

JULY 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:

It seems like yesterday we were waiting impatiently for warmer weather and now here we are coming up on the 4th of July. I hope the summer is an enjoyable one for you and that you have the opportunity to enjoy family and friends. Your post is open and has lots of events and meals for you to enjoy. Come on out and enjoy all of the comradery and enjoyment your post has to offer. As we observe the 4th of July holiday please be mindful of the reason for the holiday. As of this writing we are right at 1,200 members strong. Please help us recruit new members for all of the American Legion family to keep our post viable and the community asset it represents. Many thanks to all our volunteers who contribute hundreds of hour for our meals, BBQs, and events. Our post cannot survive without those volunteers. If you are able and not currently part of a crew, let us know and we would welcome your assistance. It can also be lots of fun. “if you have time to lean, you have time to clean!”.

Remember, **“It’s About Veterans!”**

Gary B. Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

So far, we have 84 new and transfer members for 2022. As of June 23rd, we have 1,200 members that have paid their dues for 2022. We have achieved 97% of our 2022 membership goal and still have to recruit 40 more veterans to reach 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: Shuffleboard Tournament, July 17th at 2:00 PM, \$4.00 per entry. Corn Hole Tournament, July 30th, 2:00 PM \$5.00 per entry.

Central Missouri Honor Flight Program is once again taking veterans to visit their memorials in Washington, DC. If you are a WWII, Korean War or Vietnam Era veteran and have not already participated, all you need to do is fill out the application on the Central Missouri Honor Flight website, www.centralmissourihonorflight.com.

There are still brick spaces available on the Recognition Wall inside the Club Room. The application is available on our website as well as in the Club Room. Get your name or a loved one’s name on the wall for other’s to see.

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: Brian Powell, Shane Zimmer, Chris Wood, Joseph Mell, Craig Lueckenotto, David Oelrichs, Ray Slote, Justin Dunn and Donald Eisinger. Please welcome them to the American Legion Post 5 Family.

TAPS: Frederick Huhman and Gary Wieberg. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

Let Freedom Ring- It’s Independence Day. Please take a moment to appreciate all the freedoms we are blessed with and thank a veteran for their service and the sacrifices they made to protect our freedoms.

Our Unit has supported the Mid Mo Military Family Pantry with donations of food and paper products. This pantry serves veterans and active military. If you know someone who needs their help or to make a donation please visit them at 3405 Knipp Drive, between the hours of 4-6 PM on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Unit 5 will support the Riders with their "Bike Night" events. The funds from this will be donated to the new Fisher House. We need a new cookie team captain and volunteers for her team. Please contact me if you have questions at 573-353-7651. Missouri Girls State held a successful session and delegates from Unit 5 will attend the July meeting to give a report on their activities.

For God and Country, we serve.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Chris Althusser:

I'm looking for some members who would be interested in helping with bingo at Truman VA Hospital in Columbia. We would pick two Saturdays a year. It will take about three hours of your time each Saturday. That's only 6 hours per year. If interested or would like more information please contact me @ [573-690-2529](tel:573-690-2529). 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 Interim Director Steve Spayde:

Although we've had some very hot days, June has been a great month for us to get out and ride. We had riders in Tennessee for their inaugural Legacy Ride. We've had riders out doing scavenger hunts, and poker runs, and having dinner with friends, and of course the Centeal Missouri Honor Flight. We've laid down a lot of miles this month, and as I'm writing this newsletter, a lot of you are preparing to leave for our annual Missouri State Legacy Ride. I can't be more proud of our membership and their dedication to veterans and veteran services. You all are out there making a difference and it shows. July promises to be another busy month and I look forward to laying down many more miles with you. If you have some downtime between now and then, make sure you keep up on your maintenance and check your tire pressures. This is the reason we ride.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!

Steve Spayde, Interim Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Jerry Koestner

What is there to do in the HOT month of July? I have a suggestion! How about getting great food, great drinks, visiting with great friends, and let's not forget great music and dancing. Bored and want to watch the Cardinals and Royals. Why not get together a bunch of friends and do it at the Legion? **BE AWARE OF ONE CHANGE WITH THE CLUB HOURS- WE WILL HAVE SUMMER HOURS STARTING JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1 – WE WILL OPEN AT 2 PM.** July is also a great month to party. I have one thing to say. PLEASE be careful and don't drive drunk. Have a sober chauffeur or an uber contact. Life is so very precious. Our bartenders try to keep our members and guests safe, please thank them for caring. July is a great month and the LEGION is the place to be. See you there!!!

It is important that you get with Kelly and set up your private event. There are options on the Hall rental. It greatly depends on if you use our catering or not and whether you are a member. This can be clarified by Kelly. If you bring in your own catering there will be a rental fee for the Hall. As always, I 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 and Veterans. Follow all the events and meals on the insert or the calendar in the newsletter on our Facebook page and our website, www.post5.com. If you have any questions, contact Club Manager Kelly Perez, 573-636-2311 or post5ha@mchsi.com.