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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)

- 18 Oct 2018
- 15 Nov 2018
- 20 Dec 2018 (End Of Year Party)

Reminder - Submit articles and pictures for the Newsletter by email to the Post (Subject: Newsletter) two weeks prior to Quarterly publishing. All submissions subject to editing.

Commander Says:

Time fly's!

July was jam packed with activities; a flag raising at Linden Woods Village, 3 of us attended the Department Convention, the Induction and Initiation Ceremony, and the Elks Golf Tournament that benefitted the Veterans Homes in Cameron and Warrensburg.

We slowed down a little bit in August with the dedication of Woods Memorial Garden at Antioch Middle School, presenting thank you's to Boys and Girls State sponsors, and attending the Elks Downs Syndrome Breakfast. I also had the opportunity to attend my first National Convention in Minneapolis. That one was important to me as Past Historian because it was our 100th, back in the place we had our first!

In September 3 of us attended the dedication of the area's 9/11 Memorial hosted by Post 58 up in Smithville and I attended the groundbreaking for a new Veterans Memorial in Parkville. Then we started picking up speed again getting the trailer and store ready for Gladfest in October.

No one can say this Post does not offer something for everyone. You just need to take advantage of that and attend. We do have to new members who ride motorcycles, maybe there's a Riders Chapter in our future?

New Members

Welcome to: New Legionnaire's Patrick McCraney, an Army Vet from the Lebanon/Grenada era; Donna Bierle and Raymond Barber, both Army Veteran's from the Vietnam era. Transferring in from out of State is Steve Walker, an Airforce Vet from the Lebanon Grenada era. And transferring to us from Post 1000 are Vietnam era Vets Marquis Preston (Navy) and Richard Paterson (Army), and Lebanon/Grenada Vet James Dunnam, also from the Army.

Welcome Legionnaires!

Membership

It's renewal season folks. Membership is from 1 January to 31 December each year, not from when you signed up. Renewing NOW will keep you off of our reminder call list, saving our volunteers time; and the Legions mailing reminder list, saving the Legion money.

There is a significant lag time from when you send in your renewal until your name is removed from National's mailing list so please remember to not pay twice! Our Adjutant will send you your new card when we process your renewal, keep it handy as a reminder that you have paid. It will say 2019 on it. If yours says 2018 or lower, please renew now. Send \$35 to:

Phyllis Rosales
810 NE 46th Ter.
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Because of the rising cost of doing business and dropping memberships due to attrition the Department is raising their portion of dues collected for 2020. Starting July of 2019, dues will therefore be \$40. If you had thought about a Paid Up For Life membership (PUFL), now would be the time to do that. <https://www.legion.org/membership/218274/please-consider-pufl-membership>

And finally, the dropping membership and rising dues costs can be corrected. By YOU. Find a new member and sign them up. Friends, family, people you bump in to. If you would like recruiting information send the Post an email and we will get it to you. We have roughly 240 members, if half of you get one more that would be great, if each of you got one I would be ecstatic! My personal goal every year is at least 5 new members. Sometimes that works out, sometimes it doesn't. What's YOUR goal?

CDR.

VA&R
Douglas Millison

We will be holding our semi-annual Poppy Donation Day on Sunday the 11th of November from 0900 to 1500. If you would like to help out contact me and I'll put you on the shift that works best for you (09 - 12 or 12 - 15). The more the merrier! These poppy sales fund all of our VA&R programs and donations and is a great way to get involved in the Post.

In order to get the flat poppies ready for donation day we will be having another Poppy Fluffing hour at Linden Woods Village and need 5 or 6 volunteers for that. It's a great opportunity to mingle with our senior population and hear some good stories. Email the Post if you would like to help out.

Veteran crisis line online at:

<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

You can sign up for VA Benefits update emails at:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVAVBA/subscriber/new?preferences=true>

Member Contributions

From educator Jeff Benes, Post member and teacher at Antioch Middle School

"At this point, we are moving Veterans Day ceremonies to November 12, the day after the actual date, to better accommodate. We will host a 7th grade program and an 8th grade program. The 8th grade program will start at 8 am, in the classrooms (arrival time around 745 or before), and run until approximately 930 or 10 am. The 7th grade segment will run from noon until no later than 2 pm. Students leave the building at 215, so 2 pm is a hard finish, but I fully expect we will be done by 145.

My request to the Post is this: I have sixteen classrooms to fill this year, and the time in the classroom will be approximately 40 minutes. The rest of the time will be spent in the ceremony in the auditorium. I need two groups of 16 (or more) veterans willing and able to speak to the students. Individuals may be a part of both 7th and 8th grade experiences. I am reaching out to the VFW (traditionally, they don't send many), as well as personal contacts. Any and all veterans are welcome, but preference will be given to those willing to speak to their service, why they served, and what they learned about themselves from their experience."

If you would like to help Jeff and the students out with the Veterans in the Classroom program please notify the Post and we will pass it on. The Post has participated with one program over the last couple of years and I hope you will consider keeping that up even with the added program.

It's important for the kids to be able to get a Veterans perspective, and it is also important to participate in their program to honor Veterans with a ceremony. Why think about Veterans if we don't think about them, why honor Veterans if we don't show up for them to do so? You have choices, classroom only, ceremony only, AM, PM, both, all... C'mon, get involved!

CDR.

From proud Grandpa Joe Farris



(From left to right) Lauren Knausenberger, director of Cyberspace Innovation, and 1st Lt. Jessica Farris, program manager and engineer, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Agile Combat Support Directorate, participate in a women in technology panel during the Air Force Conference, also known as AFCON, at the Pentagon, July 19. AFCON is a one-day immersion into Air Force technology, culture and operations designed for long-form storytellers who typically do not cover the military. (Air Force photo / Svetlana Bilenkina)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Talking to the media about some of the ways the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center supports warfighters, has become almost a second job for 1st Lt. Jessica Farris, a program manager and engineer in AFLCMC's Agile Combat Support Directorate.

Recently, Farris attended the Air Force Conference, also known as AFCON, at the Pentagon where she was on the 'Women in Technology' panel and spoke to the press about her work as the program manager for the Pulse/Hypoxia Observation (PHOG) team, responsible for rapidly procuring physiological monitoring sensors worn by ejection seat aircrew.

Specifically she discussed her day-to-day job and talked about the PHOG team's acquisition and tests of the SPYDR device, which is designed to alert aircrews of low oxygen in their bloodstream and allow them to take actions to prevent physiological symptoms in flight. Farris also talked about the importance of STEM and empowering young girls to be involved in STEM career fields.

<https://www.wpafb.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1590008/aflcmc-engineer-participates-in-air-force-media-day-at-pentagon/>

1LT Farris is a member of Post 626

Taps

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

WWII Veterans Edward Chapman (32-year Legionnaire), Robert Courtney (22) and Joseph Henchir (1)

KOREA Veteran Antonio Luna (18)

VIETNAM Veterans Richard Heinish (20), and Gregory King (2)

Upcoming Events

6 Oct 1000 Hrs.	Gladfest Parade	N. Oak TFWY
13 Oct 1000 Hrs.	Post Executive Committee Meeting	CDR's Residence
14 Oct 1400 Hrs.	District Meeting	Post 237, Richmond
18 Oct 1900 Hrs.	Post Membership Meeting	Community Center
22 Oct 1330 Hrs.	Poppy Fluffing	Linden Woods Village
26 to 28 Oct	Fall Conference	Jefferson City
6 Nov	Go VOTE!!!	Registered Polling location
9 Nov 1900	USO Fundraiser	Groundhog Day Theater
11 Nov 09 - 1500	Poppy Donation Day (Veterans Day)	Walmart
12 Nov 0800 Hrs.	Veterans Day Ceremony	Antioch Middle School
12 Nov 1200 Hrs.	Veterans Day Ceremony	Antioch Middle School
15 Nov 1900 Hrs.	Post Membership Meeting	Community Center
22 November	Thanksgiving	
15 Dec 1000Hrs.	Post Executive Committee Meeting	TBD
20 Dec 1800	Post End of Year Party	The Heights

More details on events will be provided as the flyers become available (USO & Party).

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

Content changes, so hold on to old Newsletters for reference!