

AUGUST 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:

It is hard to believe but this is my last newsletter as your Commander. I want each of you to know that I am extremely honored to be selected to serve in the capacity of your Post Commander. We have had an eventful and successful two years and I am so very proud of all we have accomplished together. I can't say enough about the many people that contributed to our success. I am honored to have served with a talented and thoughtful Adjutant, Post Executive Committee, Business Management Committee, Manager, bartenders and of course Ted Sigite and the many that make up the kitchen crews. Together we have continued to make Post 5 not only the largest, but the best post in the state. Speaking of which, we were just recognized as the Largest Post in Missouri at the state conference – Again!

I want to offer my congratulations to the new officers that will assume their positions after the Installation on August 16th. I am confident that Commander - Elect Dee Dee Cryderman and all of the officers and committeepersons will continue to preserve and improve our post during their tenure. Please help celebrate at the Installation Dinner on August 16th. Social hour begins at 6 and dinner at 7. The post will provide the meat and mashed potatoes. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite side dish or dessert. It is always a good time and good food.

Finally, I hope that I have honored the commitments I made to you when I assumed command two years ago. It had always been my goal to preserve the past, serve the present and to ensure that future generations of veterans have a post to come to that serves them and their community. I appreciate your support!

Remember, **“It's About Veterans!”**

Gary B. Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

We have 84 new and transfer members for 2022. As of July 21st, we have 1,209 members that have paid their dues for 2022. We achieved 97% of our 2022 membership goal. We have started renewals for 2023 and the Early Birds are coming in fast. 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.

Upcoming Events: Bike Night at the Bluffs, August 14th. Proceeds benefit Fisher House. Installation Dinner, August 16th, social hour at 6:00 PM and Dinner at 7:00 PM. Bring a side dish or dessert. Post 5 BBQ at Schulte's on August 27th. Come on out and enjoy some of the best BBQ around. September 16th, Ralph Boessen Memorial Golf Tournament at Redfield Golf & Country Club. The Post 5 Baseball Banquet is on October 8th. Tickets are available for purchase in the Club Room.

On August 18th, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, Post 202 in Columbia is holding a Veteran's Appreciation Night and will be dedicating the tank that was donated to the Post. If you can, please show our support by attending this event. There will be veteran's support groups in attendance to answer your questions.

There are still brick spaces available on the Recognition Wall inside the Club Room. The application is available on our website as well as in the Club Room. Get your name or a loved one's name on the wall for other's to see.

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 the Department of Missouri website: (www.missourilegion.org).

New Members: **Billy Brown, James McMillan, and Scott Brune.** Please welcome them to the American Legion Post 5 Family.

TAPS: **James Wall, George Fisher and David Mueller.** Please keep his family in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

Congratulations, Unit 5 and District 8 Past President Lindy Picray on your election to Department Chaplain at the recent convention. Please show her your support as she holds this important position. The new department president Louise Welch chose the “key” as the membership symbol and her slogan is “The key to success is honoring our Veterans everyday”. This is a wonderful challenge for us as we begin this new membership year. Please come and support our new Unit President, Debbie Cheshire and all the officers, at the Installation Dinner on Tuesday, August 16th at 6:00 PM. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We have finished our membership year with 100% and continue to be the largest unit in the state. We are still in need of a cookie team leader for one of our “Sweet Treat Crews”, please contact me if you can assist on a cookie team. President Elect, Debbie is asking for volunteers for Bingo at the VA in Columbia on September 3rd. Congratulation to Unit 5 scholarship recipients, Andi Siebeneck and Carrie Loesch and to Emma Tellman on her scholarship renewal.

It has been my honor to serve as Unit 5 president for the last 3 years. I owe a debt of gratitude to my fellow unit members for their support and assistance in keeping our unit strong during these challenging times. Thank you to all the members of the American Legion Family for your support. May we all strive to work to honor our God, our Country and our Veterans.

For God and Country, we serve.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Chris Althusser:

I’m looking for some members who would be interested in helping with bingo at Truman VA Hospital in Columbia. We would pick two Saturdays a year. It will take about three hours of your time each Saturday. That’s only 6 hours per year. If interested or would like more information please contact me @ [573-690-2529](tel:573-690-2529). 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 Interim Director Steve Spayde:

There's already been some great riding for the month of July, with lots more left to go. We kicked off our summer Bike Night season on July 10th with a great turnout and a great performance by Dave Baker. If you missed the July Bike Night you truly missed out on some great friendship and some great music. Where else in town can you go to listen to live music for \$2.00? Make sure you come out on August 14th for the next Bikes at the Bluffs and hang out with us. It's a great time. I've spoken briefly about tire pressures for the past two months and I want to add on to that by saying that you should be spot checking your tire gauges as well. I figured out a couple weeks ago that the digital gauge I had been using actually reads close to 6 pounds off, so I've been riding around with improperly inflated tires, and **yesterday** I had to shell out almost \$600 for new ones. I'd also like to give a reminder for folks to inspect your First Aid Kits at least once a year. You are carrying a First Aid Kit, right? Don't worry too much if you're not, because a lot of us do. Wouldn't hurt if you had your own though and kept it on the bike with you.

Cheers,

Steve Spayde, Interim Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Jerry Koestner

I do not like to start out with bad vibes but I have to. It is important to understand that the only animals allowed in the Legion facilities are "SERVICE ANIMALS". This is a Jefferson City Ordinance not a Post 5 Rule. Please do not bring in your pets. Now for other business, In the August BMC meeting I will be taking my final moments as Chair. We have accomplished a great deal, just look around. Yes, we have changed a great deal of the way we have done business for 40 years. We had to change to keep up with the current economic landscape. We have to think of the younger members and what we can offer them as well. PLEASE support the activities we offer. Attend the meals, Wing night, support the BBQ'S, and all of the music events. The club is always a way of getting an adult beverage during hot and cold weather along with friends. Club 5 is always a fun night. WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO THINK OF NEW ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE BMC WITH SUGGESTIONS. It is important that you get with Kelly and set up your private event. Dates are quickly filling up as we speak. 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 THANK YOU to all Post 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. Follow all the events and meals on the insert or the calendar in the newsletter on our Facebook page and our website, www.post5.com. If you have any questions, contact Club Manager Kelly Perez, 573-636-2311 or post5ha@mchsi.com.