

Vietnam War Memorial

January 2020

American Legion Post 639



COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

Welcome to 2020! If you're reading this, you made it. Congrats! It's going to be fun!

The Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall and Museum is coming in July, and between now and then we're going to need all hands on deck to prepare the buildings and grounds, raise the needed funds, and to let the general public know what we are doing and what we have been doing for veterans in the area.

Nolan Moody is in charge of this operation, and he led the effort last time. I've said, more than once, that if you want something like this to come off without a hitch, Nolan is the guy you want running it. He's forming committees and getting to work now on much of the preliminary steps. If he asks you for help, please consider the lofty goals we have set and lend him a hand. Better yet, contact him and offer a hand before he needs to ask.

Fundraising for the project is going well. We believe it takes about \$10,000 to bring the wall here, and I am very proud to announce that we have already secured more than half the amount needed. However, that means we still need to raise about \$5,000 in order to be sure we don't have to dip into the post savings account to pay for the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to be here. We will have a fundraising concert (or two) in the spring, and a few other events coming up. If you, or someone you know, would like to donate money or time, or both, please contact me.

Additionally, when the weather gets a bit warmer we will need both skilled and unskilled labor to complete a few tasks out around where we set up the wall. If you have access to a trencher and would be willing to dig some trenches out here this spring, please let me know. We can also use the services of an electrician or two on this project. Thank you, in advance, for your service.

Finally, let me close by saying that 2019 has been a great year here at the post. Financially we are adding to our savings account regularly, we finally have an all-volunteer kitchen crew, and the Ladies and the Legion Riders are both doing good things.

I want to thank the bartenders and volunteers who make this place work far above and beyond their pay or responsibility. Also, we have a great cadre of post officers that really make being Commander easier than it should be. There's also a fun group of friends, storytellers, and comedians that make the afternoons at the post truly a blessing. Finally, I want to thank my wife Jennifer for helping me with all this for the past year. She puts up with quite a bit.

Darin Hargis

CHAPLAIN



As I drive around town I notice people in a big hurry to get somewhere fast and not getting any place too soon. The weather has been bad ,and they think if they go faster it will get them there before someone else does and it will make a difference. Well it doesn't!

In fact it makes a lot of people mad. So be safe, drive careful and arrive in one piece.

Now a word about the Sons Of legion, if you are a member let Rex Krasche or Noel Heppard know so we can update our records and try to get cards out to the members as they pay their dues. Right now the Sons are going down hill due to lack of participation. **January 14th at 6:30pm the Sons will have the normally scheduled monthly meeting and it's important you attend if you're a Son. Remember it's an Honor to represent**

A military family member, without serving yourself.

All for now ,and as always I will keep the members and the post in my prayers.

Your Chaplain Rex Krasche



Have you paid your 2020 dues?

FINANCE

As the year winds down, we have several once a year bill to pay – business licenses, local liquor licenses and end of year insurance bill.

Fortunately, activity at LZ639 has been good and our revenues from bar, kitchen, lottery games and queen of hearts have provided enough funds to cover these routine bills.

In addition, we are receiving donations for the 2020 Vietnam Wall return to help fund the costs related to the wall. We expect to have more fundraising activities and pledged donations before the Wall arrives in early July.

Just before the time of this writing, your finance officer met a member (Coast Guard 24-year retiree) that he had not previously known. In discussions of our various activities at LZ639, it was discovered that he was unaware of the events we have and that his wife could also attend events.

If you see someone you do not know, start a conversation and you may be able to help make them active at LZ639 on a regular basis.

Stay active, volunteer to help or just come out and have some food, beverages, and if so inclined, Missouri Lottery and Queen of Hearts games.

Keep up the good volunteer work and Post patronization. KEEP Me SMILING!!

Gary Bockman

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AUXILLARY

Hope your Holidays were full of love and good cheer. 2020, Wow time flies when you're in good company.

December brought us lot's of parties and good times with family and friends. The Auxiliary had their annual Children's Party. Santa made an appearance with one of his Elves in tow (Donna Hayden). A BIG thank you to Donna for being our elf. Donna was fantastic!!!! We had Veterans children, grandchildren and employees grandchildren in attendance. Other helpers with Santa and his Elf were Mary Foss and Paula Maxheimer. Susan Heppard took pictures of the children with Santa Claus. Suzanne Igou, Sharon Richardson, and Gail Willey all assisted in preparations and seeing that all saw Santa. Marsha came in early, helped set up and added decorations for the party.

The Auxiliary party had not happened prior to this article. I know the pot luck had to be fantastic, we have so many good cooks. I'm sure the ugly sweater contest was quite unique. The D.J. following the formal part of our party was for all in attendance at 639 to enjoy. Dianna Cooperider had a plan for exchanging of gifts. Dianna Cooperider also was the member who set up the D.J. so I know it was a success.

The District Meeting was held in Nixa this quarter. Dianna Cooperider, Tera Cooperider and Mary Krasche attended. They are also District officers. We are so proud of each of them. A report was sent with Tera to give from our Unit.

..Janey Tuck
Auxillary President
Unit 639



Kids Christmas Party



Post 2019 Thanksgiving Dinner (150 Served)

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Happy New Year!! 2020 is going to be a great year, and it's already off to a busy start.

Just look what happens when we work together. That's what we saw on KY3 Thanksgiving Day. Way to go LZ639! This year ALR presents our chili Cook Off event on Jan 25, 2020 1 – 4pm. This event will go to support PTSD and Suicide Prevention and awareness in our local community. It is free to enter while 1st Place gets \$100 richer. Bring your chili between Noon and 12:30pm. Judging will start at 1300. We are accepting donations to eat even if you aren't interested in participating in the

Cook off contest. We have a lot of items for the silent auction. Justin Larkin will provide the music 6 – 8pm. Also a hand gun raffle so contact the bartender. Tickets are \$10 with only 100 being sold.

Winner will be announced at the chili cook off. All laws applicable will be followed.

Feb 15, 2020 the Veteran White Linen Dinner 6 – 8pm with live music. Reservations necessary.

Watch for further information and don't miss this special night!!

Marsha Crom ALR Director



December 1- Toys for Tots toy run



ALR Christmas Party Dec 15th



POST ACTIVITIES



THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL ®

“The Wall 2020” contract and deposit check signed and mailed for the visit July 1st through the 5th 2020.

We have Volunteer Sign Up Sheets at the Post for multiple task while The Wall is here. Wall Assembly and Disassembly Teams. Directory/Locater Tent Team.

Team Leaders for other Task have their sign-up sheets, that list of contact information is at the Post also.

ALR will take the lead on setting up the Escort from the State Line which has not been determined as of now.

On another note I am in the process of contacting area JROTC units along with MSU ROTC in order to give American Legion Certificates and Medals and we will have a need for several members to present these awards to outstanding Cadets in the April and May time frame.

Semper Fidelis

Nolan R. Moody

2nd Vice Commander

Sign up sheets are available at the Post. This is a big event and needs all the help you can volunteer for....

Nolan R. Moody
Semi Retired (LOL)
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January 2020

**Breakfast
8-10 am**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 DEC	23 DEC <u>NEWSLETTER TEAM 12 NOON</u>	24 DEC	25 DEC POST CHRIST- MAS DINNER 1—3 PM MERRY CHRISTMAS No QUEEN OF HEARTS	26 DEC	27 DEC NO DINNER	28 DEC BREAKFAST
29 DEC	30 DEC <u>E-BOARD MEET- ING 6:30PM</u>	31 DEC	01 JAN 2020 HAPPY NEW YEAR 	02 JAN	03 JAN NO DINNER	04 JAN BREAKFAST
05 JAN	06 JAN	07 JAN LEGION & AUX GENERAL MEETING DINNER 6PM MEETING 7PM	08 JAN QUEEN OF HEARTS 	09 JAN	10 JAN DINNER 6-8PM	11 JAN SUB VETS 1 PM MEETING BREAKFAST
12 JAN	13 JAN	14 JAN SAL MEETING 6:30PM KWVA MEETING 1PM	15 JAN QUEEN OF HEARTS 	16 JAN	17 JAN DINNER 6-8PM	18 JAN BREAKFAST
19 JAN ALR MEETING 6PM	20 JAN LADIES EBOARD	21 JAN	22 JAN QUEEN OF HEARTS	23 JAN	24 JAN FRA 316 MEETING 1700 DINNER 6-8PM	25 JAN ALR PST CHILI COOK OFF 1—4PM BREAKFAST
26 JAN	27 JAN	28 JAN E BOARD	29 JAN QUEEN OF HEARTS 	30 JAN	31 JAN DINNER 6-8PM	01 FEB. BREAKFAST

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