

## February 2017 NEWSLETTER

### **Notes from Commander Vince Rost:**

As we plunge into a new year, we have unlimited opportunities for service to our veterans and community. I want to continue to push the concept of "United We Stand" as many of us learned was an important strength of our nation. I believe there are two very important things that we can do to continue our strength in this way. These two things are **ATTEND POST MEETINGS** and concentrate on our **MEMBERSHIP**. In regard to attending post meetings, it seems obvious that "many hands make the work light." Those of you who would like to put your mark on our post, we can put your ideas into action by joining together and getting things done, but we have to get together to plan these things. In regard to MEMBERSHIP, make it a point to pay your dues early in the year and when you meet a veteran or a family member of a veteran, invite them to the post and make them feel welcome.

We have many great activities planned for the upcoming year, please keep an eye on the calendar and plan to attend and participate in activities at the post. A very special opportunity is coming up at St. Louis Cardinal Game on April 30th where the American Legion will be honored. Veterans and their friends and family can buy tickets for \$26 for a lower level seat that normally costs \$61 and up. Wayne Coleman is taking names in an attempt to possibly organize a bus to take people up to St. Louis and back from Jefferson City. Please contact Wayne Coleman at 573-301-8824 to sign up or look for the sign-up sheet at the post.

"United We Stand" ~ Vince Rost

### **Notes from Adjutant Don Cryderman:**

Our current membership is sitting @ 1221 members. Let's do our part to encourage, motivate and enlist new members, and to remind our current members to sign up. Also, this is the time of year, that "some" of you may get a renewal membership notice, from the National American Legion office and you already paid, or not sure if you have already. IF you have any questions or doubts that you did pay them already, contact the Adjutant Don Cryderman @ (417-425-2390) and he will gladly check to see if you have or haven't, before you mail in another payment.

**ATTENTION ALL Vietnam Era Veteran's!!!** On February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 starting @ 6 pm, Post 5 is having a **"Vietnam Era Veteran's"** a commemorative pin ceremony. This is for **ALL** Vietnam **"ERA"** Veterans'. Veterans will need to bring with them, their copy of their DD214, to verify your service year's, during the Vietnam qualifying years: **(February 28<sup>th</sup> 1961 thru May 7<sup>th</sup> 1975)**. Also, to receive this pin, you **MUST** have had an **"Honorable Discharge"**, from your perspective branch of service.

Our "annual" Navy Club Chili cook-off is coming up on February 4th. Come on out and join us for a great time.

Also let's not forget the **Henry Golden Boy .22 caliber rifle** raffle. **Tickets are \$10 each.** Contact Gary Kempker **(573.690.3439)** to buy a ticket, drawing will be at half time, during the Super Bowl Party.

This year's Super Bowl Party is February 5, 2017 at Post 5. Tickets are \$100, which include food, keg beer for two people, and a chance to win \$2,000 every quarter. Twenty dollar (\$20) tickets will be sold at the door, for food and watching the game only. Contact Gary Kempker for more information and tickets, there is many tickets left.

Congratulations to both Wayne Coleman for being elected to serve one more year as the HA President, and Donnie Faughn as the new HA Vice President.

Visit our website ([www.post5.com](http://www.post5.com)), for the newsletter, calendar of events and various other functions by our Post Family clubs.

**New Members:** James Moad, Garrett Tolbert and Erik Hastings. Let's make sure and give them a warm welcome to our Post.

**TAPS:** Rayford O. Thompson, Glen W. Gonder, Ron D. Thornburg, James E. Turner, James T. Cardens, Donald Atkinson, Delbert A. Krummen, Rebecca A. Segovia, Jack VanLoo, and Carey E. Bogg.

**Notes from Auxiliary President Lindy Capps:**

Greetings! I hope you are enjoying the winter season! Our Ladies are busy at work planning for our Spring Fundraiser on Feb 18. We will be serving Pork Steak and Fried Chicken along with goodies at our Country Store. We are always looking for items for our County Store: Baked goods, handmade items, books, jewelry, holiday decorations, and any other items you would like to donate. If possible please have your items to the Post by 1 on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Rosie Brizendine (573-301-1034) has graciously offered to pick any items you have for the County store. Dinner starts at 5, the country store opens at 3. We hope to see you there!

Spring Conference will also be held on February 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Service project open to all Auxiliary members on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Armory. They are looking for donations to help stock the shelves. Easy Fix meals such as Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Sauce, Soups, Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Pudding cups, tuna, canned chicken and other such items. Also in need it toiletry items such as laundry soap, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, and diapers. These items are especially in need as they are not covered by food stamps. I have heard that they are getting ready to deploy over 3,000 troops from Missouri alone, so there will be a great need for these items.

We are trying to start a program to send our local veterans in nursing homes cards. If you have any extra Birthday, Easter, Christmas, or other such cards, feel free to bring them to the next meeting or drop them off at the Post. I look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Lindy Capps - Unit 5 President

**Notes from Legion Riders Director Chris Altheuser:**

Fellow brother and sister riders, I would like to take this opportunity and congratulate **Debbie Alderson** on winning our "Rider of the Year" award for the year 2016. It is well deserved. Riding season will be here before we know it so we need to start planning ride events for this coming year. If there are any places you would like to ride this next riding season, please be sure and let us know. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and our cook night is Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Korn Hole Tournament we had scheduled for January was cancelled due to weather. It has been re-scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>, drawing for teams begin at 1:30 pm, with play starting at 2 pm. \$5 for chili and hot dogs, bring a snack. There will be 50/50 drawing, cash prizes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place. All donation's go to the Legacy Run.

The Valentine Steak Dinner and Dance is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>, here at the Post. Cost is \$40 a couple, or \$15 for a single. See the flyer for all the information. Funds go to the Legacy Run.

Also, let's not forget our booze donations, for our "Booze Box", drawing is TBD, looks like now, sometime in the spring? Tickets will be available for the drawing, at our next monthly meeting.

Ride Safe~~ Chris

**Notes from the Home Association:**

Be sure and check the insert for all the February events at the Post. **We will not be having our normal 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday dinner on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine Day. It has been moved to Wed. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and will be serving up the FAMOUS Pork Tenderloin Dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.** Other activities include: Club 5 every Monday Night with a progressive pot. You could take home 60% of that pot if in attendance; every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:30 is \$1.00 Draft Beer and \$2.00 Well Drinks. Starting this month we will have Happy Hour from 4:30 to 6:30 with \$.50 off all drinks on Thursdays. Don't forget that we serve Seafood & Fried Chicken every Friday Night from 5:30 to 8:00 pm, dance follows at 8:30 to 11:30 pm, \$5.00 cover charge. The BBQ schedule is in with the first BBQ being on March 18<sup>th</sup>, The other dates are as follows: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup> (40/8), Sep. 16<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars for these dates. Thank to everyone that gives of their time and energy to the Post