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NOTES FROM COMMANDER HAL DULLE

March is Here — A Busy and Important Month for Our Post!

- It's hard to believe March has already arrived — time certainly moves quickly. As always, March promises to be an important and active month for our American Legion family.
- At our most recent Post meeting, we were honored to host representatives from K9s For the Front Line, who provided an outstanding overview of their program, the progress being made in supporting veterans, and their vision for the future. Their dedication continues to make a meaningful impact within the veteran community.
- K9s For the Front Line will host their 8th Annual Show Me Honor Awards Dinner on March 7, 2026, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Post members are strongly encouraged to attend and support this worthwhile event. Tickets are available at <https://givebutter.com/c/ShowMeHonor?> \$100 per person or \$150 per couple. Members wishing to sit together at a Post table should contact Ken Gulledge as soon as possible.
- We also want to extend our sincere appreciation to every member who volunteers their time and talents to support the Post. Your dedication keeps our programs and activities strong. Currently, however, we are experiencing a shortage of volunteers for Taco Tuesday, Wing Wednesday, and Friday Night cook crews. If you are able, please consider stepping forward to help — your participation is greatly needed and appreciated.
- 952 renewals out of 1,083 goal (86.5% achieved) only 131 to 100%. Please remember to submit your membership renewals. Maintaining strong membership numbers is essential in our continued effort to safeguard veterans' rights and ensure access to VA health care. Elected officials pay close attention to these numbers, and a united, active membership strengthens our voice in these important discussions. Remember, "It's About Veterans!"

Post Commander, Hal Dulle

ISO a Post Adjutant

The Post Adjutant serves as the administrative backbone of the American Legion Post and plays a vital role in keeping Post operations organized and effective. This elected leadership position includes compensation as approved by the Post.

- Maintaining official Post records and meeting minutes
 - Processing memberships, renewals, and transfers
 - Handling Post correspondence and communications
 - Preparing agendas and supporting Post meetings
 - Submitting required reports to District, Department, and National
 - Assisting with event coordination and Post activities
 - Safeguarding historical and membership records
- If you are interested, please contact one of the Post Officers.



NOTES FROM AUXILIARY UNIT 5

PRESIDENT ESTHER ROSNER

Our thanks to those who supported the February Chili Cook-off. There were many delicious chili recipes presented - congratulations to Lisa Collier for winning the 'People's Choice' award. The Auxiliary was pleased to win the best decorated table award with "Too Hot to Trot".

• Honor Guard: Would you volunteer to serve? When an auxiliary member passes away, she can ask to have an Auxiliary Honor Guard at her visitation. What does it involve? The Auxiliary Honor Guard stands with a fellow guard at either side of the casket during visitation wearing an Honor Guard sash over a red blazer, white shirt with dark slacks. With multiple Guards, volunteer teams can switch out every fifteen minutes. A short prayer is presented prior to the funeral service and a poppy placed with the member we've lost.

Serving as an Auxiliary Honor Guard is a moving way to recognize a member. Please contact me if you would like to be an Honor Guard volunteer.

• Scholarships – It's time to think of wrapping up a school year and researching funds to pay for the next step in education: college. In addition to the Auxiliary scholarships, the Post Family offers multiple scholarships. Please direct your child or grandchild to those sites. <https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships>

• Do you like to bake; can you join a Cookie Crew? The obligation would be to bake 3 dozen cookies every five weeks (bagged two in a sandwich bag) to raise funds at the Friday night Post dinner.

• Annual Dues Renewal: We've received the annual membership renewal from 82% of our Auxiliarist members - thank you! If your dues are not in this count, please send your \$48 annual dues to ALA Unit 5, 1423 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101

• Follow Auxiliary happenings on our Facebook group: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 5.

• If I can be reached at 573-230-1086 if I can answer any questions or be of assistance

Unit 5 Auxiliary President, Esther Rosner

ISO Volunteer

Have you noticed fewer hands helping at Post events? You're not alone. Over the past several years, our Post has experienced a gradual shortage of volunteers as members move on with life's commitments.

- Yet our mission and events continue — and we need your help to keep them strong.
- Current volunteer needs include Taco Tuesday crews, Wing Wednesday support, Friday Night cook teams and Special events and Post activities.
- Interested in helping, please contact a member of the (BMC) or speak with one of our bartenders.



NOTES FROM SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER, CHRIS ALTHEUSER

SAL - 2026 Membership - If you have not renewed your membership for 2026, Please do so ASAP they are \$30- The dues we receive from membership help support Veterans in our area. Also Please check your membership cards: If it states 2026 at the top, you are current, check your door key, if it has a Red 2026 sticker on it, you are current.

• If you have any questions regarding memberships please contact Sr. Vice Commander/Membership Chairman Steve Collins, 573-645-1378, scollins956@gmail.com. I invite all SAL members to join us at our monthly meetings, and they are the first Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7. Hope to see you soon at the post!

Chris Altheuser, Commander, Squadron 5

TAPS

None, well done!

Please keep all our Legion Family
in your prayers.



We are always looking for new
membership! Membership forms
can be found at the Bar,
Commanders Office or just ask a

Business Management Committee (BMC)

- Please note that we have a new Dance Floor, so get your dancing shoes ready. While you wait to dance, come join us at the Post for our Lenten Fish Lunches, served every Friday from 11 AM – 1 PM during lent. Help us spread the word and bring a friend!
- With Spring right around the corner, our calendar is filling up fast with new events. Stay updated by our Facebook page regularly. These special gatherings are only possible through the dedication of our staff and members, so please consider volunteering your time to help us make this season a success. Contact a committee member today to see how you can support our club!

Business Management Committee Chair, Tim Bock

Notes from Adjutant

- Membership renewals for 2026 are ongoing If you have not renewed them, please submit your dues soon we are almost 100%. Encourage eligible Veterans or active-duty personnel to join our Post—the largest and most active in Missouri. Please attend monthly meetings on the Third Tuesday of the month and contribute ideas for Post operations.
- ISO a new Post Adjutant that is a paid position, so if you are interested, please contact any of the post officers.

See you at the Post!

Adjutant, Charlotte Dudenhoeffer



NOTES FROM AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR DAVID NEIGHBORS

Salty, sandy roads, cold hands and questionable decisions, according to most people who don't understand why we ride. If you have ever been on your motorcycle and hit the winter sand that has collected on the roads, you pucker up. Thinking to yourself "don't hit the front brakes" and, though maybe they are right about those questionable decisions. Chapter 5 legion riders want to turn those sketchy spring roads and frozen knuckles into a warm night of laughs and cold beer for a good cause. March 21st is our Second annual Comedy night. Come early and thaw out. Doors open at 4:30 for happy hour specials and complimentary appetizers, music by Faith Ann Meyer. Let the laughs hit harder than the road when the show begins at 7:00pm with opening act Nick Nichols, and main act back by popular demand Bryce Stanley. Expect jokes like the back roads twisting and turning in Missouri. Unlike the stories riders tell, that are "mostly true", you can know that the proceeds are going to support local veteran causes. Healing Horses, Fishing for Freedom, and Peterson Outdoor Ministries, are the charities that we have chosen to support this year. All three charities are dedicated to supporting veterans who have struggled after returning home and PTSD. Tickets are still available at the bar, but don't wait. They are selling faster than the Legion Riders on the summer roads. Ride in that night, or drive if you are smart. Either way enjoy the night, with cold drinks, hot food, laugh and help us take care of our local veterans.

Your Director, David Neighbors

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- They are back, Lenten Fish Lunches, served every Friday from 11 AM – 1 PM during lent.
- Please plan to come to the Post for Donuts and Coffee at 8:30 on March 19th and are looking for someone to take over Donuts and Coffee program.
- All of the Post will be closed at 4:00 PM on March 21st to support the ALR Comedy night, so get your tickets now to join the fun.
- Follow all events on Facebook at American Legion Post 5 – www.post5.com – Email: post5ha@mchsi.com or post5ha@gmail.com.



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