

JUNE 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:

By the time you receive this newsletter we should be honoring those that have made the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day. We should also be entering the month of June and summer should be in full swing. It is my hope that we all have a safe and enjoyable summer and that you continue to support our post during these upcoming months. Business tends to slow down a bit in summer with vacations and summer plans but the post and patio are there to help you enjoy the summer with your friends and fellow post members. I want to remind everyone of our flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day at the post on June 14th. As you know, we have a receptacle at the post for the collection of worn and unserviceable flags. Every year we collect hundreds of unserviceable flags and properly dispose of them as a community service.

I want to congratulate all of the newly elected post officers. They will take office at our annual installation dinner in August. I am confident they will all continue to uphold the values and principles of Post 5 and the American Legion. Have a great summer and....

Remember, **“It’s About Veterans!”**

Gary B. Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

So far, we have 73 new and transfer members for 2022. As of May 21, we have 1,181 members that have paid their dues for 2022. We have achieved 95% 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.

The Post 5 Elections were held at the May meeting. Your Post 5 officers for the 2023 membership year are: **Commander – Dee Dee Cryderman, 1st Vice – Hal Dulle, 2nd Vice – Don Cryderman, Adjutant – Rick Derks, Finance Officer – Jim Mead, Sgt-at-Arms – Cecil Goodin, Service Officer – Steve Spayde, Historian – Bob Wendell, Chaplain – Bert Miriello, Executive Board Members – Vince Rost, Charlotte Dudenhoeffer, and James Howard. Newly elected members of the Business Management Committee are: Gary Kempker, Jim Mead, Steve Spayde and Rick Derks.**

Upcoming Events: Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th at 5:30 with Hot Dogs and Chips to follow. Post 5 BBQ, June 18th at Schulte’s Parking Lot. Support your Post by purchasing some of the best BBQ around!!

For the first time in two years, the Central Missouri Honor Flight Program has begun 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. Chances are pretty good that you could be on a flight this summer.

VFW Post 1003 is looking for volunteers to participate in their Honor Guard. If you are interested, please contact Post 1003.

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: Steven Hammond, Ronald Meyer, Jason Strope, Roger Schenewerk, Jeffrey Benward, David Turley, Thomas Turnbaugh, Cecil Closser, Gary Huckstep, Michael Patterson and Donna Foster.

Please welcome them to the American Legion Post 5 Family.

TAPS: Dennis Brondel. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for the upcoming year. They are President, Debbie Cheshire, Vice-President Esther Rosner, Recording Secretary Paula Harmon, Membership Secretary Mary Kever, Treasurer Debbie Alderson, Historian Marilyn Medley, Chaplain Mary Ann Walther, Sgt at Arms Dotty Sanning, Assistant Sgt at Arms Cindy Lambert.

The Blue Pantry, a food pantry for veterans and active military will receive a donation of food items from Unit 5 this month. They now have a freezer and they are in need of protein items and paper goods. Please write to your Congressmen, asking them to support HR3967. This bill gives assistance to Veterans suffering from the affects of serving near "burn pits". The Auxiliary will be assisting Tom Lauer with the VA Bingo program at Truman VA. Please contact Debbie Cheshire or myself if you would like to assist. The Unit Chaplain will assume the duties of the Compassion Chairman, if you know of a Unit member's passing, please contact her at 573-680-2162. There will be a District 8 meeting at Sunrise Beach on June 12th, beginning with a memorial service for deceased members of the past year. This will begin at 11:00 AM.

Please Honor our Flag and those who have kept it waving, Flag Day is June 14th. For God and Country, we serve.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Chris Althusser:

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 5 are pleased to announce the winner of our 2022 scholarship, Alice Steiferman. We had several great entries but we had to choose one. I invite all SAL Squadron 5 members to join us at our monthly meetings which are the [first Tuesday](#) of each month. The Squadron 5 election of officers will be held at the June meeting.

2022 Dues are due. Dues are still \$25.00. When sending money to pay dues, please let us know who's dues you are paying. 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:

Hopefully we all had plenty of time to get our Spring maintenance done. Chapter 5 recently donated \$300.00 to the Blue Star Memorial that will be erected at the end of Madison St., near the Governor's Mansion.

Last month some members of Chapter 5 had the privilege of attending the "Pre-Ride" for this year's Annual Legacy Ride. Although we got a little wet, it is a well-planned out and amazingly beautiful ride. This month we have several rides planned but the main event is for the American Legion Legacy Fund which comprises our "Annual Legacy Ride" on June 24th, 25th, and 26th.

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

June is busting out all over!! I do want to mention something that is not a part of the BMC but I want to invite all members that if you have not been on an HONOR FLIGHT, please think about it and experience the thrill I did on May the 9th. Simply contact Central Missouri Honor Flight and apply. Now

for a couple of things that need to be discussed in this newsletter. First, the Main Hall will be closed from June 27th to July 3rd to repair the dance floor. This means no Wacky Wing Night on June 28th and no Friday night meal and dance on July 1st. Second, is that we had to up the price of beer on as we call it "Cheap Beer" night to \$1.50. Sorry but we are facing, as an organization the same problems you are at home, rising prices. Fourth, we are not going to have Tenderloin nights on the second Tuesdays for a couple of months. We will restart them in September. Now for a good thing. The BMC purchased an "Air-fryer" for the Club in order to begin serving wings in the bar as we did in the old bar. This will not interfere with Wacky Wing Night. This will be a part of the bar menu again. We haven't set a price on them yet. 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.