

JANUARY 2024

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 HAL DULLE

2024 is fast approaching and our post has been busy. We continue to grow the business portion with rentals and evening dinner offerings. So far so good. My family enjoys Friday night seafood and chicken dinners. Our well-lit hall and round tables that can seat 8 to 10 people offer an enjoyable time to visit and eat. We normally invite a few friends to dine with us. They don't have to be a member or even a veteran to enjoy a meal at the Post. If you haven't dined with us, we ask that you give us a try. The food is good and priced right. We also offer a full-service bar with liquor, beer and wine priced to enjoy without breaking the bank.

We have just completed our post American Legion Oratorical Contest. This is offered to high schoolers who have an interest in our constitution and public speaking. I will note however that I am disappointed that participation has dropped off over the past few years. If you or your family is involved in education, I would encourage you to seek out students who may have an interest but do not know of the American Legion Oratorical Contest. The best advance to District, State and National competitions. Thousands of scholarship dollars are awarded at the national level.

Membership is always at the forefront of a healthy, thriving, and successful post operation. Thus far we are where we need to be in membership renewals, but the hardest part is coming up after the first of the year. I am always interested in visiting with those who have been members for five or more years and don't renew. If you are one of our members who is considering not renewing for some reason, I would like to visit with you. Give me a call at the post or track me down and we'll talk. When said and done, it's about supporting our Veterans not the Post! Thank You.

"Remember Our Veterans, New and Old"
Hal Dulle, Commander Post 5

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Trivia night!! Come out for a night of Disney Trivia. January 11, 6:30-7:30 PM in the Annex.

Show Me The Cash! A new twist on bingo... January 18, 6 PM. @ Post 5.

District Oratorical Contest. January 14, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. @ Post 5.



NOTES FROM AUXILIARY UNIT 5 PRESIDENT DEBBIE CHESHIRE

Thanks to the AL Auxiliary members who set up Christmas decorations at the Post. The AL Auxiliary, with help from Riders and the Legion put together and delivered 99 Christmas gift bags for Veterans in local retirement facilities. We also delivered food and Christmas gifts for the Mid Missouri Military Pantry. These projects were completed using Poppy program funds; it was also voted to support Veterans Express, The Veterans Community Project aka 'Tiny Homes', and Central Missouri Honor Flight. The ALA District meeting will be January 14th; this coincides with the Oratorical Contest where we'll assist the Legion. Thanks, Debbie Cheshire, Auxiliary President Unit 5



NOTES FROM LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR STEVE SPAYDE

Riders – I'm writing this month's newsletter on Dec 21st, the Winter Solstice, This is the shortest day and longest night of the year. Tomorrow will be just a little bit longer than today and every day after will bring us closer to another riding season. I'm excited for that as I'm sure you are as well. December was a great month as far as get-togethers and parties at the Post. The Riders party was a blast as usual. Thank you to everyone who organized and attended. Let's not forget about our annual Ride the Temperature ride on New Years day. Details will follow on Facebook as the day gets nearer. Hopefully everyone received lots of new stuff your motorcycles from Santa Claus this year and you've had time to get all of those goodies installed. Happy New Year, Riders. Here's to another successful year of riding in 2024. Cheers! Steve Spayde, Director, American Legion Riders, Chapter 5

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NOTES FROM SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER CHRIS ALTHEUSER

The Son's Christmas party was a great success, and we had a great turnout. I would like to thank all of our membership. At the December meeting we voted to Donate \$500 to Girls State, \$100 to the Giving Tree, \$1,000 to the Fishers house and \$1,000 towards the new American Legion sign. 2023 was a great year we also donated to Camp wonderland, 40&8 Golf Tournament, the Traveling Wall Memorial, gave out a scholarship, JC ALS Golf Tournament, Helias Booster, Common Ground, Legion Baseball Banquet, Legion Golf Tournament, The Wreath for Hawthorne Memorial Garden, Trunk or Treat, countless hours and more. I hope everyone has a great New year and I look forward to seeing everyone for 2024. Also, I want to remind all Sons members that our meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. Meets start @7 Hope to see you soon at the post. Chris Altheuser, Commander, Squadron 5



Please keep all our Legion Family in your prayers.



RAFFLE!!! We have two (2) lighted Kansas City Chief signs that were made and donated by a member. A raffle is being held at the Post for these beautiful Chief signs. The raffle tickets are available at the bar and are likely to go fast. The drawing will be January 7th, the Chiefs last regular season game. Come on down to the Post to cheer on the Chiefs and for your chance to win. Bring a snack, game time TBA.

Notes from the Business Management Committee, Committee Chair Jim Mead

The Business Management Committee (BMC) had our monthly meeting on 12/11/2023. As of this writing, the new Post 5 has been installed, we are waiting on electrical and the interface to be installed which should happen soon. The Club Room continues to operate on the plus side of the budget. It's important to note that Club Room profits provides additional funds for our Post to provide support to Veterans. It's been a great year! 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.

You don't deserve to be treated disrespectfully by other members or our staff and our staff do not deserve to be treated this way either. Please be respectful of others. Jim Mead (573) 230-2324

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



Notes from Adjutant Rick Derks

Important note... if you haven't renewed your membership for 2024 you are delinquent as of January 1, 2024. So far, we have 958 members who have renewed, which is 75% of our goal. If you have not yet renewed your 2024 membership, I encourage you to send in your dues as soon as possible (there is a renewal form on the back of this newsletter). 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. Our Post Officers strongly encourage members to attend monthly meetings to provide your input into how your Post operates. Our next meeting is January 16th. Finally, hopefully you noticed the new format for this newsletter. Please let me know your thoughts regarding the new format (adjutant@post5.com). Thanks

See you at the Post! Rick Derks, Adjutant

Please welcome our new members!



William Piel, US Army
Marc Parker, US Army
Jake Munsan, US Army
John Rieves, US Army
BJ Stockton, US AirForce

