

## MARCH 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 hopefully we will be starting to see the first signs of spring. I greatly appreciate your support of our post during the winter months as we continue to try to provide the best service to our membership and programs. Rising costs have affected us like everyone else. We are trying to keep our prices as low as possible while looking out for the bottom line for our post.

The nominating committee continues their work to provide a slate of candidates for our upcoming elections. Nominations will be made at the April post meeting and nominations from the floor and elections will take place at the May post meeting. If you have any interest or willingness to serve your post in one of these positions, please contact **Jim Mead (Chair), Vince Rost, Ted Sigite or Dave Campbell**. In addition to the regular elected board positions, we will also be electing three representatives to the Business Management Committee. Two members will be elected to three-year terms and one member to a two-year term. Whether you are an officer of the post or not please consider attending the monthly post meetings. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is where decisions that affect our post are made. Please don't rely on the rumor mill for information as questions are always welcome and transparency is our goal.

We will once again celebrate our post at the annual Post Birthday Celebration dinner on March 15th. The dinner will replace our monthly business meeting. The post will provide the meat and potatoes and each family is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert. This is a member and spouse/significant other event and is not open to the public.

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

Gary B. Kempker, Commander, Post 5

### **Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:**

So far, we have 52 new and transfer members for 2022. As of February 18th, we have 1,104 members that have paid their dues for 2022. We have achieved 89% 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.

**Upcoming Events: The annual Post 5 Birthday Dinner will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Post 5 BBQ season is upon us and the first one will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Schulte's Parking Lot.** Get ready for some mouthwatering food!!

The twelfth and final Gun Raffle ticket was drawn at the Post Meeting on February 18th. A list of the winners is available in the Club Room.

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.

Visit our website (**[www.post5.com](http://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](http://www.missourilegion.org)**).

**New Members: Don Renkemeyer, David Zumbahl, Michael Coats, Larry Nodine and Andrew Gamble.** Please welcome them to the American Legion Post 5 Family.

**TAPS: Charles Michael, William Bose, Leo Maasen and Franklin Bise.** Please keep their families in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

**Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:**

Spring is just around the corner, a time of hope and new beginnings. The March meeting will be the annual Post 5 Birthday Dinner to celebrate the founding of the American Legion Family. We hope to share a video of historical snapshots of the Auxiliary. Our membership numbers are improving but we are not near our goal. If you have submitted your application or renewal, please be patient, it takes time for processing at the Unit, Department and National levels to be completed. Also, remember that senior members receive one key card with your membership. If you misplace your keycard, you may obtain a replacement card for a fee of \$5.00. In anticipation of a dues increase at the national level Unit 5 has voted to increase our dues beginning with the 2022-23 year. The dues will now be 40.00 for adults and \$8.00 for junior members. Please consider becoming a "life member" before this dues increase becomes effective. More information on this can be found on the ALA website or by contacting membership secretary, Mary Keever. The nominating committee is seeking input on officers for next year, if interested please contact Claudia Goodin. Our giving project of providing items for baby boxes for the VA hospital will continue through March 15<sup>th</sup>. A list of items needed is at Post 5, also a collection box will be in the annex or bring your items to the Birthday Dinner. Unit 5 is honoring the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of L.Cpl. Jared Schmitz, who was killed in Afghanistan, by donating to The Freedom 13, to assist in building housing for homeless veterans. Thank you to Marilyn Medley for facilitating "Valentines for Veterans". We hope to make and send more next year. For God and Country we honor our Veterans.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

**Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Chris Althusser:**

The Sons of the American Legion Post 5 are proud to announce we are awarding a \$500.00 Scholarship to a graduating senior that is a family member of a Post 5 American Legion Member. The Scholarship is the result of an anonymous contribution by one of our Post 5 members. Applications are available from any member of the Sons or by contacting Steve Waters at [stevewaters1909@gmail.com](mailto:stevewaters1909@gmail.com) or Steve Collins at [scollins@vergy.com](mailto:scollins@vergy.com). You can call Steve Waters at [573-645-0627](tel:573-645-0627) for more information.

Applications are due before [April 1st](#), 2022 and the announcement of winner will be made on [May 4th](#), 2022.

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 for. 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 Director Dave Campbell:**

February was a great month of fundraising for us with the raffle on the Cooler full of liquor and our Valentine's dance. If you didn't go this year you should plan now for next year, the steaks were awesome, cooked by Ted and his grill crew. Gary B and the Cool's did a great job of entertaining for the evening. Thanks again Jim and Jodel Rosenberg and his Valentine's crew for putting together a fun evening.

Hopefully everyone has been updating this year's calendar of upcoming events and rides we are planning. We are planning a March St Patty's Day ride for our first ride of the year. Let's start the season off with a big turnout.

Reminder dues are \$15.00 a year. Let's find more riders to join our group this year as we go forward, plus bring your ideas for a ride and destination to go on for the group.

Stay Dry and Warm as we wait for spring. Make sure your bike is ready for the season. Double check your tires and battery's and have fluids changed so you're not stuck in a shop on a beautiful day that you could be riding.

***THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!***

Dave Campbell, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

***Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Jerry Koestner***

March Madness is upon us. We are not planning any March Madness College Basketball events however, we have a great facility for you to come and watch the games. This includes Blues Hockey, NBA games, and hopefully the beginning of the Baseball season. While you are watching games or just simply enjoying visiting with friends enjoy the beverages, pizzas, hamburgers and hot dogs. It is important that you get with Kelly and set up your private events.

A few of changes you need to be aware of 1) there will be no more drink chips sold during Happy Hour or \$1 night; 2) Value of a chip will be \$3.00; 3) due to the increase cost of keg beer, draft beers will be \$2.50 a glass and a pitcher will be \$6.00. 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. The first BBQ at Schulte's is March 19th. 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. One item that we want to remind everyone is that the Club is for our members. During public events please keep the door into the Club closed. Members can use their key card as well as buy their drinks at the window. Friday night meals the doors are open to allow the wait staff to be able to enter and serve customers. Follow all the events and meals on the insert or the calendar in the newsletter and our Facebook site. If you have any questions contact Club Manager Kelly Perez 573-636-2311 or post5ha@mchsi.com.