

## MAY 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:

Well May is here and hopefully we are all enjoying good weather and all of the advantages of spring. There are a lot of activities scheduled at your post and I look forward to seeing all of our members. This is a perfect time to try out the new patio area and enjoy your post. The election of officers for the coming year will be held at the regular post meeting in May. Please come out, cast your vote and support the officers that lead our organization into the future. The Adjutant and Chair of the Nominating Committee will announce the report of that committee in this newsletter. Nominations can also be made from the floor on May 17th, the night of the election. Your voice is important! Please attend the meetings of the post and let your voice be heard.

During the last few years we have worked very hard to ensure our post is a welcoming, family oriented and inclusive atmosphere. The use of profanity and other conduct should reflect the values and the mission of our post. It is the responsibility of every member to preserve that atmosphere and the values of the American Legion. Your help is always appreciated.

Finally, I want to thank all of you and all of the American Legion Family members for their unselfish contributions and volunteerism that is the backbone of our organization. I know it is not said frequently enough but "Thank You!" We depend on you to survive.

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

Gary B. Kempker, Commander, Post 5

### Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

So far, we have 62 new and transfer members for 2022. As of April 22, we have 1,155 members that have paid their dues for 2022. We have achieved 93% 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 Nominating Committee has selected the slate of officers for the 2023 membership year: **Commander – Dee Dee Cryderman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Hal Dulle, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Dudenhoefter, James Howard and Jim Rosenberg. Nominees for the Business Management Committee are: Jerry Koestner, Gary Kempker, Dee Dee Cryderman, Jim Rosenberg, Jim Mead, Rick Derks and Steve Spayde.** The election will be held at the May Post Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> and nominations can be made from the floor.

**Upcoming Events: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual George Baker Memorial Golf Tournament to support Post 5 Baseball, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Railwood.** Get your team together. **Post 5 BBQ, May 21st at Schulte's Parking Lot.** Support your Post by purchasing some of the best BBQ around!! **Red Cross Blood Drive May 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 5:00 PM at Post 5.**

Reminder, as a way of thanking Veterans, current service members, Law Enforcement, Firemen and First Responders, Kurt Mankin, owner of Oscar's Classic Diner, has begun offering

discounted breakfasts on [Wednesday](#) mornings. There are 50 percent discounts on either the Bacon or Sausage Platters. The platter includes Bacon or Sausage, two eggs, hashbrowns and toast. The breakfast special is being served from 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM each [Wednesday](#).

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:** **Nicholas Dunn, Maxon Muenks, Alfred Garcia, and Terry Nichols.** Please welcome them to the American Legion Post 5 Family.

**TAPS:** **Stephen Coller, Ralph Beck, Gary Arnold, and Phil Davenport.** Please keep their families in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

**Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:**

A Quilts of Valor ceremony will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM at Post 5. Several of the recipients are Post 5 members. Please honor these recipients by attending.

Unit 5 offers two \$250.00 scholarships to graduating high school students who are children or grandchildren of our members. An application is available at Post 5 or by contacting Christie Schepers. Applications are due by May 25<sup>th</sup>. Scholarships are partially funded by memorial contributions, please consider making a memorial donation to our scholarship fund.

We will again be selling cookies at the BBQ on May 21<sup>st</sup>, please donate cookies. Our cookie teams need more volunteers, please consider becoming a member of a cookie team.

A Girls State Briefing will be held on May 22, at 2PM. This is a great way to learn more about our program and volunteers are needed to serve refreshments.

There will be a Blood Drive at Post 5 on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to assist from 1PM to 5PM. The nominating committee has presented a slate of officers to be voted on at the May meeting. Nominations may also be made at that time. A motion has been made to change our Bylaws to eliminate the position of Second Vice President in our officers. This motion will be discussed and voted on at our May meeting. Please attend this meeting to vote on these prominent issues. For further information on any of the volunteer opportunities please contact me at 573 353 7651 or [ALASquad5@gmail.com](mailto:ALASquad5@gmail.com).

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

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

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:**

April didn't do us many favors as motorcycle riders with the cold, rainy weather. While we didn't get many days that allowed us to get out on two wheels, hopefully we all had plenty of time to get our Spring maintenance done in anticipation of May's warmer weather. If you're like me, Santa brought you lot's of motorcycle parts for [Christmas](#) and you used April as a warm(ish) spell in the garage to get those parts installed, your oil changed, your tires checked and properly inflated, and of course, a nice polish on the paint and chrome. I'm totally excited to get out and get on the road with as many of you as I can this Spring.

For May rides we currently have: 5/9, the first Honor Flight since COVID. 5/19, Dinner Ride - TBT, open to suggestions. 5/30 (weekend) is the Freedom Rally in Buckhorn, MO.

We had a great turn out for Katie's Ride on one of the only warm days in April, and we gave a great escort to a terminally ill woman who's bucket list item was to go for a ride on a Harley. I'm so proud of

the number of bikes and riders that showed up. They expected a turnout of nine bikes, and along with other rider groups from the area, we turned up with 33 bikes and riders. This is the reason why we ride. Be proud of yourselves.

On [5/6/2022](#) we'll talk about nominations for Officer positions for the next term. If you didn't make last month's meeting and you're wondering why I'm writing the newsletter this month, it's because Chapter 5 Director Dave has accepted a job promotion in and will be moving to Lawrence, KS before the end of April. If you see David at the Post or out on the road before then, make sure to thank him for his service to our Riders chapter and wish him well on his future endeavors. I've been promised that he'll be back in roughly 6 years to hang out with all of us again.

Thank you David, for your leadership and dedication to Post 5. You'll be missed, my friend. I wish you nothing but success and happiness.

***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***

April has been a great month for our Club. But on the down side, which I rarely try to expound upon, there are some negative issues that we have to touch on that are causing issues. 99.9% of our members are wanting our Club Room to be a "MEMBERS ONLY CLUB" and guests are to be invited. It seems to be open at times allowing people to wander in at their leisure. Please keep the doors closed! This includes meal nights, including "Wing Night". Karaoke night is a work in progress but the Club door is to remain closed. The bar is to be opened only for member use; bar availability in the hall is by the bar window. The only night that the Club door is open is Friday night to allow the wait staff to get in and out. Another issue has been the Friday night dances.

In the April Post meeting it was brought to our attention that several of our bands are being told what they can and can't play, how loud they can play and if don't follow these instructions they will not be back. This will never happen again. It is getting very hard to find bands because the word is getting out that we are not friendly. We need to keep up with fresh bands and invite all ages into our Club. This is the only way we will be able to flourish as an organization. The Post members made it very clear that the Business Management Committee is to address the policies of keeping the Club private and that we would take steps to ensure that the bands would be respected and that Kelly is to continue to bring in bands that attract customers.

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 big 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](http://www.post5.com).

If you have any questions, contact Club Manager Kelly Perez, 573-636-2311 or [post5ha@mchsi.com](mailto:post5ha@mchsi.com).