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American Legion Post 639 (Vietnam War Memorial) Springfield, Missouri

AUGUST 2022



REMEMBER



From the Commander ...

Summer is in full swing here at Post 639. Hope everyone has been able to enjoy time with family and friends. Please remember to get out and exercise your right to vote on August 2nd.

At General meeting I addressed the membership concerning how we need more positivity at our Post. Unfortunately negativity has crept in as of late, and we need to work hard to change the tide so everyone can enjoy coming out to our facilities. Our employees, volunteers, and friends work hard to plan and execute every event. Everyone deserves to be treated with the utmost respect while at Post 639. Employees and volunteers are here to serve us, but they are not your personal servants. During busy times, **be patient**. They are doing their best. **Do not disrespect our employees, members or volunteers**. If you have any questions, or problems with anything, don't confront them. Bring it to me, we can discuss it and attempt to resolve it, and take it to E-board if necessary. This has seemed to get out of hand lately and I personally do not appreciate it. No one is any more important than anyone else here at Post 639, there is no rank here. Give respect, get respect. Thank you.

New Post Officers get sworn in soon. I am looking forward to see what the next year holds for us.

I'll wrap this up with this. If you have any ideas how to make things better, bring them to me **with a plan**. We can discuss them and you can put together and head up the committee to move forward with your plan. We are a volunteer organization and we need a lot more volunteers.

The 2023 membership cards have arrived. Swing by, pay your dues early, get your new card, eat lunch, have a drink and visit with best group of veterans around.

Fly your Flag and be proud. !!!

Mike Goforth

Commander

Legion Post 639

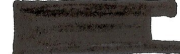
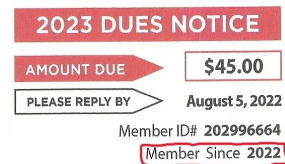


Post Adjutant



The Legion 2023 Dues Notices are causing a significant amount of confusion due to a printing error at the National level.

BE ADVISED, the "Member Since" field (shown below, right side, circled in **RED**), **erroneously** reflects 2022 for all recipients. Your **CORRECT** number of years as a Legion Member will show accurately on your 2023 Membership card.



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Sorry for the confusion. **Thanks for being patient as we work through this.**

Tom Newsom

Post 639 Adjutant

Chaplain



Have you ever wondered what Hell will feel like? The past few weeks we have had a touch of Hell. Hot, hot, no rain and very little wind.

On a sad note, one of our past Service Officers - George Wright, lost his wife in July. George's wife served in the Auxiliary for a few years. Please keep George and his family in your prayers. I know there are members at our Post that are having hard times on health issues. They are in my prayers also.

All for now, and as always, the Post and its members are in my prayers.

Rex Krasche

Post 639 Chaplain

Auxiliary



It's the beginning of a new fiscal year and our new officers are ready to fulfill their duties after the Installation and Awards Ceremony at our August general meeting. Your ALA 2022-2023 Officers are:

President - Diana Cooperider

Vice President - Terra Cooperider

Secretary - Susan Heppard

Historian - Mikayla Criger

Chaplain - Tammi Grantham

Sergeant at Arms - Charlotte Kelly

Members at Large - Lindy Dobbs, Sherry Hawk, Sherry Jacobson

To our elected Officers, Unit 639 appreciates your devotion and commitment to the offices they have entrusted to you and they have faith in your ability to represent us with kind and caring hearts for our Post, our Veterans and their families. Congratulations to all of you!



Officers above are: (Front row, L to R) **Historian** - Mikayla Criger, **President** - Diana Cooperider, **Sergeant at Arms** - Charlotte Kelly, **Vice President** - Tarra Cooperider, **Treasurer** - Hallie Scott. (Back Row, L to R), **Chaplain** - Tammi Grantham, **Members at Large** - Lindy Dobbs, Sherry Hawk, Sherry Jacobson, **Secretary** - Susan Heppard.

Have you taken a look at the Sugar Shack windows lately? That's right, there are curtains in those windows! ALA donated curtains and rods for the Shack. The curtains display the military branch emblems and are hung on white curtain rods with stars on the ends of them. The curtains were customized made by **Gunel Storey**, mother, of ALA member Lindy Dobbs. **Thank you Gunel!** The curtains exceeded our expectation. They are absolutely beautiful! Shout out to **Ron Jackson** for putting the rods and curtains up for us. We sure do appreciate all you do for us!



Saturday, August 27th is the Annual Ride to Live event. ALA will be assisting Kathy Davis with this fundraising Veteran Suicide Awareness event so please come out and support her as she continues to bring awareness and provide support to

those who are in need.

August important dates:

August is **ALR's** 50/50 month

August 2nd 7:00 p.m. General meeting and ALA Installation and Awards Ceremony

August 16th 7:00 p.m. E-board meeting

August 27th Ride to Live event

In Spirit of Service, not Self

Diana Cooperider

President, Post 639 Auxiliary

Sons of the American Legion



The Sons of the American Legion are looking for New and Past Members!

The Sons are made up of male descendants of Veterans who served in the US Armed Forces. Show your appreciation for your family members Service, and keep the memory of those brave Service members alive.

WE WANT YOU!



Our motto is "Serving Those Who Served" this great country. We do this through our events and volunteering at the LZ 639.

Annual dues are only \$25... and you get soooo much more out of your service to these brave vets, who fought to provide the freedoms each of us enjoy every day.

We are always interested in talking with individuals who want to help our beloved LZ 639. We meet at 7PM on the last Tuesday of each month.

Come out and sit in on a meeting or talk with a few of our members

Curtis Meyers, Commander

Sons of the American Legion

Service Officer



We have quite a number of medical equipment items in inventory as listed below. These items are used but in good condition and we would be pleased to make them available to anyone who needs them in exchange for a SMALL donation to the post. If you are interested please contact Bob Scott at the email address listed in this newsletter.

- Canes
- Crutches
- Wheel Chairs (both electric and manual)
- Walkers (kneeling)

- Scooters
- Walking Boots
- Bath and Shower Chairs
- Toilet Support Arms
- Bedside Commode

Bob Scott

Post 639 Service Officer

Legion Riders Chapter 639



The heat just continues to pound us, but we will **NOT** be deterred, it seems. July was a busy month in spite of it all. We had a **GREAT** turnout for the Springfield July 4th parade in and around Drury University. Counting Legion Riders and guests all told - 14 participants !!! Thanks to **Will Ogden** for handling the registration on our behalf.



Had a great send-off party for Sue Reis on Saturday, July 9th. Just a small way to show our appreciation for Sue and all the contributions she's made to the Riders and Auxiliary. A number of Riders helped her load up on Friday July 19th prior to her departure for Illinois. Thanks to **Mike Brooks (Loadmaster extraordinaire), Ron Jackson, Mike Walters, Will Ogden and Bob Kalwat** for proving that they're younger than they thought. Got confirmation from Sue that she's safe and sound in Illinois, starting a new life and a "new normal." Prayers answered for this dear "forever" friend.

Sue, we will miss your participation and contagious positive approach to all you do. You will be an asset to wherever you

continue. Their gain, our loss. We love you !!!!!!!!!!!



ALR Officers were installed during the monthly meeting on July 17th by **Commander Mike Goforth**.



L to R - Mike Brooks (Judge Advocate), Will Ogden (Co-Chaplain), Bob Kalwat (Secretary), Nolan Moody (ALR Liaison), Ron Jackson (Ride Captain/Sgt at Arms), Marsha Crom (Director), Kathy Davis (Assistant Director), David Turner (Treasurer), Herman Burkett Jr. (Co-Chaplain)
It's going to be a great, great year.

Good time to review our riding guidelines - We DO NOT ride if: (1) The predicted temperature is under 50 degrees, (2) over 95 degrees, or (3) predicted rain chance OVER 50%

Upcoming events you need to plan for -

(1) We will welcome the Ozarks Honor Flight back from Washington D.C on **August 23rd**. Making the trip will be our very own ALR Liaison, Nolan Moody. It will be an honor and high privilege to welcome these National Heroes back home after a memorable trip they will remember forever. Watch for details and come join us !!!

(2) "Ride to Live" on **August 27th**. The ride is to Ash Grove, Mama Loca's. They're giving away a beautiful Blackstone two-burner grill (see flyer on Page 13) **\$10 tickets, enter as many**

times as you wish. This event benefits Kathy Davis’s suicide prevention organization. Support it as much as you can.

(3) In September, plan NOW to be part of the Post 639 Camping weekend **September 23rd - 24th**. The Post will have the camping facilities to ourselves. This will coincide with the annual Bill Maxheimer Memorial Ride on September 24th. Contact Mike Chandler at 417-860-8910 to reserve your camp spot, or see Robin at the Bar to secure your reservation.

We had planned to go to Sam’s Cellar in Neosho, MO on 7/23, but once again the weather squashed our plans with 100 degree temps. We ended up with a repeat performance at Hot Cluckers on Campbell Ave. We needed an encore performance with **Mike Brooks and Bob Kalwat**, showcasing their tolerance for pain with the 3-star spicy chicken. They did not disappoint !!



Prospective Riders - if you have no “riding family”, come join ours. As you can tell from the picture above, we’re a lively bunch that loves to party. You’ll not find a more caring group dedicated to serving Veterans and the community at large. We take care of Veterans, each other, and we have a blast doing it. We look forward to meeting you in the future !!!!!

PLEASE MAKE NOTE - Post 639 Sunday hours are now Noon - 6PM. As our ALR monthly meetings have started at 6PM, we must adjust our start time to 5PM effective with August meeting to coincide with Post business hours.

Ride safe out there

Marsha Crom, Director, Chapter 639

Historian/Newsletter Editor

In August, we commemorate “V-J Day” (Victory over Japan) day. There are a number of different dates internationally celebrated as V-J Day. The official V-J Day commemoration is set nationally as September 2nd, to coincide with the signing of the Surrender documents aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. However, most of the events leading up to the end of WWII occur in August.

August 6th, 1945 - Atomic bomb is dropped on Hiroshima

August 9th, 1945 - Atomic bomb is dropped on Nagasaki

August 14th, 1945 - President Harry S. Truman announces that Japan has surrendered unconditionally. Japanese Emperor Hirohito also broadcasts the surrender to the Japanese people on Radio Tokyo. The famous “kissing” picture was taken at 5:51PM that afternoon by Life Magazine photographer Alfred Eisenstaedt.



September 2nd, 1945 - Supreme Commander of Allied Forces Army General Douglas MacArthur signs the instrument of surrender for the United Nations. Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz signs for the United States.



V-J Day is recognized as an official State Holiday **only** in Rhode Island (known there as “Victory Day”, set as the second Monday in August). It has been continually recognized there since 1948. Due to the state’s small population, the high percentage of those who served in WWII (and POW’s) from RI has perpetuated the state-wide remembrance. In response to past concerns that the holiday in some way celebrated “triumphalism” in its intent, the 1990 Rhode Island General Assembly passed a resolution stating that -

“Victory Day is not a day to express satisfaction in the destruction and death caused by nuclear bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.”

In a further effort to distinguish Victory Day from “V-J Day,” it also insisted that,

“If this holiday had indeed been meant to celebrate annually the subjugation of one nation by another, and if indeed the holiday were officially Victory over Japan Day, then the pleas to change the name of the holiday would be justified. Such is not the case.”

Regardless of whether it is referred to as “V-J Day” or “Victory Day”, the intent is the same as was “V-E Day” earlier in May, 1945 - to rightly celebrate the end of a bloody global conflict, during which an estimated 70-85 million people perished.

Governor Dan Mckee (Lt. Governor at the time) perhaps put it best -

“The Allied triumph in World War II was nothing less than the triumph of good over evil.”

Remember the sacrifices

Semper Fidelis

Bob Kalwat

Post 639 Historian/Newsletter Editor

August VSO Activities/Info

Give Vets Hope

Our group continues to be growing slowly with time and interest. We also continue to have excellent support from our Post.

If you are wanting to improve your coping skills and learn more about yourself please consider our group a good place to start. We share not only military experiences but also reflect on what's going on today. It's a matter of doing a lot of listening to others to learn too.

Our **GIVE VETS HOPE** group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, at 5:30, at the VFW Post 3404, at 1136 E. Atlantic. Our next meetings will be July 12th and 26th. Everything is free and we offer this opportunity not just for veterans but for anyone, that offers support for them. Spouses, sons, daughters, mother, fathers and support animals are all welcome. We are inclusive but don't offer child care, sorry.

If you would like more information about the **GIVE VETS HOPE** group please contact me at: davidsuits25@gmail.com or call and leave a message for me at 417-773-1837. Our Facebook page is: [givevetshope/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/givevetshope/). From this page you can access our website and learn more information.

Sincerely hope to see you there.

David Suits



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History in August

August 1, 1944 - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. "[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world." Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent

to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945, at age 15.

August 2, 1776 - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence.

August 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, *Nina*, *Pinta* and *Santa Maria*. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12th in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

August 5, 1861 - President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Federal income tax, a 3 percent tax on incomes over \$800, as an emergency wartime measure during the Civil War. However, the tax was never actually put into effect.

August 6, 1945 - The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber *Enola Gay*. The bomb detonated about 1,800 ft. above ground, killing over 105,000 persons and destroying the city. Another estimated 100,000 persons later died as a result of radiation effects.

August 7, 1964 - Following an attack on two U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin off North Vietnam, the U.S. Congress approved the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, granting President Lyndon B. Johnson authority "to take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression."

August 7, 1990 - Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George Bush ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances.

August 9, 1945 - The second Atomic bombing of Japan occurred as an American B-29 bomber headed for the city of Kokura, but because of poor visibility then chose a secondary target, Nagasaki. About noon, the bomb detonated killing an estimated 70,000 persons and destroying about half the city.

August 11, 1841 - Frederick Douglass, an escaped slave, spoke before an audience in the North for the first time. During an anti-slavery convention on Nantucket Island, he gave a powerful, emotional account of his life as a slave. He was immediately asked to become a full-time lecturer for the Massachusetts Antislavery Society.

August 13, 1961 - The Berlin Wall came into existence after the East German government closed the border between east and west sectors of Berlin with barbed wire to discourage emigration to the West. The barbed wire was replaced by a

12 foot-high concrete wall eventually extending 103 miles (166 km) around the perimeter of West Berlin. The wall included electrified fences, fortifications, and guard posts. It became a notorious symbol of the Cold War. Presidents Kennedy and Reagan made notable appearances at the wall accompanied by speeches denouncing Communism. The wall was finally opened by an East German governmental decree in November 1989 and torn down by the end of 1990.

August 15, 1945 - V-J Day, commemorating President Truman's announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies.

August 15, 1969 - Woodstock began in a field near Yasgur's Farm at Bethel, New York. The three-day concert featured 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of more than 300,000 young people. The event came to symbolize the counter-culture movement of the 1960's.

August 16, 1896 - Gold was discovered in Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River in Alaska, resulting in the Great Klondike Gold Rush.

August 17, 1786 - American frontiersman Davy Crockett was born in Hawkins County, Tennessee. He was a farmer, scout and politician who perished at age 49 during the final heroic defense of the Alamo in Texas.

August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 21, 1959 - President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.

August 24, 79 A.D. - Vesuvius, an active volcano in southern Italy, erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum.

August 24-25, 1814 - During the War of 1812, Washington, D.C., was invaded by British forces that burned the Capitol, the White House and most other public buildings along with a number of private homes. The burning was in retaliation for the earlier American burning of York (Toronto).

August 26, 1883 - One of the most catastrophic volcanic eruptions in recorded history occurred on the Indonesian island of Krakatoa. Explosions were heard 2,000 miles away. Tidal waves 120 ft. high killed 36,000 persons on nearby islands, while five cubic miles of earth were blasted into the air up to a height of 50 miles.

August 27, 1910 - Mother Teresa was born (as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu) in Skopje, Yugoslavia. She founded a

religious order of nuns in Calcutta, India, called the Missionaries of Charity and spent her life working to help the poor and sick of India.

August 28, 1963 - The March on Washington occurred as over 250,000 persons attended a Civil Rights rally in Washington, D.C., at which Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now-famous *I Have a Dream* speech.

August 31, 1786 - Shays' Rebellion began in Massachusetts as ex-Revolutionary War Captain Daniel Shays led an armed mob. The rebellion prevented the Northampton Court from holding a session in which debtors, mostly poor ex-soldier farmers, were to be tried and likely put in prison. Following this, in September, Shays' troops prevented Supreme Court sessions at Springfield, Massachusetts. Early in 1787, they attacked the Federal arsenal at Springfield, but were soon routed and fled. Shays was sentenced to death but was pardoned in 1788.

August 31, 1997 - Britain's Princess Diana died at age 36 from massive internal injuries suffered in a high-speed car crash, reportedly after being pursued by photographers. The crash occurred shortly after midnight in Paris inside a tunnel along the Seine River at the Pont de l'Alma bridge, less than a half mile north of the Eiffel Tower.

TAPS - 639 Members lost in 2022

Del Bonner

Donald Brinker

Robert Erb

Ken Ferguson

Clifford Hall

Dennis Havlin

Harry Kelly

Ronal Seyl

John Smith

Charles Vardiman



World War II



Korean War



**Global War on
Terror**



Coast Guard Birthday, August 4th, 1790



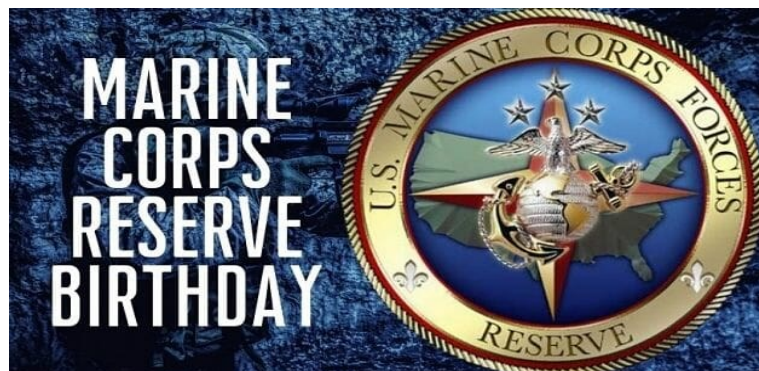
Purple Heart Day, August 7th



V-J (Victory over Japan) Days, August 15th / Sept 2nd



National Airborne Day, August 16th



Marine Forces Reserve Birthday August 29th



Average Weather in August for Springfield

Daily high temperatures *decrease* by 3°F , from 88°F to 85°F , rarely falling below 77°F or exceeding 97°F .

Daily low temperatures *decrease* by 4°F , from 69°F to 65°F , rarely falling below 56°F or exceeding 75°F .

Over the course of August in Springfield, the length of the day is *rapidly decreasing*. From the start to the end of the month, the length of the day decreases by *1 hour, 2 minutes*, implying an average daily decrease of *2 minutes, 5 seconds*, and weekly decrease of *14 minutes, 33 seconds*.

The shortest day of the month is *August 31*, with *13 hours, 0 minutes* of daylight and the longest day is *August 1*, with *14 hours, 2 minutes* of daylight.

The growing season in Springfield typically lasts for *6.6 months (203 days)*, from around *April 8* to around *October 28*, rarely starting before *March 21* or after *April 28*, and rarely ending before *October 10* or after *November 15*.

The month of August in Springfield is reliably fully within the growing season.

For the Good of the Legion ..

Seems like hardly a day goes by when our flag isn't at half mast. I was interested in knowing what the criteria was so I looked it up.

Fly the American Flag at Half-Staff

The United States flag flies at half-staff (or half-mast) when the nation or a state is in mourning. The President, through a presidential proclamation, a state governor, or the mayor of the District of Columbia can order flags to fly at half-staff. Most often, this is done to mark the death of a government official, military member, or first responder; in honor of Memorial Day or other national day of remembrance; or following a national tragedy.

Paul Doelger

Post 639 Schedule of Events

August 2022

- August 2 Tuesday - Post 639/Aux Gen Meeting, 7PM
- August 3 Wednesday - Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-8PM
- August 4 Thursday - US Coast Guard Birthday
- August 6 Saturday - Breakfast 8AM - 10AM
- August 7 Sunday - Purple Heart Day
- August 9 Tuesday - Korean War Vets Meeting, 1PM
- Give Vets Hope, VFW 3404 5:30PM
- August 10 Wednesday - Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-10PM
BIKE NIGHT
- August 11 Thursday - Marine Corps League Meeting
VFW 3404
6PM Food/Fellowship, 7PM Mtg
- August 13 Saturday - Sub Vets Meeting 11AM
- August 15 Monday - V-J (Victory over Japan) Day (Also
September 2nd)
- August 16 Tuesday - National Airborne Day
- August 17 Wednesday - Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-10PM
CIGAR NIGHT
- August 19 Friday - VFW 3404 Fish Fry 5:30-7PM
- August 21 Sunday - Legion Riders Meeting, 5:00PM
- August 23 Tuesday - Auxiliary E-Board Meeting 7PM
- SAL Meeting,, 7PM
- Give Vets Hope, VFW 3404
5:30PM
- Ozarks Honor Flight "Welcome
Home" - Time TBD
- August 24 Wednesday - Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-10PM
BIKE NIGHT
- August 25 Thursday - Fleet Reserve Association 6PM
NEWSLETTER CONTENT DUE
- August 27 Saturday - "Ride to Live" Event, KSU 10AM
from Post 639.
- August 29 Monday - Marine Corps Reserve Birthday
- E-Board Meeting, 6:30PM
- August 31 Wednesday - Queen of Hearts / 50-50, 6-10PM

Cigar Night @LZ639

Apr 13

May 11

June 8

July 6

Aug 17

Sep 14



"Just for Him" will be onsite for you to purchase and try a nice cigar. Live music scheduled, food/drink available.

★ BIKE NIGHT ★



@LZ639
EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY
6:30 - 10



QUEEN
OF
HEARTS
CARD DRAW
EVERY
WEDNESDAY

FOOD
MUSIC
50/50 &
COOL PRIZE
RAFFLES



APRIL 20,
MAY 4 & 18,
JUNE 1, 15 & 28,
JULY 13 & 27,
AUGUST 10 & 24
SEPTEMBER 7 & 21

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Volunteer Opportunities at the Legion

As always, we have several volunteer opportunities for members and non-members. Currently, we are in need of someone with excellent administrative skills and the ability to see a task through to completion. This could mostly be done at home, but it will take some familiarization with how the business here operates.

As our buildings age, maintenance has become a growing concern. If you have any skills in any of the trades, or if you are a "Jack of ALL Trades", we could use your help. There are several projects pending.

At this time, we're always looking for those with cooking skills. Special events, cooking lunch on those days when we need a sub to fill in, etc. If you want to show off your culinary skills to the membership, please contact the Post and we'll get you set up.

If you're interested, please call 882-8639, or drop by. We'll contact you and match you up with an opportunity. **Volunteers are what allow Post 639 to function. YOU ARE NEEDED. Come work and fellowship with us !!!**



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Post 639 Lunch Menu 11AM-2PM, M-F

Burgers. Served with fries. Substitute Mushrooms or Onion Rings for \$1. Add bacon for \$1. Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickle on request.

- **Hamburger \$6**
- **Cheeseburger \$7**
- **BBQ Burger \$8.50**
- **Classic Cheeseburger with BBQ seasoning, and onion ring, and drizzled with BBQ sauce.**
- **Blue Burger \$8.50** - Classic hamburger with our special seasoning, topped with Bleu Cheese crumbles.
- **Brunch Burger \$8.50** - Classic cheeseburger topped with a fried egg and bacon.
- **The LZ639 \$8.50** - Classic cheeseburger with a garlic parmesan aioli and topped grilled onions.

"Smashed Sandwiches" Served with fries. Substitute mushrooms or onion rings for \$1. Substitute chili or soup of the day for \$1.50.

- **Grilled Cheese \$6**
- **Hot Ham and Cheese \$6**
- **Reuben \$7**
- **BLT \$6**
- **Pepperoni Pizza \$7** - Toasted sandwich stuffed with Marinara, fresh-sliced Mozzarella and Pepperoni.

Upgraded Classics. Served with fries. Substitute mushrooms or onion rings for \$1. Substitute chili or soup of the day for \$1.50

- **Pork Tenderloin Sandwich \$6**
- **Grilled Chicken Sandwich \$6** - Topped with Swiss cheese and bacon.
- **Garlic Parmesan Chicken Sandwich \$6** - Topped with Garlic Parmesan Aioli and bacon.

Soup \$3.50

- *Only one soup offered per day. Ask the Bartender for the soup of the day*

Chili \$3.50

- **Homemade by the Commander himself !!**

Soft Drinks \$2

Sprite/Diet Sprite Coke/Diet Coke Dr Pepper/Diet Dr Pepper
Unsweetened Tea Coffee

Money raised by the sale of Legion, ALR and Auxiliary merchandise is then used in their Veteran support activities. You are contributing directly when you purchase an item. Pay right at the bar !!

American Legion	Price
American Legion Hats	\$15.00
American Legion License Plate (Plain)	\$10.00
American Legion License Plate	\$15.00
Vietnam Memorial Wall Coin	\$10.00
Vietnam Memorial Wall T-Shirt	\$15.00
Ride For Life T-Shirt	\$20.00
Christmas Par Tee	\$15.00
RV Space Rental (Non-Veteran)	\$20.00
RV Space Rental (Veteran)	\$10.00
Legion Hall Rental	Variable
Legion Grounds Rental	Variable

American Legion Riders	Price
ALR Auto License Plate	\$9.00
ALR Auto Plate	\$11.00
ALR Belt Buckle	\$30.00
ALR Chapter Tapes	\$2.00
ALR Decal 3"	\$3.50
ALR Decal 6"	\$7.00
ALR Decal 12"	\$8.00
ALR Do-rag (Cotton)	\$13.00
ALR Do-rag Logo (Poly/Cotton)	\$13.00
ALR Do-rag (Navy or POW, Poly/Cotton)	\$13.00
ALR Hats	\$20.00
ALR Key Tag	\$3.00
ALR Motorcycle License Plate Frame	\$8.00
ALR Patch (Back - Large)	\$47.00
ALR Patch - Medium	\$10.00
ALR Patch - Mini	\$4.00
ALR Pin	\$4.00
ALR Support Our Troops Patch	\$3.00
ALR Sweat Shirt	\$29.00
ALR Hoodie	\$28.00
ALR T-Shirt (Long Sleeve)	\$20.00
ALR T-Shirt (Short Sleeve)	\$19.00
ALR Windshield Decal	\$16.00
ALR Zippo Lighter	\$23.00

Auxiliary	Price
Auxiliary Cook Books	\$1.00
Auxiliary Hats	\$20.00
Auxiliary Koozies	\$1.00
Auxiliary Patches (Large)	\$8.00
Auxiliary Patches (Small)	\$5.00
Auxiliary Pins	\$6.00
Auxiliary Necklaces	\$10.00
Auxiliary Bracelets	\$5.00



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	1 LUNCH 11-2	2 LUNCH 11-2  POST 639/AUX GEN MEETING 7PM	3 LUNCH 11-2  QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8PM	4 LUNCH 11-2  HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. COAST GUARD AUGUST 04, 1909	5 LUNCH 11-2	6  BREAKFAST 8 - 10AM
7 	8 LUNCH 11-2	9 LUNCH 11-2  KOREAN WAR VETS MEETING 1PM GIVE VETS HOPE VFW 3404 5:30PM	10 LUNCH 11-2  BIKE NIGHT QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 10 PM	11 LUNCH 11-2  MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MTG VFW 3404 FELLOWSHIP 6PM MEETING 7PM	12 LUNCH 11-2	13  SUB VETS 11 AM
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- Hopelessness, feeling like there is no way out
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The History of Vietnam War Memorial American Legion Post 639



What follows is the next in a series of articles that tell the story of American Legion Post 639, Vietnam War Memorial, told through the experiences of the original founders. Their experiences as Vietnam veterans form the basis of who we are today. Gary Harlan, Ron Snyder, Gary Turner, Art Stout, and Mike Chandler share their stories in the coming months. **First up - Gary Harlan, Charter Member, Commander 1983 - 1985.** Gary's essay that follows was written in 1993

May, June, July 2022 Issues - Gary Harlan's history

This month - Ron Snyder's Interview. Ron was a co-founder, along with Gary Harlan. This is his story

"I was born in Philadelphia, and I grew up in South Jersey in a place called Mullica Hill, south Jersey, right across from Philadelphia about ½ hour. Went to Kingsway Regional High School, graduated in 1965, and like any kid graduating, you're looking at all your options – job, this, that and everything else. And I come from a long line of military people. My father was like, 82nd Airborne, charter member, during the Second World War, made all the major jumps from Africa to Sicily, Normandy, all those. So I grew up hearing all these stories, because my father used to get together with some of his buddies, and they'd be talking about all the things they went through during the Second World War.

So in February of 1966, which was just a year after I graduated, I went and enlisted in the Army. And so my first tour, I served as Arial Reconnaissance with the 1st Cavalry Division. But my second tour is when it got serious. So I went back for a second tour with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. Now these were a bunch of boys that were out to make a name for themselves. 1st Cavalry, in a way, was trying to recover from the embarrassment of Korea, because the big orange patch with the horse and the line was the typical thing. The horse - they never rode, the line - they never crossed, and the color speaks for itself. So that was a bad situation.

But then when I got to 11th Cav, they were REALLY gung-ho, I mean this was Patton's son. And we had this wacko Patton in front of us and he was "find the bastards and pile 'em on", and he was just like PUSH, and PUSH, and PUSH. And so we racked up all kinds of battle streamers and everything else during '68. So toward the end of '68 in December, we had to go out into some rice paddies with an island in the center. And we had to go out and recon, on foot, dismounted, this island for any activity or whatever was going on. Because they said there had been no activity for 6 months, but they wanted to verify that.

So we lined up across the rice paddy dikes and started walking. First problem was we saw the rice harvesters leave, they were didi-mounting out of there. Right there is a sign of trouble, that's #1. We got to the island, and the Lt. told me to take two men down the trail and see what we could find. So I took two men and headed down the trail, and I started seeing ARA cigarette packs crushed up, fresh banana peel, and I thought, "Oh my, somebody's been here a LOT sooner than 6 months ago." We got to the middle of the island, and there was a BRAND NEW NVA base camp being built. I mean they had dug all the holes with cut tree branches for arial camouflage cover and all that. But they were out on the other side of the island harvesting rice. So what happened when I got to the bunker complex, I sent one man back down the trail to bring up the rest of the unit – there were 12 of us. We got there at the same time THEY got there from the other side. And ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE. I mean, you name it, it was goin' off.

We killed the three first point men because they were carrying rice cans, .50 caliber cans full of rice, and their weapons were slung over their shoulders, so they weren't ready for anything. As we were jumping dead bodies, on the third one we came across, he was laying there holding his guts in with his fingers. He looked at me in the eyes, I looked at him, and he pulled the pin on a grenade on his belt and BLEW MY ASS UP. I mean this thing went off one second to one year after he pulled the pin. I had barely enough time to do a half-turn and tell everybody "GET DOWN, HE'S ALIVE !!", and the grenade went off. I never heard the explosion, I saw a big white flash, blew everything off I was wearing, I took an M79 just to play around that day, blew that off, blew the .45 out of my hand, I was bleeding out everywhere. And the first thing I noticed was blood squirting out of my left hand by about a foot. And I thought "Oh my God, my fingers are gone". That's the first thought. I reached down, and at the same time, my right eye filled with blood. So the situation was like "What are we gonna do now?" They had like a platoon size against 12 guys. And these were all brand new troops – brand new uniforms, brand new everything. So what I did was, (brain going a million miles a second), I thought "Well, the only way out of here (fire was coming from everywhere else) was down the trail where we first made contact because they've got all the trail surrounding us." So I told the people "Grab the wounded, follow me" and we charged down the trail to the other side of the island. And

when I got out there, I finally went through the whole ritual of getting picked up by helicopter, back to a field-based station and then to a hospital. I spent a total of 6 months in the hospital – Vietnam, Japan, and then to Walter Reed.

Before I got out of Walter Reed, I was talking to this one nurse, and she was saying, “You’re lucky, you know, you just lost sight of an eye, your hand is paralyzed, you got shrapnel all over your body – let me show you something”. She took me over to what they called the “meat ward”. This was two rows of beds, guys with no arms, legs, and blind. I mean, that’s all they were was hunks of meat being kept alive. And THAT had an impression on me like I never forgot. I mean, when you see people getting wounded and hurt in combat, they’re flown off and you never really know what happened to them – whether they made it or they didn’t make it, or what, you know? But here I was staying in a ward with a whole bunch of guys that had given EVERYTHING. I got 3 Purple Hearts, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, a whole chestfull of medals that don’t mean very much now, as long as you’re proud of the guys.

So I got out of the hospital in May of ’69 and went to college. Gloucester County College as a start, in New Jersey. And I was studying law, was going to be a lawyer. And I had some run-ins with my Law Professor. I was like the top law student in my class at the time, he just got me so mad that I switched majors from law to research and marketing. So when I graduated, it was a series of odd things - nobody wanted to hire me because I was a Vietnam Vet, a disabled Vietnam Vet on top of that. And at that time in the country, people weren’t real excited about Vietnam Vets. So I was kind of bounced around, doing odd things here and there. Finally my parents moved to Missouri in 1972. And so I thought “Well, why not”, so I traveled out here to Missouri to see what it was like in Missouri. And while I was here, I started making contact back in Washington D.C. with old buddies that had moved into political jobs, etc. and I started an international research and marketing company. Now we’re getting close to when I’m gonna meet Gary Harlan.

I was in Washington, and I met this group called “The Gray Berets”, Vietnam veterans in business. And I thought “Wow, this is something really to get behind.” Try to get some guys in little businesses, etc, so I got involved with them and was a little disappointed. I tried to represent them out here, we had meetings at the Hilton on North Glenstone, and so during the course of setting this whole thing up, and trying to see if we could get some people in business, I knew a gentleman by the name of James Ingels, he was the drummer for Jim Stafford in Branson. I went to Jim, because I just read an article that Harlan had written about the Burrell Center and the veteran center they had there, and I asked James “Do you know this guy?” and he said “Yeah, I know him, went to high school with him.” So I had a meeting at his house with Gary Harlan. And I told Gary “How would you like to write about, and cover the event that’s going to happen at the Hilton?” At that time, Gary was working at a Post Office, and this was like an “out of the blue” request.

So we brought together, I don’t know how many people, but it was a WHOLE bunch of veterans that turned up. But like Gary knew, and he was right, they were more there for the company of other veterans than they were about getting into business. But it was a start.

And after that we evolved into getting more involved with my contacts in Washington DC. I started introducing Harlan around to everybody in Washington, and he got to meet all kinds of people. And we were going to try and plug for a Vets center, Vietnam Vets center, BUT, we didn’t have a big enough population, minimum was 250,000. So, as a result, we got together a little “hard core group” of us, and we borrowed money from the bank, and we all co-signed for it, and we started our OWN Vet Center. And that’s where the veteran’s hot line came from, all kinds of things we were trying to achieve with that. But with the Vets Center, we also knew we could only go so far. There’s only so much you could do. So, six of us got together at the Green Beret Tavern, and we were battin’ around, should we join Vietnam Veterans of America, looking at how we could expand what we’ve started here. And as a result, I thought about it and I said “Well, wait a minute – why don’t we take an established veterans organization like The American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars and start a Chapter?” Because (1), they’ve got the clout and the lobby in Washington, which meant that we’d be able to get things done a whole lot easier. And that’s how the Post started.

And so we were all like “What are we gonna call it?”, sitting around a table trying to come up with a name for the Post. And that’s when I said “How about “Vietnam Veterans Memorial Post”, and they said “Yeah, that sounds good”. Instead of naming it after just one person, like most Legion Posts are named after, we kind of incorporated the whole Vietnam Veteran population. And we also knew that by starting the Post, it would be something that would live on to future generations of veterans. So that’s how the Post started, it all started with Bingo, and Gary would wear a .45 on the side and go to the Bingo games. Myself, I was so busy with everything else, I didn’t have that much time to put into running Bingo and stuff like that. Gary Harlan, Gary Turner and a whole bunch of them got involved with that. And finally enough money was saved up, just through Bingo games, to start a Post, the one we’ve got now, 639. So we built that out there. And meanwhile, I continued my activities in Washington, and things just come together. I mean, Gary met a guy names Corson, William Corson. Now Corson was a Second World War Marine vet. And he’s the one that had written this article in Penthouse that I read, caused me to go see these other guys, the Vietnam Veterans in Business (The Gray Berets mentioned earlier). Him and Gary became great friends. And what it did for Gary, it gave Gary an outlet for writing about what we were doing with the Post. So Gary got a whole bunch of stories published in Penthouse via William Corson.

And so all these little kinds of things worked together. And so It got easier. And then, the Vietnam War Memorial was being

started, and I got involved with Jan Scruggs and those people to help get the Veterans Memorial in Washington. And this gave Gary an opportunity to meet a guy named Mike Watson. He was head of Veterans Affairs, and another Marine vet, working in some obscure little cubicle in the White House basement. So we all got together and talked about that, and Gary got to write the speech for the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and Watson was responsible for that. So Gary went down there with Watson, and Watson read the speech on the day they dedicated the ground.

So one thing kind of led to another. The Post got up and running, started doing good, starting doing all kinds of good things for our veterans in the community, and other people in the community. Gave people a place to go to gather and visit – the same kind of an atmosphere we created at the Hilton without even trying. All sitting around the bar drinking, having a good time, playing pool and stuff like that. So I started a business in Branson, so I was out of the scene for about 10 years. But Gary and all the rest of them got the Post off the ground. Unfortunately, we still had a few people who were committing suicide. Even with everything we had available, there were still guys we knew who would just take themselves out. But fortunately I think that kind of slowed down in later years.

So now the Post is what it is. Now we got the different things out there – the helicopters, one thing led to another and they got the conning tower of the submarine out there now.

Mike Chandler and I became pretty good friends. In fact when I got married to my present wife Janet, he let me use the Post for my wedding reception.

The Post was my idea. It made the only sense, because these “fly-by-night” Vietnam Veterans of America places, some of them made it, some of them didn’t make it, but they didn’t have the CLOUT in Washington. And if you want to get ANYTHING done with the Vietnam veteran population as a whole, you’ve GOT to HAVE the contacts in Washington. I was meeting with the top of the American Legion down there, we were doing everything we could to find different programs, whatever we could get our hands on to bring back here to Springfield. First meetings were pretty wild. It was the wild west. Nobody knew anything about order, that didn’t count. But that matured over time and turned into quite a respectable organization.

So that’s how it basically all happened. And I just incorporated working for Vietnam veterans in conjunction with what I was already doing in Washington anyhow.

Well, my first year back I spent five months at Walter Reed Army Hospital. So I had a bit of a different homecoming than somebody getting off a plane. When I got out of the hospital, I was really disillusioned.

I was SO disillusioned that while I was in college, I joined the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. We were down in Washington at the time they were throwing their medals on the

White House lawn and all that. But I knew that that was not the way forward. We picketed the Miss America Pageant one year carrying toy 16’s, there was a McIntyers Church in New Jersey, and we picketed that. Because we realized that when you got to Vietnam, it didn’t take long after they filled your head with all that “Mom and Apple Pie and the flag” and all that kind of stuff, you realize REAL QUICK, that the only thing that mattered in Vietnam, was fighting for each other. All that other stuff went out the door – gone. And so that’s why those Vietnam veterans and those combat guys are SO tight. You’ll find Vietnam veterans that have never known each other, walk up to each other, and in 15 minutes, are lifelong friends. Because they have shared something that no one else has shared. Combat veterans cross the whole spectrum, didn’t matter if you were a pilot, Marine, Army – it doesn’t matter. If you were in country, there’s a certain respect you had to have for everybody serving there.

Before we had a physical location, we met several times at Post 69 here in Springfield. There was tension between them and us because they were mainly World War I people, and they really didn’t understand us at all. The World War II guys weren’t too thrilled about us either. We were also interfacing with Kirby Wilcox Post 676. Gary and I went there several times. In fact, the guy that was head of the Green Beret Tavern where we first met to start this thing was a member of that Post. The only reason we went to the Kirby Wilcox Post was that Kirby Wilcox was killed in Vietnam. And his father, who had the mail contract for Springfield, he’s the one who started that Post in remembrance of his son.

So you got people coming and going in all types of positions, trying to accomplish something. So the early days were pretty wild, we had all kinds of sporadic things popping up all the time, Gary, he was kind of going his way, I was going my way, Turner (Gary) was in there – everybody was trying to do something. but it finally matured into a legitimate movement.

In regards to Gary Harlan’s Springfield newspaper article about the boycott of the American Legion (and how we needed to get away from that), the sentiment behind the boycott was that the Vietnam veterans wanted to have their OWN organizations, like Vietnam Veterans of America. That’s where everybody was trying to push all Vietnam veterans into THAT organization. But it made no sense. Financially, it made no sense, because people didn’t like Vietnam vets to start with. So if you had just a plain Vietnam veteran organization, you have a lot of detractors around the country. But the American Legion was well accepted and regarded. And they had the biggest lobby in Washington. So if you wanted to try and get something done, you could lobby through their organization in Washington and try to get it done. And so they had to overcome the “butt hurt” about the American Legion.

We couldn’t actually all become members of Post 69 because of the differences there, and even the Kirby Wilcox Post was mostly all Second World War vets, and they weren’t to happy

with us. Don't know why they weren't, but And so having our OWN American Legion Post made sense. And sure, we started the Vietnam post, but now we got Gulf War vets, Desert Storm vets, we got Iraq vets, we got Afghanistan vets, we got 'em all there.

So it was quite a journey to get the Post, but the Post covered all the bases. It gave Vietnam veterans their own place to hang out. We didn't have to bump heads with the Second World War, First World War guys who didn't want us. Once they (Vietnam vets) found out about it, it was like a magnet, they flocked to it. Word of mouth, EVERYBODY started coming. The new guys coming in are picking up the torch and carrying the flame. The Post has helped so many people, done so many good things. We had such good coverage early on from the newspapers and TV, because this was a new and novel thing for the area. It caught their attention.

Regarding the Vet Center, Don Alexander (who worked for Burrell Mental Health Center) helped us a lot setting up the Vet Center with Gary Harlan, Gary Turner, a lot of wives were involved, just a smorgasbord of people. But the crux of the thing was basically Harlan, Turner, people like that. We parted ways with a lot of people early on, because like anything else, when you start something you get a lot of "hangers-on" that are just there for the moment – they weren't there for the long haul. Then they flame out and disappear.

I was so involved in Washington DC, all I did was help start the Vet center, like a co-founder with 5 other people. We co-signed for a bank loan together. We had a old time real estate guy in town that had a building that we used at the start for the Vet center. So I wasn't involved with it once it got started, just part of GETTING it started.

September - Art Stout (Charter Member)



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