

## JANUARY 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:**

Happy New Year! By the time you receive this newsletter we should be into or very close to the beginning of a new year. I hope that this year finds you healthy and prosperous. Please take whatever action you deem to be in your best interest to remain healthy. Let's make sure this year goes down as a brighter 2022 rather than a "2020 TWO". I want to thank everyone that contributed to our Post's success last year and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

The winter months are a great time to take advantage of all the Post has to offer. Please consider supporting the Friday Night Dinners and other activities. On January 9th at 1:00 pm we will host the American Legion District 8 meeting and the District Oratorical Contest. If you haven't attended the Oratorical contest in the past, please consider doing so. It is indeed a great scholarship program and the students do an amazing job. As a reminder no alcohol sales will be available until after the contest. Our post recently made a \$500 contribution to the American Legion Emergency Fund to assist Kentucky and those areas so greatly affected by tornadoes. This donation serves as a reminder that Post 5 is more than a place to get cheap drinks and reasonable food. The profits raised by the Post enable us to support a number of different veteran and community projects and to be there when we are needed. When you support your Post you support the many activities we treasure in our community and beyond. May 2022 be your best year ever!

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

Gary B. Kempker, Commander, Post 5

### **Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:**

So far, we have 41 new and transfer members for 2022. As of December 22nd, we have 1,001 members that have paid their dues for 2022. We have achieved 83% 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 ALR Chapter 5 Cornhole Tournament is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign up at 1:00 PM.** The tenth Gun Raffle ticket was drawn at the Post Christmas Dinner on December 21<sup>st</sup>. A list of the winners is available 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 in the Club Room.

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](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:** Joshua Cain, James Gish, Jerry Thomas, Bryce Taylor, Reece Neighbors, Christopher Gosche, Sebastian Parker and Jason Smallfield. Please welcome them to the American Legion Post 5 Family.

**TAPS:** Otis Robinson, Charles Smith and Robert Bearden. Please keep their families in your prayers. Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

**Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:**

Happy New Year! Unit 5 has been very busy with several successful projects including the Christmas gift bags for our Veterans. My only concern is the lack of participation by many members. I challenge each member to pick a project that you would like to assist with and become involved. Our organization needs you. Membership dues are now delinquent, but it is not too late to renew. We will begin our Girls State selection process this month. If you know a young lady who is a high school junior, please have her visit the Missouri Girls State website for information about the program. We are planning a new community service giving project to begin at the January meeting. More information will be sent in an email and posted on our Facebook page. Our "sweet treats" teams are continuing to provide cookies for sale during the Friday dinners, please come for the dinner and support our program. District 8 will have a meeting at Post 5 on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. May 2022 bring each of you good health, peace and prosperity.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

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

Thank you to all who came out to our Christmas party. We had a great turn out and a good time. 2022 Dues are due. SAL dues are \$25.00. 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. 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:**

Wow what a month of sharing and caring for our community. What our riders do every year to help out is always amazing making me proud to be part of such a great organization. The Brotherhood and sisterhood is strong.

As we start a new year I ask that we remember the last year in awe, let us go forward with a fresh perspective, forgive old grudges and live a great life full of adventure and wonder as we flow thru the curves and hills on our ride to peace, tranquility and excitement to see what may come.

David our ride Captain and Steve our assistant director have come up with some exciting rides this year for all to enjoy. May we make new friends and rekindle old friendships in our passion.

We have a Corn Hole tournament on the **8th of January** hope to see everyone there.

We have raffle tickets for sale for our cooler of liquor and scratchers available at the bar and a few members have tickets. The winner will be announced at our Valentine's dinner and dance on the **12th of February**.

Now's the time to go over your bike and start a wish list to have done before spring and the riding journey begins.

Stay warm and especially dry while riding in colder weather Dress appropriate in layers. 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 NEW YEAR – 2022!!! It is a new year and Roscoe Enloe Post 5 is here and ready to serve the needs of our veterans and members. Remember that our facilities are available to rent and catering is available. For those who don't know Ted Sigite had knee replacement surgery and is out for a few weeks. But Jim Mead volunteered to take over the meals and catering responsibilities and allow the Post

to continue in its' normal operations. I want to offer a huge thank you to Maureen Mead and all of the members that have volunteered during Ted's absence. I also want to give a great THANK YOU to all Post members that give so much time to our Post throughout the year. Without your help we cannot offer everything we do for our veterans. Again, THANK YOU for your service to the Post. 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](mailto:post5ha@mchsi.com).