

November 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 Dee Dee Cryderman:

Veterans Day is a Federal holiday that is meant for ALL veterans of uniformed services who have served, or still serving during times of peace as well as conflicts. Please check out some of the veteran's events mentioned below in our city and out-lying areas. Veterans Day would be a good time to do a "Buddy Check" on a veteran and thank them for their service and check on their well-being as well. Thanks to all the Legionnaires and the Legion Families members who help support our Post activities and with their membership and the fundraisers. Your continued support is always appreciated! The Post and the Post families can always use more volunteers in a variety of ways, so please come join in. Thank You - Dee Dee Mehmert-Cryderman, Commander Post

Notes from Adjutant Rick Derks:

So far, we have 26 new and transfer members for 2023. As of September 20th, we have 819 members that have paid their dues for 2023. We have reached 66% of our 2023 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: Post 5 Trunk-or-Treat on October 29th, from 11am – 2pm at the Post. Post 5 BBQ at Schulte's on November 5th. Come on out for the last BBQ of the year and enjoy some of the best BBQ around. **Veterans Day Service, St. Peters Church, Jefferson City, November 11th, 9:30 am. Veterans Day Observance, American Legion Post 5, November 11th, 11:00 am. Thanksgiving Dinner will be from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on November 24th.**

There are several other area events being held in honor of Veterans Day; **Cole R-V School District in Eugene** is having a Veterans Day Assembly; **Cole R-I School District in Russellville** is also hosting a Veterans Day ceremony. Please contact those schools for the time and location of those events.

Don't forget to Vote November 8th. Reminder a government issued photo ID must be shown to vote. If no photo ID a provisional ballot can be voted and counted later after signature is verified.

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: Rick Armstrong, Uel W. Smith, Dennis Elya. Please welcome them to the American Legion Post 5 Family.

TAPS: James "Jim" Curry. Please keep his family in your prayers.
Rick Derks, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Debbie Cheshire:

If you get this newsletter prior to October 29th, please join us for Trunk or Treat on the American Legion Post 5 Parking Lot from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Costumes optional! Feel free to bring the children of your friends and family for a fun event. If you would like to donate candy for the event, please drop off at the Legion prior to October 29th. Open to the public.

Poppy Drive is scheduled for November 5th at the following Jefferson City locations: Schulte's, Hy-Vee, and Gerbes West. The Poppy fundraiser provides funding for our VA & R programs. These funds are used strictly for projects for veterans and active-duty military. Examples of these projects are: Christmas

gifts to veterans in local nursing homes, donations to the military food pantry, and postage for care packages to deployed military, and many other programs. Volunteers are needed for one-to-two-hour shifts on Saturday, November 5th between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Please volunteer by contacting Esther Rosner, Poppy Chairperson, at 573-230-1086. You may also assist by making a donation to the Poppy Drive. Donations can be made anytime at Post 5 from October 28th through November 11th. Honor our Veterans by wearing your Poppy with pride on Veteran's Day, November 11th.

Veterans Day Service will begin at 9:30 am on November 11th at St. Peter's Church in Jefferson City followed by a program at the American Legion Post 5 at 11:00 am, with guest speaker Jon Sabala, Veterans Services Director, Missouri Department of Mental Health. Veterans Council will provide hot dogs and chili. Auxiliary will provide desserts. If you would like to donate a dessert, please give me a call for pick up or simply deliver to the Legion by 10:00 am on November 11th. My phone number is 573-338-0911.

Bunco Auxiliary Fundraiser - mark your calendar for Sunday, November 13th. Doors open at 1:00 pm. Entry fee is \$20 per person. There will be door prizes as well as prizes for the highest score, lowest score and most Buncos. Those that attended last year had a good time and plan to participate again this year. We are planning for a fun day so please join us. Bunco is an easy game to learn, no experience necessary. Open to the public. Please contact Mary Keever, Bunco Chairperson, for additional information - 573-694-5484.

BIG THANK YOU to all Auxiliary members that volunteered for the Legion Baseball Fundraiser on October 8th. It was a huge success, and we appreciate your time and effort.

For God and Country, we serve. Debbie Cheshire, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Chris Althusser:

The Sons would like to thank everyone who helped with the mouse races and all who participated. Thanks to you all. It was a great success. I invite all Sons members to join us at our monthly meetings which are the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings start at 7 PM. Hope to see you soon at the post Chris Altheuser, Commander, Squadron 5

Notes from Legion Riders Director Steve Spayde:

The temps are decreasing by the day, but I notice that ride participation is not. I love it! We've had some good rides in October and at the end of September. The very end of September marked another year for Dick's Dam Ride/Fallen Riders. Special thanks to the Thompsons for helping with that one and for getting us out on the morning of the ride. We've been out with Chapter 202, we've been out riding for Teddy Bears, and we've been out for our first annual Fall Color ride to Hermann to view the changing of the leaves and a fantastic lunch. Overall, it's been a great month and I've had a blast riding with you. As a note, Chapter 202 has shown up with a lot of support for this year. November 5th is their Toy Run, and I hope we can show great support for their toy run. I'm looking forward to riding with you on that one too. Cheers! Steve Spayde, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Vince Rost

After the first completed month of the fiscal year, the budget data doesn't really tell us much about how the financials of the club are doing. As the months progress, I will update you generally on our successes and failures and how we are combatting them. We continue to work towards better customer service and to provide a quality atmosphere for veterans and their families at our Post. If anyone has suggestions, please see the suggestion box in the Commander/Adjutants Office hallway where paper and pen are provided. If you don't tell us, we don't know!! On Friday nights, our waitresses suggested we provide a kid's menu (\$5) for those 10 years and younger. We've added that menu for Friday nights. Additionally, please tip your waitresses on Friday nights. It's best to tip them directly even when you pay for your meal at the bar to ensure your hard-working-waitress is properly thanked!! In other news, we have scheduled the shuffleboard table to be leveled (finally, right?) on

10/28/22. We have, however, decided not to pursue a 'juke box' as there seemed to be a lack of real interest in having one. As a matter of scheduling, we will not have a Friday Night Band or Friday Night Dinner on November 25th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. However, we will still have a Thanksgiving Meal served (please see your November calendar for the date). A public service announcement: Please Drink Responsibly. Those persons who appear to be overly intoxicated will not continue to be served at the discretion of the Bar Tender. Please respect their decisions and plan to arrive home alive! Finally, with all things, Be Humble and Kind! Yours in service, Vince Rost

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.