

Vietnam War Memorial

October 2019

American Legion Post 639



COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

Everyone needs a friend, a purpose, and a chance to belong to something greater than themselves.” Gen. James Mattis, former Secretary of Defense

When I read this, I thought of our Post. We provide all of these things to our members who choose to come in and spend time. Recently, one of our regulars told me that when he was working, he used to drive by bars and clubs during the day, and hoped he’d live long enough to be able to enjoy that when he retired. He succeeded! Our Post is the place he gets to come out and have a beer, spend time with friends, and play the games in his retirement.

If you’re looking for a friend, a purpose, and a place to be part of something, come out to our Post and be part of us. Wednesday nights we have a lot of fun with our Queen of Hearts game, a great crowd, and a menu that includes some of the best shrimp cocktail in town. Friday night dinners are always good, and our Saturday breakfasts are picking up! Or just come in on a random Monday afternoon and talk to the regulars and get a beer. It’s always a good time.

If you want to get involved in service to our members or the bigger community, all our meals are cooked and served by volunteers, and we’d love help. Other ways to help our Post are helping with the grounds, or maintenance of our building, folding newsletters, visiting with our members who are sick or in nursing homes, and responding to the service calls we get from veterans who need help. One of our next big projects for the community is bringing back the traveling Wall and Vietnam War Museum next summer, and there are lots of ways to get involved with it. Please contact me or any Board member if you want to join in and help.

Back to General Mattis, the quote at the beginning of this article was from his book, and in the context of a discussion about removing malcontents from the Corps. The Marines who were on the fence shaped up and joined their brothers because they wanted to belong and be part of something bigger. As your Commander, I’ve worked to create an environment at our Post that’s fun, positive, respectful, and encourages conduct becoming of a Legionnaire. We welcome all who want to join us in being part of something bigger than themselves, who want to have and be a friend to others, and who value purpose, service, and character.

Come join us and see if your day gets better when you come in.

Darin Hargis



CHAPLAIN

This time of the year is when we remember things that have happened in the past. We remember 911, the police, fire fighters, EMT'S, and the people we have lost in years past. Remember we will never forget the fallen! Not much to say, but I will keep the post and it's members in my prayers

Your Chaplain Rex Krasche



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FINANCE

The second Wednesday of September, we started our third Queen of Hearts game. As was expected, the number of players and ticket sales were somewhat below what they had been with the pot of \$14,458. Fortunately, the decline in bar and kitchen revenue was less than one third of the August 28 amount when the second pot was paid out.

Even though the bar and kitchen revenue was lower, the Pull-tab machines showed an increase in revenue. Our commission for the first week of September was the highest that we have received.

Now that our primary cook, Kevin, is back with us increased revenue from lunch sales is likely.

We have experienced some unwanted expenses related to kitchen equipment. An old freezer failed and had to be replaced with a new one. A two door freezer had a part failure and had to be replaced with a new one. In addition to the purchase and repair costs, some food product was lost and required re-ordering.

Also, our insurance carrier conducted a site inspection in August and requested that we have the hood over the stoves professionally cleaned to prevent the possibility of a kitchen fire.

Planning is underway for the Veterans Day Parade float and we are fortunate enough to receive a \$250 donation from Transland, a trucking company near Strafford.

As always, Post activities are planned and executed by VOLUNTEERS. Come on out and be a member of the VOLUNTEER teams for various events and help us to conduct various activities and generate funds to carry out our mission of helping VETERANS in need.

Gary Bockman

LADIES AUXILLARY

The Auxiliary has had some laughs with me in the kitchen, learning my way around. Thank you for all your patience, in learning the steam table, after filling the floor with water. Yes, there is a valve to shut prior to filling. Oops. Learned that one quickly! Thanks to all who helped me in September for the meeting night dinner and Friday night Tacos. The Auxiliary will be changing to a winter menu in October, ham and beans, cornbread and fried potatoes and possibly one or two other others.

We will be entertaining the kids with our annual children's Halloween Party on October 19th 1-3pm. We'll have lots of fun, games and goodies.

We have our plans for the Veterans Day Float for the Willard Parade. Veterans will be there from Mt. Vernon with ALR escorting them. They will then proceed to the Post for chili and grilled cheese sandwiches provided by the Auxiliary. There will be a Pie Auction to follow. Bring your bucks and prepare to pay. They don't come cheap. These pies are made with LOVE and hard work. After all they are made for Veterans by Veterans family members. Come on out and join us for the fun.

Janey Tuck
Ladies Auxillary President
Unit 639



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8639 and ask for the
Adjutant***

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Just a few more days until Fall. It looks and feels like July, with the 90 degree weather we've had the last few weeks. So hang on tight, and pray that cooler weather is on the way!

Wow, such a great turnout for the Celebration of Life, for our friend Bill Maxheimer. Thank you, everyone for making the day of friendship, one we will remember. Ladies, the desserts were OUTSTANDING!!

ALR will continue to collect money for the memorial bench. Please see your bartenders to donate. As ALR Director, we will have an annual memorial ride for Bill, during the month of June. Please mark your calendars for the event.

Be sure to thank your volunteers, who put in countless hours to make your Post successful. A person I want to recognize, is our own Jim "Skippy" Cooper. He is always in the kitchen during our ALR dinners, he gets up early on Saturdays for your breakfast, working on this newsletter, and always lending a hand.

THANK YOU, SKIPPY, may you find rest with a large jar of peanut butter!!

On September 14th, ride captain Larry Tuck escorted our riders to The Undercliff restaurant at Tipton Ford, Mo.

October 5th, Mount Vernon Veteran's Home poker run. KSU at 08:00. Will start at the Veteran's home and end at our Post, this year. Lunch will be served and a silent auction, and music.

November 2nd, Willard Veteran's Day Parade. KSU at 07:00 from the post. ALR will be escorting the Mt. Vernon Vets to the parade. Following the parade we will return to our Post, to enjoy lunch and fellowship with all the Veterans at the Post.

Special Events:

Oct. 11- ALR chicken dinner

Oct. 20- ALR meeting 18:00

Oct. 23-Queen of Hearts ALR cooking & 50/50

Ride safe-

Look twice-

Enjoy the wind therapy,



**The Undercliff Restaurant - Tipton Ford, Mo
9-14 2019 (Picture provided by Larry Tuck)**



ALR Dinner ride Sept 17th

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
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Fund Raising:	POC Commander Darin Hargis

Nolan R. Moody

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!**

October 2019

**Breakfast
8-10 am**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		01 OCT LEGION & AUX GENERAL MEETING DINNER 6PM MEETING 7PM	02 OCT QUEEN OF HEARTS 	03 OCT	04 OCT DINNER 6-8PM	05 OCT RIDE FOR FREEDOM POKER RUN IN MT VERNON FOR VETS
06 OCT	07 OCT	08 OCT SAL MEETING 6:30PM KWVA MEETING 1PM	09 OCT QUEEN OF HEARTS 	10 OCT NAVAL ACADEMY OPENED	11 OCT DINNER 6-8PM	12 OCT SUB VETS MEETING 11 A.M. WALL SCAVANGER HUNT
13 OCT NAVY DAY NAVY ESTABLISHED 1775	14 OCT COLUMBUS DAY	15 OCT	16 OCT QUEEN OF HEARTS 	17 OCT	18 OCT DINNER 6-8PM	19 OCT HIGHTLAND GAMES & AUX KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY
20 OCT CVMA 2- 5:30 MEET- ING & STEAK... ALR MEETING 6PM	21 OCT	22 OCT	23 OCT QUEEN OF HEARTS 	24 OCT FLEET RESERVE MEETING 6PM	25 OCT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 8AM DINNER 6-8PM	26 OCT READY TO RUMBLE EVENT..
27 OCT	28 OCT LADIES EBOARD STATUE OF LIBERTY DEDICATED	29 OCT <u>E-BOARD</u> <u>MEETING</u> <u>6:30PM</u> <u>NEWSLETTER</u> <u>TEAM</u> <u>12 NOON</u>	30 OCT QUEEN OF HEARTS 	31 OCT HALLOWEEN & TRUNK OR TREAT	01 NOV DINNER 6-8PM	02 NOV
03 NOV	04 NOV	05 NOV LEGION & AUX GENERAL MEETING DINNER 6PM (SONS)	06 NOV QUEEN OF HEARTS 	07 NOV	08 NOV DINNER 6-8PM	09 NOV.

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