

OCTOBER 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:

The installation ceremony for the Post 5, Auxiliary Unit 5, Riders Chapter 5 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 5, was held on September 21st at the post. Thank you to all of you that contributed to our success and progress of the last year.

I want to thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me to be your commander again this coming year. I want to thank the Executive board, Committee chairs, American Legion family groups, and all those that made this last year successful. We have an unbelievable team that lives up to the motto “Make things Happen, Get things done”. This year has given us many challenges with Covid, renovation and other hurdles. We weathered those storms together and I thank you for your support and tireless efforts.

A year ago I made some promises. I promised to do my best to serve you, I promised to represent you and never embarrass you, I promised to honor you and your sacrifices and contributions and I promised to continue to make this not only the largest American Legion Post in the state but the best American Legion Post in the state. I promised to continue to make this Post a place where all veterans, regardless of political affiliation, gender, race, and creed feel welcome. I can only hope that I have lived up to your expectations. I renew those promises for the coming year.

We have lots of upcoming activities as the post gets back into full swing. The SAL Mouse races are scheduled for Oct. 2nd and the Baseball Banquet is scheduled for October 23rd. Tickets are still available for both events. Please support these important events.

Remember, **“It’s About Veterans!”**

Gary B. Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

So far, we have 14 new and transfer members for 2022. As of September 23rd, we have 801 members that have paid their dues for 2022. 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 Post Officers strongly encourage members to attend monthly meetings to provide your input into how your Post operates.

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.

Upcoming Events: The SAL Mouse Race is scheduled for October 2nd. The Post 5 BBQ is scheduled for October 16th at Schulte’s parking lot starting at 11:00 AM. The seventh Gun Raffle ticket was drawn at the Installation Dinner on September 21st. A list of the winners is available at the bar in the Club Room. Remember your tickets are good for the entire 12 months. **The 2021 Post 5 Baseball Banquet is scheduled for October 23rd.** Tickets are available at the Post or by mail. Sales are limited to 300 tickets. Tickets are \$100.00 and include a meal for two and a chance to win up to \$10,000.00.

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: Wayne Rackers, Virgil Riggs, Kevin Brown, Mandy Tichelkamp, Kristopher Wilson, Michael Kesel and Roger Readenour. Please welcome them to the American Legion Family.

TAPS: Joyce Hart, Howard McCrabb, William Temmen, John Schmolzi and Donald Kennon. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

Thank you to all who assisted with and attended the Installation dinner, it was wonderful to see the support for the leadership of the American Legion Family. Thank you to our unit executive committee for accepting their positions and working so hard to keep our unit strong. Congratulations to Debbie Alderson for being named "Unit Member of the Year". Debbie wears many hats and works very hard in all of them. All Unit 5 members have been invited to the Grand Opening of the newly renovated post on October 10th at 1:00 PM and the reception to follow. The auxiliary will be assisting with the Baseball Banquet on October 23rd, we need volunteers for any time between 1:00 PM for set up through clean up. The "Smiles" Pillowcase Making event will be on October 20th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please contact Connie Pack ASAP if you plan to attend. A card making event will be held on October 27th from 9:00 AM to 1 PM. Connie will have supplies. We will make cards for the Veteran's Home and the VA Hospital. November 6th is our Poppy Drive, volunteers needed, sign up at the October 19th meeting. We will be collecting canned soup to donate to the veterans at the Tiny Homes in Kansas City. We will also be drawing for the dinner ticket at the Baseball Banquet. Contact number for any of the above volunteering is 573-353-7651 or you can respond by email at ALAUnit5JCMO@gmail.com. For God and Country in the spirit of "Service not self" we serve.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Chris Altheuser:

I would like to thank all of the outgoing officers for their hard work and dedication and welcome all of the new officers. The Mouse Races are on October 2nd. Come and join us for some fun and the chance to win some money. We need volunteers to assist with the American Legion Post 5 Baseball Banquet fundraiser on October 23rd. I also invite all SAL members to join us at our monthly meetings which are the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings start at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you soon at the post
Chris Altheuser, Commander, Squadron 5

Notes from Legion Riders Director Dave Campbell:

Another beautiful riding month is in the books.

It's a privilege to announce our 2021/22 officers; Director David Campbell, Assistant Director Steve Spayde, Finance Officer Sherry Faughn, Secretary Debbie Alderson, Judge Advocate Rick Derks, Chaplain Charlie Lindquist, Historian Barbara Turnage, Sgt at Arms Cecil Goodin, Asst Sgt at Arms Christine Goodin, Ride Captain/Safety officer David Neighbors, and Web Master Nancy Bates.

It was a honor and a great ride to escort the 9/11 memorial to our capital. Shout out to Don Cryderman for leading the Patriots Day parade as well as Dena Wendell for carrying our flag thru downtown Jefferson City. I also had the privilege of riding with our new Asst Director Steve Spayde along with Vince Rost, Travis Louis and our Ride Captain David Neighbors, on the 1,500 mile Iron Butt Challenge. Thanks to Larry Alderson for leading our cook crew on our Friday night Dinner. The Crew did an amazing performance keeping the kitchen running smoothly,

As we say goodbye to September, it's that time of year the evenings will be cooling down keep a vigilant eye out for deer running on to the roads in the evening and early morning.

Keep the shiny side up and enjoy the ride!!!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!

Dave Campbell, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Jerry Koestner

September 1st has come and gone. The promise was to reopen on that date. That promise was kept. It was a thrill to be able to walk into this absolutely beautiful facility, both the Club area and the Main Hall and Kitchen. We then kicked the opening off with hosting the "Operation Bugle Boy's Patriot Sunday",

feeding several hundred people. For the last two weeks we have been back with our normal meals and dances again. (I hear the dance floor is a hit) The turn-out has been great. We have had a few hic-cups because of new wait staff, cook crews getting familiar with the fabulous kitchen equipment and a little different arrangement. But, the second Friday night lessons learned from the first night were made and the transition was much smoother. This could not have happened without everyone's help, cooperation and patience. Please check the calendar attached for our monthly events. If you have an event that you want to rent our facilities and catering for, PLEASE do it soon. The holidays are around the corner for family gatherings. The remaining dates for 2021 and now into 2022 are beginning to fill up. Again, THANKS for everyone's patience I am proud of what we are providing for our veterans. By the way the ARMY / NAVY game is not that far off and we may try to do something to celebrate a victory for either team. If you have any questions, contact Club Manager Kelly Perez 573-636-2311 or email her at post5ha@mchsi.com