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Happy Valentine's Day



to lead us through the 2007-2008 year. The nominations will start in March and the election will be in June.

Upcoming events are the Valentine's dance February 17th for our sweethearts (scheduled on the calendar).

The big event, the **4th annual Remembrance Day is scheduled for May 19th.** We are going to need lots of help with this huge project. Sam McGowan and Rick Stephens are our entertainment chairmen, and if there is anything you can do to help, please sign up. This event will celebrate our 26th anniversary.

I would like to thank my Executive Committee for the excellent job that they have done implementing all the progress of our post. Thank you, gentlemen.

In closing, if you would like to attend a District or State meeting they are coming up. The District 17 meeting is February 11th at post 676 located on highway 60 near Republic. The next State meeting is February 23rd and 24th in Jefferson City.

Looking forward to Spring.

For God and Country,

AL Powers

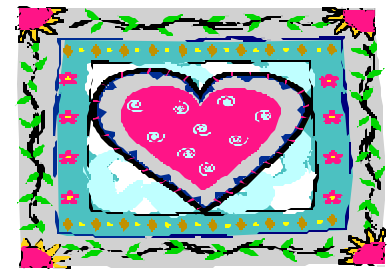


ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Special Note:
Dues for the American Legion Department of Missouri for Post 639

are now \$30.00 per year. So, please, in, it's \$30.00 not \$20.00. If, by chance, you already sent \$20.00 you need to send the additional \$10.00. Your membership for renewal to State will not be submitted until we receive the correct amount. **There will be no exceptions.** So, remember, if you sent any amount less than \$30.00, you need to send in the additional amount before we can submit it to State in order for you to receive any future newsletters as it is paid for out of Adjutant's account.

J C Ponder



FINANCE REPORT

The current slate of officers under the leadership of Commander Al Powers, has initiated changes at Post 639 designed to make this post most pleasant and agreeable to members. Changes include hot, tasty lunches 5 days per week from 11:00 to 2:00. New Smoke Eaters have been purchased that are keeping the air clean and odor free. A new maintenance program, starting Tuesday,

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:



2007, what's up for Post 639? I was very pleased with 2006. We've accomplished a lot. The rough section of our back parking lot has been repaved, our street sign is up and working. Smoke Eater fans have been installed and working well. I have had a lot of compliments on how great the Smoke Eaters are working from non-smokers. The post has improved its membership to over 600 strong, with a "can do" attitude. Our 2007 membership is at 100% but still needs some work, so if you have not renewed, please do so soon. Dues are now \$30.00.

We are coming up for election nominations. It's time you started thinking about who you want

February 13, will ensure clean floors, sanitized restrooms, and a more pleasant overall environment. More changes are being considered. The needs and wants of members is foremost. These changes do not come without cost. The Smoke Eaters alone cost in excess of \$4,000.00 plus upkeep. The maintenance comes at an increased cost from the building and grounds account. The daily lunches required a complete, professional cleanup job in the kitchen. We urge those members who have not been at their post recently to come in and enjoy your American Legion home.

Many new activities are planned for 2007. All members are encouraged to be a part of the exciting future of Post 639. Come in and enjoy. Most importantly, help to make your post all that it can be with your ideas, your skills, and your participation.

Tom Mabrey



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE:

Gale Tuter's mother passed away the last of January, and Marilyn Glasspool's mother passed away on February 1st. George Baker was in the VA hospital in Little Rock and is now home recuperating. Wednesday, February 14th is Valentine's Day, so call your mother and send flowers.

Please remember our troops and their families and our POW's and MIA's in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob Carroll



ALR CHAPTER 9

On January 28th a group of our members and officers attended a meeting of State ALR chapters, held at Post 331 in St. Robert, MO. Most of the 14 chapters in Missouri were represented. Several items were discussed including writing new State bylaws and the nomination of new State officers. Our ride coordinator, Paul Kennett, was selected to represent our chapter on the bylaws committee. Also, there are some discrepancies in the accounting of State ALR funds that need to be addressed. The next meeting of State ALR officers is to be held in conjunction with the department meeting in Jefferson City on the weekend of February 24th.

Our chapter celebrated it's first anniversary the weekend of February 3rd at the *Cruise Inn* located in Kimberling City. We rented all 14 rooms at the motorcycle resort for a getaway. The owners, Evie and Chip, went out of their way to make us feel welcome and provided excellent entertainment and "refreshments" at the *Throttle Down Lounge*. Everyone had a great time Saturday night (some more than others).

Several prospective members have been in contact with me and have been invited to attend our weekly din-

ner rides on Tuesday nights as well as coming to the monthly meeting at the post at 5:00 on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Riding season is almost upon us so get the bikes warmed up and come ride with us. A complete ride schedule can be picked up at the post.

Ken Jackson



LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi, All. We just had our February monthly Ladies Auxiliary

meeting. Thank you all for participating in all our meetings and events. We had a good crowd for the Super Bowl party. We ladies always appreciate the membership helping and supporting us.

There will be a Valentine's Day dance on Saturday, February 17th with a live band and we will be giving away the Valentine basket. See any Ladies Auxiliary member for details. Guys there will be flowers you can purchase at the dance. Come and enjoy the evening. I



hear Joyce has some fun things planned for the evening. Thank you, Joyce, for making the la-

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dies events so enjoyable. The beach party was so cool. I'm looking forward to the next theme party!

Ladies, there will be a Party Lite Candle party on Saturday, February 24th at 2:00 p.m. Ten percent of the proceeds will go the Auxiliary. We are working on making some extra funds to redecorate the ladies bathroom. It has needed a facelift for a few years. We have a committee formed to keep a budget and follow through with the project. Our goal is to be done by May.

The 40 and 8 meeting is on February 27th. Please come help serve and bring a dessert. We represent the Auxiliary and help the men two times a year. So let's have a good turn out.

The annual Easter party and egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 7th from 1:00-3:00. Bring non-chocolate candy to the March 6th General Meeting. We want this to be a great time for all the kids so let your relatives, neighbors, and friends know. As always, we will have the bike giveaway. **LOTS OF EGGS WILL COVER OUR BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS ALONG WITH THE CHILDREN'S LAUGHTER!!!**

Remembrance Day is May 19th on Armed Forces Day. We will be honoring our active duty service men and women and their families. We have meetings on March 7th, April 11th, 18th, and 25th, and also each Wednesday in May.. Let's get really involved!!!! This is our opportunity to show the servicemen, vets, children, and our community what we are all about! We need your help and your ideas. We want our com-

munity to know we help and care. Come join me for a rewarding good time!

As always, we can not do this without you. Our chaplain, Marlene, said a wonderful prayer and reminder to pray for our soldiers and NEVER forget what they are doing for us and our country.

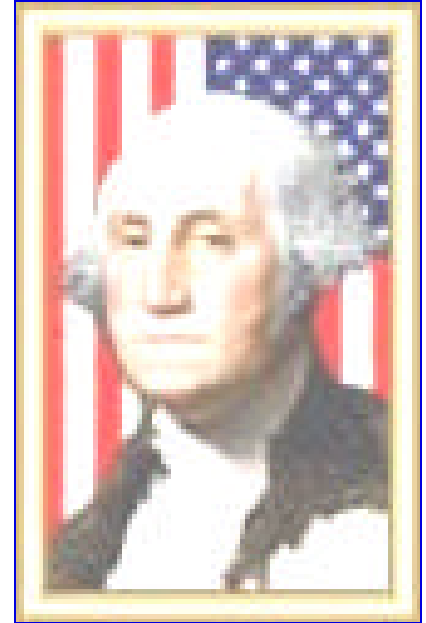
Terri Chandler

BAR AND KITCHEN

We all survived the ice storm of 2007. That is one we will all remember! The beach party was held on the 28th. If you didn't make it your missed it. We ran our feet in the sand while sipping Pina Colodas (with little umbrellas). And, yes there were bikinis on the beach. Pictures will be posted.

On February 17th (better know as "NASCAR Eve" to J.C.) please plan on bringing your Valentine and dancing the night away. The *Countdowns* will be performing that evening with Gary taking pictures for you by the Heart tree. I will have to make this short as Al says he needs this quickly and it needs to be legible (which everyone who has seen my writing knows that's not happening). Anyway, it's getting closer to my big day.....just weeks away from officially becoming **GRANNY**.

Thank you to all of you that have stopped for lunch. For those of you that haven't, you have missed out on some of Mel's good ol' home cookin' just like Mom's. She's slopped up ham and beans, cornbread, fried taters, a big pot of potato soup, and the list goes on. Remember the mess hall is open Monday through Friday, 11:00-



2:00. Stop in to see Bobbi, Gretchen, Linda, Shelia, and me soon!!!!

Loyce

