

Vietnam War Memorial

October 2020

American Legion Post 639



Darin's Article

Semper Fi,
Darin Hargis



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Time has come for another newsletter. It's so sad that our veterans homes can't let family and friends go in and see their loved ones. These people need to have a time for relationships with people. The homes are slowly seeing their residents losing the taste for life. They sit around in a daze - lifeless. I pray the homes will open up soon. All for now. As always, the Post and its' members are in my prayers.

Chaplain Rex Krasche

AUXILIARY

Just as October has brought us changing colors of the leaves and cooler weather, ALA has had some changes too. We covered our Charter for the passing of our beloved member and friend, Kartha Barner. We will hold on dearly to the memories that we have shared with her. I will miss her sense of humor and that beautiful smile.

We also say farewell to member JoLena Shalla and her husband Rusty who are moving out-of-state. We wish you all the best in the next chapter of your lives. I am sure that it will be an adventure and we can't wait to hear the stories!!! Best of Luck to you both!

ALA started a new fundraising raffle this month and we introduced it at the October General Meeting. Even though our opening night produced the Grand Prize winner, we will be back up and running in November for you to have a chance at the Grand Prize of \$200.00 cash!

Our Children's Drive Thru Trunk of Treat Halloween event was a HUGE success. 51 children come through to receive a variety of candy, coloring books, pencils, crayons, reading book and a juice box. Terra Cooperider, Event Coordinator, was assisted by Hallie and Bob Davis, Susan and Noel Heppard, Suzanne Igou, Justin Adamson and ALR who provided parking lot direction and security for us! Thank you ALL for helping to make this a success for the kids!

We will be assisting with the OIF/OEF Wall fundraising Halloween Party on Saturday, October 31st. Food, bands, raffles and a

Halloween costume contest. Come out and join the fun!

ALA is busy getting the float ready for the Veterans Day Parade on November 7th. We have our theme and the truck and trailer. Now the real work begins! Putting it together. We need volunteers to assist us! Contact myself or any ALA member if interested.

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

ALR

I still feel warm and fuzzy when I remember the Bill Maxheimer Memorial event. We served eighty-four dinners, even with the closing of rain ! Our day was certainly a day to remember !! Ms. Paula took a ride with me to honor our beloved BILL. A challenge coin and handmade quilt was given in honor of Bill. What a wonderful tribute to our Post Veteran. Many hours of planning from our post ALR and Auxiliary were used to make this past event successful. Please thank the many people you see, and let them know about future events to help our Post move forward. I certainly believe our Post will have a great year with our teams running in high gear. Thank you to Mark Detherage, Diana and Terra Cooperider, Justin Adamson, and all the gals that helped decorate.

YOU GUYS MADE MOMMA CROM
PROUD !!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/07 - Veterans Parade. Breakfast 8AM with lunch served upon return to the Post

12/20 - ALR Christmas Party, 7-10PM

Marsha Crom, Director

PICTURES - BILL MAXHEIMER EVENT
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Presentation of the Challenge Coin to Paula Maxheimer



Presentation of the quilt to Paula Maxheimer from ALR and Auxiliary. Quilt was constructed from Bill's shirt collection

Fundraiser to Benefit Our Kitchen

We are currently attempting to raise money to benefit our Post's kitchen. As we all know, our kitchen helps bring much-needed revenue to the Post. We have been fortunate enough to have an anonymous donor pledge \$16,000 towards this project. The donor has challenged us to raise another \$10,000. This is a goal we can certainly reach, with the help of our many members. Please take the time to donate to this worthwhile cause.

Our Response to the Springfield Mask Ordinance

As many of you know, Springfield issued a mask ordinance on July 16, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the Legion, we plan to follow this ordinance unless our members have some condition that excludes them from wearing masks. In these instances, we leave it up to you to determine whether or not a mask is needed. If you enter the Legion without a mask, we will assume that you have a qualifying condition that prevents you from wearing one.

Thanks for your cooperation. We look forward to seeing you soon. Stay well.

Kitchen Success!

We recently changed our lunch menu and added some items. With our new range of options, you can be sure we have something for every taste.

Come try our classic Reuben, our impossibly big chili dog, or our pork tenderloin. We also have fried chicken sandwiches, chicken fried shrimp, and your favorite hamburgers and cheeseburgers. All entrees are served with fries.

We also have terrific appetizers! Stop by and grab some onion rings or fried mushrooms while you sample our drink selections.

The American Legion is free and open to the public, and our kitchen is open every weekeday till 5PM, so bring your friends and encourage others to stop by and visit us. As you know, our kitchen is one of our main sources of revenue, so the more people we can get in here, the better!

We appreciate your patronage!

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE FOR POST 639 LEGIONNAIRES AND AUXILLARY

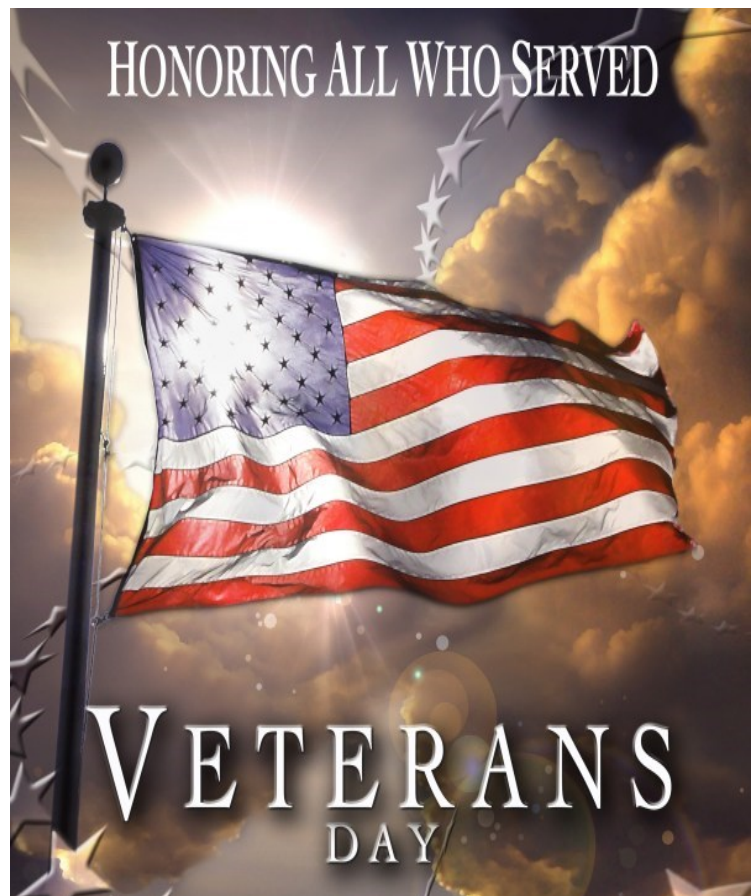
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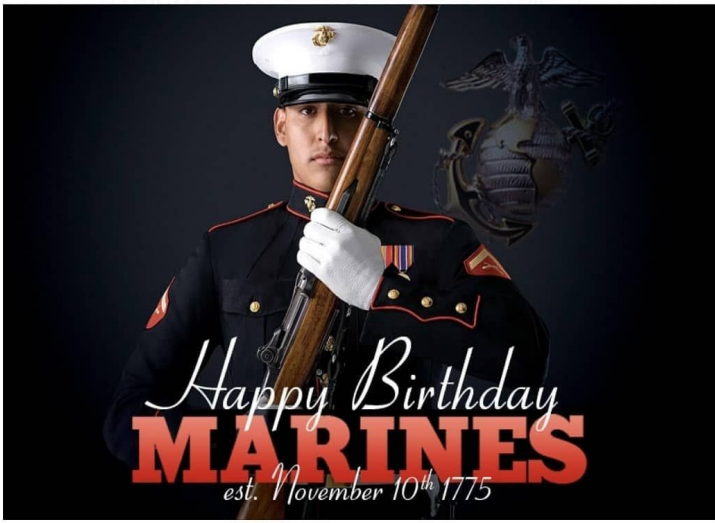
THE FIRST PARTICIPANT THAT SIGNS UP 3 NEW MEMBERS TO POST 639 (OFFICIALLY RECORDED W/AM. LEGION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND PAID 1st YEAR DUES & ACKNOWLEDGED BY ADJUTANT) WILL RECEIVE A \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO JIMM'S STEAKHOUSE OR WHISKEY TANGO (WHICHEVER AVAILABLE)

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VOLUNTEERS

Anytime you are looking for something to do, consider **VOLUNTEERING** here at the post. We always need help in the kitchen if you like to cook, clean, or assist. Maybe the kitchen is not your thing. If not, there are plenty of service opportunities available.





A Happy, Blessed Thanksgiving to all of those deployed and away from their families so that we may have that privilege.



MILITARY FAMILY MONTH

Military Family Month dedicates November to military families around the world. The observance recognizes the commitment and dedication these families make to their service members. Their sacrifices make it possible for our military to remain organized and strong.

While their service men and women are actively serving, deployed or training, their families provide a vital foundation at home that allows confidence in the field. Spouses and children are often separated from their service member for long periods of time and over great distances. Communication can be patchy and under stressful conditions. And they frequently move, uprooting children and jobs. But, military families are adaptable.

During November, the country honors the military families who make the U.S. Armed Forces strong.

HOW TO OBSERVE

Thank a veteran, active duty, reserve or national guard service member or family member for their service by giving back. Ask your military families how you can support them. Many will not ask when they need it. In many cases, through deployments or other circumstances, military families will band together. But even then that may not be enough. Adopt a military family for the holidays. Offer to run errands for military spouses who may have their hands full with their children or even their pets. Volunteer or donate services to military organizations. Use #MilitaryFamilyMonth to post on social media.

HISTORY

The Armed Services YMCA along with the U.S. Government established Military Family Month in 1996 by expanding Military Family Week. Each year, the President declares the month through a signed proclamation.

November Weather, Springfield, MO

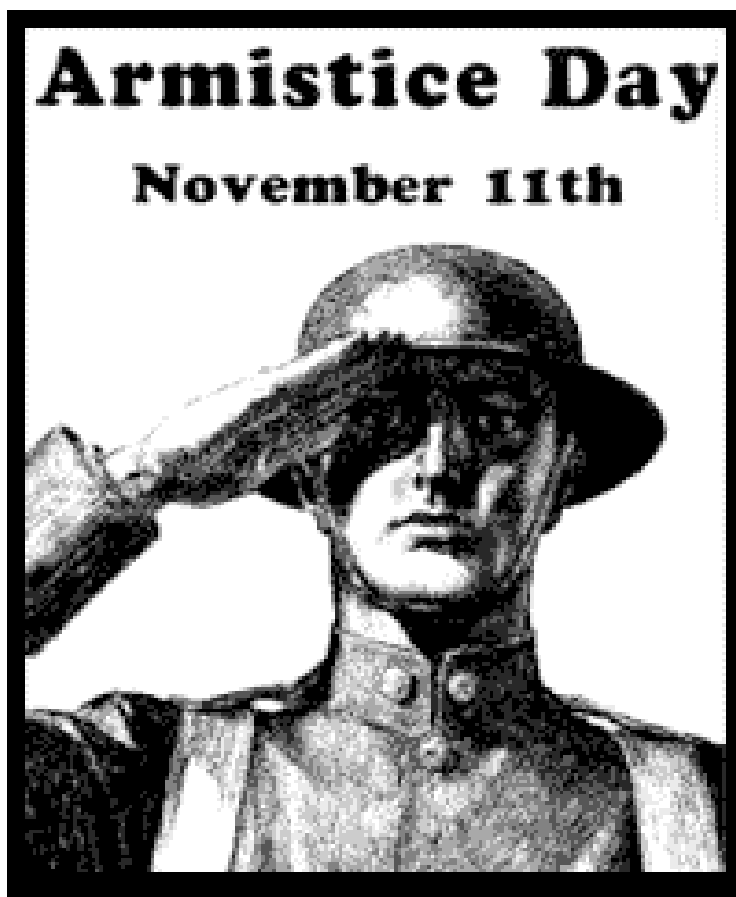
Daily high temperatures *decrease* by $12^{\circ}F$, from $62^{\circ}F$ to $51^{\circ}F$, rarely falling below $36^{\circ}F$ or exceeding $75^{\circ}F$.

Daily low temperatures *decrease* by $10^{\circ}F$, from $43^{\circ}F$ to $33^{\circ}F$, rarely falling below $20^{\circ}F$ or exceeding $56^{\circ}F$

In Springfield, Missouri, the first day of November is 10 hours, 35 minutes long. The last day of the month is 09 hours, 47 minutes, so the length.

“SPRING FORWARD, FALL BACK”

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS NOV 1



Armistice Day

November 11th

**The 11th Hour
of the 11th Day
of the 11th Month**

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 Nov	02 Nov	03 Nov General Meeting 7PM	04 Nov Queen of Hearts 6-8pm 	05 Nov	06 Nov	07 Nov
08 Nov	09 Nov	10 Nov	11 Nov Queen of Hearts 6-8pm 	12 Nov	13 Nov	14 Nov Sub Vet Meeting 1pm
15 Nov ALR Meeting 6pm	16 Nov Auxilliary E-Board Meeting 6:30PM	17 Nov	18 Nov Queen of Hearts 6-8pm 	19 Nov Red Nights Meeting 6-8PM	20 Nov	21 Nov
22 Nov	23 Nov	24 Nov E-Board Meeting 6:30PM	25 Nov Queen of Hearts 6-8pm 	26 Nov Thanksgiving Day	27 Nov Newsletter ARTICLES Due 8am	28 Nov
29 Nov	30 Nov					

Ongoing Suicide Prevention

September 2020 was designated as Suicide Prevention month. But let's not lose the momentum. Make **EVERY** month 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 indi-



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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 Connie or the bartender for additional information and to order.



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