

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Notes from Commander Jim Rosenberg:

Happy New Year Fellow Legionnaires. Welcome to a new decade. What a good year 2019 was for Post 5. It looks to be even better for 2020. Membership is going well, but if you have not renewed yet, please do so quickly as technically your delinquent. \$45.00 is the dues amount. Starting next month in February the meal that is served after the Post meeting will be open to any member that wants to eat and it will be at a cost of \$5.00 each.

Lots of activities are happening at Post 5. Chicken and Seafood Dinner on Friday Nights, Club 5 on Monday Nights, Wing Night on Wednesday Night. A Quick shout out to all the volunteer cook crews and to our Head Cook Ted Sigite. Man can these folks put out a meal. It's the best food around. Thanks for all you do Post 5 members and Legion Family Members. You all are the best. Happy New Year.

"Always Remember-Never Forget"

Jim Rosenberg, Commander Post 5

Notes from Adjutant Jim Mead:

We have 35 new members so far this year. If you have not yet renewed your membership, I encourage you to send in your dues as soon as possible to help keep Post 5 and the American Legion strong organizations. Our 2020 membership goal is 1,392 and we presently have 1,133 members that have paid their dues for 2020. If you renewed your 2020 membership dues prior to December 31st, you are eligible for the drawing for \$50.00 to be held at the January 2020 Post meeting on January 21st.

The nominating committee for the 3 upcoming board member vacancies and the Finance Officer's position on the Home Association Board has selected their nominees: **Gary Kempker, Dee Dee Cryderman, Donnie Faughn and Dollie Meredith (Finance Officer)**. Voting will take place at the January Post Meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

There is a vacancy on the Post 5 Executive Board for an Executive Committee Member. **Charlotte Dudenhoeffer** has been nominated to fill that position. Voting will take place at the January Post Meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The Post Officers strongly encourage members to attend the monthly Post Meetings to provide your input into how your Post operates.

The first Monday evening of the month the Post celebrates Legion Family Members' Birthday's. Come and join us for some snacks and birthday wishes.

The Missouri Veteran's Commission, Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) has been relocated from the Jefferson Building to 1500 Southridge Drive (Adjacent to Das Stein Haus) Suite 300. The phone number for the VSO is 573-522-4225.

Upcoming Events: The Oratorical Contest for the 8th District will take place on January 5th at 1:00 PM at Post 5. Please come out and listen to our youth speak about the United States Constitution or the Bill of Rights.

I strongly encourage members to attend the Missouri Association of Veteran's Organizations (MAVO) Meeting on January 27th 2020 at 1:30 PM in Room 400 of the Truman State Office Building to support veteran's issues during the 2020 Missouri Legislative Session. Additionally, on the 28th of January, starting at 8:30 AM, on the third floor of the Missouri State Capitol Building, you will have the opportunity to visit with your State Representatives and State Senators to discuss veteran's priorities. If you have an American Legion Cap, please wear it to show you are associated with the organization. There is strength in numbers.

The Navy Club Ship #5 Chili Cook Off is scheduled for February 1st. Setup at 8:00 AM at the Post Judging from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and at 11:00 AM for \$6.00 there will be all you can eat Chili & Hot Dogs. It is a good time for a great cause. The proceeds from the event go to Camp Quality.

Visit our website (www.post5.com), for the newsletter, calendar of events, news releases and various other functions by our Post Family clubs. Also visit our State website: (www.missourilegion.org).

New Members: Douglas Green, Don Buffington, Floyd Schrock, James Abramovitz and James Gilliland. Let's be sure to make an effort to welcome these new members to our Post.

TAPS: John Ousley, Terry Ehrsam, Charles Foster, William Arney, Charles Peters, Daniel Corrigan and Harold Raithel. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Notes from Auxiliary President Dorothy Goodin:

Happy New Year! Thank you to all who assisted in the holiday activities at Post 5 and with Unit 5. A special thank you to Debbie Alderson, chairperson for our gifts to Veterans in area nursing homes project. That is a big project and again was very successful and rewarding. Thank you, Connie Pack for chairing the Angel Tree for our community service project.

We are currently at 76% of our membership goal, if you have not paid your renewal, please do so. The success of our organization depends on membership. If you know of someone who is eligible to become a member please invite them to join. This month we will be working on our spring fundraiser preparation. We will be having a raffle and a craft and bake sale with a dinner on February 22nd. January is a great time to work on your crafts. We will also be selecting our Girls State delegates for this session. If you would like to help with this project please contact Connie Pack.

Hoping everyone has a Happy and Healthy New Year filled with Peace.

Dorothy Goodin, President Unit 5

Notes from Sons of the American Legion Commander Rick Wolters:

It's hard to believe it's already 2020! We hope everyone had a safe and Merry Christmas. Don't forget that 2020 dues are now due and that they are \$25.00. Let's all make a New Year's Resolution to get more involved with one or more of the Post 5 functions. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year! Hope to see you at the Post 5 soon!

Rick Wolters, Commander Squadron 5

Notes from Legion Riders Director Daniel Levasseur:

WOW!!! HAPPY NEW YEAR RIDERS!!!! What an amazing year 2019 was!! All that thanks MUST go to all the members of Chapter 5 of the American Legion Riders. Each and every one of you have contributed in ways that have had ripple effects at second and third tier levels and have provided an amazing backdrop for the 2020 New Year. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to help our Chapter grow bigger and stronger. Don't forget the 1st of January when we have our Annual "Ride the Temperature" Ride, so long as the roads are dry we will ride the temperature, (30 degrees = 30 miles). On the 25th of January we will have an indoor "Swap Meet" where you can bring your excess motorcycle parts and accessories and sell them. We will have chili and raffles throughout the meet. Between those dates we are planning a Mexico Veterans Home Ride to present the Veterans with 52 Lap Blankets, a bunch of Hot Sauce, and other Sundry items as well as some snacks as we break bread with them. You have all done an amazing job this past year and are "PROOF" that we can do great things and do better together.

Daniel Levasseur, Director ALR Chapter 5

Notes from the Home Association:

Hello January! Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year's. If the Post has to be closed due to inclement weather a notice will be put on KRCG 13, as well as the Post Facebook Page. Shuffleboard will start again in January, every third Sunday of the month, everyone is welcome to come and play. We have two jam sessions each month; every 2nd and 3rd Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Every Friday Night is Seafood and Fried Chicken Dinner, order off the menu, served from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. The Dance is from 8:30 to 11:00 pm, with a \$6.00 cover charge. The Roadhouse Band that plays on the 3rd Friday will no longer be playing for our dancing pleasure. We would like to thank them for coming and playing for us all these years. THANK YOU! We will be having different bands on that third Friday, so

come out and listen to these bands. We will make a decision on which band will be the permanent band at a later time. Also on Friday Nights starting on January 3rd you will be able to place orders for chicken to go. All orders have to be preordered no later than 2:00 pm on Friday. You will be able to get a box of 8 pieces of chicken for \$10.00, 12 piece box of chicken for \$14.00 or 16 piece box of chicken for \$18.00. There are still dates available in 2020 for any kind of event that you would like to plan. Just contact me at 573-636-2311 for availability and rates.

Wishing you Love, Laughter, Friendship and Winter Cheer!

Club Manager - Sharon (573) 636-2311