

Legionnaires,

Seems like yesterday we were celebrating the new year. Now it is time for the Super Bowl party and Valentine's Day! I pray all of you have kept up with your resolutions, keep at it. As for the Post, we are charging right along. We have upgraded our internet to 1gig so we should get our ball games in without so many glitches. Thanks to Mike Koenigsman for getting that taken care of.

As of this writing, our kitchen floor is complete, and kitchen painting is almost complete. On that note thank you all who helped. Many other repairs went into the project, from floor removal, moving items out of the kitchen, wall repairs, grease removal, much painting and returning all the equipment and supplies. I do not have enough space here to list everyone, but I would like to thank all members that helped. I would like to thank Sunrise Movers and the Rice Concrete Team for their assistance. Job well done to all involved, thank you for sacrificing your most valuable resource, YOUR TIME.

We will be starting the next project of painting the clubroom soon.

While we complete this project, the back bar will be open. Smoking will be outside or in the smoke shack, our apologies for the inconvenience, but I am sure you will enjoy the result.

I will try to schedule around the Superbowl as best I can. If you can help, even for a day or two, please contact me. We need all the help we can get. Our team is doing a great job, but they can't do it all! As the schedule is very fluid, when it starts, I will try to put it on the menu board so you know when you could come in to help.

We have a variety of volunteer opportunities –

- We are still looking for a Second Vice (events coordinator) if you know someone that would be good at this, please contact me.
- We also need more members for the Honor Guard as we have been short people lately, these vets have earned a good turn-out by us, please join. This is our greatest honor. Come for a ride along, talk to the team, no pressure. You'll see, it's easy, and you are not on call. We have people that only do it once every 3-4 months. We ask only that if you can make it, you do. If not, we understand.
- Buddy-check callers – we need to call members of the post, check that they are ok, verify roster info, ask if they are getting the newsletter. You are not seeking membership or donations.
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, District 8 and the rest of Zone 1 will be doing some “revitalization calls” to members that live in the area that either belong to posts far away or are members at large. I need a team for a day to join me in this project at post 202 in Columbia.

Please join the conversations on Facebook, post any pictures you have of Legion events. That is how the public communicates, especially the younger generation. Also, if you can take the newsletter by email, please contact Stefanie Lowes [stefanielowes@yahoo.com](mailto:stefanielowes@yahoo.com) to switch over. This will save the legion about a dollar a copy \$5,000 per year savings if everyone switched over. What good could we do with that?

Together we make remarkable things happen.

Austin Teel

Commander Post 624



Hard to believe that we are already 2 months into the new year. Hope everyone is adapting well.

Unfortunately, we draped our charter in the February meeting for the passing of Cathy Bell. Cathy was a long-time auxiliary member and her love for her family and friends will be remembered forever in our hearts. She and her husband Don were very involved in the American legion family and always met you with a smile.

On a happier note, the legion hall is in the midst of a wonderful face lift. They are getting ready to pour a new floor in the kitchen and painting throughout the building. We are truly blessed to have so many members involved with this endeavor. Also, a big shout out to the house committee for all of their hard work in the demolition of the kitchen and all that they do. We as the auxiliary are so appreciative of the American legionnaires for making this happen.

Just a quick reminder that even though our kitchen in January and February isn't serving food during the week. They are serving food on Saturday during the turkey shoot event. Also make sure you check out the newsletter for other happenings during the month.

Thought for the month:

We all have pasts. We all made choices that maybe weren't the best one.

None of us are completely innocent, but we get a fresh start every day to be a better person than we were yesterday.

Respectfully,

Betty Hovey

President

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**LAKE THUNDER RIDERS**

CHAPTER 624



A change is gonna come.

A change will better the group.

A change always brings light to the future.

The New Year is in full swing and so many changes are in the works.

Volunteers are always welcomed and needed to help make change. Talk to Post Commander Austin Teel or Riders Director Bill Meenan to see where the need is while changes are being done to OUR American Legion.

Riders' meetings begin February 8 @ 6pm however starting in March, meetings will start at 630pm so that SAL dinners won't be interrupted.

We encourage ALL to bring potential NEW members to our post! We encourage everyone to show off the changes, be proud and let's increase our active members!

"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance."- Alan Watts



**SAL news for February:**

**The first meeting of 2023 will be March 1 at 6:30**

**PM at the post. Will discuss plans for the balance of 2023.**

**All SAL members, plan on attending this meeting and all meetings in 2023. Your presence and input are needed in order to continue the SAL program. Pass this information to fellow members!**

**Regarding 2023 SAL membership cards, all those who have paid membership fees should have received your card. If you feel that you have paid and not received your card notify Jim Mellody. There is still time to send your membership dues, \$25, for 2023.**

**Information on how to pay dues can be found in the Oct., Nov., and Dec. newsletters. Looking forward to see as many members as possible March 1st**

**Jim Mellody  
Commander**

**American Legion Post  
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**Members:**

**The Zack Wheat Scholarship Committee will be kicking off our application process this month. Scholarship application are available on the table by the Fireplace in the Post. Please take one if You have a Child, Grandchild, or Great Grandchild and ensure that they put Your name on it as well that You are a member of Post 624 in the appropriate place on the bottom of page one. Applications must be returned to me prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> , of this year.**

**Contact me if You have any questions.**

**Ron Naber  
Scholarship Committee  
Chairman  
309-363-8696**

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# February 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Shuffelboard 3pm	31	1	2	3	4 Turkey Shoot Sign up 11am
5	6 Shuffelboard 3pm	7 Eboard Meeting 615pm Gen Meeting 7pm Aux Meeting 7pm	8 ALR Meeting 630pm	9	10	11 Turkey Shoot Sign up 11am
12 Superbowl 530pm Bring Covered Dish	13 Shuffelboard 3pm	14 Kitchen Meeting 230pm Calendar Meeting 3 pm Euchre sign up before 4pm	15 Youngsters Meeting 630pm	16	17	18 Turkey Shoot Sign up 11am ALR Springconferenc e Post 152 Ashland 830am
19	20 Folding Newsletter Shuffelboard 3pm	21	22	23	24	25 Turkey Shoot Sign up 11am
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# March 2023



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26	27 Shuffelboard 3pm	28	1 Wing Night 5- 630pm \$10 SAL Meeting 630pm	2	3 AUX Dinner 5-630pm TBA \$9	4 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -230 pm Hunters Safety Class MDC 9a-1p
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19	20 Shuffelboard 3pm	21	22 Aux Dinner TBA 5-630pm \$9	23	24 ALR Dinner 5-630pm TBA \$9	25 Last Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -230 pm Music Backtracks 630pm - 9pm
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## IN MEMORIAM

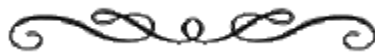
*Max Lee Bartley*

*Feb 5, 1920 – June 27, 2022*

*US Army 1941-1945*

*WW 2, China & Burma*

*Longtime Member of Post 624*



*Our sincerest apologies for mistakenly publishing the incorrect name in last  
month's Newsletter*



IN MEMORIAM

*Patrick H. Bellew*

*1941 – 2022*

*US Navy 1959-1979*

*Vietnam*

*Retired LT Commander*



IN MEMORIAM

*Keith Searcy*

*1937 – 2023*

*US Marine Corps*

*Vietnam*

**T O U R N A M E N T**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every Month**

**Sign up before 4pm**

**\$5 per Person**

**Payout for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Draw for Partners & Table Numbers**



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**continues**

**Every Saturday until March 25<sup>th</sup>**

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