

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Notes from Commander Gary Kempker:

I hope by the time you receive this newsletter the snow has passed, COVID numbers have improved and we are on the brink of spring! Activities have certainly increased at your Post. All events have been well attended and supported by our members. I appreciate your support of our Post and our activities. I am pleased to report some very good news regarding the renovation of our Post. As you know, Phase One (renovation of the Club Room) was completed last fall and we hoped to be able to address the remainder of the building at some point. We have been able to secure the funding to complete the renovation of the main hall, kitchen and remainder of the patio area from a very generous anonymous donor. We expect the construction on the project to begin around the first week or so of April. We realize this will require some disruption of our normal activities and events but truly believe the improvement of our post will be worth the effort. As I told our donor, "we, the current membership of Post 5, truly appreciate and enjoy the results of the renovation of our post but the main reason for this effort is to ensure that the next generation of veterans have a place to gather and do good work as we did!"

On March 30th the Post will host a candidate forum for candidates for the City of Jefferson Council election. This will be a nonpartisan, apolitical event creating an opportunity for candidates to give remarks and answer questions on a variety of issues. This event is being held as a public service and is open to the public. The event will be held at 6:00 pm and will conclude at 7:30 pm. The program will be moderated by our own Public Information Officer Paul Sloca. Please join us.

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

Gary Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

So far, we have 30 new and transfer members for 2021. As of February 19th, we have 1,160 members that have paid their dues for 2021 which is 88% 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.

The Post Commander has appointed the Nominating Committee for the 2022 Post Officer elections. The Committee members are: **Vince Rost** (Chairperson), **Ted Sigite**, **Larry Alderson** and **Richard Pack**. If you have an interest in running for one of the Post Officer positions, please contact one of the committee members to toss your hat in the ring. The Nominees will be announced in the April Newsletter and at the April Post Meeting. The 2021 Elections will take place at the May Post Meeting.

The monthly Post Meeting takes place on the third Tuesday of each month and starts at 6:30 PM. The Post Officers strongly encourage members to attend monthly meetings to provide your input into how your Post operates.

Upcoming Events: Unit 5 has a **BBQ scheduled for March 6th at Post 5 starting at 11:00.** The **Post 5 Birthday Dinner is scheduled for March 16th.** **Social Hour from 5:30 to 6:30, Dinner at 6:30.** Post 5 will have a **BBQ on March 20th at Post 5 starting at 11:00 AM.** Come on out and enjoy some great food. We are still selling **Gun a Month Raffle** tickets and are very close to selling all 1,200 tickets. The raffle will not start until all 1,200 tickets are sold. The goal is to sell the remaining 125 tickets and hold the first drawing at the Post 5 Birthday Dinner on March 16th. Tickets are \$30.00 each and are good for the entire 12 months. Members of each of the Legion families are selling tickets and they are available at the Post. If you prefer not to come to the Post, you can mail in your request for tickets. They are promptly processed, and your ticket receipt is mailed to you.

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: David Shaul, William Steward, Gary Lock, Morgan Delgado, Gideon Delgado, Jeffrey Stieffermann, John Renkemeyer and Jorge Gonzalez. Please welcome them to the American Legion Family.

TAPS: John Williams, Vernon Walther, Paul Lage, Charles Armstrong, Robert Boillot, Larry Bias, Max Hedglin and Bill Hamacher. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

SPRING FUNDRAISER – Unit 5 will sponsor a barbecue on March 5th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The menu will be chicken, pork steak, ribs and brats. It will be held at Post 5 with dine in or carry out service. Baked goods and desserts will also be available for purchase and also a limited amount of home canned items such as jams, jellies and salsa. We need volunteers to assist in serving the barbecue and donations of baked goods and home canned items. Most important we need customers! Please encourage your neighbors and friends to support our fundraiser. This will be our main fundraiser for the year and your support is greatly appreciated. We have selected 5 high school juniors to attend Girls State from area schools, seven seniors that were selected last year will also be attending. The delegates will be featured in a newspaper article in June. Winners of the Poppy Poster and Americanism Essay Contests have been selected. Some of the Poppy Posters will be on display in the game room at Post 5. Our community service project for March will be to provide telephone cards for the residents of Truman VA Long Term Care Unit. If you would like to make a donation for this project, please place your donation in the Auxiliary Unit 5 mailbox at the Post. Please plan to attend our Birthday Dinner on March 16th. The Post will provide meat and potatoes, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Help us keep Unit 5 strong by becoming an active member and volunteer. ALAUnit5JCMO@gmail.com.

For God and Country, We Serve.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Rick Wolters:

Hope everyone is thawed out and doing well. Just a reminder to anyone that has not paid their 2021 dues. Dues are \$25.00 for 2021 and can be mailed to Dan Boeckman, 2013 Brandy Lane, Jefferson City, MO. 65101. They can also be dropped off at our mail box 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. If a replacement is needed please contact Dan Boeckman. The Post is trying to get most activities back up and running. Check our volunteer lists for opportunities to help. Plan to get involved and come out and enjoy the new club room and all the activities. Our next meeting is scheduled for **March 7th** at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there. Please be safe in this winter weather. If you have any questions, contact me at rickwolters21@gmail.com or [\(573\)220-4882](tel:5732204882). Hope to see you soon at the Post!

Rick Wolters, Commander, Squadron 5

Notes from Legion Riders Director Daniel Levasseur:

Another month has passed, and we are getting closer to riding weather. So, what do you all think of this weather, eh!?!? Please do not blow snow in the road it could affect us Riders and watch out for snow-covered grass clippings also.

February, we had our Annual Dinner and Dance and WE SOLD OUT!!! It was an amazing meal and even more amazing turn-out. Thanks to **Mrs. Jodel Rosenberg** and her committee and thanks to **Teddy Sigitie** and his Steak Crew for the delicious steaks. If you didn't attend you really missed out on some amazing food, a great time, and dance to the music of **"Gary B and the Kools"**

In March we look forward to a heatwave of sorts and quite possibly some riding. We have our monthly Chapter Meeting on the 4th and will Live Stream via Facebook again. This seems to be working out great, and want to thank those who volunteer to live stream it – I just wish they would stop putting faces on people...LOL

On March 27th, we will have a “Corn Hole Tournament” please look for it on Facebook and again please like and share. We are also looking into another “Parts Swap Meet” sometime in April but with Legion Renovations that should be happening we will have to find another place to have it. If you know any vendors, please ask them if they are interested and have them contact me.

We Can Do Better Together.....

Dan “*Frenchie*” Levasseur, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

Notes from Home Association President Jerry Koestner

March is here. As Lent continues, we will be serving Lent Fried Fish Special from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Friday and weeknight meals are up and going. We have had great turnouts and we want to thank everyone for that. We are hearing great singers on Wednesday night Karaoke and the bands have started back up on Friday nights. We will not be serving the traditional St. Patrick Day Dinner instead, we will be doing a short version on March 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Remember, if you’re hungry when you visit the bar, we always have pizzas, wings, burgers and hot dogs available. The Super Bowl party (with the Rib sales) and Valentine’s Party were hits. These were sponsored by other groups, but it is important that we are getting back too normal. We now have an ATM machine in the Club room. The Bar will no longer have sufficient funds to provide cash to customers. We are trying to take the burden of that off the bartenders and let them concentrate on bar service. The ATM is now provided for that purpose. There is a service fee of \$3.00 for each transaction. The Home gets \$1.00 of that fee.

For questions and food orders call Club Manager Sharon at 573/636-2311 or email to post5@mchsi.com for more information.