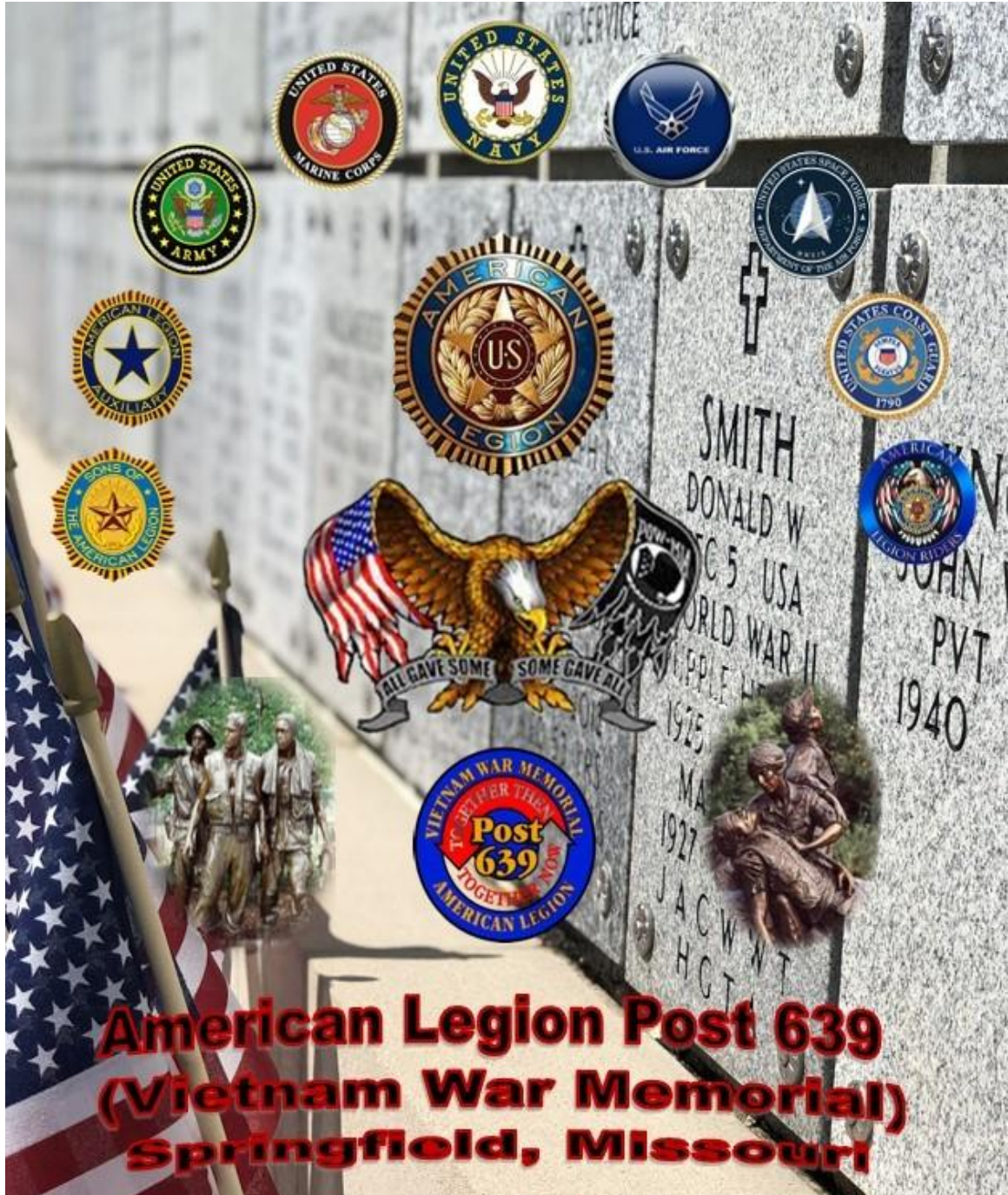


AMERICAN LEGION POST 639

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER





Post 639 Commander



Commander Mike accepting a \$1,000 donation from the Fleet Reserve Association.

Stand tall, fly your Flag and be proud.

Mike Goforth Commander, Post 639





It's cold outside! There are so many places you can donate cash, coats, gloves and shelf stable food items to those less fortunate. The Kitchen now also takes furniture to GIVE to veterans and other homeless that qualify for FREE housing. They start with nothing but some clothes and a shopping cart. 😊 Please give what you can.

The Kitchen
730 N Glenstone Ave
417-837-1500

One Door
1518 E Dale St
417-225-7499

Community Partnership of the Ozarks
330 N. Jefferson
417-888-2020 x177

Salvation Army
1707 W Chestnut Expy
417-862-5509

The 250th Navy Birthday Ball will be held at The Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in October. Date, time and more information to come!!

The DAV (Disabled American Veterans) is looking for drivers to transport veterans to doctor's appointments. The DAV has vans they use for this. The appointments are in Springfield, Branson, and Kansas City.

Belinda Brown, USN Retired, 417-306-2504 Post 639 Service Officer





The Sons are having a pulled pork dinner on Friday, 7 March at 1800. Price is \$10 – First come, first served till it is all gone. Come on out, have a good time, eat great food, and visit with the Legion family!!

Thank you for your Patriotism!

Curtis Myers, 1st Vice Commander, Post 639 SAL



We had a great turn off for our February General Meeting. Paula, Stacy, Trisha, Kelley and Tori thank you for joining us. It was great to see all of you!

We continue our Punch Board Raffle on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. along with the 50/50 drawing. We will do the Punch Board Raffle on off Bike Night Wednesdays. Our first Bike Night is in April and food service will be provided on Bike Nights by the Post 639 VSO's. We appreciate your support with our events! The funds that ALA generates from our 50/50 sells goes into our Poppy Fund. That fund allows us to financial donate to other non-profit organizations with needs that they provide to veterans, serving military men and women and their families. Help us to help them!

The March DIY class will be on Thursday, March 13th, with Crystal from Easel-y Amused. The "Paint Your Partner" event will start at 6:00 p.m. and is \$30.00 per person. There will be a Venmo link on the flyer to pre-register for the class. This class is designed for couples, besties, mother/daughter, or partners in crime. Easel-y Amused supplies everything needed, including instruction for those who are artistically challenged. You will have a fun filled amazing night as this class will not disappoint.

Our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 15th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with our traditional menu of Corned Beef, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, Irish

bread and dessert. This year we will be selling tickets to this event. Watch for our future flyer and Facebook announcement for all the details.

Reminder for those of you who have not paid your 2024-2025 membership dues, please submit it now. Membership is \$36.00 and there is a membership drop box by the VSO Office door at the Post, as well as envelopes for your convenience. Once your dues are paid and recorded you will receive your membership card from our Membership Coordinator.

May your troubles be less, your blessings be more. May nothing but happiness and the luck of the Irish come through your door

Happy St. Patrick's Day from ALA!

In the Spirit of Service, not Self

Diana Cooperider President ALA Unit 639

 *Post 639 ALR Director* 

We had a nice day on 2 February, so Ride Captain Ron got us together for a ride to the Flat Creek restaurant in Cape Fair. A good time had by all! There were numerous roadkill possums and armadillos – they can ruin a motorcyclist’s day.



Glenn Smith, Director, ALR 639

 *Post 639 Historian* 



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MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
						1 st Saturday Breakfast 08-10
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Legion General Mtg 1900 ALA Mtg 1900	50/50 Raffle		SAL Pulled Pork Dinner 1800	Sub Vets Mtg 1100
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Korean War Vets 1300	50/50 Raffle	Finance Com 1830 DIY Class 1800 (Paint your Partner)		Aux St. Pats Dinner 1800
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
ALR Mtg 1700		Aux E-Board Mtg 1830	50/50 Raffle		VFW 3404 Fish Fry 1730-1900	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	E-Board Mtg 1830 Rt 66 Car/Truck Show 1600- 1800	Dept Head Mtg 1800 SAL Mtg 1900	50/50 Raffle	Fleet Reserve Assoc 1800		
30	31					

Lunch is served daily from 1130 – 1400, Monday thru Friday



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MILITARY HISTORY IN MARCH

March 6, 1836 – The Fall of the Alamo

The Battle of the Alamo during the Texas Revolution ended with the fall of the mission complex to Mexican forces led by General Santa Anna. The 13-day siege saw the deaths of all the Texian defenders, including figures like James Bowie, William B. Travis, and Davy Crockett. The event became a rallying cry for Texian forces, with the famous slogan "Remember the Alamo!"

March 1, 1965 – Operation Rolling Thunder (U.S. Air Campaign Over North Vietnam)

The United States began its sustained bombing campaign against North Vietnam, known as Operation Rolling Thunder, in March 1965. The operation aimed to demoralize the North Vietnamese, disrupt their supply lines, and persuade them to stop supporting the insurgency in South Vietnam. However, the operation was met with mixed results and significant casualties.

March 29, 1973 – U.S. Withdrawal from Vietnam

The Paris Peace Accords were signed in January 1973, but the formal withdrawal of U.S. combat forces from Vietnam was completed by March 29. This marked the end of direct American military involvement in the Vietnam War, although the war continued between North and South Vietnam until the fall of Saigon in 1975

March 19, 2003 – Invasion of Iraq

The United States, alongside a coalition of forces, launched the invasion of Iraq on March 19, 2003. The operation, known as "Operation Iraqi Freedom," aimed to dismantle Saddam Hussein's regime and eliminate weapons of mass destruction (WMDs), although no such weapons were found. The invasion led to a prolonged conflict and instability in the region.



Chief Master Sgt. Roger Towberman displays his insignia during a presentation of the United States Space Force flag in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)



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Sunday Noon - 6PM