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**APRIL 2022**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>REMINDER OF THE MONTH</b> <b>WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY DINNERS 5 TO 7 PM</b> <b>SHOW ME THE MONEY IS BACK EVERY THURSDAY 6 TO 8PM</b> <b>APRIL 2ND LAST TURKEY SHOOT</b> <b>APRIL 9TH LEGION BIRTHDAY DINNER 6 PM ( \$2.00 SIGN UP AT BAR)</b> <b>APRIL 23RD MOUSE RACE AND SILENT AUCTION</b>						
					<b>JANE 1</b> SPAGHETTI & MEATEBALLS GARLIC BERAD SALAD OR FISH, FRIES, SALAD \$9.00	<b>2</b> TURKEY SHOOT 11 AM KITCHEN OPEN
<b>3</b> NASCAR BRING COVERED DISH	<b>4</b> BAR OPEN 2:00 PM	<b>5</b> E BOARD MEETING 6:15 GEN MEETING 7PM AUXILLARY MEETING 7PM	<b>6</b> LEGION FRIED CHIX WING DINNER \$10.00 MINI PLATE \$6.00	<b>7</b> SHOW ME THE MONEY FOOD AVAILABLE	<b>8</b> TABLE BINGO 1PM <b>SUSANN</b> OPEN FACE ROAST BEEF MASHED POTATOES VEGGY OR FISH, FRIES, SLAW \$9.00	<b>9</b> BIRTHDAY DINNER PROGAM AT 6PM DINNER TO FOLLOW SIGN UP AT FRONT BAR \$2.00
<b>10</b> NASCAR BRING COVERED DISH	<b>11</b> BAR OPEN 2:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> SAL TENDER SAND HOME MADE CHIPS SLAW & DESSERT KIT CEHN MTG 2PM RIDERS MTG 6 PM	<b>14</b> SHOW ME THE MONEY FOOD AVAILABLE	<b>15</b> DEB BUNKO 1PM BAKED CHICKEN MASHED POTATOES VEGGY OR FISH, FRIES, SLAW \$9.00	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> NASCAR BRING COVERED DISH	<b>18</b> BAR OPEN 2:00 PM	<b>19</b> WARRENSBURG VA	<b>20</b> RETTA HAMBURGER CHEESEBURGER ONION RINGS OR FRIES COLUMBIA VA	<b>21</b> SHOW ME THE MONEY FOOD AVAILABLE	<b>22</b> RIDERS CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS SALAD OR FISH, FRIES SLAW \$9.00	<b>23</b> MOUSE RACE 1 PM KITCHEN OPEN 12 PM TO ?? AUX SILENT AUCTION MAIN HALL
<b>24</b> NASCAR BRING COVERED DISH	<b>25</b> FOLDING NEWSLETTER 9AM NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COME AND PLEASE HELP	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> SUSANN MEXICAN NIGHT	<b>28</b> SHOW ME THE MONEY FOOD AVAILABLE	<b>29</b> SUSANN BOILED SHRIMP NEW POTATOES CORN ON COB SALAD \$14.00 OR FISH WITH ALL ABOVE 10.00	<b>30</b>



# **The American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624**

APRIL 2022



## **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Greetings everyone!! This has been a sad month indeed as we lost our Commander, Rick Vondrachek. Rick had heart surgery in December and never fully recovered. Please keep Sue and their family in your prayers as they work through the hard days ahead of his loss. Rick's Celebration of Life will be held at the Post on 2 April 2022 at 3:00pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Please come out and show your love and respect for our Commander who led this Post from July 2021 to March 2022.

We are hosting our annual American Legion Birthday Dinner on Saturday 9 April. We will hold a short meeting at 6:00pm followed immediately by dinner. Sign up at the Bar if you want to attend. We are asking for \$2 each donation to help cover the dinner cost and to let us know that you are attending. 15 March, the designated birthday of The American Legion, is the day in 1919 when the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris.

Other significant April dates in our military history include:

- 6 April 1917: Army Day/U.S. Entered WWI
- 9 April: National Former POW Recognition Day
- 11 April 1991: Desert Storm Cease-Fire (Persian Gulf War)
- 12 April 1861: The Civil War Began
- 14 April 1865 (10:15pm): President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated by actor John Wilkes Booth
- 15 April 1865 (7:22am): President Lincoln dies
- 25 April 1898: The Spanish-American War Began

I want to thank everyone who has supported me and the Post over the past several months as I served as the Acting Commander. There is a core group of individuals who are faithful to our meetings and do the lion's share of work for you as members and our Post. You know who you are! For everyone else, PLEASE come out and support us!! We have 546 members and see about 10-20 at our meetings and when any work has to be done around the Post. We need you!! We need your support!!! Members tell me they won't come because they will get volunteered for something. You can only get volunteered if you say yes! Just come out and spend some time with Veterans just like you who answered the call to the Nation when it was needed. You stood up, hooked up, and stepped forward to be counted among our greatest Americans!!! Share those days now with your Legion Brothers and Sisters and our Post!!!

From the officers and staff of Post 624, have a great April!! See you on the High Ground!!!

John Seward  
Post Commander





Welcome to spring. I think we all are ready to see blooming flowers and that wonderful warm sunshine.

The auxiliary members have started serving their dinners at the legion on Wednesday and Friday. Hope to see everyone there.

Nominations for officer positions will begin with the April meeting. We will do nominations in April, May and June. This will be the period of time that any auxiliary members can express an interest to fill an official position. The election for these positions will be named in the July meeting. Installation of officers will be prior to the August meeting. I hope that all auxiliary members give serious thoughts to volunteering to fill out these positions.

The Hurricane Deck elementary school invited several local organization's and emergency services personnel to a "Kindness Leadership Day" in February. They did a wonderful job of showing their kindness and appreciation by handing out certificates for all of the above people that donate their time, services and monies to their school. We were very fortunate to have several American Legion legionnaires and auxiliary members attend this wonderful program.

We will be having the American Legion birthday dinner on April 9, 2022. Program begins at 6:00 pm. with dinner to follow. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front bar. Price is \$2.00 per person. The American Legion legionnaires and auxiliary will be giving out years of service pins and certificates of appreciations.

A reminder of the "Silent Auction" on April 23 2022. Set-up will be the day before. Please consider giving of your time, efforts and donations for this fundraiser.

We will be having monthly meetings on the "Murder Mystery Dinner " being planned for September. This event takes a lot of planning and execution to put this on. Please consider volunteering to help with this event. Any questions, please contact Michelle Koenigsmann. Thank you.

Thought of the month:

Life is an echo. What you send out, comes back. What you sow, you reap. What you give, you get. What you see in others, exists in you. Do not judge, so you will not be judged. Radiate and give love and love will come back to you.

Respectfully  
Betty Hovey  
President

**SAL**



APRIL FOOLS DAY WILL SOON BE HERE, and the Return of the Snow birds. SAL had it's smallest number ever attending its first meeting of the year March 2nd..Jim and I were happy to meet Bill Donovan and assured him there were more than two of us.

We will have our monthly meeting on Wed. 6th @ 6PM.

We will start our 2nd Wed of the month meals (April 13th) serving Tenderloin, home fried chips, slaw and Dessert for \$10.00 Your purchase helps the Sons of AMERICAN LEGION reach their Purpose to HONOR & SERVE our VETERANS Dues are only &25 dollars check or cash. made out to SAL Post 624

Remember to keep the April calendar close it is a busy month especially Saturday the 23rd MOUSE RACES< SILENT AUCTION,KITCHEN probably open as well..

-Bob Worthley 816-850-4935

**RIDERS**



Spring has sprung which in turn we will be having an increased amount of motorcyclists roaming the roads of our lake. Please remember to be mindful of our brothers and sisters while they ride. The Riders will continue to host 4th Friday of the month meals.

April 22nd will be Chicken and Dumplings/ salad, Fish, chips/ slaw, dessert. Come one, come all! Various plans are in the works regarding the Magic Dragon Car Show in May and of course Bike Fest. which is in September. We encourage NEW ideas to help our post and its members prosper. The Next Riders meeting is scheduled for April 13 @6pm please bring your ideas to the table so they can be heard.

Mike Collins (Tailgate), Director of the Legion Riders, has authorized us to send out information regarding his health. He was recently diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and is currently receiving various treatments that unfortunately require a hospital visit for a day or days. We ask to keep him in your prayers and phone calls to him are always welcome.

In the meantime please contact Bill Meenan, 417-350-3792, [alarms\\_01@yahoo.com](mailto:alarms_01@yahoo.com), Asst Director, with any and all concerns.

"Don't sit down and wait for opportunities to come. Get up and make them." Madam CJ Walker

C. Meenan, Secretary

*Please join us for a Celebration of Life*

*Rick Vondrachek*



*May 1948-March 2022*

*Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 @3pm*

*Lakeview Bar*

*Full Military Honors Ceremony*

*Bring your memories of Rick to share.*

*Please bring covered dish*

*Meat will be provided*



## ***SHOW-ME-THE-MONEY***

Starting April 7

6-8pm

Every Thursday night

Kitchen open 4:30-6pm



## **LEGION BIRTHDAY DINNER APRIL 9TH**

**PROGRAM BEGINS AT 6:00 PM**

**DINNER TO FOLLOW**

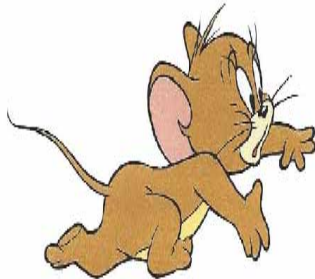
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**AT THE BAR**



# ***MOUSE RACE***

***SAT. APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> 1 PM***



***SPONSOR A MOUSE \$10.00***

***AND GIVE HIM A NAME***

***SEE BARTENDERS TO GET YOUR  
MOUSE***

***KITCHEN OPEN 12-?***

***AUX. SILENT AUCTION***

***MAIN HALL***

***12 PM-????***



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