

## SEPTEMBER 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:**

I want everyone to know I am honored to be serving as your Post Commander. We ALL have accomplished much in the last several years, to make this Post what it is today, what a beautiful home we have here at Post 5.

I congratulate ALL members from ALL Legion Families who have stepped up and forward in Leadership positions to carry on the duties and responsibilities of leading your Family & this Post.

It WILL still be my goal, as was that of the Past Commander Gary Kempker, to preserve the past, serve the present, and ensure that future generations of veterans have a Post that serves them and the community.

I also want to encourage ALL Legion Families to support one another, motivate one another and each of the Families group mission & purpose within this Post, and that they learn about how each of us fit together as one with the same direction for this Post.

Let us ALL recruit members for ALL the families, to continue seeing our Post grow and expand. There are always opportunities to recruit new members throughout our community. My goal is to reach out and learn as much as possible about each group and their mission within. Let us take the time to learn as much as we can about each Family group. WE the Post Family have many talents, backgrounds, and experiences - Let US share them with one another.

We ALL belong here, United in OUR efforts. Participate in meetings, so YOUR voice can be heard for the betterment of this Legion Family and ALL our veterans.

Dee Dee Cryderman, Commander, Post 5

### **Notes from Adjutant Rick Derks:**

I am proud to be serving as the new Adjutant for Post 5. I want to thank Jim Mead for working with me during this transition and for all his hard work as our previous Adjutant. I have big shoes to fill as Jim's replacement.

We have 9 new and transfer members for 2023. As of August 16th, we have 718 members that have paid their dues for 2023. Renewals for 2023 and the Early Birds are coming in fast. 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: September 16<sup>th</sup>, Ralph Boessen Memorial Golf Tournament at Redfield Golf & Country Club. Post 5 BBQ at Schulte's on September 17<sup>th</sup>.** Come on out and enjoy some of the best BBQ around. **The SAL Squadron 5 Mouse Race is on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The doors open at 6:00 PM. Races start at 7:00 PM. The Past Commanders meeting will be at noon on October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Post, lunch will be available. The Post 5 Baseball Banquet is on October 8<sup>th</sup>.** Tickets are available for purchase in the Club Room.

**On September 1st, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, Post 202 in Columbia is holding a Veteran's Appreciation Night and will be dedicating the tank that was donated to the Post. If you can, please show our support by attending this event. There will be veteran's support groups in attendance to answer your questions.**

If you are a disabled veteran with a service-connected disability you may qualify for one set of no fee license plates. To qualify for Disabled Veteran specialty license plates, you must be a Missouri resident who has served in and was honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces. To apply for Disabled Veteran license plates, you will need to submit: A completed and signed [Application for Missouri Military Personalized License Plates \(Form 4601\)](#) and a statement from the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, no more than one year old, stating your disability is service-connected. The letter must be directly from the VA, **not** a veteran's hospital or clinic.

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:** **Caitlyn Henry, Michael Smith, James H. Schulte, David Renkemeyer, Janet Gill, and Oswaldo Restrepo.** Please welcome them to the American Legion Post 5 Family.

**TAPS:** **A. J. Krueger.** Please keep his family in your prayers.

Rick Derks, Adjutant, Post 5

**Notes from Auxiliary President Debbie Cheshire:**

Big thank you to Claudia Goodin for conducting the installation of Auxiliary officers on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Job well done. Thanks to the incoming officers for agreeing to serve and to outgoing officers for their service. Thanks to President Dorothy Goodin for her leadership during a very difficult time. She held us together during a pandemic along with a post renovation and we are stronger than ever. Largest Post membership in the State of Missouri! Newly installed officers are Debbie Cheshire, President; Esther Rosner, Vice-President; Debbie Alderson, Treasurer; Paula Harmon, Recording Secretary; Mary Kever, Membership Secretary; Mary Ann Walther, Chaplain; Dottie Sanning, Sgt-at-Arms; Cindy Lambert, Asst. Sgt-at-Arms; Marilyn Medley, Historian. Claudia Goodin and Dorothy Goodin will serve on the Executive Committee.

We have a Department winner for the Americanism Essay Contest. Emily Jurgle will go on to represent the Department at the National level in Class V. We wish her good luck!

On Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Auxiliary is hosting Bingo at the VA in Columbia. October 8<sup>th</sup> is the Legion Baseball Banquet. September 4<sup>th</sup> is Patriot Sunday. September 13, 9:00 – 2:00 Smiles Program (lunch provided). September 20 Cards for Veterans to Make, 9:00-11:00. If you would like to volunteer to help with an event, please give me a call at (573) 338-0911.

Mark your calendars: District 8 Meeting on September 11 beginning at 1:00 pm at Columbia #202 and Missouri Department of American Legion Fall Conference is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City.

Auxiliary membership dues are \$40 per year and are due September 1<sup>st</sup>. Notices will be mailed soon.

I encourage you to volunteer and get involved. We are friends and have fun while we work. Hope to see you soon at the Legion.

For God and Country, we serve.

Debbie Cheshire, President, Unit 5

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

The Sons of the American Legion will be having our annual Mouse Race on October 1st. The doors open at 6:00 PM. Races start at 7:00 PM. Come out and have some fun. 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 Director Steve Spayde:**

August has been a very busy and exciting month so far. We've had yet another fun filled and successful Bikes at the Bluffs with live music for \$2.00, raffles, and give aways. If you're skipping out on bike nights, you're really missing out on a lot of fun and friendship. The next one will be held at Barnhouse HD

on 9/11/2022 and our band will be SoulRoot. This is the final bike night of the summer and we'd love to see as many riders as possible out to support the day. There was a bit of excitement at this month's Honor Flight Escort. There was a minor accident involving eight motorcycles, with the worst injury being a broken ankle the last I've heard. As always, when you're supporting this honorable cause to support our local heroes, please be alert and ride safely. The weather seems like it's beginning to change and the morning rides to work are starting to feel a little brisker. Keep the temps in the back of your minds and make sure you dress appropriately or have spare clothes on the bike incase the weather turns cold while you're out and about. August also brought in the installation of new and returning Chapter 5 Officers. Your new officers are Director - Steve Spayde, Asst. Director – David Neighbors, Finance – Bob Wendell, Secretary – Debbie Alderson, Judge Advocate – Rick Derks, Chaplain – Charlie Lindquist, Historian – Barbara Turnage, Sgt, at Arms – Cecil Goodin, Ride Captain – Travis Lewis, Safety Officer – Paul Booth, and Webmaster – Nancy Bates. Give them a round of applause the next time you see them.... or maybe just shake their hand.

**Thanks for everything you do.**

Steve Spayde, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

**Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Jerry Koestner**

My Swan Song is finally here. This is my last official duty in writing this month's newsletter report. The last 3 ½ years have been so rewarding. A THANKS TO EVERYONE'S SUPPORT. We have accomplished a great deal, just look around. Yes, we have changed a great deal of the way we have done business for 40 years, but we can't carry on the old ways of doing business anymore. Prices have gone up again because of our increased operating costs. We must think of the younger members and what we can offer them as well. This Club is for you the members. We want to have something that our present and future VETERANS can be proud of. I have talked to so many members recently that agree that this is for the Post 5 Family. If you know of people that want to join, ask them to join! Again, this is for the veterans not the public. Veterans may bring in a guest. Many may not want to hear this, sorry. PLEASE support the activities we offer. Attend the meals, wing night, support the BBQ'S, and all the music events. Tenderloin night is going to kick off again this month, come and enjoy great food. Club 5 is always a fun night. WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO THINK OF NEW ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE BMC WITH SUGGESTIONS. It is important that you get with Kelly and set up your private event. Dates are quickly filling up as we speak. There are options on the Hall rental. The costs depend on whether we prepare food and whether you are a member. This can be clarified by Kelly. If you bring in your own food, 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 and our Facebook site. If you have any questions, contact Club Manager Kelly Perez 573-636-2311 or post5ha@mchsi.com.