

JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Notes from Commander Gary Kempker:

By the time you receive this newsletter we should be very close to starting a new year. I want to wish each of you a happy and prosperous new year. I know for many of us we are hoping for a much better year than 2020 turned out to be. I know many of our members and their families suffered greatly from the direct or indirect effects of the Covid-19 virus. Hopefully with vaccinations progressing we can get back to normal life soon. I look forward to seeing you back at the Post soon!

In recent weeks the Home Association Board of Directors and the Post Executive Committee have been working to look for ways to improve the financial health, financial reporting and financial accuracy in reporting of both of the entities. Accounting services were consulted that resulted in a number of recommendations to address our fiscal concerns and reporting. Along with reduction of our chart of accounts, simplification of financial reporting and changes in procedures, it was strongly recommended that the Home Association and Post be consolidated into one entity to reduce the number of tax returns, reporting and accounting processes and simplification of rules to protect our tax status. After discussion, the Home Association Board of Directors, the Post Executive Committee and the Post membership at the December 18, 2020 meeting have voted to pursue the recommendations and consolidation of the two entities. It is likely that changes to the By-Laws of the Post will be necessary not only to clarify the operations of the Post but to protect aspects currently existing in the Home Association By-Laws that are important to the membership. It is our goal to keep the membership engaged and informed during this process.

"It's About Veterans!"

Gary Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

As we start the new year, we ask every member to try to recruit one new member. So far, we have 18 new members for 2021. As of December 18th, we have 1042 members that have paid their dues for 2021 which is 79.1% 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.

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 January 23rd at the Post starting at 11:00 AM.** Come on out and enjoy some great food. The Gun a Month Raffle tickets are selling. A little over half of the tickets are sold so the earliest the Raffle will start will be February if the remainder of the tickets are sold before then. Tickets are \$30.00 each and are good for the entire 12 months. Members of each Legion family 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 stub 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: Jonathan Carpenter, Lauren Weir and Dylan Apperson. Please welcome them to the American Legion Family.

TAPS: David Schulte, Daniel Sartain and Billy Rikard. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

Happy New Year. May 2021 bring you health, peace and prosperity. Thank you to the Unit 5 members who helped decorate the post for Christmas. Our "Angel Tree" community service project was a success,

thanks to all who helped provide gifts for a mother and her children. A BIG thank you to all who donated and helped with providing our veterans in local nursing homes with Christmas gift bags. In these times of isolation, it is important that our Veterans know they are not forgotten. Come join us for some fun on January 17th at 2:00PM as Unit 5 will host a "Horse Race" game. This is a fun game that we hope to use as a fundraiser at a later date. Our Veterans project for January is to collect activity items for the extended care unit at the VA. We are asking for everyone to bring items such as pencils, note pads, activity books etc. to the Post. Post 5 and Unit 5 are hosting the District 8 meeting and the Oratorical contest on January 10th at 1:00 PM. Everyone is invited to listen to the contestants as they give a speech on topics of the US Constitution. Our membership is now at 86% of our goal, please renew if you have not done so or help us by recruiting a new member. If you are not receiving our minutes or other emails, please let us know at ALASUnit5JCMO@gmail.com.

For God and Country, We Serve.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Rick Wolters:

Greetings to all our SAL members. Hope you are all well and staying safe. Our first meeting of 2021 is **January 5th** 7:00PM. I have plenty of Gun Raffle tickets so please let me know if you know anyone that is interested in 1 or 3.

If you know any SAL member that is in need during these challenging times, please let me know. My contact information is rickwolters21@gmail.com or at [573-220-4882](tel:573-220-4882). Hope to see you at the Post!
Rick Wolters, Commander, Squadron 5

Notes from Legion Riders Director Daniel Levasseur:

Riders, I hope we all had a Wonderful and Merry **Christmas** and a great start to the New Year!! Our **Christmas** Party went off without a hitch with wonderful food prepared by the Legion Cook Crew and I personally want to thank Mrs. Debbie Alderson and Sharon Bertels for making sure we were able to make it happen. Our 200 Cookbooks have sold out and we will be asking if we should get another 50 to 100 printed and try to sell them as well.

Our Ride Captain, Dave Neighbors, is planning our Annual "Ride the Temp" Ride and we are hoping it doesn't sleet or snow. This is a great way to start the year with friends, Brothers, Sisters, and our Legion Family.

Don't forget to submit your "Rider's Challenge" Log Books at the January Meeting so we can get all that info in as needed.

We hope to have some nice days in January as this whole COVID thing will hopefully boil-down to a simmer but in the meantime, we will continue our efforts to "Live-Stream" our meetings and continue to support the community, the Legion, and those of us who want to remain cautious due to COVID.

We can get through this together....

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

Notes from the Home Association:

Well, Well 2020 is over!!! Here's to a better year. 2021 bring it on!!!!

We will once again not be having our Friday night dinners or dances, 2nd Tuesday Home Association dinner and the Country Ham & Fried Chicken Dinner for the month of January. Hopefully, we will be able to bring them back in February. We will be having our Wacky Wednesday Wings night, remember Happy Hour is from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. All scheduled and non-scheduled events are subject to change, depending on the current situation with the pandemic. Any changes will be posted on our Facebook page. Anyone and everyone are welcome to come out on January 17th and participate in a shuffleboard tournament that is held every third Sunday until November. Play starts around 1:30. You are teamed up with a partner and you could end up with the bragging rights as the shuffleboard champions. We now have a Golden Tee golf game in the Meeting Room (Annex) for your playing pleasure. We have a part time bartender position available. If you know of anyone that might be interested have them contact

me by phone, email or come by and see me. We have dates available in 2021 for any kind of event that you might want to have. Call 573/636-2311 or email to post5ha@mchsi.com for more information.
Sharon, Club Manager