



CDR'S January Newsletter

Another trip around the sun, off to a new start in the New Year! Time for plans, goals, and resolutions!

- Lose a few pounds anyone? Join me in 100 Miles for Hope.
- Spend more time with family? We are family!
- More Charity work? Come join, come help!

I would like to thank the Auxiliary for all the fabulous and hard work in the kitchen for both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners! They were delicious! And thank you to those who donated food for the feast!

We have 3 new members of the Honor Guard: Stefanie Lowes and Bill and Chris Meenan! Your Patriotism is 2nd to none! We still need more help! It is our greatest Honor!

I want to welcome back our Cub Scout Pack 38, with all new kids and all new leadership, the old pack all graduated to Scout Troop 238. On that note, I would also like to welcome our NEW Scout Troop 238! Thank you, Scouts and leaders, for sticking with it! We look forward to working with you, again!

We are still Looking for volunteers to call members for buddy checks and roster verification. You can make the calls on your own time; my goal is to have called everyone on the roster by the end of February. The more assistance, the less calls each of us needs to make. This is important work to check on our brothers and sisters. We have about 475 members and only 3 volunteers so far. Let's help them out!! Please get in touch with me or John Seward for info.

Although in January and February the bar and fundraising slow down some, there is still much going on. We are replacing the kitchen floor as well as doing some much-needed painting around the Post. Come spring we will be getting the outside looking as good as the inside. Once we have some sort of schedule, we will get that out in an email blast. Again, we need help with these, and other projects!

There are some other changes coming as well, you have undoubtedly seen some changes in the newsletter, 3rd Vice Stefanie Lowes is working hard to make it more user friendly and get it out sooner, so we all have a chance to plan for the beginning of the month. With that said if you can go to email newsletters please do. The post is paying \$0.70 postage per copy, plus paper, toner, and other supplies. That comes to about \$3-400 a month, that is money that can be spent in much better ways. Please email Stefanie at stefanielowes@yahoo.com to switch and thank you in advance! Once the newsletter changes have been made, we will be starting to update the web page. If anyone knows website design, please consult with me, for some basic training, as I am technologically challenged.

Theme for the month (and all other months): Many hands make light work. ;)

Thank you all for your friendship, support, and patience with me,

Austin Teel
Commander



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I am hoping the 2023 year is full of blessings and good health for all.

The auxiliary Christmas party was great. We had a wonderful turnout of members and the food and fun was abundant. What a great way to end the year.

Just want to remind everyone that the American Legion kitchen will not be serving meals on Wednesday and Friday nights, for the months of January and February. Kitchen will be open on Saturdays for Turkey Shoot.

Even though we are coming into the winter months, the American Legion is still having activities going on. Just look at the newsletter calendar for what is happening for the month.

Thought for the month:

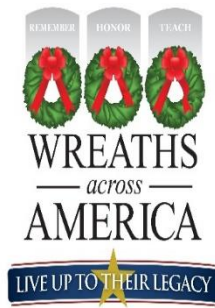
May you be so fortunate...

To be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled from the things and thoughts that are binding you and may you know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

Respectfully

Betty Hovey

President



As 2022 has come to a close... your American Legion Post 624, Lake Thunder Riders continue to spread good cheer. Just because the temperatures have dropped, doesn't mean we stop giving back.

The spirit of a motorcycle rider isn't just the cool bikes, the leathers or the clubs they associate with. It's the brotherhood/ sisterhood of riding on the open roads, funny suntan lines and the "feel good" moments that we do for others.

Biker angel be my guide, as I climb upon my scooter to ride. Let your halo light the way and keep me safe from harm today. Let your wings provide me wind and air and sent it coursing through my hair. Find me a peaceful sunny place and let it shine upon my face. Keep the clouds and rain at bay and keep me dry through the day. Watch over my brothers and sisters who ride with me, keep them safe and close to thee. Keep my wheels upon the ground so I'll return here safe and sound. But should disaster be my fate, guide me through to Heaven's gate. If I must join my fallen brethren, please show me the way to Biker Heaven.

May the New Year find all peace and harmony, structure enough for success and achievement and flexible enough for creativity and fun.

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SAL News:

SAL will have no scheduled meetings or activities until March 2023. This does not mean we are standing still. Coming will be a web page and a new social media presence for SAL. Details will be announced soon. Make certain that SAL Post 624 has your email address. Send updated info to jjmellody@charter.net.

Membership cards for 2023 are now available. So far there has been 38, 2023 membership cards mailed. If you have submitted fees for 2023 card and have not received card let Jim Mellody know.

Due to difficulties in the past with communication, a new system will be in effect for obtaining 2023 cards. Here are the procedures: The fee for membership is still \$25, the same as the last several years. The fee should be submitted in a sealed envelope with your name and SAL printed on the outside. Also include most recent address, phone number and email. This information will be used by State HQ and this Post to establish current contact list. The envelope can be mailed directly to the Post or placed in the blue SAL folder in the kitchen area. Please do not give to the bartenders, or another member unless they understand envelope must go to SAL folder. The folder will be emptied the first and third Wednesday of each month. Please no loose bills or checks, place in envelope, in the past these are misplaced or forgotten. How you want your card mailed include that info in the envelope. Hopefully with all info in writing cards can be issued timely. Thank you for your cooperation. Jim Mellody, SAL. Contact info: jjmellody@charter.net, text: 913-269-3375.

See all of you soon. Jim Mellody

The American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624

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Chaplain	Matt Laughlin				
Finance Officer	Joe Brunk				
Sgt-at Arms	Jim Ray	573-216-1439			

January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Chiefs Game Kick off 12pm Bring a covered Dish	2 Shuffelboard 3pm	3 Eboard Meeting 615pm Gen Meeting 7pm Aux Meeting 7pm	4	5	6	7 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -230 pm
8 Chiefs Game Kick off TBA Bring a covered Dish	9 Shuffelboard 3pm	10 Calendar Meeting 3 pm	11	12	13 Live Music by Common Ground 4pm-7pm	14 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -230 pm Wildcard Game TBD
15 Newsletter Due Wildcard Game TBD	16 Shuffelboard 3pm	17	18 Youngster Meeting 630pm	19	20	21 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -230 pm Divisonal Game TBD
22 Divisonal Game TBD	23 Folding Newsletter 9am Shuffelboard 3pm	24	25	26	27 Live Music by Common Ground 4pm - 7pm	28 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -230 pm
29 Conference Championship TBD	30 Shuffelboard 3pm	31	1	2	3	4



IN MEMORIAM

Earl Lee Bartley

US Army 1941-1945

China & Burma

Longtime Member of Post 624

Alfred Earl Vasey

May 15, 1931 - November 30, 2022

US Air Force 1950-1954

Korean War

Post 624 Member for 41 years

Our Deepest Sympathies

Forever 
Remembered
Forever Missed

Catherine P. Bell

November 12, 1934 – December 13, 2022

Valued Auxiliary Member

for 24 years



NEW YEARS EVE!

**BRING SNACKS
TO SHARE
AND ENJOY THE
MUSIC BY
Mitch & Melanie
8PM-12AM**

**New Year's Day
Come and Enjoy
BLACK EYES PEAS!
BRING A COVERED DISH
TO SHARE
WE WILL EAT ABOUT 3PM
CHIEFS GAME KICKOFF AT NOON**



Our Post received a Thank You Card from Hurricane Deck Elementary School after our very successful collection of clothing, toys and monetary Donations

American Legion Friends,
Hurricane Deck Elementary
sincerely appreciates your
generosity and support
of our school. Your
partnership is truly
special to us.

Sincerely,
Christy Moulder, Principal

Missouri War Medallion Program

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — The state of Missouri is seeking to highlight the sacrifices of active-duty service members, veterans, retirees and the deceased who participated in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

According to Sylvia Bennett, program director for the Missouri National Guard Veterans Recognition Office, the Missouri Veterans Recognition War Medallion Program honors Missourians who served on active duty during the periods:

- Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 (WWII);
- June 6, 1944 to Sept. 30, 1944 and participated in the Battle of Normandy (Jubilee of Liberty);
- June 27, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 (Korea);
- Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam);
- Aug. 7, 1990 to June 7, 1991 (Desert Shield and Desert Storm);
- March 19, 2003 to Dec. 15, 2011 (Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn).

Service members did not have to be stationed overseas during the time periods mentioned to receive awards; only one award per conflict will be presented to an individual.

Anyone who is a legal resident of Missouri at the time of application; was a legal resident of Missouri upon entering or discharge from military service, or at the time of death; or served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard, regardless of ever being a legal resident of Missouri may apply as long as the

service was classified as honorable — anyone still serving may also apply as long as they serve in an honorable status, Bennett said.

Additionally, any spouse or eldest-living survivor of a service member who meets eligibility requirements but died prior to applying is entitled to recognition.

Those to be recognized receive a medal, medallion, certificate and letters from the Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard, the Secretary of State and the Governor.

The application can be found by visiting
<https://www.moguard.ngb.mil/resources/veteran-awards>.

Documentation of service is a requirement as is the Social Security Number of the service member. Some acceptable forms include a DD Form 214: Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty; DA Form 2-1: Personnel Qualification Record; induction or discharge paperwork; official documentation of medals with dates of service; and newspaper clipping from the era of service that include service dates.

Please return your completed applications with DD 214 attached, ATTN 1st Vice, so that we can submit them as a Post for a formal award ceremony.

Or completed applications and copies of documentation may be mailed to the Office of the Adjutant General, Attn: Veterans Recognition Program, P.O. Box 1808, Jefferson City, MO 65102. If you choose this course of action, we will not have visibility of your application for participation in the award ceremony.

Call 573.638.9561 or email ng.mo.vets@mail.mil for more information.

John Seward
1st Vice, Post 624

State of Missouri War Medallion Program Application Form

Please Type or Print Legibly

AL POST 624

- ☐ Please MAIL award.
- ☐ Ceremony is requested. (See note 4 on Reverse, Information for both individuals and organizations/groups)

Veteran's Information:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial
Current Mailing Address	City	State and Zip Code
Date of Birth	Home Phone	County
Service Number	Social Security Number (see Note #4)	Dates of Service

Please neatly print the service information that you would prefer on your certificate:

I am applying for: World War II Jubilee Korea Vietnam Desert Shield/Storm Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn	(See Note 4 on Reverse) Rank	Branch of Service (please circle) Marine Corps Army Coast Guard Air Force Navy Other (please specify)	
	Is veteran deceased? (Deceased City & State of Residence at Time of Death) Yes / No		

Surviving spouse or eldest living survivor to receive award should eligible veteran be unable to receive award:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial
Street Address	City	State and Zip Code
Relationship	Home Phone	Work Phone

Veteran or the person authorized to apply for the Veteran Recognition Award **must attach copy of Report of Discharge or Separation from Service or a copy of DD 214 that substantiates record of service.** Other forms of acceptable documentation are listed on the back. Applicant's signature attests that information provided above is correct and separation from service was under honorable conditions. Signature of applicant's other than veteran attests that applicant is the spouse or eldest living survivor, and that the information provided is correct.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

SEE REVERSE FOR INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF FORM

FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL ONLY

Veteran is qualified for:

World War II (7 Dec 1941 to 31 Dec 1946)	Yes _____ No _____
Jubilee (6 Jun 1944 to 30 Sep 1944)	Yes _____ No _____
Korea (27 Jun 1950 to 31 Jan 1955)	Yes _____ No _____
Vietnam (28 Feb 1961 to 7 May 1975)	Yes _____ No _____

Desert Shield/Desert Storm (7 Aug 1990 to 7 Jun 1991)	Yes _____ No _____
Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn (19 Mar 2003 to 15 Dec 2011)	Yes _____ No _____

DATE: _____

INITIALS: _____

Instructions for Completion of the War Medallion Program Application Form

1. Who may apply:

- a. Any veteran who meets eligibility requirements listed below is entitled to a medallion, medal, and certificate.
- b. Any spouse or eldest living survivor of a veteran who meets eligibility requirements listed below but died prior to having made application is entitled to a medallion, medal, and certificate.

2. Eligibility Requirements:

- a. Veteran must have served on active duty in the United States military service during the periods:
World War II December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
Jubilee of Liberty June 6, 1944 to September 30, 1944 and participated in the Battle of Normandy
Korea June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
Vietnam February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm August 7, 1990 to June 7, 1991
Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn March 19, 2003 to December 15, 2011
- b. Veteran is a legal resident of Missouri at the time of application, or was a legal resident at the time he or she entered or was discharged from military service or at the time of his or her death or such veteran served in a Unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether veteran is or ever was a legal resident of Missouri.
- c. Veteran received an honorable discharge, or is still in active service in an honorable status, or was in active service in an honorable status at the time of his or her death.
- d. The War medallion, medal, and certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran served within the United States or in a foreign country. One award per conflict issued per Veteran.

3. **Service Information:** Fill out this section as complete as possible, attach copy of Record of Discharge or Separation from Service or Department of Defense Form 214, The Office of the Adjutant General will retain all copies forwarded to that office. If Discharge or Report of Separation or DD-214 is not available please provide any other information available to document service.

Some acceptable forms of documentation:

- 1) DD-214 (Korea and Vietnam) "PREFERRED"
- 2) Discharge Papers (World War II) "PREFERRED"
- 3) Active Duty Induction Papers & Proof of Honorable Discharge
- 4) DA form 2-1 & Proof of Honorable Discharge
- 5) Official documentation of medals Must show dates of service & Proof of Honorable Discharge
- 6) Era Newspaper clippings that show Service Dates & Proof of Honorable Discharge

**ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST VERIFY THREE THINGS 1) PROOF OF ACTIVE DUTY
2) PROOF OF HONORABLE DISCHARGE/SERVICE 3) PROOF OF RESIDENCE/MONG MEMBERSHIP
PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THEIR RETURN.**

4. **CEREMONY:** Individuals requesting award presentation ceremony will be notified of date and time of the ceremony. These ceremonies will be conducted in different geographical areas of the State; you will be scheduled for the closest to your residence. Veteran's organizations, other organizations & groups wishing to have a group ceremony should contact the Veterans Recognition Office for specific information on application submission. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:** is mandatory, it's used as unique identifier for that Veteran in our data system, questions regarding this can be addressed to our office by phone or correspondence. **RANK:** For preparation of Certificates we will use rank shown on the DD214/other discharge document, if use of other rank is requested, proof must be furnished that Veteran attained that rank.

5. Return application & copies of support documentation:

Office of the Adjutant General
ATTN: VETERANS RECOGNITION PROGRAM
PO Box 1808
Jefferson City, MO 65102

CONTACT US :
Toll-free: 1-866-834-3431
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