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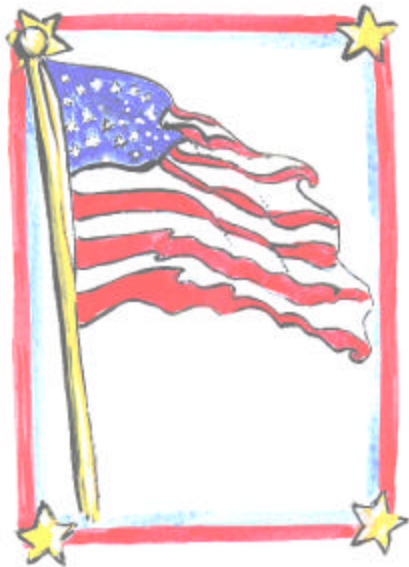
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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

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“May, The Month of Many Things”



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

June is a very important month for us. The 5th is the election of new post officers. This is a very important meeting, everyone please attend. The 14th is Flag Day, The 17th is Fathers day. On the 16th we will have the Mt Vernon Veterans at your post for lunch, and celebrate Fathers day with them. The 16th is a Saturday, Please find time to come out and visit with them.

ARMED FORCES, REMEMBRANCE DAY How will we ever top this day?

A special thanks to Sam McGowan for heading up the Remembrance Day committee. Sam you deserve a Medal for all the time and hard work you put in to make this event so special. What a great job. Thanks go out to all who helped plan and support the event. I'm so proud of each and every one of you and, i will tell each of you personally. Our star shined bright well into the night. The event from opening ceremonies to the last song of the night was terrific. A big special thanks to the Baldknobbers for their time and talents. Everyone was amazed at your talents, Thank you so much again, you made our special day a huge success. Burl McCullough is in the process of having a thank you plaque made in witch he and i will present to the Baldknobbers on their stage at one of their shows in the near future. Thank you Burl, what a great idea. Also a big thank you goes out to the other entertainers who preformed. The Countdowns, The Rock'n L's and Howie and the Hillcats. I'm sure i am forgetting to thank people, so please forgive me Their are so many to Thank, but i certainly don't want to forget our bartenders and kitchen crew, They put in a lot of long tire-

some hours, Thank you Joyce and your staff. The next time you come into the Post please tell them thank you. A special thanks goes out to Senator McCaskill for taking time out of her busy day to present a nice speech. Department of Missouri Commander Marvin Harper thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to share in our Remembrance Day celebration. I enjoyed visiting with Commander Harper Friday night and Saturday, and i assure you all, the American Legion is in great hands with Commander Harper as our leader. A thank you to the National Guard for the helicopter fly-in. I seen a lot of big eyes when the chopper began it's landing approach. How about Sherri Brandenburg singing our National Anthem, Beautiful job Sherri, Thank you. The car show was impressive, And what can you say about the ALR. They escorted the Mt Vernon veterans motorcade from Mt Vernon to our post, and what a of beautiful display of motorcycles they had. ALR Chapter 9 you make our post proud. Post 639 kicked off it's support for the Jessie Harden returning veterans college fund Foundation. Jessie Harden was a

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young Marine home from Iraq who tragedy lost his life to a impaired driver in downtown Springfield. Cooper Davis and Lee Ganaway founder and co-founders of the foundation were on hand to speak. Post 639, the ladies Aux and the 40/8 showed their support by making donations to the foundation. I would like to thank Cooper Davis personally for having the vision to start such a wonderful program for returning war veterans. In closing the only dark side i seen, was in the process of cleaning up of the grounds, we found a lot of stuff that shouldn't have been there, doors, window frames, brush and trash. I hope this stuff wasn't dumped by our members, we should take pride in our post and keep it clean. If anyone sees anyone dumping, they should stop them. Bringing fire wood is all right, but should be split or cut small to burn, and please stack it by the bar-b-q pit. Again thank you to all members whether you worked or participated, WHAT A GREAT DAY.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

AL Powers

ALR CHAPTER 9

Boy O boy, has the weather finally gotten right for riding or what !! Our chapter has been taking full advantage of the GREAT weekends lately. On April 21 we had 11 bikes with 15 people headed for Van Buren for a great day ride. We picked up 2 more members at Seymour and Made our merry way to Carter County for

lunch. The folks at the restaurant made us feel at home and fed us real well. After lunch we stopped at Big Spring Park. It's a pretty site with one of the largest springs in the country located there. Statistics escape me right now but suffice it to say it's a LOT of water. Made all the ladies want to make a pit stop before we left.



While stopping in Willow Springs for fuel we had our only problem of this trip. Brother Jim got Brother Mike's clutch working again and Sister Dottie got to ride home in style. On George's GoldWing. Hey mike, when you get over the H-D thing, you might want to look to the East for a new ride. Just a thought.



The next weekend found your chapter officers headed for Jeff City for yet another State ALR meeting. About 1/2 of the 15 chapters were represented as well as the "Department of Missouri". David Jenneman, the dept. Commander was giving us his "vision" of ALR in Missouri. Lets just say there is a difference in what we are willing to accept and his "vision". The good thing coming out of the meeting is we got to meet the in-coming State Commander Marvin Harper. He seems like a straight shooter and on the day before Remberance day he will be at our post. Your officers are planning on meeting with him and discussing the situation between the "vision" and what we are willing to accept.

The next day found about 10 of us

headed to Jasper Ark. for a funeral for a Soldier who was KIA in the war on terror. The Patriot Guard Riders coordinated this mission. The family of Sgt. William Bushnell made us all feel welcome and expressed their thanks to all the riders who showed up on Sunday to honor their son and hero. We expressed our sympathies and willingness to help out in any way we could. If anyone would like to find out more about the Patriot Guard Riders go to their web site: www.patriotguard.org for more info or talk to Paul Kennett, Jim Sentlinger, or myself.

Two great riding weekends in a row. What more could you ask for. How about another one? The next Saturday found about a dozen of us planning on going to El Dorado Kansas for a rally. The plans changed with the weather forecast in that area so at a breakfast stop we tried calling the casino in Booneville. No vacancies there because of graduation at MU so Eureka Springs became our "target of opportunity". The good folks at The Joy Motel made us all welcome with their hospitality [as well as breakfast the next morning].

Our dinner rides continue to draw a crowd on Tuesday evenings and we get to enjoy each others company.

Ron Jackson

Let's ride, Safely,

Asst. Dir.

Ch. 9 ALR

n, what happened to our "Spring"? Remember: Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 60 mph. Ride Safe !!

LADIES

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pleasure!!! Don't forget this is also Poppy month so if you see our cans out, make a donation for Our Vets.

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week-end, your tributions are

appreciated!!

We Can Not Do It Without You!!
Terri Chandler

Bar & Kitchen Report

Hello all! Spring is in the air, the birds are singing, flowers blooming and grandbabies being born!! As of March 19 I was blessed with a healthy, precious, beautiful granddaughter. It is official I now have a new title of "Grandma" to Meagan Catherine. For all of you that are grandparents I do not have to tell you this is an overwhelming feeling of excitement! I have pictures on hand, the regulars are tired of me toting around my photo album and showing her off, but really I am NOT being prejudice she is a gorgeous baby!

The March birthday party with the music of The Countdowns was a full house! I hear a great time was had by all. Sorry I missed it, however I spent my 50th cuddlin' my sweet pea!

On April 14 ALR hosted a chili supper, now who would have ever thought we would wake up that morning to snow on the ground? I think Ron and his crew found out 50 lbs. of beans go A LONGG way! Needless to say, Harvey has beans to last thru spring, Sorry Delores! We all enjoyed dancing to the mu-

be a full day of fun, food, and a variety of entertainment for the entire family to enjoy. Bring your lounge chairs and plan on staying awhile. **NO COOL-**

ERS Please.

The kitchen is going great. Had the biggest taco day, mid March and sold 115 tacos!!!! Good job and thank you for your support! The mess hall hours are 11-2 Monday thru Friday.

Stop by soon, support your post. Bobby, Gretchen, Lesia, Mel, Shelia and Me, the "Grandma" are waiting to serve you your favorite refreshment.

Has anyone heard anything about a mystery evening for the ladies??

WOW!! What a great and fun Armed Forces Remembrance Day (May 19) your Entertainment Committee has planed for you. It's a day that has plans and entertainment for all age groups to enjoy. The day begins with a pancake breakfast by the Boy Scouts, the arrival of the veterans from Mt. Vernon, escorted by the Legion Riders. Opening ceremonies on the stage will begin at noon. The post's own Sherry Brandenburg will sing the National Anthem.

U.S. senator, Clair McCaskill will be



our featured speaker. Commander, Al Powers will make an announcement on how our Post will be reaching out to our homecoming service personnel. The Baldknobbers will be on the stage at 1p.m.followed by the Countdowns, Sarrab School of Middle Eastern dance, (my favorite), The Rock'n Ls with a very special guest, then HOWIE AND THE HILLCATS will finish out the day.

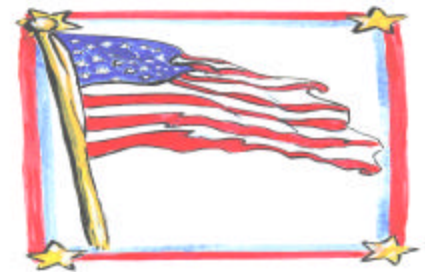
In, Crosstown BBQ Boy Scout retirement ceremony (bring your worn tattered old flags for proper disposal), and several booths and crafts. Remember to bring your lawn chairs and **NO COOLERS!** please.

A special THANK YOU to those who served on the committee that helped put this special event together, it didn't happen by accident it took a little bit of effort by a lot of people and that's what makes Post 639 the best Veterans Organization.

Thank You,
Sam McGowan

A Late but, better late than Never Article, (Sorry Bobby!, My Bad) Jay Hey what about our Girl Bobby ! What a great NASCAR Party. You did such a Good Job, even decorated the place by yourself. But of course when it comes to doing something for her NASCAR Buddies she's there. All the snacks, Chili, Stew were free and available to anyone who showed up. All of it was homemade by her and her Mom, It made her feel good about doing something Special for the first NASCAR of the Year. Five Pots in all. Now that is a lot of work !

You Go Girl!
Thanks Bobby for a great NASCAR Sunday event.



AUXILIARY

We have a very busy month ahead!! 1st I'd like to say a
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY to all the mom's, have a special day!!

REMEMBER WE HAVE A SPECIAL DAY, MAY 19th COMING UP REMEBRANCE DAY !!! WE WILL NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET !!! ALL OF YOU ARE INVITED TO WED. NIGHT MEETINGS @ 7PM. WE WILL HAVE MEETINGS EACH WEDNESDAY UNTIL MAY 19TH! THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP!! Thank You Sam Mcgowan for all you are doing! we appreciate it!!

Please attend the monthly meeting this May 1st. We have officer nominees with elections @ June 5th meeting. Please let Mary or Marlene know if interested in an office this year; contact the Post and leave a message. ALSO, if your interested in helping out for the Remembrance Day and can't make it to a meeting or wanting to set up a BOOTH that day, May 19th call the Post @ 882-8639 and leave a message for Terri; thanks a lot!!! We will be discussing our booth set up and all the activities with the Mt Vernon Vets and Kids for Remembrance Day, @ at this May Meeting. Ladies, if you can, bring a dessert that night and come for the meal @ 6pm. We all enjoy your company!!

Hey !! A Big Thank-You to all the Ladies, Men and Kids that came to and helped with the Easter Party. We had such a good time. Congratulations!! to the Bike Winners they are: Audrey Albanac, Cayden Harmon, Alyssia Hopper, Logan Phillips, Angela Modar and Devin Clark. Congrats to the Golden Egg winners; Darwin, Jacob, Dillion, Jared, Lanneashia, Shelby, Travis and Ricky!!

We had such a success, I know we can make another great day at
the Remembrance day activities for our Kids and Families. We Love having all of you come to our

