



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

SEPTEMBER 2023



REMEMBER



Post 639 Commander



Here we are in September already. We have had so much happening around the Post. The new digital sign is up, our new flooring is just right around the corner, talk of new meeting room doors and a bar renovation has people excited and members have been making donations to make it happen. We'll be looking for laborers from October 13th-30th. If you want any information reach out to Ron Jackson and if you want to make a donation speak with our Finance Officer Frank Messley.

This month has quite a few events on tap check the calendar in this newsletter so you do not miss anything.

Our new Officers have been sworn in and we've hit the ground running for sure. It's been quite a month with our Queen of Hearts being hit 3 times in 5 weeks. Crazy and exciting for sure. Congratulations to our winners !!!

As always, we need volunteers for everything. We have small to large tasks and anything in between. Scotty has been keeping our grounds clean, the Dobb's have kept our flowers beautiful and even stained the Shockley Stage and are working on the tables. And last but not least - our employees, groups and volunteers keep it all together. **Thanks everyone.**

I am always available to discuss any issues, ideas or complaints. **Please come to me first before going outside the Post,** I am sure we can find a solution. The reason I made the last statement is that recently people have taken actions by going outside of our Post. I am very disappointed that someone would do that in attempt to not only come at me, but to hurt our Post and our nearly 500 members. Don't think for one minute we don't know who did it. It not only saddens me, but it does kind of fire me up. I love our Post and do not want a few to mess up the great thing we have going. And if you are not happy with our Post, feel free to explore other VSO's - maybe they can better meet your needs.

Please continue to pray for our Country and our Post. Remember to fly your flag and stand proud for both

Mike Goforth
Commander, Legion Post 639



639 Chaplain



Greetings LZ Post 639 !!!

First I would like to thank Chaplin Rex Krasche for his many years of hard work and dedication to our LZ Post. I know we will always be in his thoughts and prayers; as he is in ours. I wish him the very best in his future callings; as I am certain you do as well. Please continue to uplift and support him during his next adventure.

After speaking with the LZ639 E-Board, I've created my strate-

gic action plan for this year. For starters, I plan to concentrate more of my focus on Veteran Suicide Awareness and the mental health issues faced by veterans and their families. I will continue the momentum by further working with the BSA Scouts and DeMolay youth groups. We have planned two flag retirement ceremonies scheduled in September; the DeMolay on 9/10/2023, 3PM, and Troop 24 on 9/11/2023 from 6:30PM-8:30PM. (See **flyer on Page 6 for details**).

I am new to this position and I am certain that I will stumble and fall, but with your help and support, and hopefully without too many errors, I will find a soft place to land during my trials! I look forward to fulfilling my duties as Chaplin as I follow the examples of Jesus Christ in my discipleship.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." John 15:13

In the Love of Patriotic Service,

Frank Grantham
Post 639 Chaplain



Post 639 Service Officer



I have received a request from the Site Leader for Saluting Branches, an organization that volunteers to clean up, prune or remove, trees in the National Cemetery. They needed a bugler, I have Nolan Moody on that, and we're looking for volunteers to help serve lunch that is being provided, to all those trimming trees. Anyone interested in serving lunch or helping with the tree trimming, let me know. Event is Wednesday September 20th, 0730.

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Please call 988 the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline if you have thoughts of suicide or harming yourself or others. And let's not forget September 11th is National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Belinda Brown
Service Officer



Building/Grounds



If you have been to our Post lately you might have noticed how nice Shockley Stage looks now. A big thanks goes out to Darin Dobbs for taking the bull by the horns and gettin' it done. The decking is several years old and it was in dire need of staining and sealing. **Thank you very much, Darin !!! (See pictures on Page 7, "Too Broke for Sturgis" event)**

Well, at long last our new digital sign is up and operating. It was received last December from the manufacturer.

What should have been a short process to secure a permit from the City of Springfield, turned out to be a royal pain in the butt. **Thanks to Mr. Ron Barber from Payne Sign Company, we**

finally were able to secure the "permission" of the City.

The next hurdle to get over was coordinating weather forecasts and available crews from Payne Sign. With the need to do some welding, to mount the new sign and the rain we had last week, it took a few more days to arrange a day to get it up. Last Wednesday was that day !!

The guys from Payne were already at the post when I got there about 09:30AM. They got to work removing the old sign, while I hooked up to the trailer with the new one on it. They had to torch off the old 8'X2' message board to set the new sign. They wanted to know just who welded the frame for that board to the post. I said that would be me. I told them I didn't want it to fall off !!

Having plenty of equipment to do the installation along with experience made the installation easy. The only thing left to do was to turn on the electricity to the new sign. With Adam's help, that was done by about 4:00PM.

I want to thank **ALL** the donors who made this new addition possible. Also, our hearty **THANKS go out to Payne Sign Co.** for their assistance in securing the needed permit and for doing the installation. (See pictures on Page 9)

Ron Jackson

Building/Grounds



The "Dog Days of Summer" have been brutal and those of you who do Facebook, the popular post going around "I'm in a Relationship with Air Conditioning" is true for all of us! We are going into September and let's hope "It's Fall Ya'll" gives us some relief soon.

Our "Back to School" donation drive has been a HUGE success for the students at Mark Twain Elementary. We are in the process of making arrangements with the school to drop off the donations. THANK YOU to those who donated to make this ALA community service project a win! We are grateful beyond measure for the Post 639 support, we always receive, when doing our fundraising/donation projects.

This month we are focusing on providing our support to SAL for their September 20th "Hog Night" event. We are providing sides for food service, volunteer assistance in working the event and we will have a membership drive table set up. Stop by our table and sign up for free raffle giveaways. SAL and Thomas Long have worked very hard on bringing this event to the Post so come out and show your support for our Post VSO brothers. Enjoy food, beverages, music, free giveaways, Queen of Hearts, 50/50, Bikes and Classic Cars, surrounded by Post family and friends. It's gonna be a great night. Don't miss it!

Reminder on Sunday, September 10th is District 17's meeting in Kimberling City. Luncheon at 1:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 2:00 p.m.

Our Junior Advisor, Mikayla Criger, held her first ALA Junior meeting in August with two in attendance. The group discussed the Junior Patch Program, future fundraising projects and events. Currently, the group meets at the Post on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. during ALA Eboard meeting night. If you know of someone who might be interested in our ALA Junior Program, have them attend a meeting or two to see if they would like to join. If you have any questions about the program Mikayla's contact information is listed under ALA Officers in the newsletter. Thank you, Mikayla, for getting this program up and running and for all of your dedication and hard work in making it happen! We look forward to seeing all of the great things our Juniors will be doing in the future!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank SAL and ALR for their recent donations to our Post. SAL donated a new TV and ALR donated a new smoker and are in the process of fundraising for another new TV for the Post. Our VSO's play an important role in providing assistance and support to our Post. As seen by these donations, it not only benefits our Post but it also benefits all of us, our customers and our guests. Thank you, SAL, and ALR for paying it forward!

In Spirit of Service, not Self

Diana Cooperider, President, Post 639 Auxiliary



As the new Sons Commander, I would like to thank our fellow officers and Sons for all of their hard work. We've had a great summer and we are looking forward to carrying that straight through the next year.

Come join us for a very exciting event for bike night "Hog Night" September 20th from 6:00 - 9:30. There will be great food, great music (**The Honky-Tonk Renovators**) and lots of bikes and classic cars!

On Aug 29th we swore in our new officers for the Sons of the American Legion at POST 639 for 2023-2024. (See pictures on Page 6) They are:

- Erik Duff - Commander**
- Curtis Myers - 1st Vice Commander**
- Bobby Tonche - 2nd Vice Commander**
- Mike House - Adjunct**
- Thomas Long - Treasurer / Finance**
- Frank Grantham - Chaplin**
- Garret Deblanc - Sergeant at Arms**

I would also like to invite you to join us for our next meeting on Sept 26th at 7pm. Please spread the word, we would love to add a few good men to our core group.

Hope to see you soon!

Erik Duff, Commander,
Sons of the American Legion





Post 639 ALR Director



For a non-superstitious person, our ALR riding season this year would make that person start to think we were jinxed. Mother Nature got us again on 8/12 for the Route 66 Poker Run. Been that way all year, but we'll keep plugging away. **Rest assured, we'll get our licks in someway/somehow during the remainder of the year.** Been a busy August for us regardless.

On August 4th, we assisted in celebrating the US Coast Guard Birthday. Honored guest was Gary Mehok, US Coast Guard veteran and Post 639 Member. He came in the door just as the USCG service song "Semper Paratus" was being piped over the PA system. The timing was perfect. Happy 233rd Birthday, Gary and **THANKS for your service !! (See Pictures on Page 6)**

On August 5th, we helped our ALA President, Diana Cooperider, celebrate her birthday. Not only does Diana serve Post 639 in every way possible, but she really knows how to put on a Birthday Bash !! Sincerest Happy Birthday wishes from ALR, Diana !! **(See Pictures on Page 7)**

On August 16th, we had some GREAT assistance from Erik and Missy Duff on 50/50 at Bike Night "Too Broke for Sturgis". THANKS Erik/Missy !!! Weather was perfect, and the Bike community responded BIG TIME. **(See Pictures on Page 7)**

On August 17th, our new Post 639 digital sign went up on Scenic Ave. **HUGE SHOUT – OUT** to Ron Jackson for driving this project through to completion. **THANKS Ron**, for your perseverance and patience. The sign is light-years beyond what we had, and will help the Post promote what we do here.

On August 20th, the ALR Monthly Meeting was combined with a "ALR Director's Party" It was my privilege to host the ALR family for a time of food/fellowship in recognition for all that the ALR members have done/continue to do in support of Post 639. Our Officers for 2023-2024 were installed by Commander Mike Go-forth. **(See pictures on Page 5). Put on your calendars**

September 10th, 11th - September 11th remembrances **(See the flyer on Page 6)**

September 9/15-16 - Ride to the Wall, Perryville **(See the flyer on Page 9 for details),**

September 20th - HOG NIGHT at LZ639 w/Queen of Hearts/50-50. **(See flyer on Page 9 for details)**

September 23rd - ALR Monthly Ride to Myrtle May's, Eureka Springs AR.

September 30th - Sam Biggs 10th Annual Bike Show/Poker Run **(See the flyer on Page 4 for details).**

October 4th, 18th - Last two Bike Nights for 2023.

October 6th-7th - Post 639 Weekend Campout **(See the flyer on Page 6 for details.)**

October 28th - ALR Monthly Ride - Gaston's Resort, Lakeview, AR.

November 4th - Willard Veterans Day Parade. **(See the flyer on Page 9 for details.)**

Let's keep the throttle wide open and finish 2023 out strong. You all continue to surpass all expectations in how you serve the Post and its Veteran community.

One final reminder on Membership (repeated content from August) - It's again that time of year to start our 2023-2024 ALR Membership Renewals, which we'll do at the ALR Monthly Meeting on **September 17th**. (Hard to believe, seems like we just got done) . Annual Dues are \$20. Renewals are already underway for your **POST 639 LEGION** dues. If you've already been notified to renew, please do so ASAP. **You must be a "Legion Member in Good Standing" (dues paid for the coming year)** for Bob Kalwat to process your ALR renewal. No exceptions. Just show your 2024 Legion Card **(or Auxiliary/Sons of the American Legion)** when paying your dues, and you're good to go.

Thanks for all you do, and ride safe out there

Marsha Crom

Director, Chapter 639



Post 639 Historian



In researching materials I've acquired over the last few years, I came across this poem entitled "I'm Coming Home". I researched it for the name of the author, and perhaps their story, but was unable to locate any information (if any of you recognize it, please let me know) Whoever they were, I believe them to have been either a POW, or a family member of one. Only such a person could have captured the essence of the emotions they feel. In honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day on September 16th, here then, is "I'm Coming Home"

*Because you would not Forget Me,
Because your dream was to set me free,
Because you refuse to "Just Let It Be",
I'm coming home.*

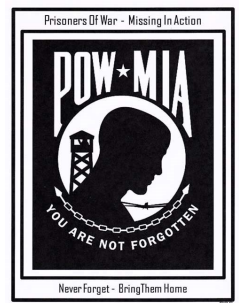
*Because you believe that right is right,
and said a prayer for me at night,
and NO, you would not give up the fight!
I'm coming home.*

*Because of the bracelet you wear with love,
Because of the flag you fly above.
'Cause you fought like an eagle, and cried like a dove,
I'm coming home.*

*Because your words kept the world aware,
Because your deeds have made them care,
'Cause the candles you light have paid my fare,
I'm coming home.*

*Because you stand up, not afraid to say;
"We want them here in the USA"
Because YOU won't have it any other way!*

I'M COMING HOME ONE DAY.



On September 16th, please say an extra prayer for those who cannot yet say "I'm Coming Home", AND for those who work tirelessly to make it possible for them in the future.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Bob Kalwat

Post 639 Historian / Newsletter Editor

September VSO Activities/Info

Give Vets Hope

We had a table of information on August 19th at the NAMI walk/run event and it was HOT! David Suits gave a short talk to the crowd on veterans and suicide prevention. Suicide prevention is one of the main reasons our group was formed.

Our group is continuing to introduce new members as we make this journey together supporting one another. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the VFW Post 3404-1136 East Atlantic, at 5:30 and are usually done around 7:00. Our next meetings are on September 12th and 26th.

If you are a veteran, wife of a veteran, daughter, son or related in any way to a veteran we may be able to provide help and hope.

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.

David Suits

Founder/Co-facilitator



Financial Planning Session, October 24th, Elks Lodge

This program provides free Estate Planning Services to veterans. We provide wills, trusts, advanced directives, and powers of attorney for healthcare and finances. It's estimated that since the program's inception in October 2022, Veterans who participate are provided, on average, \$3000 in free services. Additionally, the program recently started offering *in loco parentis powers of attorney (empowering someone to care for your child in your absence)*, and *beneficiary deeds and personal property designations* so people can keep their entire estate out of probate.



Contact Scotty Allen, General Counsel, Missouri Veterans Commission, at 573-522-4224 to reserve a spot in this session.



Post 639's Nolan Moody to be inducted into the Missouri Veterans' Hall of Fame

Inductees excel in the areas of:

- Civic and public service
- Professional Distinction
- Veteran Advocacy
- Volunteerism

Inductees exemplify the spirit, character and commitment of our Missouri Veterans.



Congratulations, Nolan !!!!!!!!!!!!! All are invited to attend the Induction ceremony at the Missouri State Capital Rotunda on October 27, 2023.

Air Force Birthday Celebration Monday, September 18th

Come and celebrate the US Air Force's 75th Birthday on Monday, Sept 18th at Post 639 from 5-8PM. Have some Party chow, cake and Special Happy Hour from 5-8PM.



"Aim High Fly - Fight - Win"



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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE 22ST ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11.

AT LZ 639, 2660 S. Scenic Springfield, MO.

EVENT SCHEDULE

09/10/23 @1500: Farnsworth Chapter Order of DeMolay with 9/11 reading and Flag Retirement with TAPS.

09/11/23 @1830: BSA Troop 24 9/11 reading and Flag retirement with TAPS.

Hamburgers and hot dogs with chips will be served with a donation of \$5 on both nights.

Come help us remember everyone who lost their lives that day.



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Post 639 Camping Event - October 6th - 7th

(Post 639 Members only)

Event Schedule

(Note - Camping is NOT required to participate)

Friday Night, October 6th - Dinner at the Post, 6-8PM, Cost \$10

- Soup 'n Stew provided by Legion Riders Chapter 639

Saturday 8AM - 10AM "First Saturday" Breakfast, \$8 All You Can Eat

- Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon/Sausage, Fried Potatoes

Saturday Ride - KSU 10AM (Motorcycle/4 wheels invited)

- Bill Maxheimer Memorial Ride to lunch at Under Cliff Grill & Bar, Joplin, MO

Saturday Evening - Post 639 BBQ Dinner, 6 - 10PM

- Dinner - meat provided
- Campers bring Pot Luck Dish to share, lawn chairs for bonfire
- Entertainment - Kenny Jones at the Shockley Stage

Average Weather in September for Springfield

Daily high temperatures *decrease* by 11°F, from 85°F to 74°F, rarely falling below 63°F or exceeding 94°F.

Daily low temperatures *decrease* by 11°F, from 65°F to 54°F, rarely falling below 42°F or exceeding 72°F.

Over the course of September 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, 8 minutes, implying an average daily decrease of 2 minutes, 20 seconds, and weekly decrease of 16 minutes, 23 seconds.

The shortest day of the month is *September 30*, with 11 hours, 51 minutes of daylight and the longest day is *September 1*, with 12 hours, 58 minutes of daylight.

The earliest sunrise of the month in Springfield is 6:43 AM on *September 1* and the latest sunrise is 24 minutes later at 7:07 AM on *September 30*.

The latest sunset is 7:42 PM on *September 1* and the earliest sunset is 44 minutes earlier at 6:58 PM on *September 30*.

Daylight saving time is observed in Springfield during 2023, but it neither starts nor ends during September, so the entire month is in daylight saving time.

639 Officer Installation,

August 1, 2023



Right picture, R-L, Mike Chandler, Bob Kalwat, Darrin Dobbs, Bob Dale, Frank Messley, Frank Grantham, Belinda Brown, Jim Cooper, Adam Jamieson, Mike Goforth, Tom Newsom, Ron Jackson

639 ALA Officer Installation

August 1, 2023



Right picture, R to L, Barbara Gonynor, Susan Heppard, Regina Hutson, Charlotte Kelly, Tammi Grantham, Terra Cooperider, Lindy Dobbs, Diana Cooperider, Gail Willey, Mike Goforth

639 ALR Officer Installation

August 20, 2023



Pictured, L-R. Mike Brooks (Judge Advocate), Bob Kalwat (Secretary), David Turner (Treasurer), Ron Jackson (Ride Captain), Glenn Smith (Asst Director), Marsha Crom (Director), Mike Goforth (Commander, Post 639) (Not pictured - Co-Chaplains Will Ogden, Herman Burkett, Jr.)

639 SAL Officer Installation

August 29, 2023



Right picture, R-L - Bob Kalwat (Historian, Post 639), Erik Duff, Curtis Myers, Bobby Tonche, Mike House, Thomas Long, Frank Grantham. (Not pictured - Garrett DeBlanc)

Post 639 General Meeting, Aug 1, 2023



Recognition - Darin & Lindy Dobbs for outstanding building/ground improvements, continued maintenance

VSO Donations - K9's for Camo - Joy Weiss/Lissa Hembler. Treehouse Vets - Leah Houchin.

Happy Birthday to Commander Mike Goforth !!!!!

US Coast Guard Birthday, Aug 4, 2023



Diana Cooperider's Birthday, Aug 5, 2023



"Too Broke for Sturgis" August 16, 2023




REMEMBER



Post 639 Sign Installation, August 17, 2023





5TH ANNUAL MISSOURI VIETNAM WALL RUN

Friday & Saturday, September 15-16, 2023

National POW/MIA Recognition Day

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! ★ EVENT IS FREE!

Three Ride Routes to the State Official Run:

- ★ Springfield meets at Mikes Uniques Friday 6-7:30 a.m.
- ★ St. Louis meets at Arnold VFW Post 2593, Saturday 8-10 a.m.
- ★ Illinois meets 7:30 a.m. Red Rooster, Olney, Ill, Friday 7:30 a.m.

ALL RIDERS RENDEZVOUS, Fredericktown City Hall, 124 W Main - Saturday by 11 a.m. for Parade of Honor as a group!

- Candlelight Vigil at Perryville sister wall to Washington D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Friday at Dusk
- Free live music & bike rally by Bikers on the Square for Veterans - Perryville both Friday and Saturday
- Ride in the incredible 30 mile, Law Enforcement led Parade of Honor with "The Saluting Marine" saluting riders!
- Ceremony with Special Guests, Vietnam War Heroes: Col. John Clark, Col. Jack Jackson; & Staff Sgt. Tim Chambers. "The Saluting Marine" Saturday
- Sky Lantern Ceremony for Veterans

Full Schedule and For More Information:
 Missouri Vietnam Wall Run Facebook Page or missourivietnamwallrun.org
 Hosted by Veterans in Defense of Liberty® & Liberty Riders of America

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7TH ANNUAL WESTERN GREENE COUNTY VETERANS DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

11 AM - PARADE - "SERVICE BEYOND THE HOMEFRONT" - REMEMBERING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INVASION OF IRAQ

1:00 PM - FLAG RETIREMENT AT JACKSON STREET PARK

1:00 PM-5:00PM - VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION / STAND DOWN - JACKSON STREET PARK

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2023

REGISTER HERE: WWW.WILLARDPARKS.COM

STAGING/LINE UP: WILLARD HIGH SCHOOL @ 9 AM

QUESTIONS: CONTACT DOUG JOHNSON @ 573-934-0377

21ST ANNUAL VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY
 WILLARD MIDDLE SCHOOL
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3: REGISTRATION 8:30 AM / ASSEMBLY 9:30 AM

4TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION:
 WE WILL BE HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS
 5TH ANNUAL VETERANS STAND DOWN
 BOTH EVENTS WILL BE AT JACKSON STREET PARK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
 ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VETERAN SUPPORT GROUPS, FOOD, MUSIC, AND MUCH MORE!



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HOG NIGHT

6:00-9:30 pm
 September 20, 2023

Location:
 American Legion 639
 2660 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, MO 65807

Menu:
 Pork Butt, 1/4 lb. Beef Hot Dogs

Music by:
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Official Japanese Surrender - September 2nd



Patriot Day - September 11th



POW/MIA Recognition Day - September 16th



US Air Force Birthday - September 18th



Gold Star Mothers Day - September 25th



Veterans of Foreign Wars Day - September 29th



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SEPTEMBER 2023



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3	4 LUNCH 11-2	5 LUNCH 11-2 LEGION/ALA GENERAL MTG 7PM	6 LUNCH 11-2 BIKE NIGHT & QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 10PM	7 LUNCH 11-2	8 LUNCH 11-2	9 SUB VETS MTG 11AM
10	11 LUNCH 11-2 PATRIOT DAY	12 LUNCH 11-2 KOREAN WAR VETS 1PM GIVE VETS HOPE VFW 3404 5PM	13 LUNCH 11-2 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8 PM	14 LUNCH 11-2 FINANCE COMMITTEE 6:30PM MCL 993 VFW 3404 6-8PM	15 LUNCH 11-2 VFW 3404 FISH FRY 5:30 - 7 PM	16 POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY
17 ALR MEETING 5PM	18 LUNCH 11-2 HAPPY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 5-8PM	19 LUNCH 11-2 AUX E-BOARD MTG 7PM	20 LUNCH 11-2 QUEEN OF HEARTS 50/50 6 - 9:30PM	21 LUNCH 11-2	22 LUNCH 11-2	23
24	25 LUNCH 11-2 E-BOARD MTG 6:30PM GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY	26 LUNCH 11-2 SAL MTG 7PM GIVE VETS HOPE VFW 3404 5PM	27 LUNCH 11-2 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8 PM	28 LUNCH 11-2 FLEET RESERVE ASSN LOYALTY NEWSLETTER CONTENT DUE	29 VFW DAY	30

Elks Benefit Fundraiser

Honoring our Veterans

HONOR FLIGHT of the OZARKS



featuring

The Wings of Swing Big Band

Saturday, October 21st, 2023



Social Hour 5pm

Dinner 6pm

Live Entertainment 7pm



Business Casual Attire requested.

Donations Requested & Encouraged!



For more info, contact: Nolan Moody 417-894-0083
2223 E Bennett St, Springfield, MO 65804
(417) 881-8596, prompt #2 for reservations

From the Bar/Galley ...

Happy Hour at LZ639 :

12PM-2PM 7 Days a Week (.50 off)

6PM-8PM, Monday thru Saturday (.50 off)

Saturday Breakfast - Morning Chow @ LZ639

1st Saturday of the Month 8AM - 10AM

The 6am Breakfast crew with this short message for you.

Your Saturday breakfast is made possible by the following 6AM crew - **Bob Dale, Dylan Dale, Mike Chandler with support and assistance of Scotty and Jeff.** Breakfast served 8AM-10AM. Drinks separate charge. Tell your friends as it's only \$8 all you can eat. Please thank the people who give up their time to support this Post 639 benefit.



I would like to extend the Saturday breakfasts from **ONE** to **TWO** per month, but I would have to have a more consistent attendance from members. You don't even have to bring your own eating utensils it's also included at no extra cost. So is salt & pepper.

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Thanks to all who supported the **August Breakfast** at the Post.

Jim "Skippy" Cooper (got peanut butter)

Volunteer Opportunities at the Legion

As always, we have several volunteer opportunities for members and non-members. Currently -

- The Post Historian is looking for someone with advanced computer skills to assist in the production of the Post 639 Newsletter.

- We get requests for Post 639 members to present awards to schools (JROTC), Senior Citizens, Community Organizations, etc. If you would like to assist with this, let us know.

- 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.

- 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.

Volunteers are what allow Post 639 to function. YOU ARE NEEDED. Call the Post at 882- 8639 and we'll get back to you.

★ BIKE NIGHT ★



@LZ639
EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY
6:30 - 10

QUEEN OF HEARTS
CARD DRAW
EVERY WEDNESDAY

APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT
19	3, 17, 31	14, 28	12, 26	9, 26	6, 20	4, 18

TOO BROKE FOR STURGIS



2660 S SCENIC, SPRINGFIELD, MO

FOOD * MUSIC * 50/50 & COOL PRIZE RAFFLES

History in September

September 1, 1939 - At 5:30 AM., Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe.

September 2, 1945 - President Harry Truman declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

September 3, 1783 - The Treaty of Paris was signed by John Adams, Ben Franklin and John Jay, formally ending the American Revolutionary War between Britain and the United States.

September 3, 1939 - Great Britain and France declared war on Nazi Germany after its invasion of Poland two days earlier.

September 5, 1774 - The First Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia with 56 delegates, representing every colony, except Georgia. Attendants included Patrick Henry, George Washington, Sam Adams and John Hancock.

September 7, 1940 - The German Luftwaffe began its Blitz bombing campaign against London during World War II.

September 9, 1776 - The United States came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies.

September 11, 2001 - The worst terrorist attack in U.S. history occurred as four large passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons. Four separate teams of Mideast terrorists, operating from inside the U.S., boarded the morning flights posing as passengers, then forcibly commandeered the aircraft.

September 13, 1814 - The Battle of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor occurred, observed by Francis Scott Key aboard a ship. He watched the British attack overnight and at dawn saw the American flag still flying over the fort, inspiring him to write the verses which were later coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song and became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

September 15, 1916 - Tanks were first used in combat, during the Allied offensive at the Battle of the Somme, in World War I.

September 16, 1620 - The *Mayflower* ship departed from England, bound for America with 102 passengers and a small crew. The ship weathered dangerous Atlantic storms and reached Provincetown, Massachusetts on November 21st. The Pilgrims disembarked at Plymouth on December 26th.

September 17, 1862 - The bloodiest day in U.S. military history occurred as General Robert E. Lee and the Confederate armies were stopped at Antietam in Maryland by General George B. McClellan and numerically superior Union forces. By nightfall 26,000 men were dead, wounded, or missing.

September 18, 1947 - The U.S. Air Force was established as a separate military service.

September 27, 1722 - American revolutionary leader Samuel Adams was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation.

September 29, 1789 - Congress created the United States Army, consisting of 1,000 enlisted men and officers.

For The Good of the Legion ...

The 403rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron is located at Kesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS. It is home to a Maintenance Shop called "Aerospace Ground Equipment Shop." Its job is to maintain, inspect, repair, service and rent out various equipment an airplane needs to operate on the ground. Examples are portable light carts, dollies, stands, heaters, power cords and a variety of other equipment. One such item is the MA-1A Starter Cart.

The Starter Cart contains a GTC (Gas Turbine) engine, which drives enough high-pressure air through one of an aircraft's engines to get it started. The GTC-driven air pressure rotates the jet's engine to the required 1640



MA-1A Starter Cart

RPM's for ignition to take place. Other engines on the aircraft can then start off of the one operating engine.

The MA-1A is called the "Start Cart" because it's housed in a dolly, about 4.5 ft square, and on wheels so it can be used in the test cell or moved to the aircraft. It is used and maintained by both the AeroSpace shop and the Aircraft engine shop.

I have operated the Start Cart at the test cell in order to get the test cell engine started. When the GTC is either in the engine shop, or mounted in the aircraft, it is the responsibility of the engine shop. But if it is in the start cart, it is the ground crew's responsibility. Both shops are capable of its operation.

My son, working in the ground power shop, knew how to maintain the GTC in a Middle Eastern country. The aircraft engine shop had a GTC disassembled, and could not get it reassembled to get the aircraft to another location. So my Son went to this shop and reassembled the GTC so the airplane could take off. All he received from the shop was a simple "Thank You". In my opinion he should have been promoted.

The GTC is simple to operate. In the aircraft, the engineer must flip the "ON" switch to start the GTC. In the portable unit, it has an "ON" switch and an RPM gauge to monitor after it is started. The unit must be shut down when the required RPM is reached.

So the GTC becomes a real valuable piece of equipment in that it serves two maintenance shops.

Charlie Weaver

"Budreau"



Ongoing Suicide Prevention

EVERY month is Suicide Prevention month. Always be vigilant for your brothers/sisters that might need help.

Some signs of concerning behavior include:

- Hopelessness, feeling like there is no way out
- Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, or mood swings
- Feeling like there is no reason to live
- Rage or anger
- Engaging in risky activities without thinking
- Increasing alcohol or drug use
- Withdrawing from family and friends

If you notice any signs of concerning behavior here are some things you can do:

- **Start a conversation:** Mention the signs that prompted you to talk to them. Stay calm and let the person know you want to help them. Don't leave the person alone.
- **Listen, express concern and reassure the individual:** Let the person know you care and that you take the situation seriously. Letting the person know you care will go a long way in establishing a support system.
- **Create a safety plan:** Ask the person if they have access to anything that could harm them and call for help if you feel the situation is dangerous.
- **Get the individual help:** Provide resources for the individual. **Call the Veteran's crisis line at 1(800)-273-8255.** Or if you feel the situation is severe, take the individual to the closest emergency room or call for help.



Post 639 Schedule of Events

September 2023

- Sep 02 Sat - Breakfast at Post 639, 8-10AM
- Official Japanese Surrender Day
- Sep 05 Tue - General/Auxiliary General Meeting
- Sep 06 Wed - Bike Night/Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-10PM
- Sep 09 Sat - Sub Vets Meeting, 11AM
- Sep 10 Sun - Demolay Farnsworth 9/11 Ceremony, 3PM
- Sep 11 Mon - BSA Troop 24 9/11 Ceremony, 6:30PM
- Sep 12 Tue - Korean War Vets Meeting
- Give Vets Hope, 5:30PM VFW 3404
- Sep 13 Wed - Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-8PM
- Sep 14 Thu - Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30PM
- Marine Corps League Mtg, VFW 3404
6PM Food/Fellowship, 7PM Mtg
- Sep 15 Fri - VFW 3404 Fish Fry 5:30-7PM
- Sep 15-16 - Ride to the Wall, Perryville
- Sep 16 Sat - POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sep 17 Sun - ALR Meeting
- Sep 18 Mon - US Air Force Birthday Celebration 5-8PM
- Sep 19 Tue - Auxiliary E-Board Meeting, 7PM
- Sep 20 Wed - HOG NIGHT - Bike Night
Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-9:30PM
- Sep 25 Mon - Post 639 E-Board Meeting
- Gold Star Mothers Day
- Sep 26 Tue - SAL Monthly Meeting 7PM
- Give Vets Hope, VFW 3404, 5:30PM
- Newsletter Content Due
- Sep 27 Wed - Queen of Hearts, 6 -8PM
- Sep 28 Thu - Fleet Reserve Association 6PM
- Sep 29 Fri - VFW Day
- Sep 30 Sat - Sam Biggs Memorial Ride



LZ639 LUNCH MENU

AVAILABLE MON-FRI

11AM-2PM

**(ALL BURGERS AND SANDWICHES SERVED
WITH ONE REGULAR SIDE)**

SOFT DRINKS...\$2

- COKE
- DIET COKE
- DR. PEPPER
- DIET DR. PEPPER
- SPRITE
- DIET SPRITE
- TEA

REGULAR SIDES

- THICK CUT FRIES
- TATER-TOTS

PREMIUME SIDES

(UPGRADE FOR JUST A \$1)

- ONION RINGS
- MUSHROOMS
- SEASONED CURLY FRIES

**(LOAD YOUR SIDE FOR JUST A \$1 MORE WITH
NACHO CHEESE AND BACON BITS)**

**(ADD A SIDE SALAD OR SIDE OF SOUP FOR \$2
MORE)**

Seasonal Soups \$5:

Chicken Tortilla, Loaded Potato, Roasted Red
Pepper with Gouda Cheese, Broccoli Cheddar, or
Chili

BURGERS & SANDWICHES

(Add: Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, or Pickle)

HAMBURGER...\$7

CHEESEBURGER...\$8.50

Choice of cheese: American, Swiss, Provolone or,
Pepper Jack

Blue Burger...\$9

A burger topped with melted blue cheese crumbles

BBQ BURGER...\$9.50

A burger topped with two onion rings, your choice
of cheese and BBQ sauce

BRUNCH BURGER...\$9.50

A burger served with a fried egg & bacon with your
choice of cheese of cheese

LZ639...\$9

A burger topped with grilled onions served on a
toasted garlic aioli bun with your choice of cheese

PATTY MELT...\$9

A burger with grilled onions & Swiss cheese served
on Texas Toast

PORK TENDERLOIN SANDWICH...\$9.50

A 7oz. tenderloin

GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH...\$9

Grilled chicken breast with bacon, Swiss cheese
served on a toasted garlic aioli bun

THE REUBEN...\$9.50

Swiss cheese melted over corned beef & sauerkraut
topped with Thousand Island served on rye bread

BLT...\$7

Four slices of bacon topped with lettuce & tomato
served on Texas Toast

GRILLED CHEESE...\$6.50

Grilled Texas Toast with your choice of cheese.

HOT HAM & CHEESE...\$7

Four slices of smoked ham with your choice of
cheese served on Texas Toast.

LZ639 PIZZA MENU

(ALL PIZZAS ARE A 10 INCH CRUST)
(NO ADD ONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS)

THE CLASSICS

- Cheese.....\$7.50
- Pepperoni.....\$8
- Sausage.....\$8
- Bacon.....\$8
- Canadian Bacon.....\$8

SPECIALTY PIZZAS

- Hawaiian.....\$8.50**
Canadian Bacon, Pineapple
- Chicken Bacon Ranch.....\$9**
Ranch, Italian Seasoning, Diced Chicken, Bacon Bits
- BBQ Chicken.....\$9**
BBQ Sauce, Diced Chicken, Onions
- Alfredo.....\$9**
Alfredo Sauce, Italian Seasoning, Diced Chicken, Mushrooms, Bacon Bits
- Buffalo Chicken.....\$9.50**
Ranch, Cream Cheese, Buffalo Sauce, Diced Chicken
- Veggie Lovers.....\$8.50**

EXTRA SPECIALTY

- Loaded Hawaiian.....\$9.50**
Canadian Bacon, Bacon Bits, Pineapple, Onion
- Five Meat.....\$9.50**
Canadian Bacon, Hamburger, Sausage, Bacon Bits, Pepperoni
- Supreme.....\$10**
Canadian Bacon, Hamburger, Sausage, Bacon Bits, Mushrooms, Onions, Black Olives, Green Peppers, Pepperoni

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**.

The price is **\$6.00** per pizza for 10" pizzas . This is for personal use and cannot be resold. See one of the bar staff for additional information and to order.

Camping Services/Facilities at Post 639

Post 639 Bar Staff	417-882-8639
Adam Jamieson (24/7)	417-343-8723
Mike Chandler (24/7)	417-860-8910

Contacts for RV Site reservations:

7 Sites (2 Class A, 5 Travel Trailer), Water/Electric (30/50/20) hookups, Max size 45 ft. Available on "First come, First serve" basis. PETS WELCOME !!!!!

General Public - \$20/night, **Veterans** - \$10/night, Back-in sites only. **One night maximum.** Extended stays require prior approval. Total # of guests per party must be specified when making the reservation. **NOTE: Post 639 members and families/friends MUST notify the Post 72 hours in advance to ensure accommodation of their reservation request. Extended stays require approval.**

Stroll through our on-site Veterans Memorial Park, featuring a submarine conning tower and two Vietnam-era helicopters. Our 23-acre property is attached to the largest public park in Springfield. **Nearby attractions** - Bass Pro Shops flagship store, Wonders of Wildlife Museum/Aquarium. Springfield Cardinals baseball, Branson entertainment, Silver Dollar City (USA Today's #1 Theme Park in America). **Post 639 is ALSO a Harvest Host participant.**



Post 639 Hours of Operation:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Full lunch menu served daily Monday-Friday 11AM-2PM. Full Bar open during business hours. Pizzas and appetizers available during business hours. **Happy Hour** - .50 off, 12PM-2PM 7 days a week, 6PM-8PM Monday - Saturday.

Sunday	1PM - 7PM
Monday	11AM - 8PM
Tuesday	11AM - 8PM
Wednesday	11AM - 8PM
Thursday	11AM - 8PM
Friday	11AM - 8PM
Saturday	11AM - 8PM





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