

Vietnam War Memorial

September 2019

# American Legion Post 639



## COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

People often ask me, "What does the Legion do?" Usually, I talk about the four pillars of the American Legion, which are: 1) Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; 2) National Security; 3) Americanism; and 4) Children and Youth. I tell people about the dinners, the fellowship, and the events and activities we have at our Post, like the Job Fair, Queen of Hearts, and the Will Workshop.

Yesterday, I realized none of that is true. "The Legion" exists through a set of papers filed at the Secretary of State's office. They just sit there, not doing much.

But The Legion, and our Post, is really our Members. You, the people who get and read this newsletter, do it all. You make the dinners, serve the veterans, pick up the trash, send kids to Boys' State, set up and run the Queen of Hearts, work the Job Fair, do the work to bring the Traveling Wall, cook lunch every weekday, cook breakfasts, captain and run the Rides we do, maintain the building, change the light bulbs, fix broken equipment, take care of our flags, tend our grounds and gardens, run the raffles, count the money, pay our bills, account for our funds, fix the game machines, make food for our special events, arrange the artifacts and art on the walls, paint the barstools, run the ceremonies, pay our bartenders, hire our staff and contractors. Everything we do at our Post is done by our Members, and our Ladies Auxiliary and Sons (and a great group of friends who volunteer, too).

I knew this before, but here was the light-bulb moment:

A guy who doesn't come around too often complained to me that the Legion doesn't do anything. I realized what he was telling me is that HE doesn't do anything. He expects that "someone else" will carry his load, and he's unhappy that they aren't doing what he would do if he was actually willing to help, which he isn't. "The Legion" is You. We can only accomplish our mission with your support, involvement, planning, and work.

Not everyone has to give 40 hours a week or a month or a year. Just being part of the camaraderie is important. Having a place vets can go at 11:00 a.m. every day is an important part of our mission, and it wouldn't be possible without our regulars.

Fortunately, we have a ton of good people working hard daily toward our goals. And if you want your Legion to do something, please come down, or call me (417-827-9282) and I will help you get headed in the right direction.

Darin Hargis



## CHAPLAIN

On August 25 the remembrance of life for Bill Maxheimer was at the Post and several family members and friends and showed their respect to Bill for being his friend. if you didn't come you missed the good friendship. I cook breakfast on the 3rd sat each month for and many of you don't come to eat. Well you miss out and

if you continue to miss out on sat. breakfast you will never enjoy the fellowship of your post friends and family. So please make an effort to come for Sat. breakfast from time to time. All for now ,and as always I will keep the Post and it's members in my Prays.

**Chaplain Rex Krasche**



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## FINANCE

In recent months, we have experienced increasing revenues, due primarily to our Missouri Lottery machines and the Queen of Hearts game.

We are seeing several Pull Tab players keeping our 6 machines active and on Wednesdays, the Queen of Hearts game is producing additional revenue for raffle tickets purchased and increased food and beverage sales.

Our savings account has increased by a respectable amount as a result of these activities of the past few months.

We have also received some commitments from supporters to donate to the Vietnam War Memorial Wall return in July 2020. Those contributions have not yet been received, but the Wall will not be here for nearly a year.

Recently, your Finance Officer was at Lloyd's Cleaners on Golden getting his Post shirt cleaned and the person serving him asked where the American Legion was. Responding that it is just over on Scenic reminded the server that she had been there to see the Vietnam Memorial Wall and she remembered where Post 639 is. She also said she had a friend whose son's name is on the Wall and that was the reason she visited it. I told her the wall will be back in July 2020 and she should let her friend know. NOW is the time to START ADVERTISING THE WALL RETURN.

As always, Post activities are planned and executed by VOLUNTEERS. Come on out and be a member of the VOLUNTEER teams for various events and help us to conduct various activities and generate funds to carry out our mission of helping VETERANS in need.

**Gary Bockman**

## LADIES AUXILLARY

I take great pride and excitement in becoming the new Ladies Auxiliary President. What an amazing group of Ladies. We have started off the year with the Pups and Picnic. Gail Willey brought her new Birthday present Frito a Chihuahua mix. She even demonstrated dog paddling in one of the pools. Mary and John Foss brought Sammy who was the most well- behaved little female I had ever seen. She walked all around and when was called to return came right back. Everyone could pet her and she loved the attention. Larry and I brought Cooper a long- haired Doxy and Rusty a Shih T-Zu. They sat in their stroller and observed. Thank s to Susanne Igou for helping set up the food and drinks.

I'd like to thank Gail, Marsha and Suzanne for baking for Friday nights and Gail W. for selling. Thank you to all the consumers of all the fine desserts and donations. We had a donation of \$100.00 thank you to whomever was so generous.

Thank you to all who participated in the Drug Awareness, Diana. Terra, Vonnie, Suzanne and Paula. If I missed anyone my apologies. Please let me know. Thank for your continuing Dedication. I know well have a wonderful year.

**Janey Tuck**  
**Ladies Auxillary President**  
**Unit 639**

## MON SEP 2—LABOR DAY/VJ DAY

## WED SEP 11—PATRIOT DAY

## MON SEP 23—FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN



## PIZZA SALES

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Section 4. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before February First, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February First, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June thirteenth of such year, his membership in The American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Post and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs.

Provided, however, that the Posts, Departments and the National Organization may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service.

**IS YOUR ADDRESS  
CORRECT?**

**Ronald McDonald House  
Wish List is Posted through-  
out the Post. If you can help  
please do so. Thanks in ad-  
vance...submitted by JoLe-  
na.**

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

A year has passed as your ALR director, and guess what folks? I'm happy to say, I'm going to be with you for another year.

ALR Officers for 2019-2020 are

- Director- Marsha Crom (Left)
- Asst. Director- Lenny Buis (6th from Left)
- Secretary/Historian - Jim "Skippy" Cooper (4th from Left)
- Treasurer- Ron Jackson (5th from Left)
- Sgt. at Arms/ Ride Coordinator- Larry Tuck (3rd from Left)
- Membership- Vonnie Buis (2nd from Left)
- Judge Advocate/ Chaplain- Will Ogden (7th from Left)

Many have asked ....?? Who are The American Legion Riders? The American Legion Riders are a diverse group of motorcycle enthusiasts, sharing common goals. All are members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or The Sons of the American Legion. All are united by Patriotism. Come join us, and let's make this year, "Our Year to Remember". Meetings are on the third Sunday of each month at 6 pm.

This month has been busy for most of us. The route 66 festival and poker run, kitchen activities, and Queen of Hearts game. You gotta come out and enjoy the excitement of the Queen of Hearts game on Wednesday evening. A big "Thank You " for making this event a success for our post.

I have been busy planning a Celebration of Life event, for our friend Bill Maxheimer, on August 25, from 2-5 pm, with ALR serving a dinner at 5 pm.

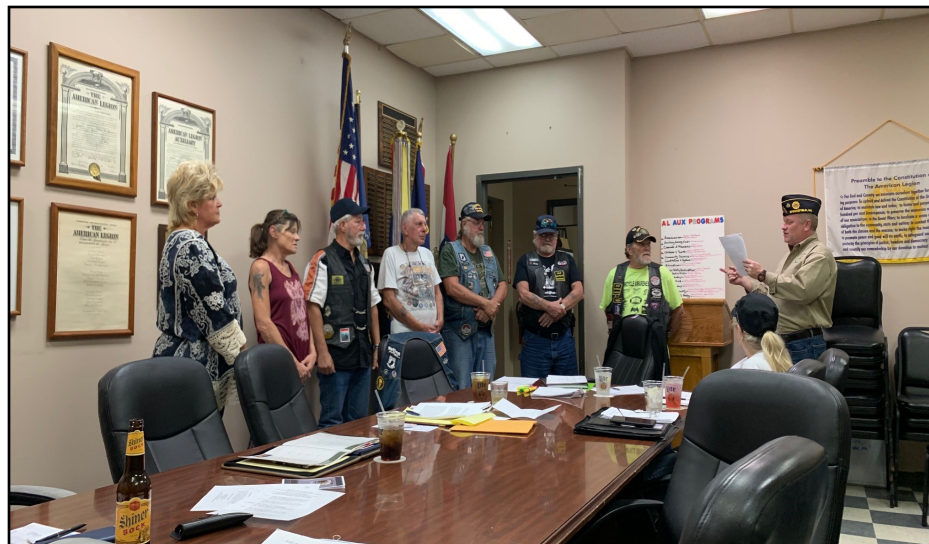
ALR is accepting donations for a marble bench, to be placed near the motorcycle parking area, in memory of Bill. Donations can be placed in an envelope, "Attn: Ron Jackson", and left with the bartenders.

September 20th, we will be hosting a spaghetti dinner, for any riders planning on going on the Missouri Vietnam Memorial Wall run to Perryville, Mo. On September 21st., the riders will be departing from the lot at Sunshine and West Bypass, Kick Stands up at 08:00. Further information on this run is on Facebook at, "Missouri Vietnam Wall Run 2019".

On September 14, Ride Coordinator Larry Tuck, will lead us to 'Undercliff' Restaurant, in Tipton Ford, Mo. KSU is 09:00.

Larry has many years with ALR, and I'm very excited for him to share his knowledge of the Ozarks with our riders.

Until next month,  
Ride safe--Look Twice, and  
Enjoy the Wind Therapy,  
**Marsha Crom**  
**ALR Director**



Post Commander Darin Hargis (Right) swearing in New ALR Officers

## POST ACTIVITIES



Elvis Tribute (August 17th)—Handing out scarf to the woman. Picture by Larry Mcgauley



2019-2020 Post 639 Officers took oath August 6th. **Front Row** left to right—Darin Hargis (Commander), Mary Jedzinek (Member at Large), Ed Fox (Member at Large), Adam Jameson (Member at Large), Jim Cooper (Historian/Editor), Tom Newson (Adjutant) **Back Row** left to right—Ron Jackson (Sgt at Arms/Grounds), Justin Adamson (1st Vice), Nolan Moody (2nd Vice), Gary Bockman (Finance), George Wright (Service Officer), and Rex Kraske (Chaplin)

# September 2019

Breakfast

8-10 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 SEP	02 SEP	03 SEP LEGION & AUX GENERAL MEETING DINNER 6PM MEETING 7PM	04 SEP WINGS  QUEEN OF HEARTS 	05 SEP	06 SEP  DINNER 6-8PM	07 SEP
08 SEP	09 SEP	10 SEP  SAL MEETING 6:30PM  KWVA MEETING 1PM	11 SEP  QUEEN OF HEARTS 	12 SEP	13 SEP  DINNER 6-8PM	14 SEP  SUB VETS MEETING 11 A.M.  WALL SCAVANG- ER HUNT
15 SEP ALR MEETING 6PM	16 SEP	17 SEP	18 SEP  QUEEN OF HEARTS 	19 SEP  CVMA MEETING 7PM	20 SEP  NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 8AM  DINNER 6-8PM	21 SEP
22 SEP	23 SEP  LADIES EBOARD	24 SEP <u>E-BOARD</u> <u>MEETING</u> 6:30PM  <u>NEWSLETTER</u> <u>TEAM</u> 12 NOON	25 SEP  QUEEN OF HEARTS 	26 SEP  FLEET RESERVE MEETING 6PM	27 SEP  DINNER 6-8PM	28 SEP
29 SEP	30 SEP	01 OCT LEGION & AUX GENERAL MEET- ING  DINNER 6PM (SONS) MEETING 7PM	02 OCT  QUEEN OF HEARTS 	03 OCT	04 OCT  DINNER 6-8PM	05 OCT
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