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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Meetings

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

18 July 2019 (I&I Ceremony)
15 August 2019
19 September 2019
 (Exec's are Sat. prior at 1000)

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:

We have had an eventful quarter and I appreciate everyone's assistance!

In April we donated \$7,000 to the city for a flag pole. A nice slow start to the quarter. May was the Elks scholarship breakfast, Truman Days, St. Louis caucus centennial, an Honor Flight return, Poppy Donation Day (\$2,000 raised for this year's Veterans programs), a Memorial Day program and School Awards presented at Antioch MS. And when I was ready for a break came June with; Opening Day of American Legion Baseball, Bluesfest, receiving a Flag Day resolution from Kansas City MO., Flag Day ceremony at the Korean War Memorial in KC., visit to Cameron Veterans Home, Vietnamese Flag Ceremony and military appreciation event, Taps at the Tower, the Flagpole dedication at Hobby Hill Park (West) and the Caregivers on the Homefront's 5k walk.

You can not say that this Post isn't active. If one or more of these events sounded interesting, all you have to do is SHOW UP! We do have a member who works full time and made most of the above-mentioned events. He will be receiving this year's Legionnaire of the Year Award at the I&I later this month. Thanks Dave! And thank you to all of the others who make time to represent The American Legion!

Because of my new duties as District Commander, you will see some changes like a shorter Newsletter, no Addendums, and who knows what else. Remember, there are positions available that would make the Post run smoother, have more participation in programs, increase our membership and more. We just need your involvement for however many hours you want to donate.

There are many things we do participate in where we need HELP, but if you are not interested in those but are interested in forming an Amateur Radio Club, Youth Shooting Sports Team, sending students to the Cadet Patrol in J.C, MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN, and we'll put you folks together.

New Members

Welcome to:

NAME	BRANCH	FROM	ERA (Earliest eligibility)	
Brodie Leap	Navy	New	PG/GWOT	2 Aug 1990 - UTC
Bryan Moore	Army	New	Persian Gulf	20 Dec 1989 - 31 Jan 1990
James Edwards	Navy	New	PG/GWOT	2 Aug 1990 - UTC
Mark Guthrie	Marines	New	PG/GWOT	2 Aug 1990 - UTC
Ransom Ward	Air Force	New	Persian Gulf	20 Dec 1989 - 31 Jan 1990
Edwin Balkit	Navy	New	Vietnam	28 Feb 1961 - 7 May 1975
Armand Marinaro	Navy	Post 1000	Vietnam	28 Feb 1961 - 7 May 1975

Again, thank you all for joining us at Post 626! It's a great post, fiscally responsible, respectful, active in Veteran support, community participation and youth activities. Your support makes it so. Hooah!

Membership

An annual membership is from 1 January to 31 December of any given year and dues are now \$40. Renewal notices start going out the July prior. To keep from getting 6 renewal notices and to save the cost of printing 5 of those, please renew the first time you get one. This month. Watch for it and just get it done.

If you have a MyLegion account (available at link below) you can renew with a credit card online. You could even set up a recurring payment option and have it come out automatically every year that you keep that card open. Easy Peasy, and just think, NO renewal notices!

https://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLINTRO+webtrn=WR_INTRO+ml=LANSA:XHTML+part=tal+lang=ENG

Once you receive your new membership card you have paid for that year regardless of some renewal notice sent in error. If in doubt, instead of paying twice contact the Adjutant.

Don't like that your membership dues have gone up at National and Department? Don't want that trend to continue? Join the membership committee and help recruit new members and retain our existing members. Or, just recruit one new member! Do SOMETHING to help reverse the trend.

Filler Note

Executive Committee meetings are normally held the Saturday prior to membership meetings at the MCPL Antioch Branch at 1000 Hrs. See Events for changes.

Conference/Convention Notes

Commander

The biggest thing to come out of Fall Conference that impacts you is that the Missouri Veterans Commission is working to set up an adult day care. VERY little info on that at this point.

From Department the membership reduction is having an effect on operations. The Department is continuing to reduce operations but it was also necessary to raise their portion of the dues by \$5, which is why your dues are now \$40. Department will be losing at least one vehicle, and the quarterly newspaper will be going digital. A coupon will be available to request a paper copy for those that want one.

District Meeting Notes

Commander

I was elected District Commander and will be sworn in at Department Convention this month. If you are interested in serving on a District Committee let me know. Most are one-person committee's shuffling papers from Post to Department and are full, but I think Oratorical and possibly National Defense could use more people. But truthfully, if you have time for that why aren't you on one of our committee's?

Member Contribution

Honor Guard Report for June – 2019

Joe Farris, Captain

In the month of June, the Honor Guard performed Full Military Honors at the funerals of seven veterans and earned 80 hours of public service. In the first six months of 2019 we performed at 31 funerals earning \$3,100 for the Post treasury.

June 30th ended our first three years as an Honor Guard Certified by the MO Adjutant Generals Office. During the first three years we performed at 172 funerals, of which 169 qualified for a stipend. Thus we earned \$16,900 for the Post Treasury.

This is my final report as Captain of the Honor Guard. Beginning July 1, our Adjutant, Phyllis Rosales assumes command of the Honor Guard. Thank you, Phyllis, for stepping forward to take on another major responsibility for the Post!

I would like to recognize the following members for making the above happen:

Commander Doug Millison, Past Commander Nelson Duncan, Phyllis Rosales, Don Pind, Dan Lester, Jeb Coy, Kim Murch, Bill McDonald, David Bowman, Jim Tucker, Jerry Bratton, Steve Jacobs, Preston Marquis, Steve Walker, Billy Thompson.

I would like to add that Joe has done an OUTSTANDING job of finishing where Dan started with getting the HG back in duty. He will be missed and his hard work ethic will be hard for anyone to live up to. CDR.

Upcoming Events

6 July, Executive Committee Meeting (Moved due to convention) 1000 Hrs.

Mid-Cintinent Public Library - Antioch Branch

6060 N. Chestnut Ave. Gladstone, MO 64119

11-14 July, Dept Convention (Centennial Celebration)

Marriott St. Louis Airport, 10700 Pear Tree Lane, St. Louis MO 63134

18 July, I&I Ceremony, 1800 - 2100, seating is limited so an RSVP is required

A separate flyer with potluck information and sign-up directions follows soon

New members welcomed, new officers installed, achievements recognized, PLEASE ATTEND

Gladstone Community Center, 6901 N Holmes St, Gladstone, MO 64118

17 August, Elks Downs Syndrome Breakfast 0700 - 1100 Hrs.

Post members will meet inside at 0800

7010 N Cherry St, Kansas City, MO 64118

23-29 Aug, National Convention (Centennial Celebration) **15 July Cut-Off**

Indiana Convention Center & Lucas Oil Stadium, 100 S. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46225

24 Aug, Color Guard at Atkins Johnson Farm for 5K opening, 0800 Hrs.

4109 NE Pleasant Valley Rd., Gladstone, MO 64119

15 Sep, Centennial Brick laying ceremony, 1100 Hrs.

National WWI Museum and Memorial, 2 Memorial Dr, Kansas City, MO 64108

28 Sep, Veterans Outreach Walk, POC 2nd Vice Bowman

Happy Rock Park (West). More details as it comes closer

4-6 Oct, Gladfest

Based at Linden Square, this will include an outreach table with items for sale and our participation in the parade. More details as it comes closer.

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

Officers and Committee Chairs, this Newsletter is an excellent way to reach the 200 or so members who do not attend meetings. I encourage you to use it!!

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