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APRIL 4th General Meeting Vote on making Post **Non-Smoking**. All Legionnaires attend to Vote



Legion Family,

April is an exciting month at the lake. Fish are coming out of hibernation, grass turning green, trees are budding. All is revitalizing, including Post 624. Cleaning and a fresh coat of paint to the kitchen and main bar are complete (with some décor yet to be put up). Snowbirds are returning, bar is filling up, entertainment is coming back in... and part-timers are starting to come in for the weekends.

Our January resolutions were to repair the kitchen floor- check. Paint the main bar- check. Bump up recruiting- check. Upgrade Wi-Fi- check, upgrade our website- check and mate. I need to take a moment to thank all of you for your support, patience and acceptance of my decision making regarding the Post, not all are flawless, but I'm doing my best. For those that did the work, more of you than I can mention, my praise and admiration to you. Pat their backs, buy them a drink, they earned it, and so much more.

As we finish the "Patriots Bar" and ready it for rededication, we are starting work on the meeting room and back bar. The Hero's wall has been TEMPORARILY taken down to resize the pictures to 5x7 for adding more Hero's. Mark Schnoebelen donated the cost of the picture reduction and frames, John Seward and team are removing and replacing the pictures.

The April meeting will be a long night as we will have two guest speakers. 6:15 is the Executive Board. Wet Website Design will be there at 6:30 to present our new website, 7:00 Patty, the Lauri Care Center Director, will share the new safety directives and volunteer opportunities at Lauri Care Center. Once those are complete, we will take a short break then shut the doors and conduct the General meeting.

We have a big vote coming up at the General meeting, April 4th, on whether to go Non-Smoking. It was motioned and tabled until April, at the March meeting, to enable word to get out. I encourage ALL members to be at the meeting to have your voices heard. We will have a silent vote, but you MUST have your 2023 membership card with you to be eligible for discussion and vote on the subject. We will also start nominations for new officers.

Upcoming Big Events: 4/6 Show-Me starts!! Everybody seems to be anticipating this! 4/15 Legion B-Day Celebration. Come join us! Can't beat the dinner price!! 4/22 Dogwood Parade-Camdenton. First time (to everyone I've talked to) that the American Legion has been in it! Come show your support! 4/29 Mouse Races and Silent Auction. If you haven't been to this... WOW!! are you missing out!

5/13 Legion Olympics, this will be a competition with various fun games between the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Son's of the Legion and Riders. I don't have a complete list of games yet, but my only rule was "no broken hips." So, they will all be safe... physically. Come and participate or cheer your team on!

Until next month, remember yesterday is only good for learning, not living.

Austin Teel

Commander Post 62



It's a great feeling knowing that flowers and sunshine have started making an appearance. Also want to welcome back our snowbirds.

The American Legion birthday dinner will be April 15, 2023. Program will begin at 6:00 with dinner to follow. There is a sign-up sheet at the front bar. Price is \$2.00 per person. The auxiliary will be giving years of service pins and certificates of appreciation. Please plan on attending this event.

Also want to remind everyone of the "Silent Auction" fundraiser on April 29, 2023, starting at 11:00. Please consider giving of your time and donations for this fundraiser. The legionnaires will be having their "Mouse Races" fundraiser in the front bar area, as well. Hopefully we will have a great turnout for these events.

Nominations for officer positions will begin at the April 4th meeting. We will do nominations in April, May and June. This is the period of time that all auxiliary members can express an interest to fill an official position. The election for these positions will be named in the July meeting. Installation of officers will be prior to the August meeting. I hope that all auxiliary members give serious thought to volunteering to fill the different positions.

Thought of the month:

Words are so powerful.

They can shame a soul or liberate it.

They can shatter a dream or energize them.

They can obstruct connectivity or invite it.

They can create defenses or melt them.

We have to use words wisely.

Respectfully

Betty Hoovey

President

Riders Director



SAL April news:

SAL held the first meeting of the year on March 1. SAL will serve their first Wednesday dinner of 2023 on April 12, baked chicken and sides. Any SAL members are encouraged to assist in serving. Report to kitchen at 3:45PM. The April meeting will be held April 5 at 6:30 PM. If you need to renew your membership or become a new member for 2023 fee is \$25. See October 2022 newsletter for details on renewals. Remember that without members participating there will be no SAL.

Jim Mellody

Commander

HOME OF THE
LAKE THUNDER RIDERS

CHAPTER 624



April Flowers are blooming, trees are budding and great changes are occurring at our legion, right before our eyes.

Your American Legion Lake Thunder Riders are actively participating in a variety of parades, cooking meals, and let's not forget the selling of the raffle tickets for a beautiful Python, .357mag revolver and a Mossberg Patriot 308 Bolt Action Center Fire with a scope. All the while supporting our Veterans, our community and our post.

Won't you help support our post too?

Lastly please remember that nominations for officer positions now begin for elections in June. If You nominate someone, that person must be present and accept said nomination.

Please be safe and on the lookout as the weather warms and more motorcyclists are enjoying the wind thru their hair and the peace and serenity that the open road provides. Thank You for all you do and keep the rubber side down

Bill Meenan

Riders Director

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Judge Advocate	Jim Morton	573-374-3013
Chaplain	Ted Cone	573-480-2854
Historian	Ray Lacroix	303-263-8592
Service Officer	George Wallace	573-374-2691
Sgt-at Arms	Brad Deters	573-789-9876
Asst. Sgt-at Arms	Tom Boyce	573-723-0222
Public Relation	Mike Koenigsman	402-740-7649

LEGION EXECUTIVE BOARD

Jim Morton	573-374-3013
Dale Hanke	402-660-0025
Ron Spry	402-699-6852
Mark Schnoebelen	573-280-3252
John Seward	573-480-0329

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

Commander	Jim Mellody	913-269-3375
1st Vice	Paul Hendersen	618-514-8202
2nd Vice	Tyler Scrivener	573-505-1495
Adjutant	Jim Mellody	913-269-3375
Chaplain	Matt Laughlin	
Finance Officer	Joe Brunk	
Sgt-at Arms	Jim Ray	573-216-1439

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President	Betty Hovey	573-216-2305
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2nd Vice	Susann Huff	573-216-9358
Secretary	Cathy Blamy	314-307-0465
Treasurer	Deborah Schnoebelen	573-216-1294
Chaplain	Shirley Dull	573-374-1912
Historian	Linda Loafman	573-353-3512
Membership	Michelle Koenigsman	402-657-6005
Sgt-at Arms	Jessica Simpson	573-692-0052
Asst. Sgt-at Arms	Jane Boyce	573-286-8507

AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE BOARD

Lisa Seward	573-480-6656
Donna Engelbert	573-216-4230
Sheila Spry	573-410-2775

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

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Secretary	Chris Meenan	573-999-3281
Treasurer	Clara Clarke	573-480-2587
Historian	Terry Roesner	816-520-6902
Sgt.-at Arms	Lance Cartwright	417-298-6272
Chaplain	Ted Cone	573-480-2854
Judge Advocate	Mike Koenigsman	402-740-7649
Road Captain	Kelly Preator	573-552-5575

May 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Nascar Sunday w Drink Specials	1 Shuffelboard 3pm	2 Eboard Meeting 615pm Gen Meeting 7pm Aux Meeting 7pm	3 Legionairs Wing Night 5-630pm SAL Meeting 630pm OK Shuffelboard 5pm	4 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm National Day of Prayer	5 Fishing Tournament Dinner Back Bar AUX Open Faced Roast Beef or Fried Fish	6 Fishing Tournament Fish fry Open to Public
7 Nascar Sunday w Drink Specials	8 Shuffelboard 3pm	9 Kitchen Meeting 2 pm Calendar Meefing 3 pm	10 Sons Dinner TBA 5-630pm ALR Meeting 630pm OK Shuffelboard 5pm	11 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	12 Auxiliary Spagetti Dinner or Fried Fish Music Fender Benders 5-8pm	13 Field Day 8-12 Lunch 12-1 Post Olympics 1p 3p
14 Nascar Sunday w Drink Specials	15 Shuffelboard 3pm Deadline Newsletter	16	17 OK Shuffelboard 5pm ALR Mexican Night 6-630pm Youngsters Meeting 630pm	18 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	19 Legionairs Dinner TBA 5-630	20 3rd Annual Spring Craft Show & Car Show 9a - 4p
21 Nascar Sunday w Drink Specials	22 Folding Newsletter 9am Shuffelboard 3pm	23	24 OK Shuffelboard 5pm AUX Hamburger Night 5-630pm	25 Start of POPPY Drive Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	26 POPPY Drive ALR Shrimp Dinner or Fried Fish w Corn & Potatoe 5-630pm Music LOCKHART'S 630- 930pm	27 Last Day of POPPY Drive
28 Memorial Breakfast Prep	29 Memorial Day Breakfast 8-1030 Ceremony 11am Bakesale 8-11 Shuffelboard 3pm	30	31 OK Shuffelboard 5pm Auxiliary Dinner TBA 5-630pm	1 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	2	3
4	5	Notes & Events May 11-13 Ozark Bike Rally Post Olympics subject to change Every 2nd Friday Tabletop Bingo at 1 pm in the LakeView Bar (Back Bar) Every 3rd Fridy Bunco at 1pm in the Lake View Bar MAY 26th Music by <i>The LOCKHART'S</i>				

Missouri War Medallion Program

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — The state of Missouri is seeking to highlight the sacrifices of active-duty service members, veterans, retirees and the deceased who participated in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

According to Sylvia Bennett, program director for the Missouri National Guard Veterans Recognition Office, the Missouri Veterans Recognition War Medallion Program honors Missourians who served on active duty during the periods:

- Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 (WWII);
- June 6, 1944 to Sept. 30, 1944 and participated in the Battle of Normandy (Jubilee of Liberty);
- June 27, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 (Korea);
- Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam);
- Aug. 7, 1990 to June 7, 1991 (Desert Shield and Desert Storm);
- March 19, 2003 to Dec. 15, 2011 (Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn).

Service members did not have to be stationed overseas during the time periods mentioned to receive awards; only one award per conflict will be presented to an individual.

Anyone who is a legal resident of Missouri at the time of application; was a legal resident of Missouri upon entering or discharge from military service, or at the time of death; or served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard, regardless of ever being a legal resident of Missouri may apply as long as the

service was classified as honorable — anyone still serving may also apply as long as they serve in an honorable status, Bennett said.

Additionally, any spouse or eldest-living survivor of a service member who meets eligibility requirements but died prior to applying is entitled to recognition.

Those to be recognized receive a medal, medallion, certificate and letters from the Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard, the Secretary of State and the Governor.

The application can be found by visiting
<https://www.moguard.ngb.mil/resources/veteran-awards>.

Documentation of service is a requirement as is the Social Security Number of the service member. Some acceptable forms include a DD Form 214: Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty; DA Form 2-1: Personnel Qualification Record; induction or discharge paperwork; official documentation of medals with dates of service; and newspaper clipping from the era of service that include service dates.

Please return your completed applications with DD 214 attached, ATTN 1st Vice, so that we can submit them as a Post for a formal award ceremony.

Or completed applications and copies of documentation may be mailed to the Office of the Adjutant General, Attn: Veterans Recognition Program, P.O. Box 1808, Jefferson City, MO 65102. If you choose this course of action, we will not have visibility of your application for participation in the award ceremony.

Call 573.638.9561 or email ng.mo.vets@mail.mil for more information.

John Seward
1st Vice, Post 624

State of Missouri War Medallion Program Application Form

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Please Type or Print Legibly

Please MAIL award.

Ceremony is requested. (See note 4 on Reverse, Information for both individuals and organizations/groups)

Veteran's Information:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial
Current Mailing Address	City	State and Zip Code
Date of Birth	Home Phone	County
Service Number	Social Security Number (see Note #4)	Dates of Service

Please neatly print the service information that you would prefer on your certificate:

I am applying for: World War II Jubilee Korea Vietnam Desert Shield/Storm Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn	(See Note 4 on Reverse) Rank	Branch of Service (please circle) Marine Corps Army Coast Guard Air Force Navy Other (please specify)
Is veteran deceased? Yes / No		(Deceased City & State of Residence at Time of Death)

Surviving spouse or eldest living survivor to receive award should eligible veteran be unable to receive award:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name or Initial
Street Address	City	State and Zip Code
Relationship	Home Phone	Work Phone

Veteran or the person authorized to apply for the Veteran Recognition Award must attach copy of Report of Discharge or Separation from Service or a copy of DD 214 that substantiates record of service. Other forms of acceptable documentation are listed on the back. Applicant's signature attests that information provided above is correct and separation from service was under honorable conditions. Signature of applicant's other than veteran attests that applicant is the spouse or eldest living survivor, and that the information provided is correct.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

SEE REVERSE FOR INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF FORM

FOR USE BY THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL ONLY

Veteran is qualified for:

World War II (7 Dec 1941 to 31 Dec 1946)	Yes _____	No _____
Jubilee (6 Jun 1944 to 30 Sep 1944)	Yes _____	No _____
Korea (27 Jun 1950 to 31 Jan 1955)	Yes _____	No _____
Vietnam (28 Feb 1961 to 7 May 1975)	Yes _____	No _____
Desert Shield/Desert Storm (7 Aug 1990 to 7 Jun 1991)	Yes _____	No _____
Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn (19 Mar 2003 to 15 Dec 2011)	Yes _____	No _____

DATE: _____

INITIALS: _____

Instructions for Completion of the War Medallion Program Application Form

1. Who may apply:

- a. Any veteran who meets eligibility requirements listed below is entitled to a medallion, medal, and certificate.
- b. Any spouse or eldest living survivor of a veteran who meets eligibility requirements listed below but died prior to having made application is entitled to a medallion, medal, and certificate.

2. Eligibility Requirements:

- a. Veteran must have served on active duty in the United States military service during the periods:
 - World War II December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
 - Jubilee of Liberty June 6, 1944 to September 30, 1944 and participated in the Battle of Normandy
 - Korea June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
 - Vietnam February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
 - Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm August 7, 1990 to June 7, 1991
 - Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn March 19, 2003 to December 15, 2011
- b. Veteran is a legal resident of Missouri at the time of application, or was a legal resident at the time he or she entered or was discharged from military service or at the time of his or her death or such veteran served in a Unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether veteran is or ever was a legal resident of Missouri.
- c. Veteran received an honorable discharge, or is still in active service in an honorable status, or was in active service in an honorable status at the time of his or her death.
- d. The War medallion, medal, and certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran served within the United States or in a foreign country. One award per conflict issued per Veteran.

3. **Service Information:** Fill out this section as complete as possible, attach copy of Record of Discharge or Separation from Service or Department of Defense Form 214, The Office of the Adjutant General will retain all copies forwarded to that office. If Discharge or Report of Separation or DD-214 is not available please provide any other information available to document service.

Some acceptable forms of documentation:

- 1) DD-214 (Korea and Vietnam) "**PREFERRED**"
- 2) Discharge Papers (World War II) "**PREFERRED**"
- 3) Active Duty Induction Papers & Proof of Honorable Discharge
- 4) DA form 2-1 & Proof of Honorable Discharge
- 5) Official documentation of medals Must show dates of service & Proof of Honorable Discharge
- 6) Era Newspaper clippings that show Service Dates & Proof of Honorable Discharge

**ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST VERIFY THREE THINGS 1) PROOF OF ACTIVE DUTY
2) PROOF OF HONORABLE DISCHARGE/SERVICE 3) PROOF OF RESIDENCE/MONG MEMBERSHIP
PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THEIR RETURN.**

4. **CEREMONY:** Individuals requesting award presentation ceremony will be notified of date and time of the ceremony. These ceremonies will be conducted in different geographical areas of the State; you will be scheduled for the closest to your residence. Veteran's organizations, other organizations & groups wishing to have a group ceremony should contact the Veterans Recognition Office for specific information on application submission. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:** is mandatory, it's used as unique identifier for that Veteran in our data system, questions regarding this can be addressed to our office by phone or correspondence. **RANK:** For preparation of Certificates we will use rank shown on the DD214/other discharge document, if use of other rank is requested, proof must be furnished that Veteran attained that rank.

5. Return application & copies of support documentation:

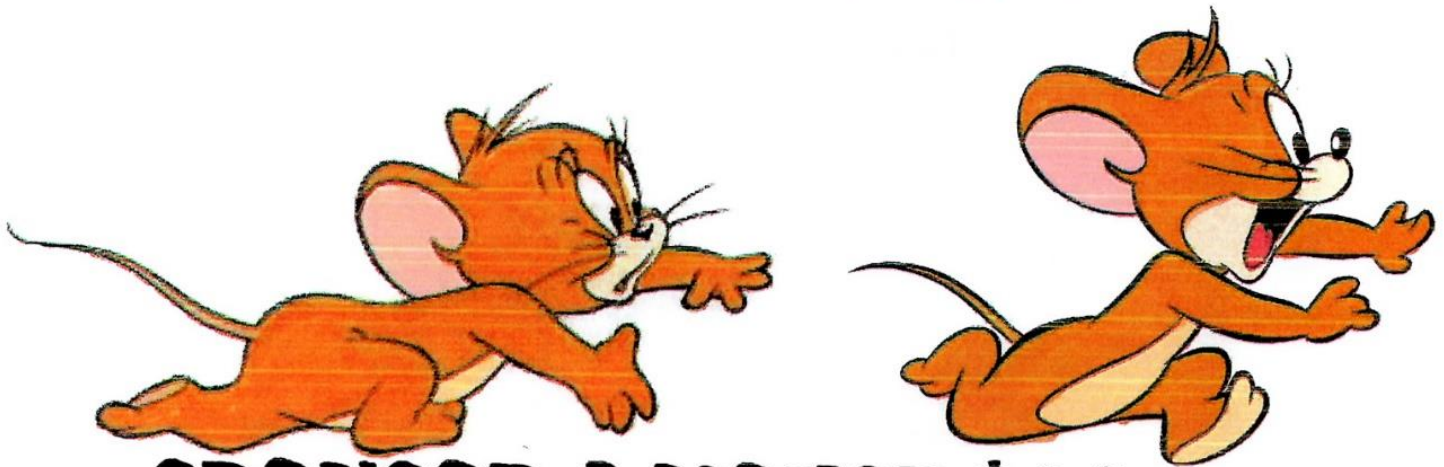
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