



# Vietnam War Memorial Post 639



March 2019

### **Commander's Message:**

Warriors,

I saw a little patch of grass turning green this morning in the corner of the property near Scenic by the park. This winter is a short-timer now, and it won't be long until we are standing under the pavilion in short sleeved shirts, drinking canned beer, and listening to the band knock out some classic rock. I don't know about you all, but I can't wait.

We have events scheduled all summer, but we still have a little room on the calendar. Call Connie or me if you want to book an event. We are literally the best facility in town for spring and summer get-togethers.

I've been commander now for 7 months, and I want to say that I am impressed by the constant service and devotion to the welfare of other veterans and our community by our members. The willingness of our members to pitch in and help out even when the tasks are dirty, difficult and unpleasant is remarkable.

Remember digging fighting positions, or filling sandbags, or endlessly shining brass, cleaning toilets, or waxing floors? Waiting in line for no reason at all? Showing up for a company formation 45 minutes early? These (and many others) are the experiences that bind us all into a

brotherhood. They are a shared experience that tie the Korean war vet to the Afghan vet and all of us in between. They are the common bond that, regardless of when you served or where you served or with who you served make us a family. Don't forget that, and come celebrate with your brothers and sisters.

Every day is a holiday and every meal is a feast.

Semper Fi,

Darin Hargis



### **Chaplain**

February is now about to come to an end, and I'm so tired of the rain, ice and snow.

The cold wind and warm weather is making me sick of the weather pattern we've been experiencing.

The health of the post is about the same spiritually, the one's that need prayer don't ask for it.

The one's that have asked for prayer I keep in my prayers.

The members seem to be in a low esteem on things they need help with, and worry about the things they can not control. In other words help out.

That's it for now .

Ralph Wyman Passed—  
condolence to his family.



**Your Chaplain Rex Krasche**

### **Finance**



At the time of this writing, we are near the end of WINTER and have noticed that activity at LZ639 is picking up. Many of our events were more successful; however, fish night on February 15 suffered the wrath of winter. As the finance officer and wife entered LZ639, we noted that only our Sergeant at Arms and ALR Director were present as diners. We give thanks to our Commander, his better half, JennI and Connie for being there. Late in the day, the Commander made the decision to modify fish night to cooking as ordered instead of our usual mass cooking event.

Our pull tab machines have been very frequently used in the first part of February, generating a decent amount of commission to LZ639.

We received a \$1,000 donation from the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association to help with Post finances. Other donors have contributed to our spring functions such as Boys State and Highway Patrol Cadet Academy.

The increases in activity and generous donations have not only permitted us to fund some of our activities, but to also to add to our savings account balance.

No promises, but if finances continue in this way, you may see the Finance Officer smile periodically.

**Gary Bockman Finance Officer**

### **Ladies Auxillary**

Hello everyone—Lads and Lasses

Hope everybody had a “Sweet” Valentine. If you did not come to the Post Sweetheart Diva Dinner, all I can say is “Oh my, you really missed out! The Food, (Thank you Ms Sharon, Dianna, Brian, Rusty) the decorations, (Thank you Ms Janey, Dianna, ConnieJ., Sharon, Debbie) and the Desserts, (Ms Debbie). And servers, (Ms Kathy and Ms Deidra) and the one who kept everything clean--- (Mr. Michael) I also want to thank everyone who gathered items for the dinner over the last month. Thank you for everything!

The ladies and everyone who volunteered countless hours each day, has been keeping very busy!!

And the busy continues! We are having our Friday night dinner – Taco Bar on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Then on the 15<sup>th</sup> will be our annual St Patrick’s day Corned Beef AND cabbage dinner!! For those of you who are not quite a fan of Corned beef, we will have Roast Beef!

All the fixings AND dessert for 10.00 \$ a plate!! Can’t beat that! Wear your Green! We also have agreed to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday night dinner. March 29<sup>th</sup>, the last Friday in March. BBQ pulled pork dinner. Of course, there is always the ALR

(Marsha’s) fried chicken dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month! Ms Terra, Suzanne and Paula also stay busy with Wednesday night Queen of Hearts game. Wow! Yep, we are busy! But a fun busy!

And we are all excited about Spring, and the upcoming. “Post Fun Day”. It’s the first Saturday in April. 10 to 4. Look for fliers and more information. We also are working on our playground equipment. Got mulch delivered and hope to have something new and up for our Fun Day. Like I said, busy, busy, busy.... That’s what makes us who we are!

One last note, the National Vice Commander is touring, and is scheduled to have lunch with us at the Post on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. Come on out and show him how we support our Post and each other. Be sure to wear your blue shirts. Also, District meeting is Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in Bolivar. Lunch at 1, meeting at 2. Wishing everyone, A bucket of Golden Shamrocks, Healthy Hugs, laughter, and a barrel of good luck! Happy St Patrick’s Day- JoLena

**The other day I held the door open for a clown. I thought it was a nice jester.**

**I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.**



**Sundays at 2pm LZ639** Has the Open Mike Jam Session available to any group that wants to have a practice session, perform a new tune and test for acceptance, or just want to play. You need to bring your own instruments. There isn’t any money involved for anyone. These Jam sessions are open to the public to come in and enjoy. This is no cost enjoyment. If you know someone or a group that wants to participate they can contact Mike Howard or TC at 417-890-6980, who are heading up this Sunday enjoyment. Variety is the spice of life so different kinds of groups are welcome. Successful groups understand the exposure factor and will want to take advantage of this opportunity. You, the audience, will want to spend a enjoyable afternoon.

Press the **Play** button to listen...





### **Landing Zone Bar**

We at the bar are here to assist you with your food orders and drinks. Thanks for letting us serve you.

**Connie Johnston, Bar Manager**

### **The Galley**



**(To Go)** orders will be prepared fresh from the kitchen. Please support our post. Enjoy our food. Friday night dinners 6-8pm . **As always open to the public to attend and eat.**

### **SAL**

If you know anyone who qualifies to join the SAL here at 639, please bring them in and sign them up. \$20/year.

The meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 1830 hrs. We need as many members to attend our meetings as possible since we will start planning Spring and Summer events in the coming months. If you are a dual member please join us at our meetings. The SAL is proud to serve Post 639 and will continue to do so as long as there are members involved in its activities.

The Sons will be cooking breakfast on Saturday April 20th. Start at 8am.

Jared Thompson Sons Commander

**Did you know they won't be making yardsticks any longer?**

### **ALR**



I am looking at my Spyder and wishING for a Spring day to come soon. Hopefully , all my friends are too. It's going to be a busy year for ALR. We have monthly rides, BBQ events(Smokin Butt competition) April 6, Easter, Memorial Day ceremony, Honor Flight flag line, and the biggest event will be riding to Perryville for the Missouri Veterans ride to the wall in September. Make time to make this big event. We will have a law enforcement escort for this special event. Watch for the flyers, with further details.

Our chicken dinners have been a success, thanks to all members who come out on Fridays, and the volunteers who make this possible. If you didn't make it to the Valentine's dinner. You missed a fantastic dinner. What a treat it was to see everyone dressed up, and the post was ready for Cinderella to come in on the red carpet

Reminder: ALR dinner rides are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and ALR meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month

Be Safe, Ride your own Ride

**Marsha Crom ALR Director**

**The patron saint of poverty is St. Nickeless.**

**April 18, 1942** - The first air raid on mainland Japan during World War II occurred as General James Doolittle led a squadron of B-25 bombers [taking off](#) from the carrier Hornet to bomb Tokyo and three other cities. Damage was minimal, but the raid boosted Allied morale following years of unchecked Japanese military advances.

**April Articles for Newsletter due on March 22nd 8am.**

**Send Articles to:  
historianeditorlz639@gmail.com**

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**If you haven't already verified your email address with Tom (Adjutant) then you need to complete it soon.**

**March 23, 1775** - [Patrick Henry](#) ignited the American Revolution with a [speech](#) before the Virginia convention in Richmond, stating, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!"

**March 31, 1933** - The Civilian Conservation Corps, the CCC, was founded. Unemployed men and youths were organized into quasi-military formations and worked outdoors in national parks and forests.

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## March 2019 LZ639 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 Mar  District Meeting Jam Session 2pm	11 Mar	12 Mar SAL Meeting 6:30pm KWVA Meeting 1pm	13 Mar CVMA Queen of Hearts 	14 Mar	15 Mar St Patricks Feast 	16 Mar CVMA Meeting American Legion 100 
17 Mar St Patrick Day ALR Meeting 6pm Post Clean up 1pm & Jam Jam Session	18 Mar Finance Meeting 6:30pm Ladies E-Board	19 Mar	20 Mar Wings Queen of Hearts 1st Day of Spring 	21 Mar	22 Mar Steak Newsletter arti- cles due by 8am	23 Mar
24 Mar Jam Session 2pm	25 Mar	26 Mar E-Board Meet- ing Newsletter Team 12 Noon	27 Mar Wings Queen of Hearts 	28 Mar Fleet Reserve Meeting 5pm	29 Mar Dinner 6-8pm Surprise	30 Mar
31 Mar Jam Session 2pm	01 Apr April Fools Day	02 Apr Legion & Aux General Meet- ing Dinner 6pm (Sons) Meeting 7pm	03 Apr Wings Queen of Hearts 	04 Apr	05 Apr Dinner 6-8pm Taco Bar	06 Apr APR Fun Day Post BBQ, etc
07 Apr Jam Session 2pm	08 Apr	09 Apr	10 Apr Wings Queen of Hearts 	11 Apr	12 Apr Dinner 6-8pm Chicken	13 Apr Sub vets meet- ing 11 am Kids Easter
14 Apr Jam Session 2pm	15 Apr	16 Apr SAL Meeting 6:30pm KWVA Meeting 1pm	17 Apr Wings Queen of Hearts 	18 Apr	19 Apr Dinner 6-8pm Fish	20 Apr CVMA Meeting

American Legion founded March 16 1919  
And Chartered Sept 16 1919 by congress



The 100th anniversary of The American Legion is not only an opportunity to look back on all your post has achieved. It is also the perfect time to chart a course for the second century. New generations of veterans depend on the kind of vision shared and expressed by the World War I-era founders. How will our post extend the same vision and values to future generations?

We are starting 2019 with a renewed effort to remodel the Post Home and continue Legion Programs. We have set a high membership goal for this year and are at over 70%. Please Re -Up for this year if you have not already..

**Semper Fidelis**

**Nolan R. Moody 2nd Vice Commander**



**Valentines Day**

**Dinner Event**





**See Mike about the supplier discount to all members of Post 639.**

**New shipment of recliners and sofa's discounted 10%.**





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