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The American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 P.O. Box 61, 852 American Legion Road Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

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Greetings Legionnaires,

As we bid farewell to March (a quarter through the new year already, wow!)

Allow me to take a moment to express my gratitude for the remarkable events that brought our us together: A heartfelt thank you to the JROTC for hosting an unforgettable Military Ball. Your dedication and hard work made the evening a true celebration of honor and camaraderie, Well Done Cadets!

We extend our appreciation to all who participated and contributed to the success of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Pub Crawl festivities. Your enthusiasm, spirit and teamwork truly made the celebration memorable.

Looking ahead, end of March and into April promises even more excitement: A huge thank you to our local businesses for showcasing your talents and services at the upcoming Business Expo. Your contributions are vital to the growth of our community.

Don't miss the Chili Cookoff! This will prove to be an assortment of tasty treats! Thank you all for these mouthwatering surprises! I for one can't wait!

Get ready for a full summer of Thursday night fun starting April 4th! Don't miss out on Show-Me-The-Money!

Join us in commemorating the American Legion's 105th birthday at a special dinner on April 6th. Let's honor OUR legacy of service and dedication to our community and country. Reserve your seat at the Patriots Bar! Can't beat the \$2 price!

Don't miss out on the Mouse Races & Silent Auction, it's sure to be an evening of fun and friendly competition, all for a good cause. As spring blooms around us, let's come together to celebrate our community's beauty and vitality at the upcoming Dogwood Festival and

Parade. As we embrace the opportunities and connections April brings, let's continue to cherish the bonds that unite us as a community. The Legion Family continues to warm my heart with all you do. Thank you.

Warmest regards,

Commander Austin Teel



Legion Auxiliary Newsletter – April 2024

Happy April – Here comes Spring!! Spring and Fall are my favorite times of the year!! Game and puzzle day starts off the month on the 1st and then 15th of April. Come join us @ 1:30pm to learn a new game and make new friends!

Show Me The Money starts off again on Thursday, 4 April at 6pm. The kitchen is open from 4:30 to 6pm. Join us for dinner and the fun!! Saturday the 6th of April, we will be celebrating the American Legion's Birthday with a meeting/award at 5pm followed by a catered dinner at 6pm. Make sure you sign up at the Patriots Bar and pay \$2 so the Post has an accurate count for the dinner.

The following Saturday, on 13 April, will be the Bi-Annual Mouse Races and Silent Auction. Please donate new or slightly used items as this auction is one of the Auxiliary's biggest fundraisers of the year. Thanks go out to Christy Fischer for coordinating this event! Also remember there is a fun group that meets for Bingo and Bunco the 2nd and 3rd Fridays of the month at 1pm in the Lakeview Bar. Come on out and enjoy the great time and thanks to Anita Honecker for hosting these events.

May brings Game and Puzzle Days on the 6th and the 20th at 1:30pm. Our Spring Bazaar is 18 May so watch for more information on this event. Christy Fischer is our POC for the Bazaar. The Memorial Day Breakfast is 8-10:30am on Monday, 27 May followed by out Post Ceremony at 11am. Our shrimp dinner is 31 May and our Garage Sale is 15 June.

Members, there are a ton of opportunities to jump in and join in the fun as we raise funds in support of our Veterans, their families, and our community.

See you around our great Post!! Lisa Seward Auxiliary President



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 624

We are off and running again. Our next meeting is April 3rd at 6:30pm. We will have our 2024 nomination for new officers. This is Your organization so please show up and make Your voice heard. It's only as good as you make it. We have a great group but always need and appreciate new ideas.

Mark Your calendar on April 6th for our annual American Legion Birthday Celebration. Starting at 5pm with the Award Ceremony, followed by catered Dinner at 6pm. Sign up at the Patriots Bar and \$2 will reserve Your Meal and we will get a good count on how many will attend.

Our last Turkey Shoot will be April 6th, show up and give it a last Big Bang until October. We will continue with preparing Dinner on the 2nd Wednesday each Month. Help in the kitchen is always needed and the proceeds will go back to SAL.

Thanks for Your time, hope to see you all at the monthly meeting, every 1st Wednesday of each month. The Legion is not just a Bar. We want to do a lot of great things for our Veterans and the Community we live in, we will need your help in accomplishing this.

I know, I sound like a broken record, but we need You.

Thank You

Commander

Tom Honecker



Legion Riders April 2024

Hey Riders,

It has been a pretty mild Winter and Spring has arrived in full force!!Time to get riding!! Nominations for new officers will take place over the next three months and we will vote for our new officers at the June meeting. Start thinking about stepping up and taking an active role in our Riders group. Everyone has something to offer so please "Be The One" who makes a difference in our future!!

Come out and support your Legion and Auxiliary on 13 April for the Mouse Races and the Silent Auction. This is always a fun day at the Post and the kitchen will be open. Show Me the Money starts up again the first Thursday in April as well. This Years Ozark Rides Rally is no longer limited to LOZ Harley Davidson but is becoming more of a smaller version of the Bikefest. This year's dates are from May 9-1

If you want to participate in this year's Legacy Ride, check the Post 624 Ride Captain Facebook page for information on signing up, hotel information, and 2024 Legacy Ride T-shirts. This year's Legacy Ride is 28-30 June 2024.

Thanks to the Riders who "Stand Up, Hook Up, and Go" when called upon to help with the events of the Legion and the various needs of our Riders! It does not go unnoticed!! Your selfless service to our Post and Riders group is greatly appreciated and we thank you!!

So, let's go and enjoy the warmer weather and get out, ride, and Carpe Diem (Seize The Day)!!

John Seward Acting ALR Director Volume 22, Issue 4



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Historian	Tiffany Fox	417-531-2181	Safety	Ron Rice	573-502-9053

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NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND



April 2024

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Nascar Sunday with Drink Specials	1 Game & Puzzle time starts 130pm 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	5 WS Chamber Breakfast 7:30- 8:30 AUX Spagetti Dinner or Fried Fish 5-630pm Music By Fender	6 LAST Turkey Shoot Kitchen open 11 am-2:30pm Legion Birthday Meeting 5pm Dinner 6-8 Sign-up at Bar
7 Nascar Sunday with Drink Specials	8 Shuffelboard 3pm	9 Kitchen & Calendar Meeting 2 pm	10 SAL Tenderloin Dinner, mashed potatoes, Veggie ALR Meeting 630pm OK Shuffelboard 5pm	11 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	12 Cmdr Day 9a- 12p Aux Dinner Open Faced Roast Beef w. sides or Fried Fish Fillet w. sides 5-630pm	13 Mouse Race starts at 1pm Silent Auction Kitchen open 11am-2:30pm
14 Nascar Sunday with Drink Specials ALR & District 8 Meeting Freeburg Post 317 at 1pm	15 Shuffelboard 3pm Game & Puzzle day starts at 130pm	16 Laurie Care Center 1:30pm Visiting with our fellow Veterans	17 OK Shuffelboard 5pm Riders Dinner Mexican Night 5-630pm	18 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	19 Legionnairs Dinner Salisbury Steak w potatoes & Veggie or Fried Fish Fillet & sides 5-630pm Music by Candy 5-8pm	20 Lake Clean Up
21 Nascar Sunday w Drink Specials	22 Folding Newsletters 9am Buddy Check (Veterans calling Veterans) 3- 5pm Shuffelboard 3pm	23 Kitchen Orientation 3-6pm Kitchen Volunteers please attend	24 AUX Dinner Hamburger Night 5-630 OK Shuffelboard 5pm Newcomers Orientation 5:30pm Youngsters Meeting 630pm	25 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	26 Riders Dinner TBD 5-630pm Music By Helen Russell 5-8pm	27 Dogwood Festival/Parade Camdenton starts 10am
28 Nascar Sunday w Drink Specials	29 Shuffelboard 3pm	30	1 OK Shuffelboard 5pm Wing Night 5-630pm SAL Meeting 630pm	2 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	3 Auxiliary Spagetti Dinner or Fried Fish 5-630pm Music By Fender Benders 4-7pm	4
5 Nascar Sunday w Drink Specials	6 Game & Puzzle day starts 130pm Shuffelboard 3pm	Every 2nd Friday	for the Silent Auctio Tabletop Bingo 1pn Bunco 1pm Lakevie	Renew Your Me	embership at \$45 case to \$50 in July	

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26 Memorial Breakfast Prep Nascar Sunday w Drink Specials	27 Memorial Day Breakfast & Bakesale 8-1030 Ceremony 11am Shuffelboard 3pm	28	29 OK Shuffelboard 5pm AUX Dinner Baked Chicken w. sides 5-630pm	30 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	31 Shrimp Boil w Potatoes & Cornon the cob or Fried Fish w.sides 5-630pm	1
2	3	Notes & Events Events May 9th - 11th Ozark Rides Rally Specific Specif				





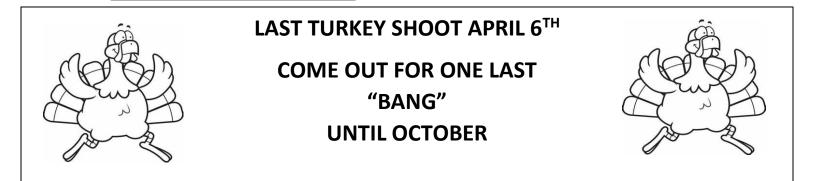
Sunday MARCH 24th, 2024 2-6 PM

Cookers-entry fee \$10.00

Chili Tasters \$5.00

Theme: Retro-Board-Games

BRING YOUR BEST CHILI AND HAVE A FUN SHOW ME THE MONEY STARTS APRIL 4th 6PM Kitchen open 4:40



AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY APRIL 6TH 2024. MEETING AT 5PM FOR AWARD CEREMONY FOLLOWED BY CATERED DINNER. SIGN UP FOR MEMBERS \$2. SIGN UP SHEET AT PATRIOTS BAR.







Crafters & Vendors, Mark Your Calendar on Apríl 18th 2024 for our Spring Bizarre. More Info for times and sign up coming soon. Stay tuned



Renew Your Membership at \$45 before the increase to \$50 in July Please Help replenish Share-The- Harvest Food Bank by donating Non-perishable food items. Just drop of at the designated collection bins and we will take You donations to the Food bank. Thank You



POST EVERLASTING Will C. Lagergren 4/17/1938 – 02/11/2024 Navy – served in Vietnam 32-year Member of the American Legion



In the United States, the poppy flower holds a profound significance, symbolizing the sacrifices made by those who served in the armed forces. This emblematic flower, distributed annually by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) through their Poppy Drive, serves as a poignant reminder of the valor and dedication of military veterans.

The tradition of the Poppy Drive traces its roots back to the aftermath of World War I. Inspired by the famous poem "In Flanders Fields" penned by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, which poignantly described the poppies blooming amidst the graves of fallen soldiers in Belgium, the poppy became a symbol of remembrance for those who gave their lives in service. This Years American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Drive begins on May 23rd and concludes May 25th. Thank You in advance for your Donation and Your effort to keep our Veteran's Memory & Sacrifice alive.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Call or Text or Chat the 988 Suicide & Crisis
Lifeline

988. Hours are available 24/7 and the cost is free.

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Text HOME to 741741 to reach a trained Crisis Counselor through Crisis Text Line, a global not-for-profit organization. Free, 24/7, confidential.



American Legion Post 624 - GET INVOLVED TODAY!

Activity/Event	Date(s)	Who We Need	What <u>YOU</u> will be doing	Special Skills Needed	Point(s) of Contact
American Legion Auxillary Silent Auction	Saturday April 13	ALA	Collecting and delivering new or gently used donated items to the Legion for auction. Putting together auction baskets. Event set- up, execution, and tear- down.	Organization Creativity Patience Problem Solving Customer Service	Christy Fischer (913) 708-1760
Kitchen Cleanup and Orientation	13-Apr	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Learning the ins-and-outs of our <u>great</u> American Legion kitchen that serves our members and guests all year long. Equipment operation and location, food safety, service processes, clean-up.	American Legion dinner nights are fun. Bring your cooking, cleaning, organization, and service skills.	Jessica Simpson (573) 692-0052
Local Veteran Visits They are <u>NOT</u> forgotten	Monthly Check calendar for day and time. Meet at LCC	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Making in-person visits to our Veterans in the Laurie Care Center (LCC). 2-hour visit each month.	Time and Compassion.	Jamie Slinkard (573) 578-6481
Commander Day Post Revitalization	Monthly Check calendar for day and time.	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Construction, Cleaning, Painting, Landscaping, Organizing, Administrative	Show up at the American Legion post ready to work	Austin Teel (573) 280-7585
American Legion Buddy Checks <u>Be The ONE</u> 22 Veterans across the country take their lives every day. A simple call can make a difference.	On or about the 22nd of EVERY month. Check calendar for day and time.	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Checking on fellow Legionairres with a phone call in-person at the post. A contact information list and a discussion topic card will be provided.	Communication Skills, Listening, Answering Questions. (Bring your charged phone).	Rich Fischer (573) 505-3055
Honor Guard Ongoing TAL		Honoring fallen veterans at funerals and celebration of life ceremonies. Performing patriotic ceremonies at the post and other venues.	Military manual of arms (Don't worry, it will come back to you)	Keith Moss (816) 809-6789 Brian Smith (816) 392-8788 Elyse Smith (816) 392-1828	

TAL=The American Legion ALA=American Legion Auxillary SAL=Sons of The American Legion ALR=American Legion Riders

Updated 10 February, 2024 For additions or changes contact: Rich Fischer (573) 505-3055

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Post 624 House Committee	Every Monday 0900	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Maintaining our awesome American Legion post as a member of the House Committee Team. Fixing, maintaining, upgrading, constructing, improving.	Bring your unique skills including (but not limited to): Carpentry, Electrical, Electronics, Plumbing, HVAC, Interior Decorating, Landscaping, Organizing, Cleaning	Rich Fischer (573) 505-3055
Vets Helping Vets	Ongoing, As- requested	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Assisting fellow veterans and spouses of veterans with general household maintenance and repairs that they may no longer be able to do.	All skillsets needed. Contact the POC and let them know what you can do and you will be added to the on-call list.	Jim Morton (573) 374-3013 Ron Spry (402) 699-6852
Americanism Committee One of the 4 pillars of the American Legion. It is our duty to show and promote Americanism.	Ongoing Check calendar for day and times	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Join the committee to share your ideas on promoting Americanism in our lake community	Communication Skills, Creativity, Patriotism, Teamwork.	Rich Fischer (573) 505-3055

