

FEBRUARY 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:

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and happy as we are all looking forward to Spring I'm sure. Please continue to support your post activities and programs through these winter months. I am writing this newsletter immediately after being notified by our Department of Missouri Adjutant that our post achieved the highest percentage in our post category for membership as of 12/30/2021. That achievement resulted in an invitation to attend the Lincoln Pilgrimage next month in Springfield, Illinois where our National Commander will be honored. I am certainly flattered to get this recognition on behalf of our post, but I realize our successes in all areas are absolutely the result of a strong team working together in the best interest of the American Legion and particularly our post. I have always believed our strongest recruiting effort is putting our post out there to the public in a positive light every time we have the opportunity. We have a lot of members that work very hard to do exactly that - every day. My congratulations to them for earning us this recognition.

While it seems that we just recently held the Installation of Officers Banquet, it is time to start thinking about our slate of officers for the coming year. I appointed the nominating committee at the January Post Meeting. The committee is **Jim Mead (Chair), Vince Rost, Larry Alderson, Ted Sigite and Dave Campbell**. If you would like to consider serving your post in one of the elected offices feel free to contact one of the committee members if you would like to be considered for nomination. We need your input and talent to keep our post vibrant.

I know the Covid virus continues to effect many of us in our everyday lives. It is my hope that you continue to keep yourselves and your family safe in the best way possible based on your judgement. So far we are able to maintain our activities and programs and ask for your support when you feel comfortable doing so.

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

Gary B. Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

So far, we have 48 new and transfer members for 2022. As of January 21st, we have 1,081 members that have paid their dues for 2022. We have achieved 87% 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.

Upcoming Events: The Navy Club Chili Cook Off scheduled for February 13th has been cancelled.

The Navy Club members are concerned with the upswing in COVID cases and do not want to expose people when it can be avoided so they have decided to err on the side of caution. The members appreciate the support in the past and hopefully the event will return next year. It is a good time and a great fundraiser for the club. The eleventh Gun Raffle ticket was drawn at the Post Meeting on January 18th. A list of the winners is available in the Club Room. Remember your tickets are good for the entire 12 months. **Post 5 BBQ season is upon us and the first one will be held in March at the Schulte's Parking Lot.** Get ready for some mouth watering food!!

Reminder, 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: James Poetker, Phil Colgrove, Shannon Ritchey, Robert Miller, Serenity Winnick, Robert Boessen, and Jerry Gullede. Please welcome them to the American Legion Post 5 Family.

TAPS: Nancy Northway, Thomas Graggert, Terry Willhite and James Reed Please keep their families in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

A big thank you for Connie Pack, Girls State Chairman, and her committee. Interviews have been completed at 8 area schools. Please visit the Missouri Girls State website to learn all the exciting changes to the program. Delegates will be announced soon. Our membership stands at 76% of our goal, please renew or recruit a new member to help reach our goal. Our giving project is to provide newborn baby items for expected births at the VA hospital. A list of items needed will be sent in an email and available at Post 5, items will be collected until March meeting, cash donations to purchase these items will be accepted. Unit 5 voted to donate to "Welcome Home", a homeless veterans project in Columbia, please check their website to learn how to support this project. In anticipation of a dues increase at the national or department level a motion has been made to increase Unit 5 dues. This motion was read and discussed at the January meeting. It will be discussed and voted on at the February meeting, please attend and voice your opinion. Honor our Veterans this Valentine's Day with a "hug", it can be virtual or with a card or a phone call. Please remember their service and sacrifice for our Freedom.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Chris Althusser:

2022 Dues are \$25.00 and are currently due. When sending money to pay dues, please let us know who's dues you are paying for. 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:

I would like to thank Sherry our Finance Officer and all the volunteers for making our Cornhole Tournament a success again this year,

As January is a slow month for riding except of course Cecil our SGT at Arms who rides no matter the weather. We had a great turn out for Ride the Temp this year. Looking forward to the rest of the years riding. Hopefully everyone is marking their calendars for all the ride dates we put out at our January meeting.

I would like to remind everyone that as we volunteer for our community and Post and all events everything we do is greatly appreciated by all of our members. Without our volunteers a lot of things would never get done and we wouldn't have a place of comfort to call the American Legion our home.

As we go forward I ask all riders step up and volunteer on a committee or event. The joy and tranquility of knowing you are part of something greater than yourself helping others is a grand payment for peace in your soul.

We will be having our Raffle drawing at our Valentines dance on the [12th of February](#),

Tickets available in the Club room. Jim Rosenberg and his committee have a great evening in store with awesome food. Where else can you get a 14-16 oz ribeye and shrimp with all the fixing and

entertainment from great band by our very own Post Commander "Gary B & the Kools". Single meal \$30.00 couple \$60.00.

Side note, if you haven't paid your 2022 dues you are Late. (Dues only \$15.00)

Stay warm and safe these cold January and February days as we continue to plan for our riding season.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!

Dave Campbell, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Jerry Koestner

January is past us and February is already here. ***SUPER BOWL PARTY*** February 13th – Tailgate 5:30 pm; Gametime 6:30 pm in the Main Hall. No tickets. 50/50 drawing; the SAL are doing a "Squares Sale" at the bar and that evening in the Hall. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs (available for purchase in the Hall) Pizzas and Wings (available for purchase in the Club Room). You can also bring snacks. Remember that our facilities are available to rent and catering is available. It is important that you get with Kelly and set up your event. There are options on the Hall rental. It greatly depends on if you use our catering or not. If you bring in your own food there will be a rental fee for the Hall. Ted Sigite is back from his knee replacement surgery. Ted is our contact for all meals and BBQ's. A big thanks goes out to Jim Mead for volunteering and taking over the meals and catering responsibilities and allowing the Post to continue in its' normal operation. I do want to give a big WOW and thank you to all of the cook crews. The meals on Tuesday's, Friday's and Wing Nights have been outstanding!!! Dates for the BBQs at Schulte's have been set by the Post and just waiting to see if the dates are available with Schulte's. First BBQ is in March. Mentioning Schulte's – because we have moved our banking to Mid-America Bank, we have stopped all other charge card as well as our account at Schulte's. All purchases must go through Kelly Perez, Jim Mead or Ted Sigite with the credit cards. No longer can anyone go to Schulte's and charge items to the Post. As always, I want to give a big THANK YOU to all Post members that give so much time to our Post throughout the year. Without your help we can not offer everything we do for our veterans. Again, THANK YOU for your service to the Post. 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.