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Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are held every 3rd
Thursday in the Gladstone
Community Center, 6901
N Holmes St., at 1900 Hrs.
(7 PM)

19 October 2017
16 November 2017
21 December 2017 at Post
61 for the End of Year
Party

New Members

Welcome Terrance Weeks

(He was in Boy Scouts
with Benny Herrick)

Commander Says:

Thank you everyone for the
outstanding activities over
the last quarter!

In July our Honor Guard
represented the Post when
opening a National
Women’s Soccer League
game by presenting the
colors during the National
Anthum. If you didn’t
make the annual Initiation
and Induction ceremony,
too bad on ya. It was a
great time mingling with
our Legion Family and
recognizing new and
“seasoned” Legionnaire
alike. Legionnaire George
Nicholson was presented
with a patriotic quilt by the
Antioch Branch (MCPL)
Quilters. He was chosen
because of his 63 years as a
member of The American

Legion. We also
recognized departing
officers, our membership
team, new members and
members who achieved
their 5-year anniversaries
in the Legion.

August started out with
Volunteers assisting the
NKC School District with
their “Stuff the Bus” event
at Walmart on 4 and 5
August. Thank you Robker,
Robertson, Thompson and
Sullivan (and myself) for
assisting in the collection
of 112 boxes of school
supplies and over \$400 in
cash donations.

We were also contacted by
the Coach of a local
travelling ball team who
wanted us to sponsor his
team in The American
Legion Baseball Program.
His proposal was brought
to the Executive
Committee and the
membership and was

accepted. We are now the sponsors of an American Legion Baseball Team, the J&J Owls! Current schedule is attached to this newsletter, and a page will be created on our website. Please come out and support the team!

HG has been active with funerals and visits to retirement communities in Aug and Sep, and freedom fest, representing the Post in high fashion.

Well Done People, Well Done!

This is an active Post. We have lots of things going on throughout the year, and a place for everybody. There are no cliques here. If you want to be involved you can. If you don't know what you can do, ask me and we'll have a conversation about your activities, occupation, hobbies, whatever, there is a place for you!

Honor Guard is very active and would appreciate the formation of a color guard to counter some of the conflicts with funerals that happen. And coming up in just the next few months we have Oratorical Competition, Boys State, Girls State activities, the

December party, Poppy Donation Day, Veterans Day, Wreathes Across America and then it will be time to start planning for Armed Forces and Memorial Days.

Come on out and get active with us!

Our annual end of year Party will be held on Dec 21st at Post 61, 5125 N Bellaire Ave. (No monthly membership Meeting) PLEASE come and enjoy some comradery with your fellow Legionnaires. No speeches or awards, just fun. It's potluck with the Post providing the meat, just bring a side or desert. Please RSVP with Gaila Sullivan at 816-436-5860 or sulli819@hotmail.com.

See you there!

Adjutants Notes

Phyllis Rosales

If you have submitted your membership payment and you get a notice of non-payment in the mail, don't be alarmed...they have crossed in the mail.

Congratulations

To Joe Farris, our Honor Guard Captain was awarded the Post Distinguished Legionnaire Award at the I&I Ceremony for all of his hard work with the Honor Guard.

Membership

Douglas Robker

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

One thing we have noticed is that some of the reminders coming out as early as July have a somewhat threatening tone making one think that their membership is in jeopardy if not renewed immediately. We would like to apologize for that and the Commander will be bringing that up at Fall Conference. All renewals are not due until December and past-due in January, but...

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

Douglas Millison

Our Yearbooks and all Newsletters since I started this job are available at www.al626mo.com.

I am always looking for pictures of past Post activities, so if you come across anything please share it!

If you would like a Department Centennial Coin or Pin I have them at every meeting. \$8 and \$5 respectively.

VA&R

Douglas Millison

Did you know that you may be eligible for an annual clothing allowance if you use a prosthetic or orthopedic appliance and/or medication for a service connected skin condition that causes permanent damage to your outer garments?

The cut-off for this year has passed, but now you know for next year. To apply, submit (in person, by mail, or fax) [VA Form 10-8678](#), *Application for Annual Clothing Allowance*, to the Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service at your local [VA medical center](#).

Additional information on this benefit is available at <https://www.prosthetics.va.gov/psas/Clothing-Allowance.asp>.

VA's new pre-need eligibility determination program allows Veterans and their families to find out in advance if they are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. This change gives families peace of mind and helps to ease the planning process. Visit Explore.VA.gov or click the button below to explore VA benefits and learn how to apply.

Visit Explore.VA.gov to learn more.

Clay County Veterans Memorial

Phyllis Rosales & Jerry Braton

We continue to offer bricks for sale. They are \$100.00

and you have 3 lines up to 17 characters to write your perfect message! Bricks will be placed at the Veteran's Memorial, but they aren't just for Veteran's. They make awesome gifts for those people who are hard to buy for. The holidays will be upon us before you know it.

Member Contribution

Travel Tips by Russ Dubuc

As I mentioned in the April newsletter, I am a Vietnam Era Vet who happens to be a travel agent. I am always looking for specials for active duty military, veterans, retirees, police and firefighters. I mentioned Sandals, all-inclusive adult, and Beaches, family friendly resorts, plus MSC Cruises new ship, the Seascope, arriving in the US in December. These companies are offering a 10% discount to all of us.

My latest find is AMResorts. This is a management company that looks for resorts that might not be doing so well and then revitalizes them. Their success is

phenomenal. They are all over Mexico and the Caribbean. The 2 flagship names you might be familiar with are Secrets, all-adult all-inclusive, and Dreams, family friendly all-inclusive. Zoëtry is their super high-end resort. Breathless is extreme party. Now is family friendly and Sunscape is their entry level. All of these resorts are offering us that 10% discount and all have returning guest perks.

Happy Travels! - Russ

Taps

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

Owens, Robert -Airforce
Schroeder, James -Airforce

Upcoming Events

20 – 22 October, Fall Conference, Jefferson City.

21 Oct – Owls Home Games, 1100 &1300 Hrs. at Oak Park HS.

25 Oct – Poppy Fluffing at Linden Woods Village,

2901 NE 72nd St., 1430 Hrs.

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

4 Nov – Poppy Donation Day at Walmart on 72nd and Prospect. 0900 to 1500 Hrs.

10 Nov – Veterans Day at Antioch Middle School, 2100 NE 65th St., 0820 for in classroom, 0900 Hrs. for event.

11 Nov – Veterans Day, GWOT Memorial 5k at Zona Rosa, flyer attached, 0730 Hrs.

14 Nov – Bingo & Pizza at Veterans Home in Cameron, 1400 Hrs.

11 December – County Oratorical Contest, Liberty North HS, 1000 NE 104th ST., Liberty, 64068, 1900 Hrs.

16 Dec – Wreathes Across America, White Chapel Funeral Home, 6600 NE Antioch Rd., 1100 Hrs.

21 Dec – End of Year Party, Post 61, 5125 N Bellaire Ave. 1830 Hrs. until...

EVERYONE is more than welcome at any of these events! Please contact the Commander for any additional details.

The Past Quarters Photo's



Some of the membership team receiving their stars



Chowing down at the Elks fundraiser for SF research



This year's Gladfest parade float and our American Legion Baseball Team

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