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FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 E BOARD MEETING 6:15 GEN MEETING 7PM AUXILIARY MEETING 7PM	2 LEGION FRIED CHIX WING DINNER \$10.00 MINI PLATE \$6.00 SAL MEETING 6PM	3	4 BAR OPRN KITCHEN CLOSED	5 TURKEY SHOOT KITCHEN OPEN
6	7 BAR OPEN 2 PM	8	9 SAL BAR OPEN KITCHEN CLOSED	10	11 TABLE TOP BINGO 1PM BAR OPEN KITCHEN CLOSED	12 TURKEY SHOOT KITCHEN OPEN
13 SUPER BOWL PARTY BRING COVERED EAT AT 3 PM 50/50 DRAWING	14 BAR OPEN 2 PM	15 WARRENSBURG VA	16 BAR OPEN KITCHEN CLOSED COLUMBIA VA	17	18 BUNKO 1PM BAR OPEN KITCHEN CLOSED	19 TURKEY SHOOT KITCHEN OPEN
20	21 BAR OPEN 2 PM NEWSLETTER FOLDING 9AM NEED VOLUNTEERS PLEASE	22	23 BAR OPEN KITCHEN CLOSED	24	25 BAR OPEN KITCHEN CLOSED	26 TURKEY SHOOT KITCHEN OPEN
27	28	REMINDER OF THE MONTH BAR OPEN 2 PM KITCHEN CLOSED EXCEPT WING NIGHT FEBRUARY 13TH SUPER BOWL PARTY EAT AT 3 PM 5:30 GAME 				



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FEBRUARY 2022



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a great holiday and looking forward to the New Year at our Post!! I know many of you Snowbird over the winter months and are enjoying the warm weather somewhere. Those of us still in Missouri are enjoying our second snowfall and frigid temperatures. We will hold down the fort until you safely return. Enjoy your days in the sun!!!

As you have probably heard, our Commander, Rick Vondrachek, had open heart surgery on 20 December 2021. He is making progress everyday but both Rick and Sue, our First Lady, could use your prayers. This has been a tough road for them both.

Our Turkey Shoot continues through February. Please come out and support us on Saturdays starting around 1200 each week. We need more volunteers to make this a success. If you can help out, check in with Earl Bartley around 1100 and he will get you going.

Thanks to everyone who continues to support the bar, dinners, and other events over the winter months. You keep us going and we are ever grateful for your presence and participation. Invite your friends and lets show those folks who ran to Florida that we had a better time in Missouri!!

February 3rd marks the historic Four Chaplains Day. The **Four Chaplains**, also referred to as the "**Immortal Chaplains**" or the "**Dorchester Chaplains**", were four World War II chaplains who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American troop ship SS *Dorchester* sank on February 3, 1943. The *Dorchester* was a civilian liner converted for military service in World War II as a War Shipping Administration troop transport. She was able to carry slightly more than 900 military passengers and crew.

The ship left New York on January 23, 1943, en route to Greenland, carrying approximately 900 others, as part of a convoy of three ships escorted by Coast Guard Cutters *Tampa*, *Escanaba*, and *Comanche*. During the early morning hours of February 3 the vessel was torpedoed by the German submarine U-223 off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. The chaplains helped the other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. The impact of the chaplains story was deep, with many memorials and coverage in the media. Each of the four chaplains was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. The chaplains were nominated for the Medal of Honor, but were found ineligible as they had not engaged in combat with the enemy. Instead, Congress created a medal for them, with the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor. Let us remember these heroes who sacrificed all for their fellow man and the Nation!! From the officers and staff of Post 624, have a great February!!

John Seward Acting Commander



I hope this February article finds everyone healthy and looking forward to spring. In our January meeting, the e-board discussed fundraising ideas. They came up with some different and exciting ideas. We are so fortunate to have members that do whatever they can to make our fundraising event successful.

March is just around the corner and that means that the auxiliary will begin serving meals. With that said, I would like to remind everyone of the following cost adjustment will be made. Meals that were previously \$8.00 will now be \$9.00 and specialty meals will be priced accordingly. We will also adjust serving meal time from 5 o'clock to 6:30. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the kitchen for the auxiliary, please contact Susann Huff.

A few months ago at an e-board meeting, Susann Huff requested that the auxiliary pay to have a new floor installed in the kitchen. The board agreed (depending on price) and the process began. The house committee started by getting price quotes and talking to the legion e-board. So, with all of that said, you can imagine our surprise and pleasure when the legion came into our January e-board meeting to thank the auxiliary members for all that they do for the legion and then announced that the legion will be paying for a new kitchen floor. They are hoping to have that done in February. I can't thank the legionnaires enough for this surprise.

Unfortunately we did drape the charter in the January meeting for Glenda Brown (Barbara Gatewood's sister) who passed away. Sending prayers and condolences to the family. Please continue to send prayers and positive thoughts to our American Legion Commander Rick Vondrachek for a speedy recovery.

Thought for the month:
Don't wait for things to get easier, simpler or better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now. Otherwise, you'll run out of time.

Respectfully,
Betty Hovey
President

SAL



SAL will hold its first meeting of 2022 on March 1, 2022;

We will plan on resuming our second Wed. of the month meals in APRIL

Please remember it is through these meals we raise funds to keep our post open as a way to HONOR & SERVE OUR VETERANS.

Bob Worthley





ANNUAL SUPERBOWL PARTY

SUNDAY FEB. 13th 2022

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