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**Trick
or
Treat**



COMMANDER’S MESSAGE:

Fall is in the air. Thank goodness the super hot days of August and early September are over. The trees will be turning soon, which makes the Ozarks a beautiful place to live.

I have mailed in the Vietnam medal and certificate applications, It consists of a medal, a medallion and a certificate. We will have them for a presentation by Governor, Matt Blunt, on Monday, November 12th at 0945 promptly, due to the Governor’s tight scheduling obligations. This will be a special day for all Post 639, Vietnam Veterans.

I just received the list of Post 1000 members in our area, from our district commander. I have included all of them for the mailing to receive this news letter in hopes that they will come and see what we have for a Post and meet some of the membership. Our Post is unusual to most of

the other American Legion Posts, in that the majority of our members still hold down a full time job, still have children of school age, our name is misleading, as it is the Vietnam War Memorial Post. Not Vietnam Veterans Post, our membership consists of WW11, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan Veterans, combat and support. We have almost 25 acres with a ball field, swings, horseshoe pits, picnic tables and a 100'x50' building with heat and air for your families enjoyment. This is just the tip of the ice berg as to what we really have to offer. Comradeship, and friendship. Post 1000 members please come and check us out, you will be pleasantly surprised. They’re probably saying these people are proud of their Post. **YOU BET !!!**

I reported last month that I had suffered a heart attack. I am happy to report with the expertise of my doctor and medication I am improving daily. I'm not quite 100%, but close. I am feeling better, more quickly than I ever imagined. Thanks for all the cards and your support.

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
AL POWERS, COMMANDER**

FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN :

Ralph Wyman and George Balke were in Cox South this last month for surgery - both are doing fine now. Commander Al Powers’s



Bob Carroll

Mother had a bad fall, please keep her in your prayers.

As always keep our men and women in our military and our POW's and MIA's their families in your thoughts and prayers.

At long last the weather has started to moderate and the riding is at it's best. Simply warm days and cool evenings are just what the Doctor ordered for those of you who hide all summer long from the heat.

Our dinner ride last evening found about 9 of us headed to Cross-town BBQ for some of Steve Williams' best offerings. This man's smile and personality gives everyone a good feeling just for walking into his restaurant. His family is truly an American success story. After dinner Steve and his daughter walked outside to take a look at our bikes and visit some more with us. He really liked George's bike



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and the fact it has reverse gear in it. Several of us regulars made our way back to our "home-away-from-home", Post 639 for a night cap.

The preparations for the poker run on the 29th are just about complete. Deadlines for this letter keep me from reporting the outcome of the run but rest assured it will be in next month's column.

Paul Kennett has re-scheduled the overnight trip to El Dorado Kansas for the 6th of October. Leaving the Post at 08:30 [Burl, Mickey's big



hand is on the 6 and his little hand is almost to the 9], it's about 250 miles from here. Jay, good luck on getting your bike back soon.

(Editor's Note, Psssst, It's Baaaackk)

Also, plan on going with us to The Cliffhouse restaurant, just south of Jasper Arkansas, on October 13th. We'll go KSU at 09:00 from the Post. I will be RC'ing this ride and I'll go slow enough for all of you to keep up.

Our next membership meeting is the 21st. of Oct. Plan on being there.

I'm still after the State ALR "leadership" to resolve the issues we

have with the state by-laws. I'm not encouraged by the response I've received so far. I'm to the point of asking, in writing, for the proposed by-laws to NOT be voted on by the Legion delegates, at the fall convention in Jefferson City, this October 27th. Your comments will be welcome at the meeting on the 21st. I want to represent the views of the majority of our members. The only way I can do that is if I hear from YOU.

Elections for the coming years officers are going to be held soon. If there is someone that you would like to nominate for a chapter officer, please contact them to see if they are willing to serve in that position.

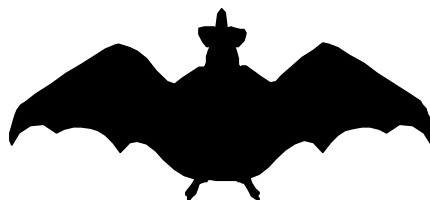
My thanks to Paul Kennett, Mick Dunn, Mike Chandler, Larry Tuck, Mark Montgomery, & Steve Skahan, for attending the funeral of the Springfield Soldier, who was KIA in the War on Terror. There were about 100 bikes and riders in attendance, to show their respect and support for the family. The Patriot Guard Riders provided a flag line at the church and did escort duties to the Missouri Veterans Cemetery.

Ron Jackson, Ch. 9 Asst. Dir.

Biker wisdom: Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motor-cycling and lived!

S . A . L .

Hello, my name is Lance Shockley,



S.A.L. Commander, for some of you who don't know me.

The sons will be doing Thanksgiving dinner as always this year, Thanks to Tennessee for doing it in the past. I'm going to give him a break and do it myself this year. He said he is tar'd

Thanks to Sam McGowan for taking such good care of our rose garden.

We have 75 members but only 5 or 6 who do the work. We need help with dinners and other things coming up in the future. S.A.L. meetings are being planned; let's get the S.A.L. going again.

Lance Shockley,
S.A.L. Post 639 Commander

Bar & Kitchen Report

Hello All,

It's fall season...where has the summer gone, YA'YAs?

We have a lot of upcoming events to look forward to. October 12th is the **Ladies Auxiliary October Fest Silent Auction** and they have been collecting a lot of nice items and having a polka dance. October 19th, as every 3rd Friday, is Clarke's fish fry. Every Friday is Bingo on Bennett Street. October 26th is the Big Show with the Garbonzos. And, don't be spooked October 26th. Ladies Auxiliary will have the Halloween Kids Party from 1:00-3:00. We have the jam ses-

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sions on October 14th and 28th. The music is very enjoyable!. I would like to thank the bartenders for working so hard to make every event on to remember and fun for all!!! Don't forget.....there is no I in team—please support your Post and your Post bartenders, Bobby, Connie, Gretchen, Sheila and Joyce.

Fancy Nancy's Kitchen is open Monday—Friday, 11:00-2:00, lunch specials every day for under \$5.00. Yes, I said \$5.00. Mark your calendar November 9th, "Steak Night" is back with Clarke being our chef. Plan to attend.

I would, also, like to thank Ron Jackson for all his help on Building and Grounds and Chris Foster for the back-to-school party, although he says "Elvis left the building".....has he really?

Stop by to see us soon!!!!!!!

Joyce

LADIES AUXILIARY:

October is a special month for us. We will be having our annual Octoberfest on Friday, the 12th, starting at 5 PM. All members, Men, Ladies, Kids and friends are invited We will have Polka music, brats, sauerkraut, chips, and for



those who don't like brats we will have hotdogs and all the fixins.

Our main attraction is , SHHHH ! The Silent Auction, this is our annual fundraiser, with 50 % of the proceeds contributed to the Family Violence center. We have many great items to bid on so, please mark your calendars and come out to join in on the fun, October 12 th, Friday, around 5:00 PM. We will serve at 6:00 PM. SO, bring the family and Friends to our Octoberfest. Anyone wanting to DONATE new items, please contact us at the Post or just bring them in. We greatly appreciate any and all of your help. We will be giving away our Party Basket at the Octoberfest!

Kids, you're all invited to our Halloween Party October 27th, Saturday at 1:00 PM to 3 PM, so bring Mom and Dad and of course any and all of your friends also. We will have a great Party for you with plenty of food, piñatas, costume contest, crafts and fun!. So come out and join us for a great time.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP AND FRIENDSHIP, WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU ALL SOON. WE CAN ALWAYS WELCOME ONE MORE NEW FRIEND AND WELCOME ALL. WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU.

Don't forget our Cake Walk!! We always have a great time and we all love the goodies. We will have grab

bags for all to enjoy. See ya there
Terri Chandler

Well, I am your New Chaplin, for the year. If at anytime you need to talk or are in need of something, please feel free to call upon me and if able I will assist you in any manner possible, and if I am not able to help at least I can point you in the right direction. However there won't be any letters sent to solve anything, this will be done on a personal level, so don't hesitate to call me @ 417 863-6837.

Our bartender, Bobby her little guy cut his lip last week on his 3 wheeler, Ouch! But, he is doing fine now.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a personal thanks to all the folks and of course the ALR for the great event they held last Saturday, the 29th, for their Poker run and the proceeds went to the Jesse Harding College Fund.

I now have everything to get started, for our October Birthdays for everyone.

As always, have a wonderful day, today and a more wonderful day tomorrow.

Beverly Miller, Chaplin
