

The Missile



Commanders Corner

JAN, FEB, MAR 2025

Reflecting on this past year, the post had a great one. The holidays are coming to an end and the 2025 New Year is upon us. May your holiday celebrations give you lasting memories.

January is starting to look like a normal month. We do have a district meeting on January 12th at 1pm at the Mexico post. Lunch will be at 12pm.

February brings us the Chili Cook-off on February 2nd at 2pm. Enter your chili or come and help judge. The Winter C of A is at the St Louis Airport Marriott Feb 7-8. The VOD/PP banquet will be on Saturday.

March is kicking off Fish Fry starting March 7th and every Friday after that till the Friday before Easter at 4:30 – 7:00 pm. This is a huge fundraiser for the post. Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated.

Membership is at 102.73%. Division 3, we are #22.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work.

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've had a wonderful year working together and serving our Veterans. Our visits to the VA Home were so rewarding.

I want to thank everyone for your continued support of the Auxiliary and Post. You are an amazing group of people to work with. I'm looking forward to 2025!

We welcome ALL members to join us every second Tuesday at our monthly meetings. We meet at 7pm.

Let's continue to support one another and our Veterans!

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Brooks
Post 5077 Auxiliary President

VFW Auxiliary 5077 Membership

As this newsletter goes to press, our auxiliary is at 95.87%. We need 8 members to pay their dues to be 100%. If your membership lapses, you have until June 30, 2025 to pay your dues. By going life, you will not receive any annoying letters from the Membership Chair (me).

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. Thank you for being a member of this great organization. Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Judy Northcutt,
Membership Chairman

Veteran and Family Support

10/01/24 – **1st VFW Auxiliary 5077 Cornhole Tournament (FOLLOWUP)** – The results thereof the Auxiliary's Cornhole Tournament on Sept. 22nd – we raised \$5200 and after expenses, the Auxiliary issued a check for \$4,126 to Darla Nebel (Veteran Suicide Prevention) at the Fall C of A. This event was a huge success.

10/05/24 – **Women's Warrior Baby Shower** – Five Auxiliary members (Anna, Cari, Cynthia, Judy N and Sharon) packed cars with Afghans, baby monitors, baby hats and story books for this event. Post 3944 hosted the event for the VA, Our Auxiliary members setup a table to hand out our gifts (all donations). Each woman and their family (50 attendees) came by our table to select their gifts. Thank you to all members that participated at this event, a

10/30/24 – **Veterans Community Project (VCP Tiny Houses)** – There were four Auxiliary members (Anna, Cynthia, Judy C., and Judy N) participated in the event. We delivered \$100 worth of food items and helped stock pantry shelves and marked each item with an expiration date. These items will help pack the Snack Packs for homeless Veterans in the St Louis area. The Auxiliary agreed to provide \$100 if food items for a period of five months for our Veterans.

11/2 – 11/3/24 – **Buddy Poppy Collections** – This was a joint event by the Post and Auxiliary members of VFW Post 5077. The event was held at Farm and Home on Mid Rivers Mall Dr., IHOP and Walmart on Hwy K. Three Auxiliary members (Anna, Mel and Cindy) collected a total of \$446.21 and three Post members (Chuck, Ed R. and Rich S.) collected a total of \$1582.12. All donations collected will go towards Veteran's Relief Fund.

11/11/24 – **Veteran's Day Ceremony at The Walk Memorial** – Auxiliary 5077 had 19 members attend the ceremony to honor soldiers past and present. Sharon (Auxiliary President) and Paul (Post Commander) presented the Ceremonial Wreath. The Auxiliary member (Denise) participated as a flag bearer. This was a heartfelt ceremony that brought tears to the eyes of many in attendance.

12/01/24 – **P.A.W.S. FOR LIFE Project 2024** – VFW Auxiliary 5077 continued to collect monetary donations to benefit a Service Dog for a Veteran. Our ongoing donations were obtained from our generous weekly bingo players at Post 5077. The 4th qtr. donations totaled \$346.00. Thank you to all for your donations that will save two lives...a Veteran and a dog!

The 4th quarter was a busy time for the Auxiliary. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Happy Holidays,

Anna Geers

Veterans and Family Support Chairperson

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

Welcome to Post 5077

Patrick Eaves, Army
Brett Bacher, Army
Michael Darty, Navy
Terrance O'Hara, Navy
Tyler Luetkenhaus, Auxiliary

Larry Newman, Navy
Ronald Bodine, Marine Corps
Joseph Hoosech, Marine Corps
Robert Massey, Army

Honoring Those Missing from Roll Call

Tom Boland, Post Member
Steve Troup, Post Member
Phyllis Mezo, Auxiliary Member

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

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

1 Yr. Trustee

Sam Pool

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