

Vietnam War Memorial

December 2019

American Legion Post 639



COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

A few days ago a guy told me he wasn't welcome at the VFW when he got home from whichever war he was in. That story isn't new. I took one of my former student's to join a local VSO after he got back from invading Iraq, and they told him he wasn't eligible because they didn't know how to read a dd-214. If you've spent much time at any VSO you've heard these stories.

I don't want that to happen here. Not just administratively, but with new people that walk in. I want them to feel welcome.

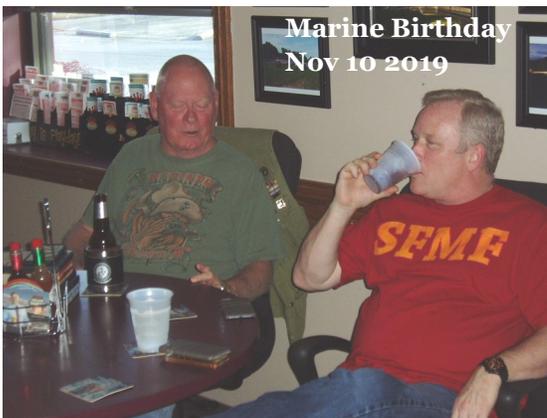
One of the things that Mike Goforth was great at, that I know I am not, is that. He never met a stranger. He would greet everyone that walked in as if they were an old friend. I'm not that outgoing, but I'm working on it.

I also heard a story on the news a few weeks ago that this current generation doesn't consider themselves to be adults until they are 36 years old. Let that sink in.

Now imagine you're a 24 year old war veteran coming back to springfield after a few deployments. Your friends from high school are still living in mom's basement.

Nobody should be surprised that this new generation of veterans are having a difficult time transitioning back into a society that expects everyone their age to behave like children for another 12 years after deployment.

Darin Hargis



Marine Birthday
Nov 10 2019



Marine Honor Guard at Larry Days'
Funeral October 29 2019

Nolan
Moody



CHAPLAIN

This is the time of the year to be thankful for the things we have. Too many people wish they had more than they should have. Appreciate what you have and enjoy .Be safe when you travel and watch out. All for now . The Post and it's members are in My Prayers

Your Chaplain Rex Krasche



Post activities are planned and executed by VOLUNTEERS!!

FINANCE

In November, it was noted that even though summer activity has declined to the fall level, we were still in good financial condition. Missouri lottery games, bar, kitchen and pizza have been pretty stable in income level. We have done well enough in Missouri lottery commissions to add some money to our savings account. In addition volunteer fundraising by Connie Johnston, Bre Hansen and Jennifer Hargis serving beer at non-Post fundraisers has brought in more than \$450.

The contracts for the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall return in 2020 has been signed and the down payment check has been issued and cashed at the bank. Now we continue fundraising for the remaining costs. There are signup sheets on the pool table for various support functions. Become a helper!!!

The kitchen has been kept open thanks to Commander Hargis, Justin Adamson, Bob Kalwat and George Wright. There may be some others who have helped during times that your finance officer was not present. If so, THANK YOU.

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

Gary Bockman

PIZZA SALES

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LADIES AUXILLARY

The Holiday's are upon us.

Thank you to all who made desserts for Thanksgiving and to all who came out to help decorate the Post for the Holidays. The kids party was a blast. Santa, Bob Modlin and our own little Elf Terra Cooperrider was a great success. All the ladies who helped wrap gifts, assist the kids in decorating cookies, setting up and cleaning up after the kids party I am so grateful. We all work as a team so fantastic.

We are looking forward to our party, spouses are invited. After we celebrate with the Auxiliary members December 21, 6:00pm-7:00pm, Pot Luck, ugly sweater contest and gift exchange, Diana Cooperider has arranged to have a DJ entertain our Auxiliary. This is also a Christmas gift to our Post from the Auxiliary. Thank you Legion members for supporting us and Merry Christmas.

We'll be serving ham, beans and fried potatoes at the first Friday dinner.

Diana has ordered hats from a new vendor. They are in the case. Super embroidery work on them. If you have a special order contact Diana Cooperider. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR. Be safe and enjoy family and friends

..Janey Tuck
Auxillary President
Unit 639



Post Float at Willard's Veterans parade.



John Foss's 1949 Hudson on the Parade path.

Membership

Section 4. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January first shall be classed as delinquent. If his dues are paid on or before February First, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after February First, he shall be suspended from all privileges. If he is still under such suspension on June thirteenth of such year, his membership in The American Legion shall be forfeited. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Post and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs.

Provided, however, that the Posts, Departments and the National Organization may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service.

IS YOUR ADDRESS CORRECT?

If not call 417-882-8639 and ask for the Adjutant

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

AS busy as this last month has been, I'm asking Santa for a pair of motorized Roller Skates to get through the holidays! Our ALR Italian dinner was a success. We served fifty eight dinners, and everyone enjoyed a great evening. Thank you to all members, I couldn't do this without you!

We definitely will be scheduling another soon come.

Veterans Day was a cold, and snowy day but several veterans came out to enjoy a free spaghetti lunch and beautiful desserts provided by the Auxiliary.

December 1, is the Toys for Tots Ride. KSU 12:30pm. Lenny Buis will escort the riders to the event, drop off the toys, and return to the post for chili, and great music. Please bring a pot of your favorite chili to share with friends.

At our November meeting the membership decided to support the charity, Change of Life. This organization helps veterans and families. They assist with educational, medical, and social needs and. dedicated to educating the public regarding veteran suicide and prevention. This is exciting for each rider, because we can hold our head high to say.....

WE HELP OUR VETERANS, WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Come join ALR, and you can make a difference too!!

December 1- Toys for Tots toy run.

December 15- ALR Christmas Dinner (Italian dinner has been requested)

Marsha Crom ALR Director



Short update: Veterans Day Parade November 2nd will be history when you read this and I am hoping it was a safe and dry one. I want to thank all that worked so hard to make it another great event.

Next project is ROTC/JROTC Awards coming up in April and May 2020. I will need volunteers to be Award Presenters at: MSU, Willard HS, Ozark HS, Republic HS, Nixa HS and Hillcrest HS. Each will only take two hours out of your year. I won't have times nor dates until first of the year but text me as to which school you will help.

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall project is ongoing and the Task Leaders need to start rosters taking names of those working in their area.

I want to Thank Scott Pratt for donating a moving truck and crew to move the remaining items from Paula Maxheimer's house and taking to the Red Rack and the Post. If you have any moving needs please consider Power House Moving.

As you all know our Post survives because of volunteers, everything you see outside the Post and most of the inside is due to YOU. (If this applies). Connie, Deanna and Dana go above and beyond on a regular bases, thank them next time you're at the Post.

Believe it or not even if you pick up trash inside the Post that someone forgot to throw away or empty a full trash container or any other thing you see that needs attention would go a long way.

Nolan R. Moody
2nd Vice Commander

POST ACTIVITIES



THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL ®

As of this writing we are on the books for the "Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall" "The Wall" (Same as in 2015) to visit American Legion Post #639 July 2nd through July 5th 2020. Our planning Team has started preparing for this large community event and as time goes on will need all that are willing to put time and effort in to make it another huge success. For those that missed the 2015 visit they can hopefully see it next year.

Areas on Task List are but not limited to:

AL:	POC Nolan Moody--Directory (Name Locaters)
ALA:	POC Janey Tuck--Greeters and Wall Guides
ALS:	POC Jared Thompson--Water/ICE and cooling area
VVA 952	POC Dan Igou--Parking/Guides
ALR:	POC Marsha Crom--Security
Chaplains:	POC Rex Krasche
Web Site/Facebook:	POC Nolan Moody
Public Relations:	POC Nolan Moody
Fund Raising:	POC Commander Darin Hargis

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)
AmVets Dept of Mo. PRO

Kitchen Manager Wanted

Got Spare Time during the day? Tired of watching soap opera's? Want something fulfilling and love to get satisfaction from your efforts? Post 639 is needing a kitchen manager. This position is important to every member of the Post , and those visiting the Post. Feel free to talk to our commander about this mission. Darin will fill you in on the duties of the position. **Don't delay do it today!**

December 2019

**Breakfast
8-10 am**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 Nov	25 Nov	26 Nov <u>E-BOARD MEETING</u> <u>6:30PM</u> <u>NEWSLETTER TEAM</u> <u>12 NOON</u>	27 Nov QUEEN OF HEARTS 	28 Nov POST THANKSGIVING DINNER 1—3PM	29 Nov NO DINNER	30 Nov NO BREAKFAST
01 DEC TOYS FOR TOTS EVENT KSU 12:30	02 DEC	03 DEC LEGION & AUX GENERAL MEETING DINNER 6PM MEETING 7PM	04 DEC QUEEN OF HEARTS 	05 DEC	06 DEC DINNER 6-8PM	07 DEC KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY 1—3 SUB VETS CHRISTMAS PARTY 3:30
08 DEC	09 DEC	10 DEC SAL MEETING 6:30PM KWVA MEETING 1PM	11 DEC QUEEN OF HEARTS 	12 DEC	13 DEC DINNER 6-8PM	14 DEC RED KNIGHTS CHRISTMAS PARTY 8—9PM
15 DEC CVMA PARTY 2PM ALR MEETING 6PM ALR PARTY 6:30	16 DEC LADIES EBOARD	17 DEC	18 DEC QUEEN OF HEARTS 	19 DEC	20 DEC NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 8AM DINNER 6-8PM	21 DEC AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY 6—9PM.. 1ST DAY OF WINTER
22 DEC	23 DEC <u>NEWSLETTER TEAM</u> <u>12 NOON</u>	24 DEC	25 DEC POST CHRISTMAS DINNER 1—3 PM CHRISTMAS QUEEN OF HEARTS	26 DEC	27 DEC DINNER 6-8PM	28 DEC
29 DEC	30 DEC	31 DEC	01 JAN FIRST DAY OF 2020 QUEEN OF HEARTS 	02 JAN	03 JAN DINNER 6-8PM	04 JAN.

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Let them know you read it here and appreciate them helping the veteran community.

Dan League has donated 30 Walking Sticks for Veterans at the Post—No Charge.(Not for Resale). If you want one help yourself. We will donate them to MT Vernnon if not taken.

Dan also does special orders 417-569-5521.



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