



**American Legion Post 639
 (Vietnam War Memorial)
 Springfield, Missouri
 OCTOBER 2023**



REMEMBER



Post 639 Commander



Fall is upon us. And things are going well. Our floor project will start on the 16th. Thanks to Ron Sanders for keeping up with the grant from Greene County. Post 639 will be closed for a couple weeks. Target reopening date is the 30th. We will be closing at 3pm on Friday the 13th to begin getting everything out of the Post. We will need volunteers to help on the 13th, 14th and 15th for clean out. Let me know if you have any questions.

Our outdoor events are winding down for 2023 and it's been a great one. Our support groups, employees and volunteers have worked hard again this year and are already planning for 2024. Thanks everyone.

One last thing. I want to thank Diana Cooperider and her ALA members for their generous donation to Post 639 to help get our Post ready for the future.. And I don't want to forget the individuals who have taken time to plan, made personal donations, and offered their services in our project. You all rock!

**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 !!!

It has been a very eventful month. There was a great showing for the DeMolay youth group on 9/10 and the BSA Troop #24 on 9/11 for their Remembrance and Flag Retirement ceremonies. I thank all who attended and participated. (See Pictures on Page 7)

The Sons of the American Legion Hog Night was a wonderful event. Had a great turnout, good food, and fabulous music.

Reminder - the Post 639 remodel is just a few weeks away. Let's all remember one another while the Post is closed, and "give a hand up, not a hand-out".

"For Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is a storm against the wall"

Isaiah 25:4

In the Love of Patriotic Service,

**Frank Grantham
Post 639 Chaplain**



Post 639 Service Officer



From Service Officer:

I'm here to help you. If you have questions about Medicare, I know a gal. If you have questions about VA benefits, if I don't know, then I know a guy. Give me a shout! Let me help you.

Did you know, if you are using the VA for your health care needs and you go to Urgent Care (first 3 visits free) or the ER, both are covered, remember ambulance only covered if rated at over 30%. BUT you must call 844-724-7842 within 72 hours for an ER visit and 888-901-6609 to report your Urgent Care visit. Do NOT pay anything when you are at either location.

Been trying to volunteer a bit in the community. Went to Ribs4Kids, a partnership with Hy-Vee and fundraising for Foster/Adopt Connect. Have been approached for a few other things. Some are in school classrooms during the day, some can be after work. I need helpers. Let me know if you want to help! Listened to a great speaker from the Elks, retired Navy Chief, at Saluting Branches on the 20th in the National Cemetery. AND got to hear Bob Kalwat play taps on his Soprano saxophone.

Navy will celebrate it's 248th birthday on October 13th. GO NAVY!! BEAT ARMY!! Oh wait, that's not til December.. Lol !!!!

**Belinda Brown
Service Officer**



639 Auxiliary President



Membership plays an important part of any organization. Without our members and their volunteerism, it is very difficult to obtain our goals and complete our missions. At the September general meeting we had a membership recognition ceremony for years of service. (Members that were present are pictured on Page 6.)

Receiving their 5-year pins were:

**Terra Cooperider – member for 8 years
Susan Heppard – member for 5 years
Gail Willey – member for 8 years**

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Not present:

Junior member Olivia Adamson – member 5 years
Junior member Emma Butler – member 7 years
Linda Clark – member 9 years
Chris Dale – member 9 years
Lisa Thompson – member 7 years
Elizabeth Womack – member 6 years
Cheryl Zielke – member 5 years

Receiving their 10-year pins were:

Paula Maxheimer – member for 10 years

Not Present :

Marsha Crom - member 11 years
Mary Foss – member 12 years
Joyce Sanders – member 12 years
Jolena Shalla – member 13 years

Receiving their 15-year pins were:

Charlotte Kelly – member 18 years

Not Present:

Sherry Jacobson - member 18 years

Receiving their 20-year pins were:

Regina Hutson – member 20 years

Not Present:

Mary Benson – member 28 years
Mary Burris – member 20 years
Connie Compton – member 23 years
Anna Day – member 28 years and PUFL
Sharon Van Matre – member 28 years
Alicia Wagner – member 25 years
Nikki Williams – member 27 years
Joan Wright – member 22 year

Receiving her 30-year pin was:

Sharon Richardson – member 31 years – Not present

Receiving her 35- year pin was:

Teresa Chandler

Our **Junior Advisor Mikayla Criger** presented our newest Junior Member, Libby Gonynor, with her new member membership pin, certificate and her junior shirt. We also recognized and showed our gratefulness and gratitude for our **Vice President Terra Cooperider** for her continued service, since 2017, as our Membership Coordinator. “Hog Night”, what a great way to end September! If you didn’t attend, you missed out on a wonderful event. **(See Pictures on Page 9)**

Kudos to SAL’s **Thomas Long and our SAL brothers** for a wonderful event! The food was awesome, the band was fabulous and the membership table produced several leads for po-

tential members for all of our organizations. So many people to thank for their help from all of our members. There are too many to list and I don’t want to miss anyone so please just know, we are grateful for all of you who stepped up and in to make this event such a huge success. I do want to thank our sponsor, Renegade and the vendors who donated gifts and cards for the giveaway raffles; A&B Cycle, Wing Stop, IScape Candles, Charlotte Kelly and Penny with Avon. Also, ALR for the 2 Visa gift cards and well as ALA for the 2 Hy-Vee gift cards. Special thank you to Honky-Tonk Renovators for helping us throughout their set with the gift drawings. This event just proved, once again, how well we all at Post 639 work together to “Get it Done”.

The surprise of the evening was **Marsha Crom** stopping by for a little bit. We were all happy to see her but her showing up meant that Mr. Jackson was much, much better. Awesome news! Thank you to all who personally contributed to Marsha’s birthday/appreciation gift and to all of our VSOs for your contributions. I know by her reaction she didn’t see that one coming and we all know how hard it is to pull one over on her. Marsha.... we got you!

ALA will not be holding its annual Children’s Halloween party this month as the Post will be closed for renovations during that time. Starting Saturday, October 14th, the Post will be closed for a couple of weeks. New flooring, lighting, bar renovation and so much more. With all that is happening, volunteers are needed to clear the building of all equipment before Monday when the crews start coming in. Please mark your calendars for that weekend and plan to come up for a couple hours to assist. More information to come as we get closer to that date.

ALA had a beautiful etched memory bench made and donated to us by **Edie Reiman and Adam Hernandez**. The bench was made “**In Memory of our Post 639 Veterans**”. Thank you, Edie and Adam!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of ALA and especially the E-board members of ALA for working together on our donation proposal to Post 639. Many long and hard hours were put into this proposal and you should be proud of the job you did. I know it was not an easy task but, NICE JOB ALA. I am very proud of all of you.

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is never promised. You only have today. So today, tell someone you are grateful for them being in your life. Tell them how much you appreciate all that they have done for you. Let them know how much you love them. You may not get the chance tomorrow because tomorrow is never promised.

In Spirit of Service, not Self

Diana Cooperider
President, Post 639 Auxiliary



Post 639 SAL Commander



Hog night was a success !!! A **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped working the event and who came out. We served over \$1040 in concessions on Bike Night and we have information collected for about 30 potential new members for the Post, and 10 interested in Sons, which is AMAZING.

For the near future, we have more opportunities for membership at the upcoming Army/Navy game we would like to host. We are also looking at a Poker tournament in February, so get ready for some fun times to come !!

The Sons of the American Legion are always looking for New and Past Members!

The Sons are made up of male descendants of Veterans who served in the US Armed Forces. Show your appreciation for your family members Service, and keep the memory of those brave Service members alive.

Our motto is "Serving Those Who Served" this great country. We do this through our events and volunteering at the LZ 639.

Annual dues are only \$25... and you get soooo much more out of your service to these brave vets, who fought to provide the freedoms each of us enjoy every day. Service with fun / fellowship - that's what you get !!

We are always interested in talking with individuals who want to help our beloved LZ 639. We meet at 7PM on the last Tuesday of each month.

Come out and sit in on a meeting or talk with a few of our members. Jump in and find your spot in SAL. Service and fellowship memories that will last you a lifetime ...



**Erik Duff, Commander,
Sons of the American Legion**



Post 639 ALR Director



Most of you know by now that September has been a roller coaster for us with Ron Jackson's medical emergency. Our deepest, sincere thanks to all of you who have supported us during this challenging time in our lives. This month, I'm giving over the ALR section to Ron for his thoughts.

From Ron Jackson

Just a short note to all my friends in ALR and post 639. As many of you know, I've been a little under the weather lately.

Starting with a dislocated hip and badly sprained ankle on Monday the 4th, I've been in Mercy Hospital and Mercy Rehab hospital until yesterday.

As it turned out I also had some kind of infection in my blood, that I knew nothing about. The Doctors gave me about every medical test known to science while I was in. As fate and the Good Lord would have it, they found an antibiotic that is fighting the infection. I'm still on IV antibiotics at home. Luckily I've got an in-house nurse to help me out with the injections. I guess I'll be on the current medication until October. Then I get to go on oral antibiotics for the foreseeable future.

Thank you also to my brothers in ALR and Red Knights, for the escort when I was discharged from the hospital. As road captain of both groups, I invoked our rule of all rides begin and end at the post. So our next stop was Post 639.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize Marsha Crom, for all she has done on my behalf. Not only for her assistance here at home, but for being my advocate at the hospital and with the Doctors.

Love you, Babe.



Thanks for all you do, Riders. Ride safe out there

Marsha Crom

Director, Chapter 639



REMEMBER





I posted this on Facebook on January 27, 2021

*“Just saw an interview with a Holocaust survivor in **Long Island, NY** who gives presentations on her experiences to students. She said something that **ASTOUNDED** me - the kids she taught (looked like late middle school / early high school) knew "very little or nothing" about the Holocaust. I'm not often speechless, but I am with this ... “*

In a response to a recent post on Facebook regarding the September 11th remembrance, one of my Minnesota high school friends (now resides in Arizona) relayed how his Kindergarten granddaughter's class handled the anniversary, studying the event of 9/11 and its meaning to our country. He also said that, during the evening newscast, a number of college students were asked about their thoughts on the day. Many of them knew nothing about it, and were surprised when told. Again, I was astounded. How can this be?

I can't speak with authority to the pervasiveness of this situation in our educational system, but the fact that it exists at all is alarming, to say the least. Based on conversations I've had with teachers in a number of school systems, I suspect the issue is **much, much larger** than we suspect, as we observe the constant effort to erase the country's history from school curriculums and rewrite it.

To say that these circumstances are concerning is a major understatement to the extreme. It can make you lose hope, **UNTIL** you observe activities such as our Flag Retirement ceremonies, held here at the Post on 9/10 and 9/11 by DeMolay and BSA #24, led by Post 639 Chaplain Frank Grantham.

In 1919, The American Legion was founded on four pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. The Legion's pillar of **Americanism** embodies its devotion to law and order, **the raising of wholesome youth, an educated and law-abiding citizenship, and respectful observance of patriotic holidays and remembrances.**

What I saw during those ceremonies renews my faith that we are fighting the trend to change history, and are deeply involved in the very essence of that Pillar. I am thankful that Post 639 is true to our mission on educating our young people on Americanism, and filling in the huge gaps left by our educational system. As long as these efforts continue at Post 639 and others, there will be significant pushback to the negative forces at work to change how our children see America.

Bob Kalwat
Post 639 Historian / Newsletter Editor

Give Vets Hope

As I write this we are almost into October, WOW! I wanted to share exciting news for our Give Vets Hope group. On September 28, 2023, we are reaching our 5 year anniversary, which will be celebrated on September 26! We had group on September 12, 2023 and discussed our celebration and that becoming a great listener is one the most important traits in a support group.

Our group is continuing to grow and one thing that has been noticed in the past few groups is that once we conclude our meetings, we see how everyone really comes together and continues to talk to one another. I am so proud of being a part of this support group and the Talking Stick has been a success so far!

We invite all veterans and their families to attend our group. We also welcome support animals. We always have plenty of pizza and soda for everyone. I am so happy that this group has reached 5 years and I couldn't ask for a better co facilitator and co-founder that has been there for us the whole time...even through obstacles with COVID! David took time every Friday throughout the pandemic and after to call and check on the people from our group. David Suits has been our rock and we appreciate all of his hard work and dedication! We want to also thank VFW Post 3404 for their ongoing support for our group being able to come together twice a month.

In conclusion, we will continue to grow and become better listeners as a group and carry on many more years of support for our veterans and their family, friends and significant others. If you would like more information about the Give Vets Hope group, please contact David Suits at: davidsuits25@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 417-773-1837. Our facebook page is [givevetshope/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/givevetshope/). From our page, you can access our website and learn more information.

Happy Fall!!!!

Holly Butler

Co-founder/Co-factor

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.



General Meeting Recognition

September 5, 2023



Libby Gonyor - Recognition for Exceptional Volunteerism



Susan Heppard - 5 yrs



Terra Cooperider - 8 yrs



Gail Willey - 8 yrs



Paula Maxheimer - 10 yrs



Charlotte Kelly - 18 yrs



Regina Hutson- 20 yrs



Terry Chandler - 35 yrs



Terra Cooperider - Membership Coord.. Thanks



Bike Night/Queen of Hearts

September 6, 2023



639 Float Trip

September 9, 2023



DeMolay Flag Retirement Ceremony

September 10, 2023



BSA Troop #24, Cub Scouts Pack 11

Flag Retirement Ceremony, 9/11/23



639 Parking Lot Improvements

September 14-16, 2023



Ride to the Wall, Perryville MO

September 15, 2023

SPRINGFIELD ROUTE

MISSOURI VIETNAM WALL RUN

Friday, September 15, 2023

Route: Hwy 69 E to Hwy 67 N to Hwy 34 to Piedmont, back to Hwy 67 N to Bus Hwy 72 Fredericktown to Hwy 72 E to Hwy 51 to Perryville 8 to 7:20 a.m. Meet at Mike's Wineries, Springfield

Free coffee and donuts

7:45 to 8:00 a.m. Kickstands up

8:15 a.m. Drive through Rogersville

8:35 a.m. Drive through Skymour

9:05 a.m. Drive through Mountain Grove

9:15 a.m. Drive through Cabot

9:35 a.m. 32 min Fuel stop at Love's Fuel, Willow Springs

10:42 a.m. Drive through Winona

11:03 a.m. 37 min. fuel stop Searcy, Van Buren

12:30 p.m. Drive through Greenville

12:40 p.m. Drive through Patterson

12:50 - 2:20 p.m. Fuel and Lunch for purchase by Hercules

Southern BBQ Food Truck, and El Burrito's Food Truck at Pavilion by Piedmont High School (see menu pages)

3:05 p.m. 30 min. fuel stop Fredericktown Walnut

3:35 p.m. Drive through Fredericktown - Main St to Hwy 72

4:20 p.m. Arrive in Perryville - Lodging Check-in

6:30 p.m. Meet at Super 8, Perryville to ride to Candlelight Vigil at Missouri National Veterans Memorial

Springfield MO, Ride Coordinator: Ken Taylor 278-918-2437

Fredericktown MO, Ride Coordinator: Tracy Bennett 278-774-0272



Rolling Nobles Car Show

September 16, 2023

CAR, TRUCK, & MOTORCYCLE SHOW
 American Legion Post 639, 2660 S. Scenic, Springfield, MO
Saturday, September 16th, 2023
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 \$25 Per Vehicle Entry • 8:00 am Registration
 Free to Public • Trophies • Food • Drinks
 Sponsorships Available - Email abarollnobbies@gmail.com for Info & Pre-Registration



US Air Force Birthday

September 18, 2023



Hog Night 639
September 20, 2023



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



History in October

October 1, 1908 - Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

October 3, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

October 4, 1957 - The Space Age began as the Russians launched the first satellite into orbit. Sputnik I weighed just 184 lbs. and transmitted a beeping radio signal for 21 days. The remarkable accomplishment by Soviet Russia sent a shockwave through the American political leadership resulting in U.S. efforts to be the first on the moon.

October 6, 1949 - "Tokyo Rose" (Iva Toguri d'Aquino) was sentenced in San Francisco to 10 years imprisonment and fined \$10,000 for treason. She had broadcast music and Japanese propaganda to American troops in the Pacific during World War II. She was pardoned by President Gerald Ford in 1977.

October 7, 1765 - The Stamp Act Congress convened in New York City with representatives from nine colonies meeting in protest to the British Stamp Act which imposed the first direct tax by the British Crown upon the American colonies.

October 8, 1918 - During World War I in the Argonne Forest in France, U.S. Sergeant Alvin C. York single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion, killing over a dozen and capturing 132. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre.

October 8, 1890 - American fighter pilot Ace Eddie Rickenbacker was born in Columbus, Ohio. He commanded the first U.S. aero unit to take part in World War I and was credited with 26 victories, becoming America's leading Ace. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.

October 9, 1940 - John Lennon was born in Liverpool, England. He was a member of *The Beatles*, an influential rock group which captivated audiences first in England and Germany, and later in America and throughout the world. He was murdered in New York City on December 8, 1980.

October 11, 1939 - Albert Einstein warned President Franklin D. Roosevelt that his theories could lead to Nazi Germany's development of an atomic bomb. Einstein suggested the U.S. develop its own bomb. This resulted in the top secret "Manhattan Project."

October 13, 1775 - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

October 13, 1792 - The cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington. The building, located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, is three stories tall with over 100 rooms, and was designed by James Hoban. In November of 1800, President John Adams and his family moved in. The building was first known as the "Presidential Palace," but acquired the name "White House" about 10 years after its completion. It was burned by British troops in 1814, then reconstructed, refurbished and reoccupied in

1817.

October 14, 1890 - Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th U.S. President was born in Denison, Texas. He served two terms as President, from January 20, 1953 to January 20, 1961. Nicknamed "Ike," he was a West Point graduate and career Army officer who became Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe during World War II. He held the rank of Five-star General of the Army.

October 15, 1924 - Lee Iacocca was born to Italian immigrant parents in Allentown, Pennsylvania (as Lido Anthony Iacocca). Dubbed "America's first corporate folk hero," he was a mechanical engineer who became an automobile executive at Ford (creator of the Mustang) and later helped save Chrysler from bankruptcy.

October 17, 1777 - During the American Revolutionary War, British General John Burgoyne and his entire army of 5,700 men surrendered to American General Horatio Gates after the Battle of Saratoga, the first big American victory.

October 19, 1781 - As their band played *The World Turned Upside Down*, the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. More than 7,000 British and Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington. The war between Britain and its American colonies was effectively ended. The final peace treaty was signed in Paris on September 3, 1783.

October 20, 1944 - During World War II in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, fulfilling his promise, "I shall return."

October 22, 1962 - President John F. Kennedy appeared on television to inform Americans of the existence of Russian missiles in Cuba. The President demanded their removal and announced a naval "quarantine" of Cuba. Six days later, the Russians announced they would remove the weapons. In return, the U.S. later removed missiles from Turkey.

October 23, 1983 - Terrorists drove a truck loaded with TNT into the U.S. and French headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon, exploding it and killing 241 U.S. Marines and 58 French paratroopers.

October 26, 1881 - The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, occurred between the feuding Clanton and Earp families. Wyatt Earp, two of his brothers and "Doc" Holliday gunned down two Clantons and two others.

October 27, 1787 - The first of 85 Federalist Papers appeared in print in a New York City newspaper. The essays argued for the adoption of the new U.S. Constitution. They were written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay.

October 29, 1929 - The stock market crashed as over 16 million shares were dumped amid tumbling prices. The Great Depression followed in America, lasting until the outbreak of World War II.

October 31, 1952 - The U.S. detonated its first hydrogen bomb at the Elugelab Atoll in the Eniwetok Proving Grounds in the Pacific Marshall Islands.

For The Good of the Legion ...

The American Flag, as we know it now as the “Star Spangled Banner - Old Glory” is a symbol of freedom, liberty and opportunity. Every country has a flag that represents them, and they are proud of it. **So do we.**

Our flag has waved over America for generations, and we hope and believe it will keep waving for freedom.

Our flag does not cost a lot to make - just a few dollars for the materials. But if you could ask those who chose to give the ultimate price, it would be a gigantic task to add up. If you consider the cost of how much time, effort, sacrifice and risk from its inception until what we have now, hardly any bank could afford to pay it.

It depends on what group you talk to as to the value.

- To an American citizen, it is a priceless gift of immeasurable value.
- To an illegal immigrant, they would likely say “it’s not from my country so I couldn’t care less.”
- Others don’t appreciate it, and would just as soon burn it. One might light a match to the cloth, but the thoughts, desire and determination of making the American dream happen cannot be put out.
- *To those early Americans, like Francis Scott Key, the desire, determination, sacrifice and risk of danger was so great to wave a flag to represent their thirst for freedom was too great to NOT risk achieving their goal of freedom. (re-word this)*
- To those brave American Veterans who have been through the hell of wars, they would say it is a treasured, earned gift to both them, and the thousands of their comrades who paid the ultimate price of freedom, and to the families who saw the flag draped caskets coming off of a military aircraft, they were saddened that their loved ones came back that way, but the Honor was worth it.
- To those non-Citizens that wish to become American Citizens, they would have to consider the cost that they were expected to pay. Not just raising their hand and saying “I will”, but look at the requirements list that may include The Pledge of Allegiance to American values. They would have to consider that by “Pledging Allegiance”, it meant that they are a legal, loyal immigrant for at least 5 years, have no criminal record, and have a good tax-paying record. It would mean they are willing to serve their new country, and

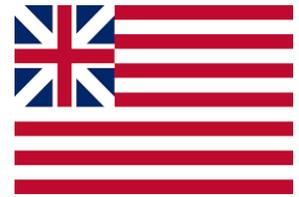
be willing to honor and protect the integrity of America and become productive citizens. It would mean they are willing to serve if called up, and risk giving the ultimate price to be an honorable American citizen.

- Then they must be willing to honor the flag, show it respect, salute it by rendering the Pledge. Keep it safe, not letting it touch the ground, fly it daily in pleasant weather, display it properly, and dispose of it honorably when it is old and worn. Fly it at half-mast when required, and learn how to fold it when not being flown.

Our flag was developed in four different prototypes during its progressive construction. The four types were:

#1 THE GRAND UNION

Flown at the birth of the Continental Army, January 1st, 1776, used extensively by our early Navy and Merchant Marines.



#2 THE BENNINGTON FLAG

One of many interpretations of the law of June 14, 1777 providing for 15 white stars on a blue field with its 13 stripes.



#3 BETSY ROSS FLAG

The flag carried by the warship “Ranger”. Commanded by John Paul Jones, the Ranger was the first Man-of-War to fly the “Stars and Stripes”.



#4 THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

1791-1818, 15 stars, 15 stripes. Francis Scott Key observed it still flying “gallantly streaming” over Ft. McHenry in 1812.



Charlie Weaver

“Budreau”





OCTOBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 LUNCH 11-2	2 LUNCH 11-2	 LEGION/ALA GENERAL MTG 7PM	 BIKE NIGHT & QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 10PM	5 LUNCH 11-2	6 LUNCH 11-2	 1ST SATURDAY BREAKFAST 8 - 10AM
8	9 LUNCH 11-2	 KOREAN WAR VETS 1PM GIVE VETS HOPE VFW 3404 5PM	 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8 PM	 FINANCE COMMITTEE 6:30PM  MCL 993 VFW 3404 6-8PM	 NAVY BIRTHDAY POST 639 CLOSED - 3PM	 SUB VETS MTG TBD POST 639 CLOSED
 ALR MEETING TBD POST 639 CLOSED	16 LUNCH 11-2 POST 639 CLOSED	 AUX E-BOARD MTG TBD POST 639 CLOSED	18 LUNCH 11-2 POST 639 CLOSED	19 LUNCH 11-2 POST 639 CLOSED	 VFW 3404 FISH FRY 5:30 - 7 PM POST 639 CLOSED	21 POST 639 CLOSED
22 POST 639 CLOSED	23 LUNCH 11-2 POST 639 CLOSED	 GIVE VETS HOPE VFW 3404 5PM POST 639 CLOSED	25 LUNCH 11-2 POST 639 CLOSED	 FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION TBD NATIONAL DAY OF THE DEPLOYED POST 639 CLOSED	27 LUNCH 11-2 POST 639 CLOSED	 NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY POST 639 CLOSED
29 POST 639 CLOSED	 E-BOARD MTG 6:30PM	 SAL MTG 7PM				



OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

Operation Enduring Freedom Anniversary - October 7th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES NAVY



October 13, 1775

US Navy Birthday - October 13th, Navy Day-October 27th



NATIONAL DAY OF THE DEPLOYED

OCTOBER 26

National Day of the Deployed - October 26th

NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

National First Responders Day - October 28th

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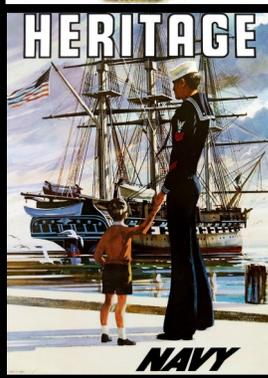


**HAPPY 248th Birthday US Navy -
Friday, October 13th.**

Due to the Post's closing on that day to prepare for remodeling, we will observe the US Navy Birthday on **Thursday, October 12th from 5-8PM.**

Please come out and join our Navy veterans for a Pancake Feed, Cake, and special Happy Hour pricing from 5-8PM.

"Semper Fortis"



Elks Benefit Fundraiser

Honoring our Veterans

HONOR FLIGHT of the OZARKS



Saturday, October 21st, 2023

\$35
Donations Requested & Encouraged!

Social Hour 5pm
Dinner 6pm
Live Entertainment 7pm

Menu
Baked Chicken
on bed of Rice Pilaf
Green Beans
Glazed Carrots
Tossed Salad
Dinner Roll

featuring
The Wings of Swing Big Band



This event is open to the public and business attire is requested. All proceeds go to Honor Flight of the Ozarks!



For more info, contact: Nolan Moody 417-894-0083
Elks Lodge #409, 2223 E Bennett St, Springfield, MO 65804
(417) 881-8596, prompt #2 for reservations

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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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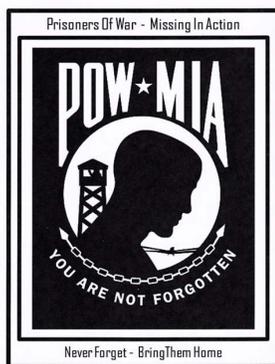
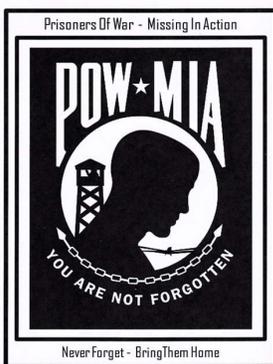


Volunteer Opportunities at the Legion

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.



Average Weather in October for Springfield

Daily high temperatures *decrease* by 11°F, from 74°F to 63°F, rarely falling below 49°F or exceeding 83°F.

Daily low temperatures *decrease* by 10°F, from 54°F to 44°F, rarely falling below 31°F or exceeding 65°F.

Over the course of October 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, 16 seconds, and weekly decrease of 15 minutes, 52 seconds.

The shortest day of the month is *October 31*, with 10 hours, 40 minutes of daylight and the longest day is *October 1*, with 11 hours, 48 minutes of daylight.

The earliest sunrise of the month in Springfield is 7:08 AM on *October 1* and the latest sunrise is 28 minutes later at 7:36 AM on *October 31*.

The latest sunset is 6:56 PM on *October 1* and the earliest sunset is 40 minutes earlier at 6:16 PM on *October 31*.

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.

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

Jim "Skippy" Cooper (got peanut butter)

Your 6AM Support Team

Ongoing Suicide Prevention

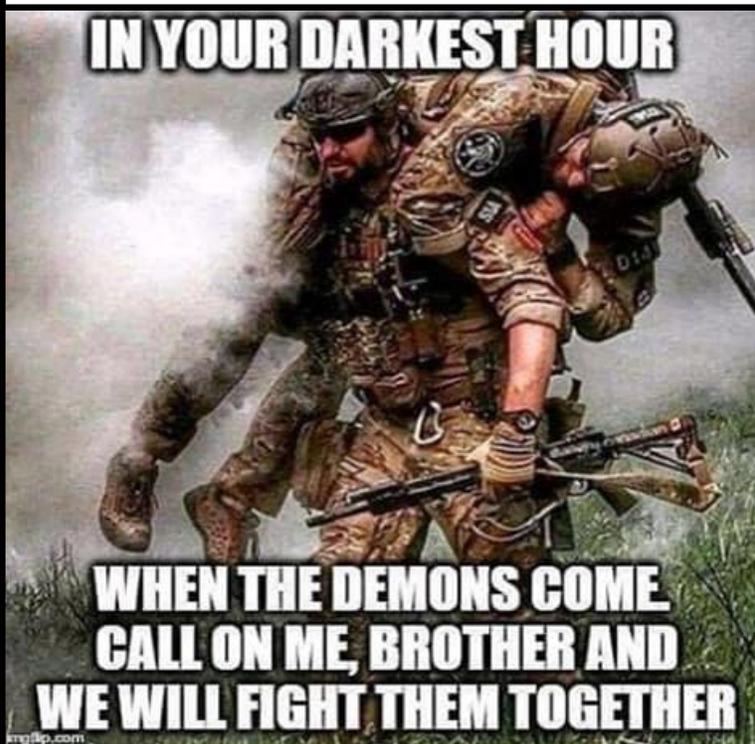
EVERY month is Suicide Prevention month. Always be vigilant for your brothers/sisters that might need help.

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:

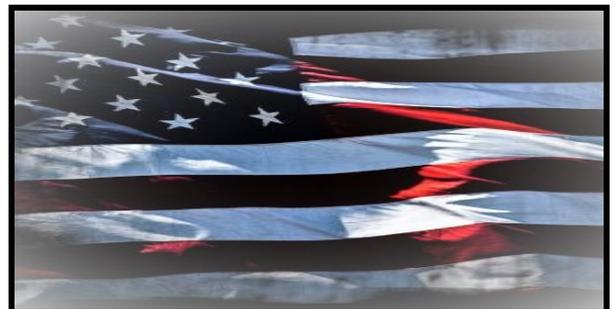
- **Start a conversation:** Mention the signs that prompted you to talk to them. Stay calm and let the person know you want to help them. Don't leave the person alone.
- **Listen, express concern and reassure the individual:** Let the person know you care and that you take the situation seriously. Letting 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

October 2023

- Oct 03 Tue - General/Auxiliary General Meeting
- Oct 04 Wed - Bike Night/Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-10PM
- Oct 06-07 Fri/Sat - Post 639 Campout/Maxheimer Ride
- Oct 07 Sat - Breakfast at Post 639, 8-10AM
- Operation Enduring Freedom Anniversary
- Oct 10 Tue - Korean War Vets Meeting
- Give Vets Hope, 5:30PM VFW 3404
- Oct 11 Wed - Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-8PM
- Oct 12 Thu - Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30PM
- Marine Corps League Mtg, VFW 3404
6PM Food/Fellowship, 7PM Mtg
- Oct 12 Fri - US Navy Birthday Celebration, 5-8PM
(Observed on 10/12, Post closed on 10/13)
- **Oct 13 - 29 - POST 639 CLOSED FOR REMODELING.**
RE-OPEN October 30th
- Oct 14 Sat - Sub Vets Meeting, 11AM
- Oct 15 Sun - ALR Meeting
- Oct 17 Tue - Auxiliary E-Board Meeting, 7PM
- Oct 20 Fri - VFW 3404 Fish Fry 5:30-7PM
- Oct 21 Sat - Ozarks Honor Flight Benefit 5-9PM Elks Club
Music provided by Wings of Wing Big Band
- Oct 24 Tue - Give Vets Hope, VFW 3404, 5:30PM
- Oct 25 Wed - Ozarks Honor Flight Welcome Home
- Oct 26 Thu - Fleet Reserve Association 6PM
- National Day of the Deployed
- Newsletter Content Due
- Oct 28 Sat - National First Responders Day
- Oct 30 Tue - SAL Monthly Meeting 7PM
- Oct 31 Mon - Post 639 E-Board Meeting



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	

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