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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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 view on our website

Upcoming Meetings
(NEW)

Meetings are held every 3rd
 Thursday **in the Northland Elks**
Lodge 2376, 7010 N Cherry St.,
 at 1900 Hrs. (7 PM)

- 16 Jan 2018
- 20 Feb 2018
- 19 Mar 2018

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:

Happy New Year to everyone, ready to get back to work?

Just kidding, work didn't seem to stop at all. We have been working Oratorical and aren't done there yet, Boys State has started to gear up with some fundraising and other contacts made, Honor Guard continued to render honors, we attended Wreaths Across American at White Chapel as well as Terrace Park this year, the VA&R Committee has been collecting and delivering items and donations for the KCVA and the Veterans home in Cameron as well as putting together poppy fluffing at Linden Woods Village and Poppy Donation Day at Walmart, we had members in the classrooms and in the auditorium for Antioch Middle Schools Veterans Day ceremony, and way back in October there was Gladfest, NKC Library Veteran recognition day and Fall Conference.

So, does your Post earn your membership dollars? I sure think we do. Even if you don't physically contribute your time and talents, your membership makes what the American Legion does possible. Without your dues we would have to divert funds away from our charitable works to cover our overhead expenses at Post level, same at Department level as well as not being able to have trained Service Officers across the State. And at National, no lobbying for congressional action on the Blue-Water Navy's Agent Orange claims, no monument protection decision at the Supreme Court, and much more.

For those who have joined up or renewed for 2020, THANK YOU. If you have not, if you do not have a membership card that says 2020, let's get on it. If you need help, you were laid off or furloughed, had unexpected expenses this year, whatever, contact us and we can cover you. That's a small part of what your dues does for you.

Thank You for being a Legionnaire!!

New Members

Welcome to:

Nicole Wilson	Army	New
Chad Hawkins	Army	New
Jeremy Duncan	Army	New
Gregory Vecchi	Army	Transfer (SD-0164)
Dan Aubuchon	Navy	New
Doug Fox	Airforce	Transfer (MO-0021)
Francis Jardon	Airforce	Transfer (MO-0088)
Robert Roller	Navy	Transfer (MO-1000)
Yolanda Luster	Army	New

(GO ARMY – HOOAH)

We welcome you all, and hope to get to know you in your future with us! Remember, if you see something interesting step forward. No cliques here.

Membership

Renewal reminders are going out on the 3rd of January. If your renewal was NOT processed by National before Dec 15th, you will get a renewal. If you do not know if you have already renewed or not, contact the Adjutant. The same happens again with the 12th of February being the cutoff for the 26th mailings.

The 2020 memberships take effect on January 1st. Memberships not renewed by then are delinquent. If dues are not paid by February 1st, the membership is suspended, and you do not have a vote in Post affairs. By June 30th, the membership is forfeit.

I recommend that you sign up for online renewals and if you have a credit card, make it an automatic payment. Never have to be reminded again.

Commander

Conference/Convention Notes

Commander

I attended the Fall Conference in Jefferson City last November. The Post received our 6th consecutive “Toot your Horn” award for our work to spread the word about the American Legion in Gladstone. Other than that, it was your standard awards and committee meetings.

There will NOT be any more spring conferences due to reductions in memberships which lead to budget woes. The DEC will meet on a Saturday and the Department Oratorical Contest will be held the following day. Attendees are asked to stay after for the contest and ALL members are encouraged to attend the contest to support OUR Legion programs. See upcoming events for details.

District Meeting Notes

Commander

There really wasn't anything of note at the last District Meeting. It was the first meeting for the new Commander (me) and we ran through the reports rather quickly as most activities like Boys State and Oratorical hadn't started yet.

The District Meetings schedule will change back to every 3-month rotation starting in March making it easier to track. They will also be one hour later starting in March to bring the meal closer to dinner time, and give members some more time between church and the meeting. See upcoming events for details.

The January District meeting will start with a short briefing on what you can expect if using community care in conjunction with the VA. The presenter is Lauren Jilek, Patient Relations, Partners in Primary Care, one of the recognized Urgent Care providers in the Gladstone area. Also on hand will be Brad Gibson with Advocate Health, a brokerage company owned and operated by veterans that helps veterans understand community benefits available to them. To keep the presentation short, we will not allow personal individual cases to be discussed at the meeting, but this is where you come to get the broad concepts and contacts that might help you or one of our Legionnaires later.

Media & Communications Committee

Douglas Millison – Chair

I want to first thank team member James Edwards for his assistance in putting our website back together. There is still a long way to go but he still works so it is slow going. He also has to wait for me to supply him with stuff. We'll get there.

And that brings me to; Did you know we have a website? A Facebook page also! Together with this newsletter any information you might want for yourself or to pass on to other Veterans is (or will be again soon) at your fingertips. I get asked a lot for our meeting info, phone number, email, events, just look up to page 1 or down to upcoming events. That's how I know who really reads our publications. There is also a current calendar on our website.

You can assist us in getting our story out by following our Facebook page if you are a FB member yourself, and LIKE and SHARE posts that interest you. If they interest you, they might

interest your Veteran friends. Just LIKEing doesn't show everyone what you saw. You need to please SHARE. If you don't interact with our page you will stop seeing it in your newsfeed and you WILL miss some important info. We share a lot of good info. Check it out!

<https://www.facebook.com/Post626MO/>

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Member Contribution

FYI - This is a pretty good summary of who is eligible and what it takes to get on base. Also some good links. Kim Murch

<https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/67974/commissary-military-service-exchange-mwr-access-extended-veterans-beginning-january/>

FYI - Here is what you need to know about the Real ID. And yes, there are exceptions to every rule. In my mind, the simplest and easiest way to avoid confusion is to have the Real ID symbol on your driver's license. Because I am a travel agent, I want you have as pleasant experience traveling as possible.

It's a Federal Law that by October 1, 2020, if you want to board an airplane for a domestic flight or enter a federal building, you must have a Real ID. What is it? It's a star that appears on your driver's license. How do you get one? You drop by you nearest Driver's License Bureau with the required documentation which is a passport or birth certificate, a document showing your social security number and 2 documents showing proof of residency in Missouri.

To get the Real Information on the Real ID visit, your nearest Driver's License Bureau and pick up the What You Need to Do Flier with all the necessary information or go to www.dor.mo.gov/drivers/real-id-guide.

There is a charge. Missouri is treating this as if it is a duplicate driver's license and the charge is \$12.00. For me, it was \$6.00. I don't know if that is because I'm listed as an organ donner or that I have taken my DD 214 form by the Driver's License Bureau to indicate I'm a veteran on my driver's license or both.

I stopped by my closest Driver's License Bureau in December. The clerk told me to expect my new license within 30 days. That prompted this article. I can't imagine what the wait time will be if everyone leaves this to the last minute.

Happy Travels.

Russ Dubuk, RD Travel

<http://rdtravellimited.com/>

Thank you for your input Kim and Russ. I sure wish we could get some of our other officers and Committee Chairs to participate!! Cdr.

Attachments

(Attachments are not available on the websites. Contact Post if you want a copy emailed.)

1. VAVS Board Meeting
2. VA Urgent Care Tips
3. 3rd District Meeting Schedule
4. 11 Things about the Legion Act
5. Dept. Convention Housing info
6. Primerica Jobs
7. Zone Oratorical Contest Flyer

Upcoming events are on a separate page below so you can print it and stick it to the fridge, for those that do that sort of thing.

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Upcoming Events

- 3 Jan **Renewal Reminders** mailed (The new membership year started on the 1st)
- 7 Jan **Finance Steering Committee Meeting**, 1900 Hrs., MCPL Antioch Branch
- 11 Jan **Post Executive Committee Meeting**, 1000 Hrs., MCPL Antioch Branch
- 12 Jan **District Meeting**, 1400 Hrs., Post 61, potluck meal follows
5125 N. Bellare, KC MO 64119
- 16 Jan **First Post Membership Meeting in new location**, 1900 Hrs., Elks Lodge 2376
7010 N Cherry St., Gladstone MO 64118, West (lower) entrance
- 26 Jan **Zone Oratorical Contest**, 1330 Hrs., Antioch Bible Baptist Church, 800 NE 72nd
St. Gladstone
Come out and support this Legion program just by attending!!!
- 15 Feb **Post Executive Committee Meeting**, 1000 Hrs., MCPL Antioch Branch
- 20 Feb **Post Membership Meeting**, 1900 Hrs., Elks Lodge 2376
7010 N Cherry St., Gladstone MO 64118, West (lower) entrance
- 22 Feb **Spring DEC Meeting**, 1300 Hrs. Post 152, Ashland MO
- 23 Feb **Dept. Oratorical Contest**, 1330 Hrs. Southern Boone High School, Ashland MO
- 26 Feb **Renewal Reminders** mailed. Think how much you could have saved the Legion in
printing and postage if you had renewed in July...
- 14 Mar **Post Executive Committee Meeting**, 1000 Hrs., MCPL Antioch Branch
- 19 Mar **Post Membership Meeting**, 1900 Hrs., Elks Lodge 2376
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EVERYONE is more than welcome at any of these events! Please contact the Commander for any additional details.

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