

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Notes from Commander Gary Kempker:

I hope this newsletter finds all of you healthy and happy. As we progress through the recovery from the Covid -19 pandemic and see more widespread vaccinations, we are moving forward with reopening our Post to the many activities that previously contributed so greatly to our Post. In February we will resume our Friday night dinners and dances, continue Wing Night and move forward with Sunday morning breakfast fares. We will continue to offer carryout orders and, in many cases, will do curbside delivery. We remind you to continue to be mindful of the CDC guidelines and to keep yourself safe during this time. Masks and social distancing are welcome and encouraged. The last year has been a difficult time for the Post so your support is needed and appreciated.

We plan to reschedule the Grand Re-opening that had to be postponed last fall and it is tentatively planned for some time in April. There will be more information to come on that in the future. We were honored at the January 19th Post meeting with recognition from the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) for our flag mural completed by Ray Harvey. The award was given for the Post's efforts to pay tribute to our flag. Several members of the SAR were present for the presentation.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many Post members that have continued to support our Post through these difficult months. From Executive Committee members and Home Board members to individuals who continued step up and continue to make sure our Post remains a place for veterans and patriots to gather and do good work – I appreciate you!

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

Gary Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

As the new year progresses, we continue to ask every member to try to recruit one new member. So far, we have 23 new members for 2021. As of January 20th, we have 1,119 members that have paid their dues for 2021 which is 85% of our 2021 goal of 1,316 members. 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.

The Post Commander is seeking members to appoint for the nominating committee for the 2022 Post Officer elections. If you are interested, please attend the February Post Meeting.

The monthly Post Meeting takes place on the third Tuesday of each month and starts at 6:30 PM. The Post Officers strongly encourage members to attend monthly meetings to provide your input into how your Post operates.

Upcoming Events: Post 5 will have a **BBQ on February 20th at the Post starting at 11:00 AM.** Come on out and enjoy some great food. **ALR Chapter 5 is sponsoring the Valentine's Dinner and Dance on February 13th. Rib-Eye and Fried Shrimp Dinner is from 5:00 – 7:00 with dancing starting at 7:00.** Tickets are \$20.00 per person. The Gun a Month Raffle tickets are selling. We are still selling tickets and are over half way to selling the 1,200 tickets. The raffle will not start until all 1,200 tickets are sold. Tickets are \$30.00 each and are good for the entire 12 months. Members of each Legion families are selling tickets and they are available at the Post. If you prefer not to come to the Post, you can mail in your request for tickets. They are promptly processed and your ticket receipt is mailed to you.

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 our State website: (www.missourilegion.org).

New Members: Chandler Amick, Sarah Krehmeier, Kenneth Hudson, George Fisher and Robert Aegerter. Please welcome them to the American Legion Family.

TAPS: Delmer Brown, Norbert Luebbering and Herbert Kreter. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

Happy Valentine's Day, Spring is just around the corner. It was great to see those who attended the January meeting. The monthly meetings are a great place to let your ideas be heard and to learn about our organization. The next meeting is February 16th at 6:30PM. We are in the planning stages for some fun activities. On February 5th we will resume our Friday night "sweet treats" sales. If you would like to be a part of a team (donate cookies), please contact me. We welcome new volunteers. Our February giving project is for veterans through the Truman VA, we are collecting donations of cleaning products and unscented laundry detergent. Please bring your donation to the post or to our next meeting. We are planning an abbreviated Spring Fundraiser on February 20th with a eat in or carry out barbeque. Please watch Facebook and emails for further information on this event. Please renew your membership or recruit a new member so we can continue our mission of support for our Veterans, our community and our organization. ALASUnit5JCMO@gmail.com.

For God and Country, We Serve.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Rick Wolters:

Hope all is well with you. SAL has cancelled our Feb 2nd meeting. We will meet again on March 2. The Post is starting up Friday night dinners on Feb 5th. The SAL crew cooks the first night back. Be sure to check the schedule for the nights SAL crews will cook again. Thanks go out to all of the Great SAL Volunteers. We also will have a Super Bowl Board at the Bar. Profit will go to Post 5. Stop by and get on the board. Also, if you have any Baseball Gun Raffle Tickets or money please contact me at rickwolters21@gmail.com or (573)220-4882. I have several tickets left if anyone needs more to sell, just let me know. Hope to see you soon at the Post!

Rick Wolters, Commander, Squadron 5

Notes from Legion Riders Director Daniel Levasseur:

As I write this, I have the privilege of being seated in the Post 5 Clubroom and feel humbled and honored to sit here with just the humming of the refrigerators and looking at these walls with so much history. This Post is part of the fabric that makes up our community, it has done great things, accomplished overwhelming tasks, and continues its mission through today in helping and being a part of our community, it's Veterans, and their families. What an honor to be part of this organization.

January was a slow month for us Riders, but February is starting to ramp up and hopefully get some riding days for enjoyment, fundraising, and for honoring those who have gone before us. As you all know January was the end of our 2020 Chapter Challenge and the Beginning of our 2021 Chapter Challenge. Some of us were able to write down the "Ride the Temp" ride we did, which was a wonderful ride.

At the February Chapter Meeting, (Feb 4th), we shall put out the names of the **"Top 3" Riders of the Year** and present awards. We also have our Annual **"Valentine's Dinner & Dance"** which is **open to the public on February 13, 2021**. We will have **"Hand-Cut" 14 to 16 oz Rib Eye Steak "cooked to order", Baked Potato, & Salad. Doors will open at 4:30 PM with Dinner from 5 to 7 PM and Music by "Gary B & The Kools". The cost is \$20/person or \$40/couple.** You can't beat or match that venue or meal anywhere in town...I guarantee it!!! Hope to see you there!!!

We Can Do Better Together.....

Dan "Frenchie" Levasseur, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

Notes from Home Association President Jerry Koestner

February is upon us and it is going to be exciting. We are going to resume normal operations. We are happy to announce that the Friday night dinners are going to start back up with the full menu as in the

past. Also, following the Friday dinners we are excited to begin the dances that so many of you looked forward to throughout the week. Also, we will be serving our great midweek meals as well. So, if you are a Tenderloin fan they will be back. That will also include Wednesday night Karaoke for the talented singers. We will be able to serve you in the main hall and as well as carry out for the meals. Friday's at lunch during Lent we will be serving our famous fried fish again. This is also SUPER BOWL month. The Super Bowl is February 7th kickoff 6:30 pm. There will be extended hours that night. Snacks may be brought in by members. There are other things that we are working on to improve our service to our members. It is all about our service to you. For questions and food orders call Club Manager Sharon at 573/636-2311 or email to post5@mchsi.com for more information.