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Commanders Corner

Apr, May, Jun 2024

Our fish fry's were a huge success this year!!! We had an overwelming amount of volunteers who made this such a succesful event. I want to thank everyone for their outstanding support in not only our fish frys, but for every function and events thoughout the year.

Our post has met all criteria for All State and All American this year. Congratualtions and thank you for all your hard work and support throughout the year.

Elections are coming up in April and I encourage everyone to support our elections. Our post is packed with passionate individuals who want only the best for the 5077. Installation of new officers will be on 19 May 2024 at 2:00 PM.

Our post house committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:05 PM and our regular post meeting meets the second Thursday at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Jerry Gartland **Commander**

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Members!

We continue to have an amazing quarter. I'm so grateful to be a part of an amazing Team who supports our Veterans!

We had a great Voice of Democracy & Patriots Pen Ceremony this year. There were a lot of talented students with great essays! A special thank you to Cynthia, Dale, and Bill for all of their hard work to make the ceremony a great success. We had a packed hall. I want to thank everyone who served on the food tables.

We had another great fish fry season. Our "Bake Sales "were awesome too! A big shout out to ALL of our Volunteers! Thank you Sandy & Tina for your wonderful leadership.

VFW Post 5077 Auxiliary is proud to announce that we have accomplished our goal for the P.A.W.S for LIFE project. Our mission was - Help a Veteran and DOUBLE our impact, "Saving our Veterans one DOG at a time".

We raised \$3,200.00 toward the cost of a Service Dog for a Veteran. The Post and Auxiliary members will present a check to the Director of K9 on The Frontline at our Auxiliary meeting April 9th.

I personally would like to thank everyone volunteer, that donated a bake good and/or worked the bake sale, during our fish fry that helped reach our goal.

Respectfully, Anna Geers Veteran and Family Affairs VFW Post 5077 Auxiliary

We welcome ALL old and new Members to our monthly meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month. 7pm-8pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Brooks Post 5077 Auxiliary President

VFW Auxiliary 5077 – Membership

Congratulations on being 100% in membership! We have done an outstanding job recruiting new members, but still have 7 unpaid members. You have until June 30, 2024, to pay your dues. Reminder, dues have gone up to \$25.00 per year effective Jan. 1, 2024. This is due to the increase in National dues of \$5.00. All members please engage our new members and make them feel welcome. We have new members that have already volunteered at our Fish Frys. Again, congratulations and keep up the great work.

Judy Northcutt, Membership Chairman

Thank You! To all the members (and non-members) who volunteered at our Fish Frys, either working the line or donating baked goods for the Bake Sale. We had a very successful year, all due to our volunteers! Now go and get some rest, it has been a long 7 weeks.

Judy Northcutt, Bake Sale Chair

VETERANS OFFICE IN O'FALLON

For those who aren't aware, there is a Veterans Office on the first floor in O'Fallon City Hall (in the old cashier's office). It is staffed by Veterans Benefits Assistants, who are all veteran volunteers. They assist veterans and family members as walk-ins and also through email and phone. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9AM to 4PM (except holidays). It now has an on-site Veterans Service Officer (VSO), who is there on Monday and Wednesday from 9AM to 3PM (by appointment only).

The phone number of the Veterans Office is 636-379-5577, and the email address is <u>veteransaffairs@ofallon.mo.us</u>.

For any other questions about the office, contact John Kolek at jwkolek@gmail.com.

2024 Utility Tax Rebate Program

May 1st - May 31st | 9 AM - 4 PM O'Fallon Municipal Centre (City Hall)

The 2024 application for utility tax rebates will be accepted at City Hall beginning May 1st and ending May 31st. Applications will not be accepted before or after these dates. Residents can find the form on our website and apply in person on weekdays between 9 am and 4 pm. You must bring in proof of age, a completed income tax return for 2023, and a copy of your utility bills from January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023. Utility bills include gas, electric, home phone, and cell phone bills.

To qualify for the Utility Tax Rebate program, O'Fallon residents must be 65 or older, or be fully disabled as determined by Social Security, and fall under predetermined income limits. Disabled residents must bring an official document showing that they are determined to be totally disabled by the Social Security Administration. Updated income limitations are \$56,250 for single households and \$64,300 for married.

Questions? Call 636-379-5525.

Welcome to Post 5077

Garrett Vietmeier Anthony Antoine John Kirk Abraham Jacqueline Schuk Dana Foster Susan Miller Karen Hester Heather Ryan Navy Marines Marines Auxiliary Auxiliary Auxiliary Auxiliary Auxiliary

Steven Troup Randy Leonard

Christine Troup David Foster Jennifer Miller Lori Ryan Army Air Force

Auxiliary Auxiliary Auxiliary Auxiliary

Honoring Those Missing from Roll Call

Karl Schalk Paul (Bud) Haedike

Your 2022-2023 Officers

Commander Jerry Gartland Sr Vice Cdr Jeff Bornefeld Jr Vice Cdr Ed Meier Quartermaster Buddy McEachern Adjutant Paul Petterson Joe Aiello Chaplain Judge Advocate Buddy McEachern Surgeon Alvie Owens Asst QM #1 (Bingo) Mark Waller Asst QM #2 (Bldg Fund) Mark Waller Historian **Bill Hardin** Ed Roebuck Photographer Officer of the Day Kris Lorenz 3 Yr Trustee Sam Pool 2 Yr Trustee Larry Patzuis 1 Yr Trustee Dan Bargielski

Auxiliary

President Sr Vice Pres Jr Vice Pres Treasurer Secretary Chaplain Conductress Guard Trustees Sharon Brooks Judy Northcutt Marge Hoeltge Melody Roebuck Cathie Page Lorie Petterson Judy Copenhaver Karissa Page Tina Page Pat Vogel Cynthia Futrell-Kilgore

Post House Committee (PHC) (9 Members)

| Elected: | Alvie Owens | Lynette Lewis |
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| | Chuck Hudson | Odell Stukes |
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| Appointed: | CDR /Chair | Jerry Gartland |
| | Sr Vice Cdr | Jeff Bornefeld |
| | Jr Vice Cdr ` | Ed Meier |
| | Adjutant | Paul Petterson |
| | Quartermaster | Buddy McEachern |
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