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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is available
to view on our website

Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are held every
Thursday in the Gladstone
Community Center at 1900
Hrs. (7 PM)

20 July 2017
(Special Time and Location
– See **I&I**)
17 August 2017
21 September 2017

New Members

Welcome Robert Harper,
Rodney Rueter, David
Bowman, Kenneth Jamison
and Jim Thomsen!!!

Commander (elect) Says:

Thank you one and all for
the outstanding activities
over the last quarter! We
managed to get Boys State
out the door in April; in
May we had Eleven
members and six family
members at the Elks
Scholarship breakfast,
School Awards at Antioch
Middle School for two
students were presented,
our Honor Guard did a flag
folding demonstration at
Linden Woods Village for
their patriot day, we fluffed
Poppies with the residents
of Heritage Village, had the
big Armed Forces Day
events around town, raised
money for our VA&R
programs with a Poppy
Donation Day at Walmart;
in June our Honor Guard
opened up Bluesfest and our
Volunteer Team kept it
going smoothly, a volunteer
also helped out at the kids

triathlon and four of our
members visited the
students attending Missouri
Boys State.

Well Done People, Well
Done!

I&I Ceremony

20 July 2017, 1830 Hrs.

We will again hold our I&I
at Post 61, 5125 N. Bellaire,
KCMO 64119. Spouses are
encouraged to participate.

The guest speaker is Past
Department Commander
Marvin Harper speaking
about Boys State. That will
be followed by initiation of
new members, induction of
new officers and awards,
followed by a meal.

This is a potluck dinner
with the Post supplying the
meat, please bring a side or

desert. – **RSVP** to Phyllis Rosales, #'s in header.

Congratulations

To our newly elected and re-elected officers;

CDR. Douglas Millison
ADJ. Phyllis Rosales
Vice CDR. Douglas Robker
Finance Off. RD Mallams
Chap. Craig Lantz
SGT at Arms Gaila Sullivan
Historian Douglas Millison
J.A. Bob Box

And our Executive Committee;

Chair CDR Millison
Finance Off. Mallams
1. Phyllis Rosales
2. Douglas Robker
3. Tara Robertson
4. Kim Murch

All Past Commanders are members of the Exec when in attendance.

Membership

It's that time of year again, renewal reminders will be coming out in the mail, and in a couple of months our membership team will start making their phone calls.

Do us a favor, renew EARLY! It costs us so

much time and expense to chase down the 20% who wait until the end of the year (or later) to renew. The membership you are paying for goes from 1 January to 31 December regardless of when you pay your dues!

Historian

I just completed our annual Post Consolidated Report (CPR) which every Post is required to do for National. Department and National use these numbers when giving their annual report to Congress as required by our Charter. Here's a peak;

VA Volunteer Hours 1,052,
5 VAVS Volunteers, 7
Community Events, 5
Newspaper stories, 6,629
Hours of Community
Service, 35 Hours credited
to Children & Youth
activities, 40 Funerals
conducted by the Honor
Guard.

Honor Guard

**“Trying Our Best, 100%
of the Time”**

**By
C. Joe Farris, Captain**

I have the best “job” in the Post! As Captain of the Honor Guard I get to work

with seven of the most dedicated Legionnaires on a weekly basis, namely Doug Millison, Nelson Duncan, Jerry Braton, Bill McDonald, Dan Lester, Kim Murch and Jim Tucker. These guys know that when I am calling it usually means they are going to be making some adjustments to their calendar for that week so that we can honor a fellow veteran by performing “Military Honors” at his or her funeral. I am proud to report that since the first of this year, when I get the calls from Jefferson City they have told me several times that the funeral director specifically asked for Post 626.

Since January 1 of this year we have answered the call 24 times and since July 30th of last year, 41 times.

The Missouri Military Funeral Honors Program (MMFHP) started July 1, 1999. From that date until July 31, 2015 (just two years ago) 137,020 military funerals have been conducted by the MMFHP. 787 per month, 26 per day! Here is the breakdown by service branch:

54% - Army
21% - Navy

14% - Air Force
8% - Marines
1.8% - Army Air Force
1.0% - Coast Guard
1.0% - Merchant Marine
(Source: Missouri
Army/Air Force National
Guard)

Please consider joining us!
If you have any questions
about the Honor Guard just
call me at **(816) 536-2713**.
Any member of the Honor
Guard will tell you that you
will get more out of it than
you put into it. Or email me
if you like
cfarris4@kc.rr.com

VA&R

VA pension is a needs-
based benefit for wartime
Veterans with limited or no
income who are age 65 or
older. Those who have a
permanent and total non-
service-connected
disability may also qualify.
In addition, Veterans who
are housebound or require
an aid to perform daily
activities may qualify for
pension at an increased
rate. There is also a
survivor's pension for the
spouse of a deceased
wartime Veteran.

Visit Explore.VA.gov to
learn more.

Taps

It is my sad duty to report
that the following
Legionnaires have been
transferred to Post
Everlasting:

Irvin L. Magee (Army),
Floyd R. Atkins (Army),
Donald D. Kindler (Army)
and Thomas A. Parr
(Airforce).

Upcoming Events

4 July, Button Sales at
Walmart. This is one of our
major fundraising events of
the year. If you can spare 4
hours contact Phyllis
Rosales, #'s in header.

13 – 16 July, Department
Convention, Jefferson City.

18 – 24 August, National
Convention, Reno NV.

Tentative 11 September,
Button Sales at Walmart.

28 Sep – 1 Oct, Gladfest.
We usually have a float in
the parade, and last year we
led it with the color guard.
Everyone is welcome to
come out and ride/walk
with us!

20 – 22 October, Fall
Conference, Jefferson City.

28 Oct – 3 Nov, National
American Legion College,
Indianapolis IN.

TBD November, Poppy
Fluffing at Linden Woods
Village, Poppy Donation
Day at Walmart,
Pizza/Bingo Party at the
Missouri Veterans Home in
Cameron MO.

TBD December, End of
Year Party.

The Past Quarters Photo's



Members attend Elks Scholarship
Breakfast



Members conduct Poppy fluffing at
Heritage Village



Honor Guard opens Bluesfest

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editing. (email in header)