

JULY 2021 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:

By the time you receive this newsletter, summer should be in full swing, and we should be very close to the 4th of July celebration of our nation's independence. It is my hope that you will fly the flag of our country proudly and encourage others to do the same. I would love to see every veteran displaying the flag not only on holidays but throughout the year as well. It is important that we set the example not only on displaying the flag but also on observing proper flag etiquette. Non-veterans and particularly children rely on us to show them the proper way to respect the flag. It is my hope that we can provide flag etiquette information to our schools to ensure the flag is displayed and properly respected in the future.

Many thanks to all that participated in the Flag Retirement ceremony on the 14th of June. Assistance was provided by the Sea Cadets, VFW Honor Guard and many post officers and members. We also unveiled the 75 MM Pack Howitzer located at the front of the hall entrance. We are proud to have this addition and will formally dedicate it when we rededicate the building after construction. Congratulations to the new officers of the post and the Legion family organizations. Due to construction the officer installations will be conducted at the September post meeting in our newly renovated facility. Please continue to support your post during renovation, we look forward to seeing you all in the newly renovated building very soon.

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

Gary Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

So far, we have 53 new and transfer members for 2021. As of June 18th, we have 1,214 members that have paid their dues for 2021 which is 92% 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. If you know a veteran that is not a member, please encourage them to join and become a member of the Largest Post in Missouri.

The Post Officers strongly encourage members to attend monthly meetings to provide your input into how your Post operates.

The Missouri Veteran's Commission, **Veteran's Service Officer (VSO)** is located at 1500 Southridge Drive (Adjacent to Das Stein Haus) Suite 300. The phone number for the VSO is 573-522-4225.

Upcoming Events: The Post 5 BBQ is scheduled for June 26th at Schulte's parking lot starting at 11:00. The fourth Gun Raffle ticket was drawn at the Post Meeting on June 15th. A list of the winners is available at the bar in the Club Room. Remember your tickets are good for the entire 12 months. **The 2021 Post 5 Baseball Banquet is scheduled for October 23rd.** Tickets will be available soon.

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: Gary Schepers, Eldon McQueen, and James Foran. Please welcome them to the American Legion Family.

TAPS: Stephen Williams and Gary Mueller. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

“Let Freedom Ring, It’s Independence Day”! May we always appreciate the sacrifices our Veterans have made to preserve our freedom. Congratulations, we have made our membership goal. We now have 401 members and are the largest unit in the state. Hopefully, we will become the most active unit in the state this coming year. The key to having successful activities are volunteers and communications. Please like and follow our Facebook page and share your email address by contacting us at ALAUnit5JCMO@gmail.com to keep up with current volunteer opportunities. Sallie Jacobs is asking for the names of Veterans who have served in combat zones for the Quilts of Valor program. Please send the names to our email or contact Sallie. The dedication of the Mid Missouri Gold Star Memorial Monument is scheduled for August 7th at 11:00 AM, our attendance at this ceremony is appreciated. Please keep checking on our Veterans during these hot summer days. A kind word and a smile is a gift. You can email me at ALAUnit5JCMO@gmail.com.

For God and Country, We Serve.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Rick Wolters:

If you haven’t paid your dues yet they are \$25.00 for 2021 and you can drop them off at our mailbox located by the new bathrooms at the Post. Also, effective **March 1, 2021** there will be a \$5.00 charge to replace a lost keycard. A key card is mailed to everyone with the paid receipt when you renew. Please come out to the next SAL Meeting **July 6th at 7:00PM** as we will be voting on new officers. If you are aware of any SAL members in need of assistance, contact me. If you have any questions, contact me at rickwolters21@gmail.com or (573)220-4882. Hope to see you soon at the Post!

Rick Wolters, Commander, Squadron 5

Notes from Legion Riders Interim Director Dave Campbell:

Weather has turned the corner, and riding season is upon us. Reminder to keep filling out your Chapter Challenge books. Our May Bike night went well considering the rain. A big shout out to Daniel (Frenchie) Levasseur for starting the Bike Night event. Frenchie won the first gun raffle and donated the pistol back to the ALR to raffle a second time. His generosity raised \$1,080.00 for Welcome Home. Another shout out to the many volunteers that helped run the May Bike Night, Thank you! The night wouldn't have been the success that it was without your help. We also had the annual Legacy Scholarship Ride in June and would like to give a huge thank you to Post 5 for their generous donation and to all the riders for braving the weather, and for making our Post look good.

Reminder: we only have one Bike Night left for the year on **July 22nd**. Bring your bikes. There will be cash awards for the People’s Choice Bike Show, plus another gun raffle. Raffle "tickets" are \$20.00. Lastly, live music will be provided by local favorite Soul Root. Come on out and join us.

We are Family, dysfunctional but, Family Ride safe.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!

Dave Campbell, Interim Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

Notes from the Business Management Committee (Previously known as the Home Association) Committee Chair Jerry Koestner

July is here and summer is in full swing. The first thing is to let you know that our Club Manager Sharon Bertels is retiring and we are searching for a new manager. We are also looking for a part-time Bartender for one to two days a week, if you know of anyone that might be interested, please have them contact the Club Manager, Sharon. The renovation of the hall and kitchen are still in full swing and still ahead of schedule. We are still open for Club operations and the bar food and drinks are still available. We do have the Meeting room available for rent; call the club for further information and availability. Thank you for your understanding.

For questions, food orders or to schedule an event, call Club Manager Sharon at 573-636-2311 or email to post5ha@mchsi.com for more information.