

SEPTEMBER 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:

By the time you receive this newsletter the Post renovation should be complete and ready to resume the many activities we are known for. I want to thank the Renovation Subcommittee and the Business Management Committee for making sure this project was completed as professionally as possible. Many hours were spent each week to meet with the contractor and ensure the best job possible was done for you and future veterans. As activities resume, please be patient with staff as they adjust to the new equipment and surroundings. The pandemic has continued to cause problems for supply, demand and cost for many items. You will see some changes and temporary adjustments to respond to that challenge. We appreciate your support and patience during this renovation and the trying times of the pandemic and hope for your continued support as we move forward.

Some of the activities will resume at the post immediately and there is a high demand for bookings of the new hall. Please get your reservations in early and check your newsletter and social media sources for the most recent information. In addition to the in-house events, we also have a number of activities going on outside the post. On September 11th our Post 5 Family will have a float and presence in the 9/11 anniversary parade. Mary Kever is coordinating this event and I hope you will give her your full support and assistance. Now that the renovation is done we need to remember that our Post needs us every day to support our activities and resources.

Remember, **“It’s About Veterans!”**

Gary B. Kempker, Commander, Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

So far, we have 7 new and transfer members for 2022. As of August 20th, we have 719 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 Post 5 Family **Installation of Officers is scheduled for September 21st**. Social Hour starts at 6:00 PM. Dinner and the Installation Ceremony starts at 7:00.

The Post 5 **BBQ is scheduled for September 18th at Schulte’s parking lot starting at 11:00 AM**. The sixth Gun Raffle ticket was drawn at the Post Meeting on June 15th. 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 SAL Mouse Race is scheduled for October 2nd**. **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: **George Miller, Patrick Thompson, Samuel Berendzen and Reyford “Dusty” Brown.** Please welcome them to the American Legion Family.

TAPS: Michael Forck, Ernest Reeves, Francis Lehman, Robert Vieth, Willard Bean and Bela Szabados.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

Jim Mead, Adjutant, Post 5

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

A new Auxiliary year has begun and we will be celebrating with an Installation Dinner on September 21st. The Post will provide the main course, please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share that evening. Please come and show your support for your American Legion Family leadership. Junior member Harley Harmon spoke at our recent meeting about being elected Honorary Department Chaplain. Our Unit is very proud of her. Department President Victoria Ornelas' theme for this year is "God Bless Our Women Veterans". Each meeting this year will include a report highlighting the service of a woman veteran, this month we highlighted Sharon Grant who is a Vietnam Veteran. Mary Keever is chairing a committee to build a Post 5 Family float for the Patriot Day Parade on September 11th. Please show appreciation for the sacrifices our veterans have made in the past 20 years. A District 8 meeting will be held on September 12th at 1:00 PM at Post 202 in Columbia.

We are looking for crafters who would like to rent a table at our Craft Sale on December 4th. We have several activities scheduled in October, please follow our Facebook page and emails for more information.

Congratulations to Lindy Picray who was the winner of our first meeting incentive drawing. She won a gift card for Longhorn Steakhouse. Never forget the sacrifices our Veterans made for our freedom. You can email me at ALASUnit5JCMO@gmail.com.

For God and Country, We Serve.

Dorothy Goodin, President, Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Rick Wolters:

Congratulations to all new SAL officers – Commander Chris Altheuser, Adjutant-Membership- Financial Officer Donny Harmon, Senior Vice Commander Mike Heisler, Second Vice Commander Dave Hurst, Chaplain Tony Henderson, and Judge Advocate Steve Collins. We Need Volunteers for our annual Mouse Race on [October 2nd](#) & Cooking Help for the American Legion Baseball Banquet Fundraiser on [October 23rd](#).

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 Interim Director Dave Campbell:

The Month of August has been busy. With the Gold Star memorial in Jefferson City to the State Fair ride, I would like to thank Steve Spayde and Jim Rosenberg for leading the rides. The Elks Poker Run was as eventful as ever. Our own Poker Run was a great turnout for Veteran Services.

Chapter 5 has been asked to be in the Salute to Veterans Parade [on September 11th](#), in Downtown Jefferson City. Keep this in mind for next Month.

As we go forward with what is happening in the world do a buddy check on our Brothers and Sisters. And let them know we appreciate everything they have done and what they do matters to all of us.

Be safe at the Lake Bike Fest and remain vigilant to what is happening around you this year.

Keep the Shiny side up and enjoy the ride.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!

Dave Campbell, Interim Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Jerry Koestner

In 2016, members of Roscoe Enloe Post 5, American Legion decided to investigate the renovation of the Home Facilities. Through their tireless work they determined that it was going to be costly and needed to be done in two phases. Then it was put off until the Home Association decided in 2019 that it

was time to do something. First the Club would be renovated. Covid hit and things went in different directions, BUT in 2020, the CLUB was finished and we had a beautiful facility to be proud of. At the time it was decided that we would hold off the second phase (the Main Hall and Kitchen). Our meal night, dances etc. were hits. Then a donor came forward and made the offer to help with the renovation of phase 2. A shut down of the Hall and Kitchen was our only option. ATTENTION – SEPTEMBER 1st we will be ready to reopen. For both phases I can't begin to thank the Business Management Committee, Post members and ALL DONORS that have made this possible. Final touches on the renovation are in process. In September we will begin our meals, dances, rentals, etc. again. Meals and prices may change due to the rising cost and availability of food products. We are going to try different options. Please check the calendar attached for our monthly events. If you have an event and you want to rent our facilities and catering, PLEASE do it soon. The remaining dates for 2021 and now into 2022 are beginning to fill up. THANKS for everyone's patience. I am proud of what we are providing for our veterans. My glass is FULL with pride. For questions, food orders or to schedule an event, call Club Manager Kelly Perez at 573-636-2311 or email to post5ha@mchsi.com for more information.