

## December 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 Dee Dee Cryderman:**

I pray everyone had a great and safe Thanksgiving. We the Post Family have much to be thankful for. The Trunk of Treat on the Post parking lot was a Huge success, lots of great costumes, laughter and sharing, Thank You to ALL the Post families who came out and supported this event, approx. 300+ kids, parents and grandparents came through. The Holiday season is upon us, take time to check out ALL the activities taking place this month at the Post, (see the Adjutant notes and the Club Calendar for the activities). The American Legion and its families will be hearing more about "Be the One" a new idea WE all can help reduce veteran suicides. In the near future, there will be Training for all interested in recognizing signs of suicidal thoughts and ways we can help those in need. The Sea Cadets are looking for a few volunteers who would be interested in helping them out a couple times a month (approx. 6 hours a month). They need help in the area of helping on the nights, (normally twice a month) they assist our waitress on Friday nights. There are a few rules and regulations, for more information, please contact 2nd Vice Don Cryderman. Volunteers are always needed at our Post, to remain solid for our families and our members, veterans. It helps and creates goodwill, friendships, and satisfactions within yourself. Christmas time is about giving, so please reach out to all veterans, families and friends and let's continue with our "Buddy Checks" and keep a watchful eye on everyone.

Merry Christmas to you and your families. Dee Dee Cryderman, Commander, Post 5

### **Notes from Adjutant Rick Derks:**

So far, we have 29 new and transfer members for 2023. As of September 20th, we have 898 members that have paid their dues for 2023. We have reached 72% of our 2023 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. We still have Legion Recognition Pavers available. Applications can be picked up in the club room.

**Upcoming Events: Post 5 special event December 10th... Army/Navy game starts at 2:00 pm. Wreaths Across America, December 10, starts at 9:00 am, National Cemetery. Hawthorn Memorial Gardens Wreaths Across America December 17, at 11:00 am. Post 5 Oratorical competitions at the Post December 18, at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend the competition. Post 5 Christmas Party, December 20th, social hour at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. Happy Hour prices 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish and or a dessert to complete our meal. Since there is NO program or meeting taking place, it is asked of everyone NOT to wear any American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, or ALR attire or hats/caps. Instead, please wear any Christmas festive holiday clothing. (There will be an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" for anyone interested in participating. Join the friendship, good food, fun times, plus more surprises planned for the evening. **Christmas Eve, December 24th at the Post**, hors d'oeuvre available 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. **There will be no Friday Cook on December 23rd. The post will close at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve. We will have our normal Friday Night Cook on December 30th. The club room will be open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day normal hours. Past Commander meeting will be January 4, 2023 at Post 5.****

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:** Rick Armstrong, Uel W. Smith, Dennis Elya. Please welcome them to the American Legion Post 5 Family.

**TAPS:** James "Jim" Curry. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Rick Derks, Adjutant, Post 5

**Notes from Auxiliary President Debbie Cheshire:**

Hello Auxiliary Members: Christmas Packages for Veterans in Local Nursing Homes - Packages for the Veterans in Local Nursing Homes will be assembled on Friday, December 16th at 9:00 am in the Annex Room at Post 5. Bags will be assembled and delivered that same day. Volunteers needed. Please join us for a memorable, rewarding day thanking local veterans.

VA Hospital Shopping Day is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th. If you would like to volunteer, please be at Post 5 on December 6th at 9:00 am to carpool to Columbia. This is an event to assist Veterans with their Christmas shopping lists.

2022 Poppy Drive was a huge success! Big thank you to Esther Rosner, Chairwoman, for a very successful poppy drive – over \$3,500 was raised. These funds will be used exclusively to support veterans. Thanks to Auxiliary volunteers and Sea Cadets for showing up on a very cold Saturday. The following stores allowed us to distribute poppies on their property: Hy-Vee, Gerbes West, and Schulte's. We are extremely grateful for their support.

Halloween Trunk or Treat at Post 5 was a fun event for children and adults alike. The Auxiliary plans to participate again next year!

Veterans Day – The Veterans Day program hosted by the Veterans Council at Post 5 was a memorable event. Thanks to Auxiliary volunteers for decorating the Hall and providing desserts. Thanks to Dorothy Goodin and Rose Marie Nichols for presenting the Auxiliary colors at the Veterans Day Service held at St. Peters Catholic Church.

Unit 5 Christmas Party is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert for the dinner. DeeDee is planning a fun evening! Social hour 5:30 pm and dinner served at 6:30 pm. Please join us!

Bunco Fundraiser held on November 13 was a huge success. Thanks to Mary Keever, Chairwoman, for organizing the event and knowing the rules! Over \$1,000 was generated. Thanks to everyone that donated prizes and participated in the event.

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Debbie Cheshire, Auxiliary President, Unit 5, (573) 338-0911

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

Reminder to Sons members, next month we are having our Christmas party/Meeting. This year the SAL sponsored two boys for Boys State. I would also like to thank everyone who participated in the trunk or treat. It was a huge success. Also, I invite all Sons members to join us at our monthly meets which are the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings start @7. Hope to see you soon at the post. Chris Altheuser, Commander, Squadron 5

**Notes from Legion Riders Director Steve Spayde:**

November is the beginning of the sad months when riding motorcycles is a big part of your life. This November is no different. A lot of you have probably already set your bikes up on the center stand and plugged in the battery tender for the long winter nap. While there haven't been many rides this month, several of us made it out to support our Brothers and Sisters at Post 202 for their annual Toys for Tots ride this year. It was a great, albeit very cold and windy event that ended in Columbia with some great

friendship and camaraderie, combined with a well appreciated hot meal of chili with all the fixin's. The rest of November was relatively bland with not much going on besides trying to stay warm.

At the last meeting we decided to hold our monthly dinner ride on Saturdays. I'm writing this newsletter two days before the November dinner ride and hope that a lot of you turned out to have some good fellowship over a meal. A reminder that the December regular monthly meeting will be our Christmas party. Everyone is encouraged to come with a White Elephant gift, and a bottle of wine, spirits, or a few lotto scratchers for the cooler raffle that will kick off that night. This is a great fundraiser for Chapter 5, and I'd like to encourage everyone to stop Bob Wendell the next time you see him and thank him for his efforts of building us another cooler this year. Thank you, Bob.

I look forward to seeing you all at the party. The next newsletter won't be until January, so I wish you all the Merriest of Christmases, and the Happiest of Holidays, followed by the beginning of your best New Year ever. Cheers! Steve Spayde, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

**Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Vince Rost**

As we near the Thanksgiving and Christmas season it reminds me to be thankful and I look forward to spending time with family and friends at the Post and in our homes. We have lots to be thankful for, especially our bar staff and a multitude of great volunteers. The activities that our Post families sponsor help keep our Post full of great citizens and loyal Veterans. Our finances continue to be sound, and our Post is as vibrant as ever. We have recently established our holiday hours and meals. Please check your calendar at your convenience for our schedule. If anyone has suggestions or complaints, please leave us a note in our suggestion box back by the Adjutant/Commanders Office. As always be humble and kind. Yours in service, Vince Rost, 757-754-1112

Follow all the events and meals on the insert or the calendar in the newsletter and our Facebook site. If you have any questions, contact Club Manager Kelly Perez 573-636-2311 or post5ha@mchsi.com.