

The Missile



Commanders Corner

Jul, Aug, Sep 2024

Elections were held in April. Most officers retained their positions; however, we have a few new faces. At this time, I would like to thank two time All State and All-American former post commander Jerry Gartland. Many updates and improvements were achieved during his command, and I look forward to carrying on in the same direction to take our post to the next level. The post dedicated the meeting room to Jim Mueller, Past Commander and Chief. Jim was in attendance and was deeply honored.

Our post received the All- State and the Distinguished Community Service Award. Thanks to the Post and Auxiliary for their outstanding commitment and dedication in achieving these awards.

Buddy Poppy in May was a huge success. Thanks to all volunteers who made this year's drive a great one.

I hope to see you all for the 4th of July celebration along with our family picnic on September 8th.

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,
Paul Petterson
Commander

Auxiliary News

Hello Members!

We've had a fantastic year. We are a great Team at our Post. Thank you for allowing me to be your Auxiliary President! It is my great honor to serve our Post! We welcome our new Commander, Paul Petterson! I'm looking forward to working with you and another great year of growth. We have a lot to do for our Veterans!

We have an amazing Auxiliary Team who makes things happen. We have some exciting projects scheduled for this incoming year.

We welcome ALL members! Looking forward to working with you this year. We meet every second Tuesday of the month. 7pm-8pm at the Post. Please join us.

Attached you will see some of the projects we have coming up from our Veterans Family & Support Chair.

Remember to always Respect and Support our Veterans!

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Brooks
Post 5077
Auxiliary President

Auxiliary 5077 Membership

As this newsletter goes to press, our auxiliary is at 105.75%. That is amazing, thank you all who paid their dues or converted to a Life membership. By going life, you will not receive any annoying letters from the Membership Chairman.

(me).

We will get our new quotas after July 3rd, and our goals this year are aggressive. But I know our auxiliary will step up as they have always in the past and get your dues paid timely. Your continued dues get our voices out in front of Congress and the Seante to enable our veterans to get their benefits due them. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about our organization and membership.

Judy Northcutt, Membership Chairman

Veteran and Family Support

Veterans Community Project (VCP) - Tiny Houses - St. Louis, MO. This project is near and dear to our hearts. Our Auxiliary took a tour of the facility and Tiny Houses on May 22, 2024. We found out that a Veteran doesn't have to be homeless for the Veterans Community Project to provide help. They provide classes, counseling, food and housing for our Veterans in need. The VCP hands out 100 Snack Packs per month to Veterans that come in off the streets. Our Auxiliary is donating \$500, and the Post agreed to match our donation of \$500. That money will purchase items, monthly, for supporting the snack packs at the VCP.

The Auxiliary received \$310 in donations for the P.A.W.S for Life project. So far the Auxiliary has collected \$1,806.00 in April 2024. The Post matched our original goal of \$1,500 and both Auxiliary and Post presented a check to K9 on the Frontline totaling \$3,306.00 on April 9, 2024. Another check we be issued to K9 on the Frontline at the end of 2024. This is an ongoing project through 2024.

The Auxiliary donated \$250, and the Post matched our donation of \$250 for a total of \$500. This donation was for the Young Marines Midwest Regiment Invitational Encampment that takes place on June 20-23, 2024 in Troy, MO. The donation will allow four Young Marines to attend this event that can't afford to go.

Auxiliary donated \$100 to the Veteran's Museum Building fund in O'Fallon, Mo.

Auxiliary donated \$200 to the SUPPORT OUR TROOPS SUPPLT DRIVE (Care Package Items) through the City of O'Fallon, MO. This donation will help pay for the shopping costs for 10 priority mail flat rate box of supplies to our Troops. Our location is a collection point.

That's all for this quarter's newsletter. Let me know if you have any questions.

Enjoy your day,
Anna Geers
Veterans and Family Support Chairperson

VA Expands Toxic Exposure Presumptions

From VFW Corps Weekly dtd 6/24/2024: VA has added three cancers to the list of presumptive diseases covered under the *Honoring our PACT Act of 2022* (P.L. 117-168). Male breast cancer, urethral cancer, and cancer of the paraurethral glands are now *presumed* service-connected disabilities due to toxic exposure, streamlining the claims process for eligible veterans with evidence of a diagnosis. Learn more about PACT Act benefits at [VA.gov](https://va.gov) or find an accredited service officer to help file a claim.

VETERANS OFFICE IN O'FALLON

There is a Veterans Office on the first floor in the 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 accredited Veterans Service Officer (VSO), who is on-site on Monday and Wednesday from 9AM to 3PM (by appointment only). The phone number of the office is 636-379-5577, and the email address is veteransaffairs@ofallon.mo.us. For any questions about the office, contact John Kolek at jwkolek@gmail.com.

Welcome to Post 5077

Steven Gallagher	Army	Collin Kelly	Army
Nicole Hubbard	Army	Charles Burgess	Navy
Thomas Golnick	Navy	Christopher Schmidt	Army
Donna Raffery	Auxiliary	Susan Parres	Auxiliary
Kathleen Parres	Auxiliary	Maggie Parres	Auxiliary
Sue Sickler	Auxiliary		

Honoring Those Missing from Roll Call

Alfred Blocher

Your 2024-2025 Officers

Commander	Paul Petterson
Sr Vice CDR	Jeff Bornefeld
Jr Vice CDR	Ed Meier
Quartermaster	Buddy McEachern
Adjutant	Ryan Hester
Chaplain	Joe Aiello
Judge Advocate	Tony Sorocko
Surgeon	Alvie Owens
Asst QM #1 (Bingo)	Mark Waller
Asst QM #2 (Bldg. Fund)	Mark Waller
Historian	Bill Hardin
Photographer	Ed Roebuck
Officer of the Day	Dan Bargielski
3 Yr. Trustee	John McGoogan
2 Yr. Trustee	Dan Bargielski
1 Yr. Trustee	Sam Pool

Auxiliary

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

Post House Committee (PHC) (9 Members)

Elected: Alvie Owens Lynette Lewis
Chuck Hudson Rance Bryan

Appointed: CDR /Chair Paul Petterson
Sr Vice CDR Jeff Bornefeld
Jr Vice CDR Ed Meier
Adjutant Ryan Hester
Quartermaster Buddy McEachern