

The Missile



Commander's Corner

Apr, May, Jun 2020

I hope this quarter newsletter find you well and “coronavirus” free. We are more conscious of our sanitary policies to ensure our patrons who visit, and all our members are kept safe from not only the coronavirus but the flu as well. We are listening to the advice of our city/county leaders and taking necessary precautions. Hopefully, this will be over very soon.

The Anniversary Committee has made some decisions for the 75th Anniversary Ball on 14 Nov. A formal dinner will be served at the Krekel Center in O’Fallon. Catering will be provided by Christies Banquet Center and music will be a DJ from Redemption Sound and Light Show. In order to help with the cost of alcohol while ensuring everyone has what they want to drink, this will be BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage). A bartender is being considered for anyone wanting fresh ice with their mix drink or to keep wine chilled. The caterer will provide tea, coffee, and water. Invitations will be sent around the first of Sept. Please respond to the RSVP as soon as possible as seating will be limited. If you live out of state and want to be present for the Anniversary Ball, let us know so that we can get an invitation to you.

As the 2019-2020 VFW year is ending after this quarter, I want to say how proud I am to be a member of Post 5077 and your commander. If elected to serve a third term in April, it will be an honor for me to continue setting and meeting our goals such as we have the last two years. My job has been easy and it’s all due to the many Veteran and Auxiliary volunteers, to include many volunteers who are not members, who dedicate countless hours making our VFW Home a better place for all.

VFW Post 5077 is successful.....TOGETHER!

Very Respectfully,

Buddy McEachern, Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Dear Members,

I thank You for Your continued support of Post 5077 Auxiliary. We are very excited and motivated to do greater things in the coming year!

We welcome all new members! Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

Vietnam Veterans' Day March 29th @ 2 pm @ St Charles County Veterans' Museum

Craft Show for 75th Anniversary April 11th

Auxiliary Meeting with Elections April 14th @ 7 pm

District Meeting at Warrenton on April 19th

Auxiliary Meeting May 12th @ 7 pm

Buddy Poppy Days May 14th-May 16th

Car Show May 17th

Memorial Day ceremonies: 9 AM @ Post, 11 AM @ the Walk

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Brooks

Auxiliary President

DON'T FORGET BUDDY POPPY DAYS! MAY 14-16TH CAR SHOW MAY 17TH.

Editor's Comments

In our efforts to update the post, we are asking for input on what our members would like to see. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve our physical space, please see a member of the House Committee. We are also working on updating our website, and will be able to better manage it and keep it more current.

In preparation for our 75th Anniversary next year, we are also asking our Post & Auxiliary members to bring in historic photos if they have any, so we can scan them and create a slide show to show during the Anniversary celebrations.

We have planned a lot of fundraising events for the Anniversary, and would ask our members to support them by attending. (With the COVID-19 situation, many of our regularly scheduled events are suspended or delayed, so keep checking the calendar and emails for the latest information). Some of the events will be open to the public, so please help us get the word out so we can make these events successful.

Our vision for the Celebrations is to allow our members and invited guests to enjoy themselves and not have to spend all day working at them. In order to accomplish this, we will need to raise enough money to have the work done by someone else, so it is important for our fundraisers to be successful.

As always, we thank all of you for being members and helping our Post go forward and succeed.

Welcome to Post 5077

- 1) Joseph Rabbitt, Marine, Vietnam
- 2) Gerald Cole, Air Force, Korea
- 3) Robert Martin, Army, Vietnam
- 4) John Brooks, Army, Afghanistan
- 5) Vincent Celano
- 6) Judith Humes
- 7) Danielle Nadler
- 8) Michelle Hankins

Honoring Those Missing From Roll Call

None

Your 2019 – 2020 Officers:

Post	
Commander	Buddy McEachern
Sr Vice Cdr	John Kolek
Jr Vice Cdr	Ed Meier
Quartermaster	Lynette Lewis
Adjutant	Carl Crawford
Chaplain	Joe Aiello
Judge Advocate	Gene Hoeltge
Surgeon	Alvie Owens
Asst QM # 1 Bingo	Mark Waller
Asst QM # 2 Bldg	Mark Waller
Officer O/T Day	Kris Lorenz
3 Yr Trustee	John Roth
2 Yr Trustee	Jim Mueller
1 Yr Trustee	Larry Patzius

Auxiliary

President	Sharon Brooks
Sr Vice Pres.	Marge Hoeltge
Jr Vice Pres.	Geri Brunson
Treasurer	Melody Roebuck
Secretary	Tina Page
Chaplain	Linda Collins
Conductress	Mary Feldman
Guard	Sharon Crawford
Trustees	Melody Roebuck
	Judy Northcutt
	Jim Collins

Post House Committee (PHC) (9 Members):

Elected:	Alvie Owens	Jerry Luetkenhaus
	Ron Brunson	Chuck Hudson
Appointed:	Cdr / Chair	Buddy McEachern
	Sr. Vice Cdr	John Kolek
	Jr. Vice Cdr	Ed Meier
	Quartermaster	Lynette Lewis
	Adjutant	Carl Crawford

VFW 5077 Calendar

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Vietnam Veteran Ceremony @ St Charles Vel. Museum 2 pm?	30	31	1 6:45pm BINGO?	2 7:05pm HB MTG	3 5:00pm FISH FRY?	4
5	6	7 6:45pm BINGO?	8 7:00pm MEMBER MTG GARDENVIEW VISIT?	9 FISH FRY?	10 10:00pm CRAFT SHOW?	11
12 Easter Sunday	13 7:00pm AUXILIARY MTG	14 Tax Returns due 6:45pm BINGO?	15 MEADOWLANDS LCH CANCELLED?	16	17 VA HOME VISIT CANCELLED? KARAOKE	18
19 12:00pm DISTRICT MTG @ WARRENTON	20	21 6:45pm BINGO?	22	23	24	25
26 2:00pm 75TH ANNIVERSARY MTG	27	28 6:45pm BINGO?	29	30	1	2 CRAWFISH BOIL FOR ST CLAIR HEARTS?

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May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 2:00pm 75TH ANIVERSARY MTG	27	28	29	30	1	2 CRAWFISH BOIL FOR ST CLAIR HEARTS?
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 6:00pm INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
10 Mother's Day	11	12 7:00pm AUXILIARY MTG	13	14 GARDENVIEW? BUDDY POPPY DAY MEMBER MTG @ 7	15	16 BUDDY POPPY DAY
17 9:00am CAR SHOW	18	19	20	21 MEADOWLANDS LCHR?	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day 9:00am CEREMONY @ POST CEREMONY @ WALK AT ELEVEN	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4 7:05pm STATE CONVENTION @ SPRINGFIELD HIB MTG @	5 STATE CONVENTION @ SPRINGFIELD	6 STATE CONVENTION @ SPRINGFIELD

VFW 5077 Calendar

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
STATE CONVENTION @ SPRINGFIELD	8	9	10	11	12	13
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
STATE CONVENTION @ SPRINGFIELD	7:00pm AUXILIARY MTG	6:45pm BINGO?	6:45pm BINGO?	7:05pm STATE CONVENTION @ SPRINGFIELD H/B MTG @	STATE CONVENTION @ SPRINGFIELD	STATE CONVENTION @ SPRINGFIELD
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2:00pm PLANNING MTG	7:00pm AUXILIARY MTG	6:45pm BINGO?	6:45pm BINGO?	MEADOWLANDS?	GRAFT SHOW VA HOME VISIT? KARAOKE	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day	6:45pm BINGO?	6:45pm BINGO?	6:45pm BINGO?			
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			6:45pm BINGO?		Independence Day observed	Independence Day

LIFE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Great news for new and annual Post 5077 VFW members who are interested in applying for Life Membership! The State of Missouri VFW is offering a \$45 reimbursement to any comrade who submits an application for Life Membership on the dates July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. In addition, Post 5077 will reimburse the comrade \$55, for a total of \$100, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 as well. The two incentives will not be awarded until the final payment is made for Life Membership. It is recommended that you give your application to our Quartermaster, who will then forward this to the higher HQ channels.

Several comrades have asked about applying for Legacy Life Membership. There are three levels of this membership: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level offers generous benefits that are exclusive to Legacy Life Members. The costs for an Annual or New member are as follows: Bronze \$400, Silver \$800, Gold \$1200. A flier on our bulletin board details the perks you will get for each level. The Missouri VFW is offering a reimbursement incentive for Life members: Bronze \$45, Silver \$90, Gold \$135 (e.g. from Life to Legacy Life Bronze would be \$400-\$45 or \$355). They will also reimburse Legacy Life members who want to upgrade from one level to another. The reimbursement from Legacy Bronze to Silver equals \$45, Legacy Bronze to Gold equals \$90, and Legacy Silver to Gold equals \$45. Neither our Post nor National is offering a discount for Legacy Life membership. The application should go to our Quartermaster, who will pass this information to the State/Department QM. This incentive is effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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COVID-19 NEWS

AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS) PANDEMIC IS AFFECTING US ALL TO VARYING DEGREES . IN RESPONSE TO THE ST CHARLES COUNTY RESTRICTIONS, THE POST WILL TEMPORARILY SHUT DOWN. STARTING ON MAR 20th, AND CONTINUING UNTIL THE EMERGENCY ORDER HAS BEEN LIFTED. THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE NO GATHERINGS OF ANY KIND AT THE POST UNTIL SOMETIME IN APRIL AT THE EARLIEST. WE WILL TRY TO KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED ABOUT THE STATUS THROUGH EMAILS, FACEBOOK, ETC. OUR HOPE IS THAT THIS WILL BE OF SHORT DURATION, BUT OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

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