. We are planning a sewing day in October to make pillowcases for veterans and hospitalized children. We are asking for donations of prewashed Cotton fabric for this activity. Our unit will be making a float for the Patriot Day parade on September 11th. If you would like to assist, please let me know. A Bunco tournament is being planned for November 14th and a craft sale for December. I am asking for a volunteer to be chairperson of our fall Poppy Drive in November. Please come to our next meeting to learn about these activities. We will have an incentive drawing for those who attend the meetings beginning this month. Congratulations to junior member Harley Harmon for being elected as Junior Department Chaplain! You can email me at [ALAUnit5JCMO@gmail.com](mailto:ALAUnit5JCMO@gmail.com).

For God and Country, We Serve.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

**Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Rick Wolters:**

The next SAL meeting will be August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM. New officer installation will be on September 21<sup>st</sup> along with the rest of the American Legion Family. We are also looking for volunteers to help with clean up after American Legion BBQs. If you are aware of any SAL members in need of assistance, contact me. If you have any questions, contact me at [rickwolters21@gmail.com](mailto:rickwolters21@gmail.com) or (573)220-4882. Hope to see you soon at the Post!

Rick Wolters, Commander, Squadron 5

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

July was a very rainy month, but we managed to get in a couple of nice rides when the sun was out. We had nine bikes and fifteen riders go to Big Dick's at the Lake of the Ozarks, and a Wild Goose Chase ride to close out the month. A friendly reminder to keep track of your mileage in your Chapter Challenge booklets for end of the year honors and the coveted Rider of the Year honors.

Our final Post 5 sponsored Bike Night was held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, and was a great success. We raffled off a 12 ga. Bull Pup shotgun, as well as 200 rounds of 9mm, and 200 rounds of 22 LR ammunition. Soulroot rocked the house like they always do, and we're grateful for the time they spent supporting our cause. Bike Nights for 2022 are already being planned and should be an even greater success next year. If you have an idea for a local veteran's organization that we can support, please let one of the Rider's executive staff know. None of these could be possible without our selfless volunteer riders. Chapter 5 riders are the best in the state hands down, and I salute you for all of your efforts.

Near the end of July, Legacy Ride collections surpassed \$80,000.00 for the state. Outstanding job to all Missouri Riders! Everyone should be very proud of our accomplishments.

During the annual State ALR meeting, two of our very own riders were elected to state positions. When you see them on our next ride or meeting, be sure to give congratulations to Rick Derks for his election to MO State ALR Judge Advocate, and Cecil Goodin for his election to MO State ALR Sgt. at Arms. Post 5 couldn't be represented by two finer individuals. Congrats, fella's!!

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

Dave Campbell, Interim Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

**Notes from the Business Management Committee (Previously known as the Home Association) Committee Chair Jerry Koestner**

As I was trying to think of what to write this month because the main hall and kitchen are still closed, there are no meals, no Friday night dances, parties, and other activities that we would be hosting, I heard the Michael Jackson Song "WE are the World". Some lines struck me and made me think. 1) We are the World; 2) come together as one; 3) lend a hand; 4) we are the children and 5) we are the ones that make a brighter day. Then I thought about what is Roscoe Enloe American Legion Post 5 all about. Helping veterans, helping the homeless, the sick, young children with disabilities, veteran's homes/hospitals/cemeteries/programs, youth programs and awards. You know I could go on and on. The Post, the Business Management Committee (old Home Association), the Auxiliary, The Legion

Riders, The Sons and the 40 & 8. How do we raise funds? WE do it by dinners, BBQ's, Legacy rides, golf tournaments, poppy sales, cookie and cake sales, and beverages, etc. All of this is done by our **VOLUNTEERS** along with Sharon, Ted and all of the bartenders. This is where I want to say **THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU, THAT INCLUDES EVERY MEMBER.** We are not the largest Post and the best Post in the state for no reason. Without you just think of what programs we would not be able to support. The Business Management Committee thanks everyone

August is here and soon we will be looking at our new construction. The renovation of the hall and kitchen are still in full swing and still ahead of schedule. Keeping our fingers crossed for a reopening on September 1<sup>st</sup> and Grand opening October 10<sup>th</sup>. We are still open for Club operations and the bar food and drinks are still available. Keep an eye on other activities on the monthly calendar such as Ladies Bunco Night and Karaoke Nights. Also, don't forget Club 5 Every Monday Night, the Drawing is at 7:00 pm. We do have the Meeting room available for rent; call the club for further information and availability. Thank you for your understanding.

For questions, food orders or to schedule an event, call Club Manager Sharon at 573-636-2311 or email to [post5ha@mchsi.com](mailto:post5ha@mchsi.com) for more information.