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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 BAR OPEN 2 PM SHUFFLE BOARD 3 PM	2 E BOARD MEETING 6:15 GEN MEETING 7PM AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM	3 LEGION FRIED CHIX WING DINNER \$10.00 SAL MEETING 6PM	4 SHOW THE MONEY FOOD AVAILABLE	5 JANE SPEG & MEATBALLS GARLIC STICKS SALAD & DESSERT OR FISH, FRIES, SLAD \$9.00 MUSIC: HEALING BOX	6
7 NASCAR	8 BAR OPEN 2 PM SHUFFLE BOARD 3 PM	9	10 SAL TENDERLOIN SANDWICH HOME MADE CHIPS SLAW & DESSERT \$10.00	11 SHOW THE MONEY FOOD AVAILABLE	12 TABLE HINGO 1 PM SUSANN OPEN FACE ROAST BEEF MASHED POTATOES FISH FRIES SLAW \$9.00 MUSIC: MITCH	13
14 NASCAR	15 BAR OPEN 2 PM SHUFFLE BOARD 3 PM	16 WARRENSBURG VA	17 DEB HAMBURGER CHEESE BURGER ONION RINGS FRIES COLUMBIA VA	18 SHOW THE MONEY FOOD AVAILABLE	19 BUNKO 1PM DEB PORK STEAK CHEESY POTATOES BAKED BEANS OR FISH, CHEESY POTATOES BAKED BEANS \$9.00	20
21 NASCAR	22 BAR OPEN 2 PM SHUFFLE BOARD 3 PM	23	24 SUSANN MEXICAN NIGHT	25 SHOW THE MONEY FOOD AVAILABLE	26 RIDERS BBQ CHICKEN LEG QUARTERS MAC & CHEESE VEGGY OR FISH, FRIES, SLAW \$9.00 MUSIC: RONNIE	27
28 NASCAR	29 SHUFFLE BOARD 3PM NEWSLETTER FOLDING 9AM NEED VOLUNTEERS	30	31 SUSANN CHICKN FRIED CHICKEN SAND FRIES OR SHRIMP BASKET	REMINDER OF THE MONTH WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY DINNERS 5 TO 6:30 PM MUSIC: AUGUST 5TH HEALING BOX 6:30 TO 9:30 AUGUST 12 TH MITCH SHELD'S 6:30 TO 9:30 AUGUST 26TH RONNIE 6:30 TO 9:30		



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AUGUST 2022



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Legionnaires, welcome to the heat of August! First and foremost, thank you for the opportunity to serve you in Post 624's 50th anniversary year. I am honored and humbled by your faith in me, I will do my best to serve all the members of this post. I would like to thank the past Commanders, Officers, Auxiliary, SAL and ALR that have pledged their support. I would also like to thank Jennifer, my understanding and EVER-patient wife for her support, as well as the rest of my family.

For those who don't know me, my name is Austin Teel, I am a Sailor of 23 years, then worked for a worldwide industrial pump company for additional 10. I originally joined the Legion as a Cub Master for my son's pack in Chicago while still active duty. I rejoined years later because people here "speak my language." We cuss each other, we cut up, and put each other down, it's our way; but together we are a tenacious fighting machine. Now is the time for the "younger generation" to get involved in this operation while we still have the wise to keep us from going astray of our mission. Hopefully I can bridge the gap between those generations. My Pops always said, "Never get in a pool using the stairs", I'm still heeding his advice. Am I in over my head? Yup. Will I soon surface? Always have, always will. Pops never let me drown, nor will the elders of this institution.

My greatest hope is one day this organization will be obsolete, but as long as there are warriors coming back from wherever D.C. sends them, our mission is to serve those that came before us, served with us, or have replaced us. They wrote the same blank check we did, so our families have the opportunity to live in freedom as we have. I owe you and them.

Our Legion mission is fourfold:

1. Honor our **VETERANS** by VA oversight, rehabilitation, and in final salute, with our Honor Guard.
2. Defend our **NATIONAL SECURITY** by lobbying on our military's behalf for quality of life, effective deployments, and ensuring they have the gear to keep them as safe as possible.
3. Foster 100% **AMERICANISM** by showing and teaching respect to our Nation, Military and Flag.
4. Support **ALL YOUTH** to provide opportunities to succeed, no matter their circumstances.

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I am not naïve; to advance this mission in our post, I need your assistance.

Priority #1: We need to expand our Honor Guard. With over 500 members, we should be able to have 12-14 Legionnaires available for a funeral. Over the past 2 years that I have been on Honor Guard, we always been able to have the minimum of 11 at each ceremony (7 shooters, 2 flags, Bugler and a Captain), unfortunately we have been short the last few ceremonies. Our departed comrades deserve better, someday it will be our turn. In my eyes, this is one of the American Legion's greatest duties, and personally, my greatest honor, please join us. We average about 5 funerals a month, usually 2-3 hours of your time with generally a 2-3 day heads up. Uniforms and refresher training are provided. With enough members on the team occasional attendance is all that is needed. Please contact Mark Schnoebelen to volunteer and get set up. We look forward to hearing from you!

Priority #2: I would like to thank, and credit, Jon Hovey for starting to put together a team of younger members of our post. This team will brainstorm ways to improve the post, post activities, and achieve a more active membership of post 9/11 vets. We need more members on the team to organize ideas, form goals to achieve those improvements. I would love to hear from anyone willing to participate. If you know someone with some good ideas, please urge them to talk with me, if I can't persuade them to join the team, at least the ideas won't be lost.

With all this said, we are doing great things as a post. In July, Independents Day weekend was kicked off with Ron Moshire and we had a great night! Show Me the Money continues to break records in attendance, earnings, and donations! Installation dinner was fabulous, well executed by all, and I give my sincere gratitude for all that organized and participated in the event. Thank you.

In August we have some great meals and lively music on the menu! Check the calendar for details. We also have a Golf Tournament on Aug 26th, if you have not joined a team or sponsored a hole, please sign up at the bar, or get in touch with Ron Nabor. Please join and support us!

Thank you in advance for all your support, together we WILL advance the legion's mission.

Austin Teel
Commander



Welcome to the beginning of a new fiscal year for the American Legion Auxiliary. One of the goals this upcoming year is to try and increase attendance and interest in our monthly meetings.

If any members reading this article have any ideas or suggestions, please notify me. I am open to any and all options. My email is bettyhovey@hotmail.com. and my phone number is 573-216-2305. Thank you in advance for your help.

The upcoming "Marci Gras Masks Murder Mystery Dinner " plans are well underway. This will be one of the larger fundraisers for the Auxiliary. The event will be held September 24, 2022, starting at 5:00 pm. We have several people selling tickets for \$20.00 per person. We are hoping for a large turnout and successful event. If you have any questions, please call Michelle

Koenigsman @ 402-657-6005.

In the July newsletter I listed the names of the executive board members and Unfortunately Donna Engelbert- Member-at- Large didn't get listed. My apologies.

Just a quick reminder that 2023 American Legion Auxiliary dues begin August 1st. Also if you have any changes (ie: address, phone number, email) please notify Michelle Koenigsman. Thank you.

Thought for the month:

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people

A heart that forgives the worst

A mind that forgets the bad and a soul that never loses faith in God

Respectfully
Betty Hovey
President

SAL



SAL held a successful dinner on July 13th. Thanks to Joe, Matt, Tom and Wendy. Special thanks to Joe's wife Carol for providing 2 cakes. Our next dinner will be Wednesday August 10, dinner will be tenderloin sandwich, Cole slaw, chips and dessert, \$10.00. SAL needs other members to step forward and help!

In addition all members are needed to attend SAL meeting August 3rd beginning at 6:00pm at the post. SAL needs as many members as possible to attend to elect new officers and discuss the future of SAL. If you know a fellow member please let them know of these meetings. Many of us joined SAL to honor the memory of a Father or Grandfather, without your help as members we may not be able to continue. Contact information of the officers of SAL is shown in the newsletter. Best way to contact Jim Mellody is text or email: jjmellody@charter.net.

Thank you for your support...Jim Mellody

RIDERS



So many opportunities lay in front of us that many never know that they are able to partake in. If you are a child of a veteran that was KIA or rated 50% or greater by the VA, monies are available for college and or trade school scholarships. Talk to a Legion Rider for further details on the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

If you or you know of a veteran that is entering the work force and are in need of a suit, male or female, October 15 is the day for you to receive new business wear!
SuiteForSoldiersLakeofTheOzarks.com.



6TH ANNUAL VETERANS MEMORIAL RIDE SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2022

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