

DECEMBER 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:

Wow, the year is flying by! With the arrival of this newsletter Thanksgiving will be behind us and we will be into the Christmas Holiday Season. I want to thank everyone that was involved in the Veteran's Day activities at the post and around the area. We were well represented everywhere and it proved to be a very good day to celebrate and remember veterans. A special thanks to the Jefferson City Veteran's Council for their program and lunch at the post and also we are thankful for the opportunity to partner with Building Community Bridges (BCB) to provide a free dinner to veterans and their families at our post. The meal and entertainment provided by BCB was excellent!

December is a busy time for our post and there are lots of activities and opportunities to spread the holiday cheer. The regular December post meeting will be replaced with our annual American Legion Family Christmas Dinner. The social hour starts at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. The post will provide the meat and potatoes and each family is asked to bring their favorite side dish or dessert (oatmeal raisin cookies please). The post will also sponsor the annual Christmas Eve event from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Appetizers will be served and you are welcome to bring any treats to share. We will also have the traditional "buy the first drink - get the second free" special. The post will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day to allow our staff to spend time with their families. There will be no Friday night meal or band on New Years Eve but the post will be open during normal business hours. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support and efforts to keep "the largest post in Missouri" the "best post in Missouri! Merry Christmas to all of you and may you have a wonderful New Year.

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

Gary B. Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

So far, we have 32 new and transfer members for 2022. As of November 19th, we have 935 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 or someone still on active duty 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.

Upcoming Events: The Post 5 Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 21st at Post 5. Social Hour at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. The ninth Gun Raffle ticket was drawn at the Post Meeting on November 16th. A list of the winners is available at the bar in the Club Room. Remember your tickets are good for the entire 12 months.

There are still spaces available on the Recognition Wall inside the Club Room. Applications are available at the bar.

As a way of thanking Veterans, current service members, Law Enforcement, Firemen and First Responders, Kurt Mankin, owner of Oscar's Classic Diner, has begun offering discounted breakfasts on [Wednesday](#) mornings. There are 50 percent discounts on either the Bacon or Sausage Platters. The platter includes Bacon or Sausage, two eggs, hashbrowns and toast. The breakfast special is being served from 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM each [Wednesday](#).

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: John Washak, Gerhardt Lueckenotte, Jim Schulte, William Doggett, John Spann, Roger Morff, Gregory Natsch, Paul Durr, Cade Knipp and Robert Gannon. Please welcome them to the American Legion Family.

TAPS: Emil Fischer, Francis Jones and Henry Boeckman. Please keep their families in your prayers.
Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

Thank you to all who helped make our Poppy Drive successful by helping distribute or donating to our Poppy Fund. We appreciate our local grocery stores who allowed us to be there. Next is our Craft sale and lunch on December 4th. Please come out and support your unit and you may even find a great gift. Doors open at 9:00 AM. We need donations of craft items or baked goods to sell. Our "Angel Tree" is ready for you to pick up an angel and return it with a gift item for a local mother and children in need. Christmas gifts for Veterans in local nursing homes project will be on December 17th. We will begin assembling at 9:00 AM and finish before noon. This is one of the most gratifying activities we do, please volunteer to assist or donate items needed to make a Veteran's holiday merry. The gift contains a light blanket, socks, body wash and lotion, snack items, a flag, a poppy, and a Christmas card. Please attend our family Christmas dinner and share some Christmas cheer on December 21st. Families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Our membership stands at 71% of goal, please renew before January 1st. Please consider becoming more involved, we need participation in our activities and volunteers. Please follow the Facebook page or send an email to ALAUNIT5JCMO@gmail.com for further information. May this Holiday season bring "Peace" to your heart and "Hope" in the New Year
Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Chris Altheuser:

Thank you everyone who came out to help with the American Legion Baseball Banquet. Our Christmas party is this month and our 2022 membership are due. Squadron 5 dues are \$25.00. I invite all SAL members to join us at our monthly meetings which are the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting starts @7:00 PM Hope to see you soon at the post.
Chris Altheuser, Commander, Squadron 5

Notes from Legion Riders Director Dave Campbell:

We had a great ride with the Chapter 202 Toy Run, meeting members of their ALR. It was a great time and an honor to be serving lunch to all the veterans that were in attendance on Veterans Day at the post.

It's that time of the year when we start winterizing our Bikes, So double check your battery tenders for proper operation, put the recommended amount of fuel stabilizer in your tank. (idle for a few minutes to get stabilizer in carb or over injectors before shutting down.)

For those of you who ride all year (Cecil) dress for the weather and keep a vigilant eye out for Deer, and Holiday Shoppers.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a belated Happy Thanksgiving.
Keep the shiny side up and enjoy the ride!!!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!

Dave Campbell, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Jerry Koestner

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!! It is hard to believe that it is Christmas and New Year's already. Busy times for all of us. Make sure that you check the calendar for all of the events this month. Make sure that you come to the Christmas Eve party at the Club sponsored by the Business Management Committee from 1:00 to

5:00 PM. Appetizers are free. Buy your first drink and get the second drink free. The Club will close for Christmas at 5:00 PM. ARMY / NAVY GAME *** DECEMBER 11th *** in the Main Hall. Doors open 1:00 PM; the game kicks off at 2:00 PM. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and Nacho Cheese/Chips for sale. Drinks available to purchase at the Club Bar. There will be a 50/50 drawing, \$5.00 & \$20.00 game squares – 60% to the winner and 40% to the Post. There will be a cheering contest from each team's supporters, Air Force members will be the judges. The winning side will be presented a traveling trophy with an engraved plate and flag to be displayed in the Club behind the bar. GO ARMY!!! GO NAVY!!! Watch for flyers at the Post, the website and Facebook for information. Also NEW we can now provide frozen drinks. We will have Margaritas and at times other frozen drinks. We are thinking "Frozen drink of the Month" specials or Taco Nights, etc. Start tying down your dates for rentals in 2022, dates are being booked. Check with Kelly for rental fee and booking. Watch for flyers at the Post, the website and Facebook for information. If you have any questions, contact Club Manager Kelly Perez 573-636-2311 or email her at post5ha@mchsi.com.