



Vietnam War Memorial Post 639



May 2019

Commander's Message:

Hard to believe it's already May. Spring seems to have gone by in a flash.

By the time you get this, I will most likely be on my way to an economics conference in Poland. I'm going to miss the May meeting and a few weeks of our events at the post, but I am certain I'm leaving the place in capable hands. Due to the wonders of technology, my phone will still work just like it does here, so I can stay up to date on what is happening.

On the calendar, we have officer elections coming up in June. If you're interested in serving, or you would like to nominate someone for a position, you'll have a chance at the May and June meetings. We need good leaders to step up and lead.

Along those lines, the Legion's mission is to promote Patriotism, National Defense, Veteran's welfare, and to mentor Children and Youth.

It's easy to think of our post as an event facility, bar, kitchen, and music venue; but those are all activities we do in order to raise funds to support our four primary missions. So, you don't have to be interested in Events or kitchen work to volunteer at the post or to hold an office. We need volunteers to do all sorts of things involving those four key areas.

If you're interested in helping, please let me (or one of our other officers) know. Sometimes it's hard, but everything worthwhile is hard sometimes.

Also, I'd like to say thank you to all of you who have stepped up and given of your time and money to support the Legion and the Post. Obviously, we couldn't help our fellow vets, our community, or the kids that play on our ball field and the ones we send to summer programs without you.

Semper Fi,

Darin Hargis

Chaplain

Easter has come and gone, and the weather is still not what we like it to be. We are now starting to have some warmer days.

The post is starting to go on the upswing, and that is good, with new members also.

I had a nice chat with Master Chief's wife, and she is feeling better and thanks the members for stopping in to see Master Chief when you can.

I would like to thank the members that have

come in to help from-time to time. All for now, and as always I will keep the post and its members in my prayers.

Your Chaplain Rex Krasche



Finance

At the time of this writing, we have just finished our quarterly tax reports and payments. In reviewing our financial status during the first three months and 22 days of 2019, some interesting information was found.

At the end of In January, our savings account balance was \$8,157.70. As of 22 April, the balance is 15,647.90. Our Lottery commissions have totaled \$11,925.83 and have reached the monthly revenue level that we obtained with the old games that were deemed to be illegal by the Missouri Gaming Commission. Our Queen of Hearts game has generated \$2,426.00 for LZ639. These activities have permitted us to increase the savings account balance and help pay operational bills.

The increases in activity are expected to increase in May as we start our outdoor events.



If finances continue in this way, you will see the Finance Officer smile even more often. Take the challenge, come out and support Post activities and see how often there is a smile

Gary Bockman Finance Officer

Ladies Auxillary

Happy May Day to everyone! We had a great April. First, we had our Post Fun Day with lots of drivers and riders in our backseat driving game. It was great weather and such a fun day for all who came out to join us. I'm sure this will become a regular summer fundraiser event for us. The following weekend we had our annual Kids Easter Party. We had 21 kids come out to enjoy the festivities. A big thanks to everyone that helped that day as well! Thank you to our biker bunnies, Mary F., Janey, Terri, Donna, and Maria and her family.

We are now looking forward to May, with our yearly visit to the Mount Vernon Veteran's Home to honor our female veterans for Mother's Day. We will be leaving at 9:30 a.m. from the post if anyone would like to join us. We will be having a Fashion Exchange on the 11th at 11 a.m. Bring clothes or come shop for clothes paying only \$10 per bag. Fill up your bag as much as you can with what you find! On May 27th, we will be attending the annual National Cemetery Program. Don't forget about our taco dinner on the 3rd! Also, don't forget the General Meeting on the 7th! We will

be having a pork chop dinner. As a helpful reminder the post will be hosting the annual Aaron Sachs Motorcycle Awareness Ride on the 5th. On the 18th there is a ribbon cutting ceremony at Perryville for the Vietnam Wall. On the 15th there is a honor flight. I hope everyone has a great May and beautiful flowers bloom!

Respectfully submitted,
Terra Cooperider
Vice President

ALR

Itchy eyes, sneezing, and nasal congestion.....YES, Spring is definitely here, so gear up with your medication. I'm getting ready for mine. **MOTORCYCLE RIDIN!!** It's been great medication for me since I bought my first Can Am in 2012. I believe most of my ALR members need that medication as much as I do, so if you know of someone who loves to ride, and would like to support other veterans, and belong to the best post in town invite them to join us. May 4th will be our ride to Cape Fair KSU 11am. from the post. May 5th is the Motorcycle Awareness ride. Registration 11:30 at the post. First bike out at 1pm. Ride will return to post ,after a 70 mi ride thru the Ozarks. Lunch provided. This is a busy event ,so please be mindful, and aware ,of all motorcycles, and ride your own ride!! ALR will be cooking the fourth Wednesday of the month for



our Queen of Hearts/Bike nite event. If you haven't been out for this event you are missing a good time, and you could hit the JackPot....over \$4000 this week!!! Ok, you chicken lovers... we will be having Fried Chicken the second Friday of the month, so come out ,for this... I THINK I WILL AND I HAVE GOT IT!!!! Remember your ALR meeting, the third Sunday of the month. Remember , Look, Twice for Motorcycles, and always ride safe.

Your ALR Director, Marsha Crom

SAL

If you know anyone who qualifies to join the SAL here at 639, please bring them in and sign them up. \$20/year. The meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 1830 hrs. We need as many members to attend our meetings as possible since we will start planning Spring and Summer events in the coming months. If you are a dual member please join us at our meetings. The SAL is proud to serve Post 639 and will continue to do so as long as there are members involved in its activities.

**Jared Thompson Sons
Commander**



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GETTING STARTED

It's easy to get the ball rolling. If there is a post member who already holds an FCC license as a radio amateur, ask him or her to check out The American Legion Amateur Radio Club.

Established by the National Executive Committee Resolution No. 11 in May 2011, the club has a website at www.legion.org/hamradio with complete details.

Membership is open to all members in good standing of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and Legion Riders who hold valid FCC amateur radio licenses.

There is no fee for joining TALARC. Your licensed member can evaluate the best way for your post to get involved based on a variety of factors and provide your post commander and executive committee with recommendations.

Activities can range from something as simple as conducting an amateur radio licensing class to putting in a ham

radio station at the post and even starting a post radio group. While this activity might not be suitable for every post, those that have become involved have enjoyed an increased growth in membership, good media coverage and participation by young people that translates into the full range of Legion youth programs.



Coming in June 'Ham Fest' watch Calendar for dates. Come and enjoy the world of communication at work.

Send Articles to:
historianeditorlz639@gmail.com
The newsletter is also on our website
americanlegionpost639.org.

Thank you the members of Post 639 during the time of my loss. I appreciate your assistance ...Jim Cooper

If you haven't already verified your email address with Tom (Adjutant) then you need to complete it soon.



The camp of Rusty & Jo Lena Shalla



ALR Dir Marsha Crom on the Right



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May 2019 LZ639 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			01 May Wings Queen of Hearts 	02 May	03 May Taco Bar Aux	04 May
05 May Motorcycle Awareness Event 11:30am	06 May	07 May Legion & Aux General Meeting Dinner 6pm (Sons) Meeting 7pm	08 May CVMA Brisket Queen of Hearts VE Day 	09 May	10 May Chicken ALR	11 May Sub Vets Meeting 11 A.M. Closet Clean Out Fashion Event 11am to ??
12 My ***** Mothers Day *****	13 May	14 May SAL Meeting 6:30pm KWVA Meeting 1pm	15 May Wings Queen of Hearts Honor Flight 	16 May	17 May Dinner 6-8pm Fish	18 May CVMA Meeting 1 pm Armed Forces Day
19 May ALR Meeting 6PM	20 May Ladies Eboard 1891 Red Cross founded	21 May	22 May Wings Queen of Hearts Maritime Day 	23 May Fleet Reserve Meeting 6pm	24 May Dinner 6-8pm Steak Newsletter articles due by 8am	25 May
26 May	27 May National Cemetery Ceremony 11am Memorial Day	28 May E-Board Meeting 6:30pm Dept Heads 5pm Newsletter Team 12 Noon	29 May Wings Queen of Hearts 	30 May VW June Bug Setup	31 May Dinner 6-8pm VW June Bug Event	01 Jun VW June Bug Event
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Commander Darin and Diana Cooperider

Fun
Day
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Commander Darin and Diana Cooperider



George Wright looking for a horseshoe



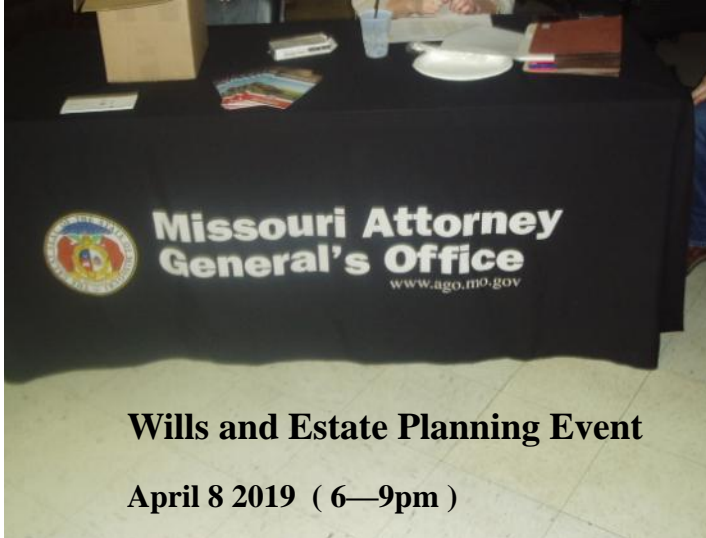
Horseshoe Trophy for 1st Place



1st Place in Horseshoe Rusty & Diana

Fun Day Events were the Blind-Folded Golf Cart
 ObstacleHorseshoe Contest.....and on next
 Page results of the Kenny Yeoman BBQ cook-off contest.
 The Bands were great and hoping this will become an annual
 event at the Post. **Thanks to those who put this event together
 and made it happen.**

Request from membership: In 2015 the traveling wall came to Post 639. If any member, a family member, friend or good associate has any pictures showing someone tracing a name on the wall, kneeling at the wall, touching the wall, close-ups preferred please. Please send those pictures to Ed Fox at nettlton2730@gmail.com. Ed is working on some ads for the wall when it comes back in 2020. If you can't email them please leave them in the historian's mailbox inside. Distant and scenery pictures won't work.



This was a very successful happening for those of us who haven't updated our will in a long time. I am no longer leaving my rock collection to the 'James Gang'. George Washington is no longer executor of my estate.



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