

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

SEPTEMBER 2021



REMEMBER

From the Commander ...

Well, my 1st month has been a whirlwind getting back in the groove with everything. I am impressed with everyone's enthusiasm and ideas. The Auxiliary, SAL and ALR have hit the ground running in support of Post 639. The Community has also come forward, and membership is increasing. Larry Melton and his crew have worked hard organizing the kitchen, and increased the attendance of our M-F lunches. So if you haven't stopped in for lunch lately, plan on it. You **WILL NOT** be disappointed.

If you get the chance, be sure and let the Post Officers know how much you appreciate their service. It is definitely not an easy job, and we volunteer to do it. Thanks. Our first bike night was a success - over 100 bikes rode in, enjoyed the food



AL Post 639 Officers for 2021-2022, R to L - Mike Goforth, Ron Jackson, Tom Newsom, Justin Adamson, Paul Doelger, Jim Cooper, Rex Krasche, Jeff Wurtz, Don Weiss, Barry Greene, Bob Kalwat (Missing - Mike Chandler)

and the camaraderie they had been missing. Thanks everyone who volunteered, donated and showed up. See you all on August 25th for the 2nd Bike Night @LZ639.



Remember we have plenty of opportunities to volunteer here at Post 639. Check the calendar in this newsletter and read all the articles for them.

I want each and every one of you reading this to know how much of an honor it is to represent you as your Commander. It takes all of us to keep this machine moving forward. Stop in anytime for a drink and good conversation, and don't forget our lunches M-F 11-2, or every Wednesday evening for the Queen of Hearts game.

My number is 417-225-2650, and my email is commander-lz639@gmail.com. Stand tall, work hard, and keep up the good fight. **Fly your flag and be proud.**

Commander Mike Goforth

Chaplain

It is time again for the Post to hear from the Chaplain's desk. Your Chaplain had to do a funeral for a friend's father last month (August). The family was in good spirits knowing their loved one was in Heaven. I have seen families in bad shape when they don't know the state of their loved one's soul.

If you don't know the state of your soul when you meet the Lord, let's have a chat some time.

As always, I keep the Post and its' members in my prayers.

All for now,

Chaplain Rex Krasche

Auxiliary



639 Auxiliary Officers for 2021-2022, L to R - Susan Heppard, Hallie Scott, Paula Maxheimer, Tara Cooperider, Kayla Ortega, Suzanne Igou, Diana Cooperider, Joyce Sanders, Charlotte Kelly, Sue Reis, Mikayla Criger

WOW! The Ladies restroom looks AWESOME! Special thank you to Joyce Sanders for donating the paint and to Mary Gerstl for donating 1 AND obtaining 2 other donated latrines from Lowe's! Their powerhouse muscle team included Susan Heppard, Bre Hansen, Sherry Hawk and Hallie Scott who cleaned and painted from top to bottom. We've got a lot more to come for that room so stay tuned!

We had an SOS call for a fundraising event on Friday, August 20th for Gail Willey, ALA member and past Officer. Gail's husband, Terry Willey passed away on August 15th. I know most of us would prefer to be able to plan and prepare ahead of time but sometimes life throws us a curve ball. I've been at Post 639 long enough to know, whatever comes our way, no matter how sudden or last minute, we can overcome and get it done. Especially when it's for **one of our own**. This time was no different. Thank you to the amazing group of people that an-

swered the call from SAL, the Post and ALA. Noel Heppard, Curtis Meyer, Bob Scott, Mary Gerstl, Joyce Sanders, Susan Heppard and Hallie Scott, thank you for making this happen!

Our annual POW/MIA Ceremony and Spaghetti Dinner is Friday, September 17th. The dinner will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the ceremony will start at 8:00 p.m. Please join us in honoring those who have not come home.

ALA and SAL will be at the Rollin Noble Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show serving food on Saturday, September 18th. The event is from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Pick up a hamburger, hot dog or brat from us at the Sugar Shack while you enjoy the show.

September 50/50 is ALA and SAL month. We will be alternating Wednesdays. Come out and support your VSO's so we can support YOU!

Just a reminder, Sunday, September 12th is District meeting in Kimberling City and the US Air Force birthday is September 18th. Happy Birthday Air Force! Looking ahead to October 23rd our annual Children's Trunk or Treat event will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and an adult Halloween Costume Contest starting at 7:00 p.m. with food service and live music.

This year has been a tough year for many. Losing family and friends is never easy. Anymore, life seems to be too busy and a little crazy at times but as we go through those challenges, take a moment or two and cherish those in your life. Take a moment and make a call, send a card, write a letter, sit for a spell, and enjoy each other. Tomorrow is never promised. We only have today. So, before the day is over, let someone know how much you appreciate them, how much they mean to you and take a moment to smile or laugh with them. Take care of yourselves and each other.

In the Spirit of Service not Self,
Diana Cooperider
President ALA

Finance Officer

Hello everyone. "Thank you for your service"

My name is Paul Doelger (USMC) and I am your new Finance Officer. First, I want to thank Nathan Carlson for training me so I could hit the road running.

I am honored to be your Finance Officer and will work hard to justify your faith in me. My first priority is to better understand our financial situation and to provide the granularity necessary to grow our business.

The Post is nothing without our members. Please visit often and bring a friend !!

Paul Doelger

Sergeant at Arms / Building & Grounds

At long last, the growing mud hole in front of the dumpster is GONE !!!

Commander Hargis and I used his tractor to excavate the ground to a suitable depth for the new pad. Next, the forms were set by Shawn Perkins. Next, I put reinforcing metal mesh down. Also had to pump out the water that accumulated from several rain storms.



On July 22nd, several members and volunteers gathered to pour and finish the concrete pad in its place. My thanks go out to Shawn Perkins for leading the job, Steve Hansen, Darin Weaver, Randy Gerstal, and Stephen Wade. Shawn and Stephen do concrete work for a living. They offered their services to our post for no pay. If you see either of them at the Post, buy them a drink or a lunch.

The only thing yet to be completed on this project is to have a hot mix asphalt overlay, put down to route water away from the parking spaces along the sidewalk.

Thanks also go out to Dave Cottner of Conco Concrete, for leading the golf tournament that raised the funds to do this project, and for his advice on getting the job done.

Sincerely,

Ron Jackson

Sergeant at Arms / Building and Grounds.

Sons of the American Legion

Hello Everyone,

Just a quick reminder that the Sons of the American Legion are looking to bring in former, current and new members who are interested in having some fun while supporting the American Legion at the same time.

There are several events that are currently planned for the near future that we will be assisting with.

If you can find a few minutes on September 13th, we would love to have you join us for our meeting at 7PM. See you then !!

Sincerely,

Curtis Myers

Legion Riders

Hi Riders ...

We're definitely in the **dog days** of summer, and I for one am howling due to the heat. Ready for some fall-type riding.

Here's a list of our August Activities -

August Queen of Hearts / Bike Nights - August was **ALR month for Queen of Hearts**, and we've done very well !! The first Bike Night was a raging success. The many comments received indicate that this is only going to get bigger as the year progresses. Bodes very well for Post 639.

08/15 - Chapter 639 Officer Installation (Nolan Moody presiding)



ALR Officers for 2021-2022, L to R, Larry Tuck, Bob Kalwat, Herman Burkett, Kathy Davis, Marsha Crom, Ron Jackson

We are honored that you all have placed your trust and confidence in us. Rest assured, we are here to serve you in any way we can. Please let us know how we can best do that.

08/17 - Dinner ride to Heady's BBQ in Republic, MO

08/20 - Escort ride for a former member, Terry "Tiny" Wiley, to Missouri Veterans cemetery. Tiny passed away during the second week of this month. His wife, Gail, is a member of our Auxiliary.

08/21 - ALR monthly ride to Pizza Cellar, Rockaway Beach, MO

We had a great start to the collection of annual dues at the monthly ALR meeting, with **13 of us paid up now for 2022**. Collection will continue through September. We've got a ways to go, so let's get EVERYONE current by the end of the month.

If you love to ride, love to support individual veterans and veteran's causes, and love being part of a riding family, please join us !! ALR meetings are monthly at Post 639, third Sunday at 6PM (September 19th is the next one). If you're interested, please come and check us out, we'd love to meet you and talk about the many benefits of ALR membership !!!

Remaining 2021 Rides. Update your calendars

09/25 - ALR Monthly Ride - Ozark Café, Jasper, AR

10/23 - ALR Monthly Ride - Gaston's, Lakeview AR

Ride safe out there ..

Marsha Crom, ALR Chapter 639 Director

Historian/Newsletter Editor

Something new for you to review while you enjoy lunch and a favorite beverage at the Post. You'll notice an addition to the memory/history books on the front window sill. **LZ639 2020-2021** contains all of the Newsletters / Event photos / Flyers / Letters from April 2020 to present, subdivided by month. If you think we haven't been busy, just look through the book.

Of special interest are the "Thank you for your service" letters from November 2020, and several letters of appreciation from July 2021 written by the participants that attended "Boys State". If you wondered if you are making a difference in the lives of the upcoming generation of Americans, read these letters, and you'll be refreshed in your motivation to do what you do at the Post.

PLEASE NOTE: if you are receiving the newsletter in hardcopy form, you can help the Post out by contacting us with an e-mail address and receiving the newsletter electronically. The e-mail version (1) is in COLOR, (2) reduces postage cost to the Post, (3) allows us to include more content than is allowed with a mailed hardcopy, (4) reduces cost of supplies. (11x17 paper and printer toner is EXPENSIVE) and (5) reduces the volunteer hours required to print, fold, tape and deliver to the Post Office. These funds could be used in other ways to support our veterans. AS ALWAYS, I understand the need for some to continue to receive hardcopy. But if at all possible, PLEASE convert. You'll be very glad you did.

Semper Fi

Bob Kalwat

Post 639 Historian/Newsletter Editor

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Service Officer

If you get a chance to go to Washington be sure to visit Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It is the most moving monument in DC.

The sentinel takes 21 steps to cross the mat in front of the monument. He then stops and turns to face the tomb. After 21 seconds he turns again to face back down the mat, changes his rifle to the shoulder away from the monument, and starts his next 21 step walk. This repeats until the Guard Change ceremony begins.

Sentinels are armed with fully functional M14 rifles. Sentinels gloves are kept wet to prevent them slipping on the rifle. Since the Canadian war memorial was attacked the Army is no longer answering security and armament ques-

tions.

Guard Change ceremonies occur every 30 minutes in the summer and every hour during the winter. There are four sentinels in a team and three teams that rotate. Each team is on for 24 hours, off for 24 hours, on for 24 hours, off for 24 hours, on for 24 hours, and off for 96 hours. It takes about 8 hours to prepare their uniform for the next work day and they have to do physical training, tomb guard training and get hair cuts etc. during their off time.

The average tour of duty at the tomb is about 18 months. During this period they live at either Ft. Myer army base, which is next to the cemetery or off base if they choose. The average age of a sentinel is 22.

To qualify to apply for tomb guard duty men must be between 5'11" and 6'4" and women must be 5'8" or more. Teams are assembled to make their height as nearly equal as possible. Guards are responsible for knowing a lot about the cemetery including names and locations of prominent persons buried there.

The tomb has been continuously guarded 24 hours a day and 7 days a week, rain or shine, since 1937.

Bob Scott

Service Officer, Post 639

September VSO Spotlight - Fleet Reserve Association

FRA is first and foremost a community of the Sea Services; U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel. Enlisted service in any of these branches—past or present, for a short time or for the long haul—is your passport to membership in an association that works hard for you and your family on Capitol Hill and in your local community. FRA's guiding principles are Loyalty, Protection and Service to our shipmates.



Legitimate and very serious threats to active duty, veteran, retiree, and reserve pay and benefits are being considered by Congress. FRA has always been at the forefront of defending military and veterans' health care, compensation and benefits, and other quality-of-life programs. We need your help to get the message to Congress! The threats to your pay and benefits have never been greater.

Examples of success stories resulting from FRA-led initiatives include:

- Pay increases for career enlisted personnel,
 - Protection of military retirement benefits,
 - Establishment of TRICARE,
 - Predatory lending protections, and
- Protection of military pay and benefits from budget cuts.

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) is a congressionally char-

tered, non-profit organization that represents the interests of the Sea Service community before the U.S. Congress. Although the association was originally named for the Navy's Fleet Reserve program, membership in FRA is open to all current and former sailors, marines, and Coast Guard personnel. The only requirement to join FRA is to have served as an enlisted member in the USN, USMC, or USCG for at least one day.

The Association was founded by Navy Chief Yeoman George L. Carlin, and chartered in 1924 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. FRA was born out of the need for an organization to protect the pay and benefits of enlisted Sea Service members and their families on Capitol Hill. FRA also assists its members with career problems by maintaining close liaison with the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security, and other government agencies.

Ozark Empire Branch 316 of the FRA meets at 1800 hrs, the 4th Thursday of every month at American Legion Post 639, 2660 S Scenic Ave, Springfield, MO.

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Chance to Win 6 St. Louis Cardinal tickets!

Game day Sept 11th

time: 6:15pm

seat location: behind Cardinal's dug out

tickets : \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20

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In Honor of the Air Force Birthday

History's Short Stories - A Sentimental Journey

By Paul Doelger

The Rumble

It started out like every other lazy weekend in Springfield, Missouri. I was sitting on my deck with my camera, listening to the birds sing and sipping my coffee. What made this morning different from the others was a familiar rumble that I hadn't heard for some time and it was getting louder. It wasn't long before I was able to confirm my suspicions; it was the familiar sound of a radial engine. There it was, a silver four-engine bomber flying at tree top level with the sun shimmering off of her wings. I could feel the air turbulence created as she flew over and I could smell the fumes from the exhaust. This plane flew over our neighborhood multiple times that day. It was hard not to look to the skies as she flew over. Many were able to see this mighty aircraft; few knew that she and many like her helped to win the 2nd World War. This History Marker was a B17 Long Range Bomber and this is her story.



Model 299

The story begins on July 28, 1935. This is when an experimental four-engine plane which took off from an airfield in Seattle, this plane was simply known by its experimental Model number, 299. It was later to be given its permanent name that would be synonymous with the air war in Europe. Upon seeing the 229 take to flight a Seattle Times reporter Richard Smith dubbed the new plane, the "Flying Fortress". The reason for this name was obvious, this was the first military aircraft manufactured by Boeing with a flight deck instead of an open cockpit and was armed to the teeth with bombs and five .30-caliber machine guns mounted in clear "blisters." The official U.S. Army Air Corps designation for the Flying Fortress was B-17. The first mass-produced model of the Flying Fortress was the B-17F which carried nine machine guns and a 4,000-pound bomb load. It was several tons heavier than the prototypes and bristled with armament. It differed from the prototype by its enormous tail designed to improve control and stability during high-altitude bombing. The first B-17s first saw combat in 1941, with the British Royal Air Force and flew high-altitude missions. After Germany declared war on the United States, the B-17's role intensified.



Precision Bombing

The U.S. Air Corps believed that its bombardiers could drop bombs on specific targets and cripple the enemy's capacity to wage war. In 1940, the average score for an Air

Corps bombardier was a circular error of 400 feet from an altitude of 15,000 feet. Because of this, the term was coined the Air Corps could drop a bomb into a "pickle barrel". This and the defensive prowess of the Flying Fortress helped to validate the theory of daylight precision bombing. In 1940, Maj. Gen. Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, Chief of the Air Corps, declared, "The Air Corps is committed to a strategy of high-altitude precision bombing of military objectives." The Air Corps regarded the bomber as its principal weapon, and concluded that new bombers such as the B-17 flew too high and too fast for pursuit aircraft to catch them and that bomber could operate over enemy territory without fighter escort. It prescribed an emphasis on precision bombing against the German national infrastructure, especially the aircraft industry. Unfortunately, the B17's speed and armaments weren't enough to defend against a determined enemy. The average age of the crew of a B-17 was less than 25, with four officers and six enlisted Airmen manning the aircraft; their chances of survival were less than 50 percent. By the middle of the war, pursuit airplanes such as the P-38 Lightning, P-47 Thunderbolts and the P-51 Mustangs, escorted the bombers and cleared the skies of enemy fighters. The bombers, free from molesting enemy fighters, laid waste to most Germany and sealed the fate of the German Reich. During the war 12,731 B-17's were manufactured during the war, 4,754 were lost in combat.

Betty Grable

This brings us back to the familiar rumble and the plane that flew overhead that day. I was able to identify that aircraft as a Boeing B-17G with the registration number 44-83514. She was built by Douglas Aircraft in late 1944 and was accepted by the U.S. Army Air Forces on 13 March 1945 after which she was assigned to the Pacific theater for the duration of the war, and placed in storage in Japan. Through the years the B17G continued to serve but in different rolls such as photo-mapping, air-sea rescue and atomic bomb research missions. In 1959 the B17G was fighting a new enemy, forest fires and dropped water instead of bombs to douse the fires. In 1978 this plane was donated to the Confederate Air Force and became a Witness Marker. She was restored to her original glory and named her the "Sentimental Journey", complete with Betty Grable proudly displayed on her nose. To this day the Sentimental Journey continues to fly as a tribute to our greatest generation.



Witness Marker

I hope this short story challenges you to look and think about historical witness markers differently. By the end of the war, 17 Congressional Medals of Honor's were awarded to B-17 Aircrew members, eleven of them were posthumous awards. When thinking about this marker, it's important to not only remember the when's and the why's but also all those who served during the 2nd World War. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." As to what the Sentimental Journey was carrying in her bomb bays that day she flew over, the author of this story would like to think it the gratitude of a grateful nation.



Recollections of Midway - Sgt Ed Fox

In the June 2021 newsletter, Ed Fox's story of the Battle of Midway was published. As a follow-up, Ed was interviewed in May 2021 at

639 for additional content, which included Midway, Iwo Jima, atomic bomb testing, and post-war occupation of Japan. Post 639 will publish a portion of the transcript of that interview.

July - **Part 1 - "Beach Patrols - Midway Island."** August - **Part 2 - "Preparing to repel boarders - Midway Island"**

This month, Part 3 - Invader Midway Atoll (Recommendation - To get a sense of context, read Ed's original article in the June 2021 edition.) Be sure and check out the October 2021 Newsletter for Part 4....

Invader Midway Atoll

Walking your night beach patrol on the atoll we often received "special orders" due to Japanese sub activity. We were alerted to be watchful, thought, Japanese, probably trying to sneak someone onto the island. So that went on for a while. And after about the third, fourth day and night already alerted to the coming attack we were especially alert.

Have to tell you first about the birds and what they call the "moaning bird" (Wedge-Tailed Shearwater) and then the "Gooney bird" (Laysan Albatross). The moaning bird, when they were disturbed at night, sounded like a human in pain. With the Goonies clapping their bills, and the moaning bird sounding off this particular night with storm, dark, thunder and lightning is flashing through the low dark clouds, causing those on patrol like me, to be a little tense.

Once in a while the barbed wire that was between you and the surf would glow because the barbed wire was extended into the water. Lightning strikes the water close by and near the wire the barbed wire would light, glow. This combination, birds, storm vision obscured would build up your anxiety, that this might be the moment the enemy was going to sneak in.

And this one stormy night, one tried,. When I saw what I thought was a bobbing head out there, I stopped, crouched down as I watched. A head disappeared/reappeared, often turning left and right, looking toward the beach. When it came on, I laid down, took off the safety and tensed as it got closer. Then it reversed, stopped and moved forward again.

Remember those birds are sounding off and the lightning is of no help and I am trying to stay calm. The still unidentified "person" crawled up onto the island about 25/30 feet from me and stopped, reared up and looked back and forth, that's when I let three rounds go.

Three rounds that particular stormy night alerted many to say the least. the OD, Sgt of the Guard arrived to find what the hell had happened, "Fox, --- Fox!! where the hell are you?" They kept calling, not revealing my location, I did not know how many more were out there. Finally they located me and when I pointed out what I had shot, everybody flattened out when they understood what was going on. When near dawn came and we had better vision, we found out it was a Monk Seal that crawled up on the beach that I had shot.

I got razzed about that incident until the second day, I got called in to the 1st Sgt, was told I was gonna have to pay him a dollar, they only found two rounds in that seal, so I missed once. After being chewed on for a while and turned to leave there was a case of beer waiting for me to take to the slop chute.

From the Bar Manager ...

Hello from your Bar Staff !! If anyone knows someone looking for a job, please send them by the LZ639. Looking for 2 Bartender/ Servers part time. Will be 2-3 nights a week AND every other weekend. And YES, it's a good place to work. Please come in, fill out an application and talk to me !!



Thank you, and as ALWAYS, it's our pleasure to take care of you .

THANKS !!!

Connie Johnston

Bar Manager, Post 639



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Ozark Region

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.

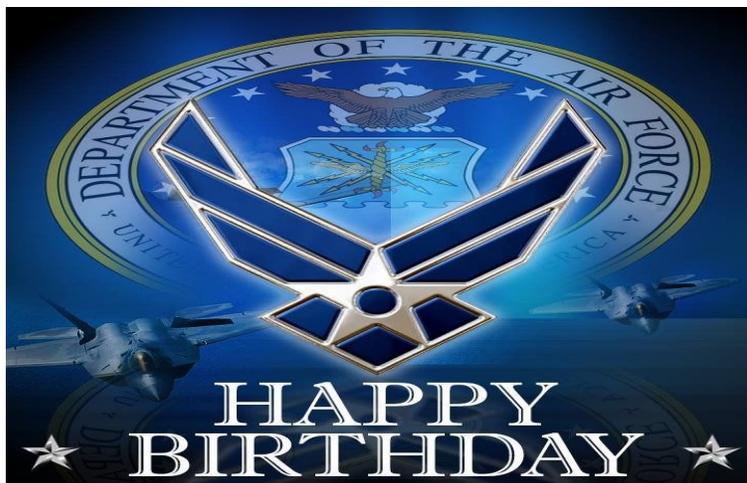
Daily low temperatures *decrease* by 11°F, from 65° F to 54°F, rarely falling below 42°F or exceeding 72°F.

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, 21 seconds, and weekly decrease of 16 minutes, 24 seconds.

The shortest day of the month is *September 30*, with 11 hours, 49 minutes of daylight and the longest day is *September 1*, with 12 hours, 57 minutes of daylight.



POW/MIA Recognition Day, September 17th



USAF Birthday, September 18th



Gold Star Mother's Day, September 26th



VFW Day, September 29th



September 11th 20th Anniversary

Significant History in September -

Sep 02 1945 – WW2: V–J Day - Combat ends in the Pacific Theater: The final official surrender of Japan is accepted aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

Sep 03 1783 – American Revolution: The war ends with the signing of the Treaty of Paris by the United States and the Kingdom of Great Britain. America is officially free from Britain.

Sep 10 1776 – American Revolution: George Washington asks for a spy volunteer, Nathan Hale volunteers. He is later hanged as a spy on September 22nd by the British in New York City. His last words are reputed to have been, *"I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country."*

Sep 11 1944 – WW2: The first Allied troops of the U.S. Army cross the western border of Germany.

Sep 11 1965 – Vietnam: The 1st Cavalry Division of the United States Army arrives in country.

Sep 11 2001 – 9/11: 2,996 people are killed when terrorists hijack four passenger planes crashing two into New York's World Trade Towers causing the collapse of both. Another headed toward Washington likely to strike the White House or Capitol. Plane crashed just over 100 miles away in Pennsylvania after passengers stormed the cockpit and overpowered the hijackers. Terrorists also hijack a passenger plane and crash it into the Pentagon causing the death of 125 people.

Sep 13 1862 – Civil War: Union soldiers find a copy of Robert E. Lee's battle plans in a field outside Frederick, Maryland. It is the prelude to the Battle of Antietam.

Sep 15 1950 – Korean War: UN forces land at Inchon in South Korea

Sep 15 1962 – Cold War: The Soviet ship Poltava heads toward Cuba, one of the events that sets into motion the Cuban Missile Crisis

Sep 17 1862 – Civil War: The Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest day in U.S. history, commences. Fighting in the corn field, Bloody Lane and Burnside's Bridge raged all day as the Union and Confederate armies suffer a combined 26,293 casualties. The battle stops the northward drive of Robert E. Lee's Confederate army

Sep 20 1863 – Civil War: The Battle of Chickamauga ends in the most significant Union defeat in the Western Theater of the War. Casualties and losses: US 16,170 | CSA 18,454.

Money raised by the sale of Legion, ALR and Auxiliary merchandise is then used in their Veteran support activities. You are contributing directly when you purchase an item. Pay right at the bar !!

American Legion	Price
American Legion Hats	\$15.00
American Legion License Plate (Plain)	\$10.00
American Legion License Plate	\$15.00
Vietnam Memorial Wall Coin	\$10.00
Vietnam Memorial Wall T-Shirt	\$15.00
Ride For Life T-Shirt	\$20.00
Christmas Par Tee	\$15.00
RV Space Rental (Non-Veteran)	\$20.00
RV Space Rental (Veteran)	\$10.00
Legion Hall Rental	Variable
Legion Grounds Rental	Variable

American Legion Riders	Price
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ALR Auto Plate	\$11.00
ALR Belt Buckle	\$30.00
ALR Chapter Tapes	\$2.00
ALR Decal 3"	\$3.50
ALR Decal 6"	\$7.00
ALR Decal 12"	\$8.00
ALR Do-rag (Cotton)	\$13.00
ALR Do-rag Logo (Poly/Cotton)	\$13.00
ALR Do-rag (Navy or POW, Poly/Cotton)	\$13.00
ALR Hats	\$20.00
ALR Key Tag	\$3.00
ALR Motorcycle License Plate Frame	\$8.00
ALR Patch (Back - Large)	\$47.00
ALR Patch - Medium	\$10.00
ALR Patch - Mini	\$4.00
ALR Pin	\$4.00
ALR Support Our Troops Patch	\$3.00
ALR Sweat Shirt	\$29.00
ALR Hoodie	\$28.00
ALR T-Shirt (Long Sleeve)	\$20.00
ALR T-Shirt (Short Sleeve)	\$19.00
ALR Windshield Decal	\$16.00
ALR Zippo Lighter	\$23.00

Auxiliary	Price
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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.



Volunteer Opportunities at the Legion

As always, we have several volunteer opportunities for members and non-members. Currently, we are in need of someone with excellent administrative skills and the ability to see a task through to completion. This could mostly be done at home, but it will take some familiarization with how the business here operates.

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 have an opportunities for work on our newsletter by (1) assisting with the monthly printing of the mail version, and (2) page design/editing.

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