



Legionnaires,

As we embrace the winter season, it's a time for reflection, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to our core values.

I'd like to highlight the pillars that make our American Legion strong, the importance of the Buddy Check Program, and the heartwarming visits to veterans at the Laurie Care Center.

As we gather by the warmth of our homes and hearths, let's take a moment to reflect on the four pillars that form the foundation of the American Legion: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

These pillars guide our mission and remind us of our commitment to service, advocacy, and community.

Our comradeship is a beacon of light, especially during the colder months. The Buddy Check Program is a reminder to reach out and check on our fellow veterans, ensuring that no one feels alone or forgotten. Let's continue to strengthen the bonds that unite us, embodying the true spirit of camaraderie.

Laurie Care center visits are an extension of the Buddy Check. Our visits to the Care Center have been a source of joy for both the residents and us.

As we spend time with our fellow veterans, sharing stories and expressing our gratitude, we create a connection that transcends generations. Your presence makes a difference, turning a winter day into a warm memory for those who have served before us.

In closing, let's embrace the spirit of unity and compassion that defines our American Legion.

Winter may bring cold winds, but our warmth and care for one another will always prevail.

Consider volunteering for programs that shape the future of our community.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to our cause.

In Service
Commander
Austin Teel



Auxiliary Newsletter Input – February 2024

Happy Winter!!

Come out and join us for "Game Day", 5 and 19 February, from 2-4pm. Bring your favorite game/puzzle/cards to play with an old friend or make some new ones. I am looking forward to getting to know each and every competitor. I do like to win so come prepared for some friendly competition. Of course, we still have Bingo on the 2nd Friday of each month at 1pm and Bunco on the 3rd Friday at 1PM. Thanks to Anita Honecker for heading this up!

Through the month of February, the kitchen is open and run by the Auxiliary every Friday. Your help would be greatly appreciated. We also need desserts for these meals and they can be dropped off any day after 2pm. The bartender will put them in the fridge for you. Thank you all for helping us through these winter months! P.S. Put your name on your pan and we will return it to you. Our regular schedule of Wednesday and Friday dinners will start again in March. We will be very busy and could really use your help! Come join the fun and get to know your auxiliary members!!

Here are some exciting events coming your way...

17 February, Saturday: The Riders are hosting a Casino-Night. It is a fundraiser for the Fox Family and one of our own. Any questions, donations, tickets, or to help, call Candy Barton at 573-247-8103.

My husband and I are going to be Black Jack dealers – we can't wait to serve you!!

SAVE THE DATES:

6 April: American Legion Birthday Dinner – Meal will be catered. Sign up for Members starting in March at the Patriots Bar

13 April: Silent Auction/Mouse Races – Start collecting those new or slightly used items that you would like to donate.

Stay warm, stay healthy, and hope to see you soon at your American Legion!!

Lisa Seward
Auxiliary President



Home of the
Lake Thunder Riders

No February meeting. We will be back in force on March 6,2024.
Shoutout to our SAL Members who run the Turkey Shoot every Saturday from 11am to 2pm. Come out and support us. Have fun showing off Your talents.
Call out to ALL SAL members to consider helping out on our Cooking Days. We "man" the kitchen every second Wednesday of the Month and can always use help and new ideas.
In the meantime, stay warm. Hope to see You All in March.

Tom Honecker
SAL Commander

February 2024 Newsletter

Our Monthly Meetings will commence April 10th 2024. We also will continue with our fabulous dinner preps on every third Wednesday and fourth Friday starting on April 17th most likely with Mexican Night, we shall see.
Until then I am pleased to see that our Membership of 62 is at 98% paid up for 2024. That is outstanding. Keep up with recruiting.
Candy has put together a great Fundraiser event to continue support for the Family of our fallen comrade Brian Fox.
Casino Night is scheduled for February 17th from 5-8pm. As shown on our Facebook page we have awesome prizes. So come on out, bring Your Friends and have Fun and support good cause.
Tickets are available at the Patriots Bar for \$20
Stay Safe
Bill Meenan
Director

February 2024

American Legion Post open 2pm - 9pm Mon-Sun
Guests are always Welcome

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Shuffleboard 3pm	29 Shuffleboard 3pm	30	31 OK Shuffleboard 5pm	1	2 Spagetti with Meatballs & Salad or Fried Fish & Fries 5- 6:30	3 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -2pm
4 Game & Puzzle time starts 2pm Shuffleboard 3pm	5 Eboard Meeting 615pm Gen Meeting 7pm Aux Meeting 7pm	6 OK Shuffleboard 5pm No SAL Meeting this Month	7 OK Shuffleboard 5pm No ALR Meeting until April 10	8	9 Chicken Enchilladas or Fried Fish w Fries 5-6:30pm Fender Benders 4-7pm	10 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -2pm
11 Superbowl Shuffleboard 3pm	12 Kitchen Meeting 2pm Calendar Meeting 3 pm	13 OK Shuffleboard 5pm No ALR Meeting until April 10	14	15	16 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggie or Fried Fish 5-630pm	17 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -2pm Casino Night 5p-8p
18 Folding Newsletter 9am Game & Puzzle Time starts 2pm Shuffleboard 3pm	19 Laurie Care Center 1:30pm Visiting with our fellow Veterans	20 Buddy Check 11am-1pm	21	22	23 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, Fries/Onionings or Fried Fish w Fries 5-630pm New Member Orientation 5pm	24 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -2pm
25 Shuffleboard 3pm	26 OK Shuffleboard 5pm	27	28	29	1	2 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -2pm
3 Shuffleboard 3pm	4	Notes Every 2nd Friday Tabletop Bingo 1pm Lakeview Bar Every 3rd Friday Bunco 1pm Lakeview Bar No Dinner Wednesday in February Kitchen Open on Fridays 5-630pm and Saturdays 11a-2pm				

March 2024

American Legion Post open 2-9pm Guests are always Welcome

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Shuffleboard 3pm	26 Shuffleboard	27	28 OK Shuffleboard 5pm	29	1 Spagetti Dinner or Fried Fish 5-6:30pm Music Fender Benders 4-7pm	2 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am-2:30pm
3 Shuffleboard 3pm	4	5 Eboard Meeting 6:15pm Gen Meeting 7pm Aux Meeting 7pm	6 Wing Night 5-6:30pm SAL meeting 6:30pm OK Shuffleboard 5pm	7	8 Open faced Roastbeef or Fried Fish 5-6:30pm	9 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11a -2:30 pm
10 Shuffleboard 3pm	11	12 Kitchen Meeting 2pm Calendar Meeting 3 pm	13 OK Shuffleboard 5pm Tenderloin dinner/mashed potatoes& veggie 5p-6:30pm	14	15 Legionaires Salisbury Steak, Potatoes&Veggie or Fried Fish 5-6:30 pm	16 LOZ St.Patly's Parade on the Ship Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -2:30 pm Pub Crawl 4pm-1am Kitchen open 4-? Music Helen Russel 4-8pm Fender Benders 8:30pm til close
17 St Patrick's Day Dinner Cabbage & Comed Beef 4pm until gone Musicy by the Fender Benders 3-7pm	18 Folding Letters 9am Shuffleboard 3pm	19 Laurie Care Center 1:30pm Visiting with our fellow Veterans	20 Chicken Enchilada 5-6:30pm OK Shuffleboard 5pm	21	22 Buddy Checks 1-3pm Baked Chicken Dinner or Fried Fish 5-6:30pm	23 Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11am -2:30 pm
24 Chilly Cook Off 2-6pm Retro-Board- Games	25 Shuffleboard 3pm	26	27 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger w Fites/Onionings 5-6:30pm OK Shuffleboard 5pm New Member Orientation 5pm	28	29 Shrimp or Fried Fish w side and Dessert 5-6:30pm	30
31	1 Shuffleboard 3pm	Notes Every 2nd Friday Tabletop Bingo 1pm Lakeview Bar Every 3rd Friday Bunco 1pm Lakeview Bar Riders not cooking until April				

Save the Dates

March 16th 2024 St. Patrick's Day Parade starting at 1pm at
Bagnall Dam

March 16th 2024 Pub Crawl from 4pm to 1am with Helen Russell
& Fender Benders providing Entertainment

More Info to come soon

March 17th 2024 St. Patrick's Day Dinner of Corned Beef &
Cabbage serving from 4pm until gone



Chili Cook-Off!



Sunday

MARCH 24th, 2024

2-6 PM



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Theme:


Retro-Board-Games



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Saturday, February 17, 2024
5:00pm -8:00 pm

\$20/Person
Tickets at the door

WIN PRIZES
\$5000 IN CHIPS to start

Cash Bar - Gaming

From Ron Nabers

Members:

The Zack Wheat **Scholarship committee** is kicking off our application process this month. Scholarship applications are available online or on request. If you have a Child, Grandchild, or Great Grandchild that is a senior in high school, get them a copy and ensure that they put your name and, that you are a member

of Post 624 in the appropriate place on the bottom of page one.

(6) \$1000 scholarships will be awarded this year.

Applications are Available at the Legion and must be returned to me prior to April 1st, of this year. Contact me if you have any questions.

Ron Naber

Scholarship Committee Chairman

309-363-8696

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Message from 1st Vice John Seward

Applications available at post

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

JROTC News

Congratulations to our JROTC Cadet Jonah Wilkerson for Leader of Month Commendation for January. This Highschool Senior has already enlisted in the Marines and after graduation will be heading out to serve our great Nation. He is also on the Varsity Wrestling Team. He is one of our great future leaders being developed in our JROTC Program at Camdenton High School.



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