

JUNE 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:

You should receive this newsletter around Memorial Day. This date for many marks the beginning of summer and all kinds of activities we enjoy during the summer. It is my hope that while we celebrate the beginning of summer, we also remember the purpose of Memorial Day and take time to honor and remember the sacrifices of those that made the ultimate sacrifice.

There are lots of things going on at your post in the coming weeks and months. Flag Day ceremonies will be held at the Post on June 14th at 5:30 pm. Hot dogs and chips will be provided by the post after the ceremony. Another barbeque is scheduled for June 26th at Schulte's. Many of our American Legion Riders will be participating in the Annual Legacy Ride to benefit the American Legion Legacy Fund. Please support this cause and watch for all riders on the streets and highways.

At the May 18th Post meeting the slate of candidates offered by the nominating committee was elected by acclamation. I am honored to serve as your Commander for another year. I am very proud of our accomplishments of the past year and am so grateful to have the fantastic board of officers you have elected to continue to make our Post successful. The changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of our organization were also adopted at the May 18th meeting. The Business Management Committee will continue to manage the day-to-day operations of the Post under the supervision of the Post. Hopefully, this change will make our operation more effective and responsive to our mission.

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

Gary Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

So far, we have 50 new and transfer members for 2021. As of May 21st, we have 1,208 members that have paid their dues for 2021 which is 91.8% 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 Officers for the 2022 membership were elected at the Post Meeting on May 18th. The results of the election: **Commander – Gary Kempker, 1st Vice – Daniel Levasseur, 2nd Vice – Dee Dee Cryderman, Adjutant – Jim Mead, Finance Officer – Tom Lauer, Service Officer – Don Cryderman, Chaplain – Bert Miriello, Historian – Bob Wendell, Sergeant-at-Arms – Steve Spayde, Judge Advocate – Charlie Goodin, Executive Board – Charlotte Dudenhoefer, Executive Board – Dave Campbell and Executive Board – Vince Rost.**

The revisions of the Post 5 Constitution and By-Laws were approved at the May Post Meeting. The revised documents are available for review at www.post5.com

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

Upcoming Events: The Post 5 BBQ is scheduled for June 26th at Schulte's parking lot starting at 11:00. The third Gun Raffle ticket was drawn at the Post Meeting on May 18th. Remember your tickets are good for the entire 12 months.

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: Lance Robinson, Max DeYoung and Gary Vaught. Please welcome them to the American Legion Family.

TAPS: Jack Korte, Frank Buschmann and Adolph Walther. Please keep their families in your prayers. Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

Thank You, to all who worked or supported our Poppy Drive. Thank You to Schulte's Fresh Foods for allowing us to hold our drive at their location. This is a very important way that we raise funds to support our Veteran's activities and needs. We were able to purchase 10 "Perfect Petz" to be used as comfort and calming aides for Veterans in the Behavioral Health Unit at the VA. We will have 19 Girls State Delegates attending this years' program. They consist of high school seniors who were not able to attend last year and the selected junior delegates for this year. We are very proud to be able to support this program thru donations from local businesses and organization sponsors. District 8 will have it's annual Memorial Day Service and meeting on June 6th starting at 11:00 AM in Sunrise Beach. Unit 5 will award two \$250.00 scholarships to graduating seniors. Application deadline is June 15th. Unit 5 will be presenting a memorial service honoring Post and Unit members who have passed in conjunction with the Flag Day Ceremony at 5:30 PM on June 14th. We have been given the go ahead on holding a cookie drive at the next Barbecue at Schulte's. Come, support the Auxiliary and the Post BBQ. We are very close to obtaining our membership goal and hopefully retaining the title of the "Largest Unit" in the state. Please help us obtain that goal. 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:

The next SAL meeting will be June 1st at 7:00 PM. If you haven't seen the new club room come check it out. We are looking for nominations for Officer positions, please let me know if you are interested. The Squadron 5 election will be held on July 6th. We are also looking for volunteers to help with clean up after American Legion BBQs. 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 Director Daniel Levasseur:

Riders, Last month we had our Annual Elections, and I am honored to inform you that Dave Campbell and Steve Spayde have been elected as Director and Assistant Director of Chapter 5. The remainder of the Officers remain the same with the addition of Cecil Goodin as our new Sgt at Arms. Dave will also be the Interim Director starting with the June Chapter Meeting until Installation Dinner at the Post in September. Congratulations to all that were elected to office. Also last month some members of Chapter 5 had the privilege of attending the "Pre-Ride" for this year's Annual Legacy Ride. I have been told it is a well-planned out and amazingly beautiful ride. We had an amazing Scavenger Hunt & Ride planned by Jim & Jodel Rosenberg with all proceeds going to the "Legacy Ride". We had our 1st of three "Bike Nights" at Capitol Bluffs for the summer. Finally, but just as important, if not more, we ended our month with Memorial Day Events in Russellville, Hawthorne Cemetery, and at the Capitol.

This month we have several rides planned but one event is an American Legion Legacy Fund which comprises of our "Annual Legacy Ride" that was started here in Missouri by one of our own, Mr. Jim Rosenberg. This year's ride will start and stop in the Joplin area and is planned out to be a wonderful ride through the back country. Sign up and participate. It is for an amazingly great cause. Also, this month we will have our 2nd of 3 "Bike Night's" which is free and open to the public with a live band. So come on down for some live music, food, and spend time with family and friends.

Finally, I would like to say it was a humbling honor to be the Director of the biggest & BEST ALR Chapter in the State of Missouri. I will still be in the audience and I want to personally thank everyone for their support, advice, and their support of an amazing organization.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!

We Can Do Better Together.....

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

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

I opened with the new name that has been adopted by the new By-Laws now that the Home Association and Post have merged. The Home Association will now become a Post Committee. This has been done to help with budgeting and tax issues. There will be no change with the functions and activities that the Home was responsible for, they will simply report directly to the Post. The Renovation Committee is meeting with Septagon every other week and the great news is at this point in time, we are ahead of schedule. We are still planning safely for September 1st. May is going by rapidly and now we are looking at June's events. For June the Club is open for normal business, beverages, bar food and the games. Also, our Karaoke night is going strong. We are looking into adding karaoke nights or small music groups to possibly play on weekends. Enjoy our BBQs at Schulte's. Check the insert for all of the activities and BBQ's. Thank you.

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