

# The Missile



**Commanders Corner**

**OCT, NOV, DEC 2024**

Can't believe summer is over and it's fall you all!

The summer brought us updates on the post building such as painting the outside walls (thanks to all that helped), trimming the huge tree and finally getting a new roof (no thanks to Mother Nature).

October is looking to be busy with the district 9 meeting in Wellsville, Big 10 Conference, National Home trip. This year, Trunk or Treat will be on October 26, 5PM. With the holidays around the corner, November and December I'm sure will be equally as busy. Always something is going on so be sure to check the calendar.

We are offering membership incentives to become a life member. New and existing continuous non-life members can receive partial payment from the post to become life members. This offer expires December 31, 2024

Members age 40 and under receive \$100 towards life membership

Members age 41 to 60 receive \$75 towards life membership

Members age 61 and higher receive \$50 towards life membership

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

**Post Commander**

## **Auxiliary News**

Hello Members!

We are having a great year! Our membership is growing and continue to increase. Our amazing Auxiliary has been working hard visiting the Nursing Home and the VA Home to make sure the Veterans are not forgotten.

Many “Thanks” to our Scholarship, Youth, and Veterans and Family Support Chairpersons! You are amazing! I appreciate all your hard work these past months!

We welcome ALL members! Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings! We meet every second Tuesday of the month. 7-8pm at The Post. Please join us.

Attached you will see a special report from our Veterans & Family Support.

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 85.32%. That is very good, but we have a way to go to reach 101%. By going life, you will not receive any annoying letters from the Membership Chairman (me).

Your annual dues must be paid by Dec. 31, 2024, to remain a member in good standing. Annual dues are \$25.00. Your continued dues get our voices out in front of Congress and the Senate to enable our veterans to get their benefits due them.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about our organization and membership. Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

Judy Northcutt,

Membership Chairman

## Veterans and Family Support

07/17/24 – **1<sup>st</sup> VFW Auxiliary Post 5077 Cornhole Tournament**- This event is scheduled for September 22,2024. **ALL PROCEEDS** will benefit “Veteran Suicide Prevention”. We are very excited about this event. Our Auxiliary has obtained the following items via **DONATIONS** 14 raffle baskets, 12 silent auction items, 10-\$50.00 court sponsorships, trophies, \$300.00 prize money, and BBQ pulled pork. All of these donations were made by community businesses, Auxiliary members and nonauxiliary families. We are grateful to all for their support to make this event a huge success.

9/11/24 – **Patriot Day Ceremony & Remembrance Walk** – We will never forget. There were three Auxiliary members (Anna Geers, Judy Northcutt and Sue Parres) along with 150+ citizens attending the ceremony at the O’Fallon City Hall in Missouri to reflect on the sacrifice made then and now to show patriotism in the “Spirit of America”.

9/11/24 – **Heroes Care Program** – Support Our Troops Supply Drive through the city of O’Fallon, MO. This event marked the 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on our country. VFW Auxiliary Post 5077 opted to be a 1 of 8 drop-off sites and collected multiple items during our weekly bingo at the Post. Bingo players were very generous, and we thank them. Our Auxiliary donated \$200.00 toward postage fee to mail 10 boxes to our troops deployed overseas. Anna Geers took the donated items and check to O’Fallon City Hall. On 9/14/24 Judy Northcutt, Anna Geers, 13 nonauxiliary adults and 19 students that assisted with personal cards and packing 148 boxes. Our Auxiliary presented Katie Jordon, Volunteer Services at O’Fallon City Hall, a check \$200.00.

9/19/24 – **P.A.W.S. FOR LIFE PROJECT** – VFW Auxiliary Post 5077 continues to collect donations to benefit a Service Dog for a Veteran. Our ongoing donations from our weekly bingo at the Post for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter totals \$266.00. As of 9/19/24 our Auxiliary has collected a total of \$2,722.00 for Service Dog for a Veteran. We will continue to collect donations through the year 2024.

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

## VSO AND MEMBERSHIP EVENTS AT THE POST ON NOVEMBER 2

On Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 1PM to 3PM, there will be a Post Veteran Service Officer available in the Club Room at VFW Post 5077 to take any questions that veterans and/or family members may have concerning their benefits. In addition, there will be membership representatives available from both our Post and Auxiliary to answer any questions concerning new membership, upgrades to life and transfers from other posts. Plus, our Auxiliary will be having a bake sale which is worth the trip.

POC's are Judy Northcutt, Bill Harden, and John Kolek.

## 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 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](mailto:veteransaffairs@ofallon.mo.us). For any questions about the office, contact John Kolek at [jwkolek@gmail.com](mailto:jwkolek@gmail.com).

## Welcome to Post 5077

Peter Vincent	Army & Navy	Edward Strassle	Navy
Wayne Book	Navy	Christina Troup	Auxiliary
Kim Dunman	Auxiliary		

## Honoring Those Missing from Roll Call

Ralph Kessler Post Member  
Rosemary Mitchell Auxiliary  
Dale Boaz Auxiliary

## 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

