

MAY 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:

Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter all of the unexpected snow, freezing temperatures and warnings to bring in or cover your plants has passed and we are enjoying the beginning of summer weather. Things are extremely busy at your post despite the renovation activity and temporary loss of much of our facility. The BBQs are off and running and the crew is preparing for the next one at Schulte's on May 15th. As mentioned in earlier newsletters, we are trying to continue as many activities as possible during the renovation. The Club Room is open for business and operating on the normal schedule. Pizzas, wings, burgers and other food are available at the bar. Club 5 and all of the regular meetings are being held with the space we have available. The renovation is going well and we anticipate a completed project by September 1st (fingers crossed)! In the meantime, we appreciate the patience and continued support of our membership during this time as we try to make the renovation as seamless as possible. A special thanks go out to our supportive groups in the community. The Elks have volunteered the use of their kitchen to assist with the BBQ's and the VFW has taken on the third Sunday music sessions while the renovation is going on. (Due to a conflict, the music was moved to the 24th of May just for this one month). As always, we appreciate your support of our mission.

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

Gary Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

So far, we have 47 new and transfer members for 2021. As of April 21st, we have 1,199 members that have paid their dues for 2021 which is 91.1% 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 Nominating Committee for 2022 Post Officer Elections has selected their nominees for the following positions: **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.** If you have an interest in running for one of the Post Officer positions and were not nominated, come to the May meeting to toss your hat in the ring. Nominations will be taken from the floor. The 2022 Elections will take place at the May Post Meeting on May 18th.

The Post 5 By-Laws and Constitution are being revised to implement the dissolution of the Home Association as it will become the Business Management Committee of Post 5. The proposed changes were read at the April Post Meeting and it will be voted on at the May Post Meeting. The proposed revisions 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 May 15th at Schulte's parking lot starting at 11:00. The second Gun Raffle ticket was drawn at the Post Meeting on April 20th. 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: Eric Wilde, Richard Lueckenotte, Mark Muessig, James Sisk, Larry Stockman, Paul Tichelkamp, Matthew Klinger, William Graham, Kimberly Davis, Robert Davis, Melvin Jones and Travis Lewis. Please welcome them to the American Legion Family.

TAPS: Charles Westin, Hugh Sprague, and Kenneth Tarrants. Please keep their families in your prayers. Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

Thank you to all who joined in celebrating our "Purple Up" for military children event. The pictures were posted on our Facebook page. Please keep all the children of military in your prayers.

We need 20 more members to join or renew to meet our goal for this year. Please ask someone to join to keep our Unit the largest in the state and show our support to veterans.

Unit 5 will accept scholarship applications until June 1st for a \$250.00 scholarship to be given to a child or grandchild of an Auxiliary member. Please contact Christie Schepers for an application.

We will begin assisting with Bingo for the Veterans at Truman VA on the first Saturday of each month in June. Please contact Christie or myself if you would like to assist.

Please write or email your state representatives and encourage them to support funding measures for the Missouri Veterans Commission to assist in keeping our Veterans Homes and Cemeteries operating.

We are planning a pillowcase sewing event for the "Smiles" program and to send to deployed soldiers. Please contact Connie Pack if you would like to assist.

It was approved that beginning now there will be a \$5.00 charge for replacement of a lost or damaged key card. Officers for next year will be voted on in May, we need people to come forward and accept a leadership position in our unit. The slate of nominees so far, are **President, Dorothy Goodin, 2nd Vice, Debbie Cheshire, Recording Secretary Paula Harmon, Membership Secretary Mary Keever, Treasurer Debbie Alderson, Chaplain Mary Ann Walther, Historian Marilyn Medley, Sgt at Arms Rosie Brizendine and Assist Sgt at Arms Dottie Sanning.** We need someone for 1st Vice President and would welcome any other nominees.

Please support our Poppy Drive on May 15th! 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 **May 4th** at 7:00 PM. If you haven't seen the new bar come check it out. We are looking for nominations for Officer positions, please let me know if you are interested. 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, April was a month that was successful besides Mother Nature sending us snow. We had our first "Dinner Ride" and despite the weather it was a wonderful ride planned by Dave Neighbors after a suggestion by Bob Wendell. Thank You both for a great planned ride. We also had our "Annual Parts Swap" with many people streaming in and out of the event. It was well attended, and I would like to thank everyone that both participated and helped make another Class A event. As an organization we donated \$500.00 to the Boy's State Program and another \$300.00 to the 40 & 8 Nurses Training Scholarship Program.

May will be another great month. First, we will have an Election of Officers at our Monthly Chapter Meeting so please come out in full force and be sure to bring your Membership Card. On the 22nd of

May we will have our Annual Scavenger Hunt & Ride which is always a great time and loads of fun. On the 27th of May hopefully will be our 1st Bike Night of the summer at Turkey Creek Golf Course. It will be free to the public, we will have a live band, some events, and there will be food and drink available. Mark your calendars for that date we will be looking for people to help out and everyone is welcome.

Riders, all of this cannot have been done without your dedication and mutual helpfulness to our organization. You all are the ones that make Chapter 5 the biggest and best Chapter in Missouri.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!

We Can Do Better Together.....

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

Notes from Home Association President Jerry Koestner

April is going by rapidly and now we are looking at May's events. First, I want to let everyone know that the renovation is underway and is on schedule if not a little ahead of schedule. I do want to thank everyone that came out and helped the days that we moved the furniture, kitchen equipment, and all of the kitchen supplies. A lot of the kitchen equipment was sold to a gentleman from Fulton and the remaining equipment was sent to auction. For May the Club is still open for normal business, beverages, bar food and the games. Karaoke night is going strong. We are looking into adding karaoke nights or small music groups to possibly play on weekends. The Post BBQ is still happening and have moved back to Schulte's. Check the insert for all of the activities. Thank you. We closed last month's news with April showers brings May Flowers. What does a snowstorm in April bring?

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