

Vietnam War Memorial

November 2019

American Legion Post 639



COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

Thank you for your service. I hear that when I wear my USMC stuff out in public. We all hear it occasionally, I hope. I never know what to say in response, so usually I just say thanks. Sometimes I tell people I had a good time, and usually they're surprised by that. But parts of it were a blast, and I've let the parts that weren't fun fade out of memory for the most part.

The part of this that I think is interesting is the 'service' part. I didn't join the Marines as a sacrifice. I wanted to do it. I was so ready to be a Marine I couldn't stand it. I was serving my country, but I'm sure I got more out of the USMC than the USMC got out of me. Folks who didn't serve have a hard time understanding this, because all they know are a few stories and the movies they've seen. So they say thanks, because they don't know what else to say.

However, the other day a Springfieldian told me via Facebook that Veterans think they are entitled to everything and want it all handed to them for free. Now, people say things on Facebook that they wouldn't say to someone's face, and I assume his attitude comes from losing his girlfriend to a guy home on leave, or maybe his general sense of inadequacy from not having had the guts to enlist. I'm sure he has some 'shortcomings' he may be struggling with. I'm not his therapist, so I didn't respond.

So this November 11th, we're going to run into both types. They're out there. We can't help that. What we can do is respond with dignity and respect. We can always hold the high ground.

We have earned our places in history. We have proven what kind of men and women we are. And those of you who are reading this are still serving your community and your country through the work of the Legion nationally and locally. We are still serving. It's how we have chosen to live.

On another note, Veteran's Day and the Marine Corp Birthday fall on a Sunday and Monday this year. I have been granted a 48 hour liberty by Jenni, so I will be at the Post both days to celebrate with my brothers and sisters at arms. I will not be conducting any post business on those days, nor will I be cooking or cleaning anything. Please join me. All of you. It is our day, and we should spend it together.

**Semper fi,
Darin Hargis**



CHAPLAIN

Some food for thought, If you have friends that you have a special place for in your heart and, don't tell them how much they mean to you or your family. One day something can happen when you cannot tell them how much they mean to you. So please tell them now.

Master Chief Larry Day passed Wed Oct 23 2019 around 9am. Visitation is Oct 29 (Tuesday at noon), at the Walnut Lawn Funeral Home on Kansas expressway and Walnut Lawn. Funeral services will follow at 2pm with burial at Missouri Veterans cemetery.

All for now, and remember the post and it's members' are in my Prayers.

Your Chaplain Rex Krasche



Post activities are planned and executed by **VOLUNTEERS!!**

FINANCE

A bit of good news for the month of October. We did not have any major equipment failures like in September. Let us be hopeful that October trend will continue.

Even though we have seen summer activity decline somewhat, we are still in good financial shape. Our Missouri Lottery revenue has stayed pretty constant, our bar, kitchen and pizza activities are doing well and we have had some recent donations for the return of the Vietnam War Traveling Wall.

Commander Hargis and Bar Manager Johnston volunteered to serve beer at a non-post fundraiser and we just received a check for \$323.00 from the organizers of the fundraiser. Thanks for volunteering!!

Plans are underway for a short ceremony recognizing 100 years of Veterans Day. It will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 11 and will discuss the history of this day to honor Veterans.

Stay active, volunteer to help or just come out and have some food and beverages.

Gary Bockman

PIZZA SALES

LZ639 Pizza Company will make available to our members of Post 639 and families your choice of 12 different pizzas that we offer to area bars. There is a minimum order of 6 pizzas and they will only be made when we are making orders for our wholesale customers and will be **take out only**.

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LADIES AUXILLARY

.Fall is here finally, trees are starting to change color. By the time this article comes out we'll know if our float won a prize at the Willard Veterans Parade.

The kids Halloween Party was a success. all had a great time with, with costume contest, games and goodies. Great costumes!!!!

Thank you to Terra, Diana, Paula, Suzanne, Susan, Mary F., Mary, Gail W., Gail W., And Marsha for your help during last month with the party , float and especially with me during Larry's surgery and the times I was unable to be there for 50/50 or to sell desserts.

A lot of hard work in planning and designing went into the final product for our float, as well as a lot of heart. The Veterans were so much fun to have at our Post for chili and grilled cheese. Thank you to the ALR for escorting them to the parade and to the post for a fun filled day. The Auxiliary also had their annual Bake sale fund raiser auction. There were so many great goodies to put up for auction. Thank you all for participating. Buyers and sellers alike.

We send our prayers for Gail Willy's brother who had a stroke in Oct. His recovery will be a slow progressive recovery.

November brings us to Thanksgiving and all we are thankful for. I am so thankful for the Ladies who have supported me in the good and bad times. I'm also thankful for the Legion Members who have opened their arms to the Auxiliary to support us in our activities. Thank you for supporting me in my quiriness especially Skippy, Darin, Nolan, Ron and many others who have supported and come to my aid when I had that dumb founded look on my face. I wish I could do more than just be thankful. The Legion Members and Auxiliary make me who I am. Until next month. Have a super Thanksgiving.

Janey Tuck
Ladies Auxillary President
Unit 639



Family members Tara and Diana Cooperider receiving Certificate of Appreciation at the October General Post meeting. (Presented By ALR Dir Marsha Crom.)

Membership

Section 4. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before February First, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February First, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June thirteenth of such year, his membership in The American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Post and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs.

Provided, however, that the Posts, Departments and the National Organization may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service.

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CORRECT?***

***If not call 417-882-
8639 and ask for the
Adjutant***

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

The month of September was a busy month. Our dinners are served the second Friday of the month. Mark your calendars! I want to invite all our members to come out for some "Home Cookin' ". With the help of many others we served 50 spaghetti dinners to our Perryville riders, and families, on September 20th.

Several ALR members rode to the Viet Nam Wall in Perryville the following day. This 267 mile trip was indeed one to remember. Our trip was escorted by law enforcement officers on motorcycles, from Springfield P.D., Joplin P.D., Greene County S.O., and MSHP. Please step up and give our officers a big, "Thank you", for a job well done, and for their participation.

Our Mt. Vernon Veterans were happy to visit with us prior to the poker run, starting in Mt. Vernon at their Home. It was a great ride through the Ozarks. The Mt. Vernon staff welcomed all the riders back at our Post with lunch, and a fun day of activities to raise money for the Veteran's Home.

Riders dress warm on November 2nd. KSU at 07:00, to escort our Mt. Vernon Veterans to the parade in Willard. This is a day we look forward to !! Escorting our Veterans thru the parade, and back to our Post for lunch and a dessert auction for everyone. All Veterans, families, and friends will be served by our Auxiliary.

Toys for Tots Ride, leaves from Corwin Ford lot, at Glenstone and Erie, at 2 PM. Our riders will assemble at our Post and ride together. KSU time T.B.A. Bring a toy to drop off at the end of ride or at our Post, and a pot of chili, to enjoy after the ride.

The party begins the Holiday Season for most of us.

Calendar :

November 2-Veteran's day parade

**Nov 11 11-2pm Spaghetti dinner free to all veterans

November 28- Thanksgiving Day dinner

December 1- Toys for Tots toy run.

December 15- ALR Christmas Dinner (Italian dinner has been requested)

Marsha Crom ALR Director

Short update: Veterans Day Parade November 2nd will be history when you read this and I am hoping it was a safe and dry one. I want to thank all that worked so hard to make it another great event.

Next project is ROTC/JROTC Awards coming up in April and May 2020. I will need volunteers to be Award Presenters at: MSU, Willard HS, Ozark HS, Republic HS, Nixa HS and Hillcrest HS. Each will only take two hours out of your year. I won't have times nor dates until first of the year but text me as to which school you will help.

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall project is ongoing and the Task Leaders need to start rosters taking names of those working in their area.

I want to Thank Scott Pratt for donating a moving truck and crew to move the remaining items from Paula Maxheimer's house and taking to the Red Rack and the Post. If you have any moving needs please consider Power House Moving.

As you all know our Post survives because of volunteers, everything you see outside the Post and most of the inside is due to YOU. (If this applies). Connie, Deanna and Dana go above and beyond on a regular bases, thank them next time you're at the Post.

Believe it or not even if you pick up trash inside the Post that someone forgot to throw away or empty a full trash container or any other thing you see that needs attention would go a long way.

Nolan R. Moody
2nd Vice Commander

POST ACTIVITIES



THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL ®

As of this writing we are on the books for the "Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall" "The Wall" (Same as in 2015) to visit American Legion Post #639 July 2nd through July 5th 2020. Our planning Team has started preparing for this large community event and as time goes on will need all that are willing to put time and effort in to make it another huge success. For those that missed the 2015 visit they can hopefully see it next year.

Areas on Task List are but not limited to:

AL:	POC Nolan Moody--Directory (Name Locaters)
ALA:	POC Janey Tuck--Greeters and Wall Guides
ALS:	POC Jared Thompson--Water/ICE and cooling area
VVA 952	POC Dan Igou--Parking/Guides
ALR:	POC Marsha Crom--Security
Chaplains:	POC Rex Krasche
Web Site/Facebook:	POC Nolan Moody
Public Relations:	POC Nolan Moody
Fund Raising:	POC Commander Darin Hargis

Nolan R. Moody
Semi Retired (LOL)
AmVets Dept of Mo. PRO

Kitchen Manager Wanted

Got Spare Time during the day? Tired of watching soap opera's? Want something fulfilling and love to get satisfaction from your efforts? Post 639 is needing a kitchen manager. This position is important to every member of the Post , and those visiting the Post. Feel free to talk to our commander about this mission. Darin will fill you in on the duties of the position. **Don't delay do it today!**

On Nov 11 at 9am Kickapoo High School is having a Veterans Ceremony in your honor.

Attend if you can...

November 2019

Breakfast

8-10 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 OCT	28 OCT	29 OCT	30 OCT QUEEN OF HEARTS 	31 OCT	01 Nov DINNER 6-8PM	02 Nov WILLARD VETERANS PARADE NO BREAKFAST
03 Nov DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 	04 Nov	05 Nov LEGION & AUX GENERAL MEETING DINNER 6PM MEETING 7PM	06 Nov QUEEN OF HEARTS 	07 Nov	08 Nov DINNER 6-8PM	09 Nov SUB VETS MEETING 11 A.M. MARINE BALL
10 Nov MARINES BIRTHDAY	11 Nov VETERANS DAY FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR ALL VETERANS 11-2PM 9AM KICKAPOO	12 Nov SAL MEETING 6:30PM KWVA MEETING 1PM	13 Nov QUEEN OF HEARTS 	14 Nov CVMA 7PM MEETING	15 Nov DINNER 6-8PM	16 Nov
17 Nov ALR MEETING 6PM	18 Nov LADIES EBOARD	19 Nov	20 Nov QUEEN OF HEARTS 	21 Nov FLEET RESERVE MEETING 6PM	22 Nov NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 8AM DINNER 6-8PM	23 Nov ..
24 Nov	25 Nov	26 Nov E-BOARD MEETING 6:30PM NEWSLETTER TEAM 12 NOON	27 Nov QUEEN OF HEARTS 	28 Nov THANKSGIVING	29 Nov	30 Nov NO BREAKFAST
01 DEC	02 DEC	03 DEC LEGION & AUX GENERAL MEETING DINNER 6PM (SONS) MEETING 7PM	04 DEC QUEEN OF HEARTS 	05 DEC	06 DEC DINNER 6-8PM	07 DEC.

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