



Post 639 Commander



Hope this finds everyone well. Our groups are extremely busy making plans for our event season. And let me tell you this is going to be one of our busiest seasons yet. So always be sure to check the calendar in this newsletter so you do not miss anything.

We are nearing our 2023 Post 639 Officer elections (See the table under the "Adjutant" section for the current list of nominees). June 6th at General Meeting we will vote, so plan on being there. Our Officers are volunteers, and they put in numerous hours for the love of our Post even though it is a thankless job. They push through good and bad times without wavering. I personally know how hard it is to have to make hard business decisions; we have to separate friendships and do want is best for the betterment of Post 639. So please show them how much you appreciate them anytime you can. Thank you.

I am always available for discussion. If you have something you need to talk, about send me an email. I will get back to you. I want to thank our employees for helping me keep this machine running and moving forward. Things are always changing, and new challenges are arising. Please treat them with respect, and if there is an issue, bring it to me. Thank you.

The process of getting our digital sign installed out on Scenic is still a work in process. Unfortunately, it's a slow process dealing with the City. We are currently waiting on a permit and hopefully, it will be installed before a next newsletter. And we have set dates to install our new flooring from October 14th-29th. We will be closed during this period, so plan ahead to help us move everything out of the building while the floors are being laid, and help get everything back in place after the floors have been completed.

Our FIRST Bike Night on April 19th is in the books and it was incredible. We gave away some concert tickets, our sponsors showed up and passed out some free swag and we started selling tickets for our KC Chiefs Yuengling neon sign. (See flyer on Page 6, tickets are available in our clubroom). ALA, ALR & SAL partnered to kill it in the Sugar Shack. Attendance, weather, food, music, drinks, atmosphere, vibe, and so much more than I can list, were off the charts at Post 639 (See pictures on Page 8). Serenity (From Serenity Honors) entertained us with her flamethrower, but she was disappointed we couldn't light the firepit up due to the wind though.

Thanks to our employees and volunteers, everyone who came out, and a special thanks to our sponsors **Becky and Anthony Appleton of Spokes Garage**, **Nic Lowther and the crew from Renegade HD** for coming out. See everyone on May

3rd for our next one.

If you were not there, you missed an amazing time. If you were there, thank you for attending and participating ,whether as a patron, or as volunteer in one of our groups. If you don't want to miss the next one, mark it on your calendar for every other Wednesday. Make it your weekly Wed to attend Queen of Hearts-50/50... or just come on out and visit whenever!!!

Mike Goforth

Commander, Legion Post 639



Post 639 Adjutant



Post 639 Officer Nominations - 2023-2024

2022-2023 Post Office nominations commenced in April, with the following names placed during the General Meeting on April 5th:

Commander	Mike Goforth
1st Vice Commander	Mike Chandler
2nd Vice Commander	Adam Jamieson
Adjutant	Tom Newsom
Finance Officer	Frank Messley
Judge Advocate	Jim Cooper
Sergeant at Arms	Ron Jackson
Service Officer	Open
Quartermaster	Barry Greene
Chaplain	Frank Grantham
Historian	Bob Kalwat
Member at Large	Bob Dale
Member at Large	Darrin Dobbs

Nominations are open through the month of May, with the Post Election being held during the General Meeting on June 6th.

Tom Newsom

Adjutant, Post 639



This month has been a very hard month for your chaplain. With the lost of my wife and other things that have been going on, my mind has been in another place than post business.

I'm truly sorry, although my thoughts and prayers have always been on the post and its members.

If anyone needs your Chaplain let the Post know and they can get in touch with me.

Rex Krasche

Post 639 Chaplain



Building/Grounds



I don't often send in a column for the newsletter, as most things going on are just so routine. This month, so much has been going on at our Post, and I feel the need to recognize a few members.

Adam Jamison has been managing our "R-V park" for several months now and is doing a great job of it. He fields phone calls from prospective campers and provides information to them on what we here at Post 639 have to offer.

David Cottner provided several truckloads of base rock to the post to help stabilize the R-V parking area.

Mike Brooks came out with his tractor to spread the rock where it was needed. His and Adam's efforts made a hard job so much easier. Mike's experience on the tractor is evident in the finished job.

Marsha Crom, Curtis Myers, Simon Wajnblom, Thomas Long, & Diana Cooperider have been busy getting the Sugar Shack ready for the coming summer events and bike nights, to efficiently serve food and beverages from the windows.

Darin and Lindy Dobbs, have been busy with planting and caring for the greenery and plants around the grounds. Debora Faria, has been tending the rose garden for a couple years now. The plants are looking good.

Mike and Kim Goforth have donated a set of cabinets they had to the Sugar Shack project. I got the new cabinets and countertops installed recently. I also put in a shelf and outlets for our radios and chargers in the utility room in the shack. You might have noticed the deteriorated condition of the ramp into the storage building. It has been replaced.

As always **Chef Jeff, Louie, and Scotty** are constant fixtures at the Post. Always around, and doing their often unnoticed chores. Efforts are unnoticed, but the **results** certainly are.

Several people have asked me where we are with the **New Sign Project**. Currently, we are waiting on the permit from the City to come through. The right-of-way issue has been resolved.

As you can see, we have **NUMEROUS** members that go above and beyond, for **OUR** Post. Thank you, one and all for making Post 639 a place people enjoy coming to. I love it when we have visitors here and they tell me this is the nicest Post

they have ever been in.

Ron Jackson

Building & Grounds



639 Auxiliary President



A Springtime Hello to everyone! Time for Mother Nature to bless us with a beautiful arrayment of colors to our land-scapes. Speaking of landscape, our Floral and Landscape Coordinators, Lindy and Darin Dobbs, have been hard at work planting, arranging and installing floral plants around the Post and the Rose Garden Coordinator, Debrya Faria, has been busy pruning and tending to the roses. Everything looks healthy and happy and will soon be blessing us with their glorious blooms.

Thank you to those who assisted with getting the Sugar Shack ready for the season. The Shack was organized, re-stocked, cleaned up and new cabinets and counter space was added. Even if you were unable to attend to help with the project, you can still help. Let's clean up, pick up, put it back were you got it and leave it ready for the next time we use it.

Next month, Sunday, June 11th, Post 639 will host the District meeting at our facility. ALA State Department President Louise Welch will be attending the meeting. It is also District Officer elections. Luncheon will be from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 2:00 p.m.

Serenity Honors is bringing "The Wall That Heals" to our community on June 8th to June 11th. The Wall will be located at the Wesley United Methodist Church at 922 W. Republic Road and will be open 24 hours a day. Serenity is asking for our help in working the event at the greeters table, locating loved ones on the wall and help with name etching. If you are interested in assisting. For more information, and to sign up as a volunteer, please visit:

www.thewallthatheals-serenityhonors2023.com

May is the Post's 50/50 month at the Queen of Hearts event on Wednesdays. The last Wednesday, May 31st, the non-profit organization, Treehouse Vets, will be serving the meal as a fundraising event. I hope you all come out and support this group on May 31st.

Just a reminder, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th.

In the Spirit of Service not Self,

Diana Cooperider

ALA President





Post 639 SAL Commander



The Sons of the American Legion are 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 ...

Curtis Myers, Commander

Sons of the American Legion

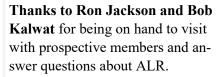


Post 639 ALR Director



April is almost behind us already; hopefully it will take the weather with it. It messed with us again for our April Ride to Pizza Cellar in Rockaway Beach. Never fear - not cancelled, just postponed. Watch for an email with the rescheduled date. Weather has never deterred us from being busy, however, and this April is no exception.

ALR, had an Info/Membership table set up at Ozarks Honda of the Ozarks on 4/1 for their annual fundraiser.





ALR was honored to participate in a funeral escort for **Bill Erwin (Charter Member of Chapter 639)** on April 4th. (See pictures on Page 7). Bill's sons and extended family all gathered to honor Bill and see him to his final rest at Brighton Cemetery. Bill's Harley Trike lead the procession to Brighton, ridden by one of his sons.

Shout out to our own Mike Walters and Jeff Gonynor, recognized at the Post 639 General Meeting on April 4th for their exemplary volunteerism. (See pictures on Page 8)

Normally, we do a Dinner Ride the Tuesday after our monthly ALR Meeting. The first Bike Night/Queen of Hearts of 2023 was the next night, so we decided to combine the two events. It was ALR night for the 50/50 drawing, and thanks to Ron Jackson, Bob Kalwat and Will Ogden for manning the "ticket table". As we suspected, it was a busy night,



and we needed all three of them to handle the volume!!

Thanks to Ron Jackson for installing the cabinets (donated by Mike/Kim Goforth) in the Sugar Shack. You wouldn't believe the room we have to maneuver around in there now. Looks great !!!

Things are REALLY going to ramp up in May and June. We will need assistance with a 4-hour shift for the **Dirty Dozen Bike Show at Renegade HD on May 6th**, and general help for the **Motorcycle Awareness Ride on Sunday May 7th**. Please shout out if you can help.

Our next ALR Monthly Ride is scheduled for Saturday, May 26th to the Boat House in Stockton. A number of us will be out of town that day, so watch for an email on status.as we get closer.

Come out on Thursday, June 1st and support the K9's for Camo fundraiser at the Shockley Stage, featuring the "Wings of Swing" Big Band (ALR Secretary Bob Kalwat plays Lead Alto for this band). For more info on this organization, please see the "May VSO Activities/Info" section on Page 5. If you can, plan to participate in the June 7th escort from Joplin for the "Wall that Heals" coming to Springfield, sponsored by Serenity Honors.

Our ALR Fish Fry/Gun Raffle is coming up on June 9th. This is our main fundraiser for 2023, so please continue to sell tickets for the Gun Raffle until the event. Kenny Jones will be providing the entertainment. (He played for the Valentines Dinner, and did a superb job).

ALR Officer names placed in nomination for the 2023-2024 year (through April) are as follows:

Nominations will remain open through May. Election of Officers will take place at the ALR Monthly Meeting on June 18th.

Director	Marsha Crom
Assistant Director	Glenn Smith
Treasurer	David Turner
Secretary	Bob Kalwat
Sgt at Arms/Ride Captain	Ron Jackson
Judge Advocate	Mike Brooks
Co-Chaplains	Will Ogden/Herman Burkett, Jr

Ride safe out there !!!!!!!!!!!!

Marsha Crom

Director, Chapter 639

2023 ALR Member Spotlight - Marsha Crom

Marsha Crom is the current Director of Legion Riders Chapter 639. She's held that office for the past 3 years, and plans to continue in that role for the 2023-2024 year. She has also served for many years as a key member of the Post 639 Auxiliary.



Born September 20, 1954 in Springfield, MO, she says "My father, Brother and

Uncles were all in the miliary (all Army. I always wanted to find a way to support and give back to our heroes. I needed to volunteer after my retirement to stay young!! ".

Marsha had a 44-year career as a Surgical Nurse in the Federal Prison System (24 years), and at Cox Health System (20 years), retiring in 2022. "Ron Jackson and I love to ride our motorcycles. We've traveled 98,000 miles together in the US.",

Reflecting on her past choices, she says "My first choice in life was to be a professional race car driver. I didn't make that goal, but I DID win 2nd place, at 165MPH at the Kentucky Speedway at the age of 65!! "

Hobbies - Cooking, Party Planning, Race Car Driving

Favorite Foods - Tacos, Salads

Favorite Drinks - Iced Tea, Tennessee Fire

Favorite Colors - Red. White, & Blue.

Favorite Music - ALL music (No RAP !!)

Advice to younger generations - "Step up!! Be assertive, ask questions. Learn from your mentors. Respect Veterrans. Enjoy your parents everyday while they are still healthy".



Post 639 Historian



Memorial Day is observed every year on the last Monday of May (May 29th this year). Our two cemeteries will be placing flags at each gravesite prior to May 29th, with a ceremony on the actual holiday.

Springfield National Cemetery (1702 E. Seminole, Springfield) activities will be coordinated by Sons of the Revolution Ozarks. Flags will be placed on the graves during cemetery hours **(8AM - 6:30PM)** May 25th-28th The ceremony on May 29th will commence at 11AM. Volunteers are welcome.

Missouri State Veterans Cemetery (5201 S. Southwood Rd, Springfield) activities will be coordinated by the Cemetery staff. Flags will be placed on the graves on Thursday, May 25th during cemetery hours, 8AM - 4PM. The ceremony on May 29th will commence at 1:30PM. Volunteers are welcome.

Please volunteer to place flags and attend the ceremonies if you can. The veterans who are remembered here deserve our efforts and our eternal thanks for their sacrifice.

Bob Kalwat

Post 639 Historian/Newsletter Editor

May VSO Activities/Info

Give Vets Hope

Hello again!

Our group has a pretty steady attendance for our meetings, but we can always accommodate newer people willing to listen and share with us if they want.

Being able to be seen and heard is a critical part of our group's time together and we are all learning how important this is. Almost everyone appreciates someone showing a caring attitude using these means. I often get a "Thank You" from those I continue to contact by phone, text or messaging but that isn't the reason I do it. I want each of my contacts to know that they are being thought of regardless of the week they've had or the difficulties they may have experienced. I am grateful for them continuing to pick up their phone.

The "Talking Stick" is getting some good use; however, we will be asking the group if they want to continue using it. I wanted to make sure everyone that wanted to talk was offered that opportunity. We are basically pretty good listeners already but the visual aide the stick provides adds another factor to our processing information.

Once again, any veteran or anyone who is a part of a veteran's support system is welcome to attend. We do not provide therapy, just a therapeutic atmosphere.

Our group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, from 5:30 to about 7:00, at the VFW Post 3404, at 1136 E. Atlantic. Sorry, no children. You may contact David Suits at 417 -773-1837 and leave a message if you have any questions.

David Suits

Founder/Co-facilitator

K9's for Camo - "Serving Those Who Served Us"



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What We Do

HELP VETERANS. Veterans with PTSD who have service dogs experience lower levels of depression and lower overall symptoms of PTSD. Studies confirm this, but at K9s For Camo we see the results every day, as we watch K9s empower many of our veterans to re-enter the world with renewed confidence and security.

RESCUE DOGS. Over 1.5 million healthy shelter animals are put to death each year in the United States. We not only save dogs' lives, some within days of being euthanized, we give them purpose and a new path in life. They, in turn, inspire, teach and empower those they touch along their K9s For Camo journey.

INMATE REHABILITATION. Our K9s are trained by offenders at the Ozark Correctional Center and Jefferson City Correctional Center. Inmates in dog training programs have lower depression and aggression rates, as well as lower recidivism rates. They also gain marketable experience and life skills that enable them to choose better paths as they re-enter society.

HOW WE DO IT. At K9's for Camo, we established a standardized system to ensure that both dogs and veterans are trained to work together as effective teams:

- All of our trainers are trained in canine behavioral training methodology.
- The K9 recruits earn their American Kennel Club obedience certifications and meet the K9's for Camo standards for task performance before being matched with their veterans.
- Once matched, K9's and veterans are trained as a team.
- K9's for Camo provides ongoing guidance and training throughout the service of the K9's for Camo service dog.

You may apply for a service dog, or volunteer assistance at:

https://k9sforcamo.org. Applications for both circumstances are available online..

Veterans Administration Information

If you've filed a VA disability claim and are awaiting a decision letter, you can access it online once it's ready. Veterans with a VA.gov sign-in can use this online option to access their disability decisions whenever they need them. No need to store hard copies or request reprints from VA.

The ability to view and download your VA decision letters online saves you time. Quick access to your disability decisions and benefits summaries could save you a call to VA if you have questions about your decision or need an official copy of your paperwork. No need to wait for a paper letter in the mail.

Follow these steps to access your past and current VA decision letters:

- Navigate to VA.gov and sign in using any of the sign-in options.
- Click on VA Benefits and Health Care at the top of the VA website. You will see a dropdown menu. Select Disability, then Check your claim or appeal status.
- Find the claim you are looking for. If there has been a decision, it will say Status: Closed. Remember that, if your claim is not closed, a decision letter will not be available yet.
- To locate your VA decision letter, click on View details.
- On the next page, click Get your claim letters. You will see a list of letters sent by VA in chronological order, with the most recent mailing at the top.
- Select the letter you need. The decision letter will be downloaded as a PDF file that can be viewed and saved to your computer or mobile device.

VA strives to provide Veterans with choices that meet their needs and preferences. Timely access to VA decision letters allows Veterans to quickly see their disability decisions, allowing faster access to other federal and state benefits.

To learn more about VA disability compensation, visit www.va.gov/disability/.

Submitted by Scotty Kelly, Member, Post 639

NEON SIGN GIVEAWAY TICKETS



\$5 A TICKET (150 WILL BE SOLD)
GIVEAWAY WHEN ALL TICKETS SOLD
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR
SIGN SIZE 24X20.

Kid's Easter Egg Hunt/Party

April 1, 2023

Bill Erwin Funeral Escort April 4, 2023

























































General Meeting Volunteer Recognition April 4, 2023





Mike Walters

Ron Sanders





Scotty Kelly

Jeff, Barbara, Libby Gonynor

First 2023 Bike Night

April 19, 2023

























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SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY

Silver Star Service Banner Day - May 1st



Military Spouse Appreciation Day - May 12th



Children of Fallen Patriots Day - May 13th



Armed Forces Day - May 20th



Memorial Day - May 29th

For the Good of the Legion ...

KC-135 - The Flying Filling Station





KC-97 Tanker

KC-135 Tanker

The **KC-135** is a refueling tanker in the US Air Force. It came on line the same time the USAF decided that the old propeller-driven **KC-97**'s airspeed of 300MPH was too slow for the modern fighter jets. 300 MPH was a stall speed for them.

The KC-135 came on about 1970, and because I was on duty in the USA Reserves in 1979, I got deployed to Mildenhall AFB in England for my summer camp.

The KC-135 is a big airplane. It stores its transfer fuel in a large tank at the bottom of the fuselage. The amount it holds I don't know, but it can service several fighter jets and bombers.

Refueling is a standard procedure. With the original engines on the KC-135, It would take a long runway for it to get off the ground with a full load, if ever. In modern times, the USAF upgraded the engines on the airplane, and the crew told me the difference was like going from a Mustang to a Cadillac. I don't know what the cost was, but it must have been less than developing a new tanker.

The KC-135 similar to the Boeing 707. The fuel transfer took place with an extended boom from the rear of the aircraft. The "Boomer" as he/she is called, has a boom station in the rear of the aircraft. The Boomer communicates with the pilot of the jet or bomber, and directs the refueling transfer operation and connectors, because they can interchange with other military aircraft.

Depending on the length of the mission, the crew size would vary in number, like the deployment to England. It might carry enough crew to cover 10 days of flying. But on a local mission, one crew might be enough. 2 Pilots, one Flight Engineer, one Boomer, one Crew Chief. When the KC-135 deployed to England for two weeks, they took a crew and about 40 technicians to maintain the aircraft and fix any systems that broke down.

The KC-135 became a valuable tanker for the USAF and has served for more than 50 years. Some are still in service. It's not known how long it will stay in service, since no new tankers are being built. Due to its long period of service, it will go out with honors.

Charlie Weaver

("Budreau")

Junebug Jamboree, June 9-10 at Post 639

Featuring <u>THE LUCKY BOYS</u> from 6-9PM, Friday June 9th on the Shockley Stage. All members and guests invited. Come on out and have a GREAT time!!



Average Weather in May for Springfield

Daily high temperatures increase by $7^{\circ}F$, from $71^{\circ}F$ to $79^{\circ}F$, rarely falling below $60^{\circ}F$ or exceeding $86^{\circ}F$.

Daily low temperatures *increase* by $9^{\circ}F$, from $52^{\circ}F$ to $61^{\circ}F$, rarely falling below $40^{\circ}F$ or exceeding $69^{\circ}F$.

Over the course of May in Springfield, the length of the day is *increasing*. From the start to the end of the month, the length of the day increases by 48 minutes, implying an average daily increase of 1 minute, 37 seconds, and weekly increase of 11 minutes, 17 seconds.

The shortest day of the month is May 1, with 13 hours, 44 minutes of daylight and the longest day is May 31, with 14 hours, 32 minutes of daylight.

The latest sunrise of the month in Springfield is 6:18 AM on May 1 and the earliest sunrise is 24 minutes earlier at 5:54 AM on May 31.

The earliest sunset is 8:02 PM on May 1 and the latest sunset is 25 minutes later at 8:27 PM on May 31.

Daylight saving time is observed in Springfield during 2023, but it neither starts nor ends during May, so the entire month is in daylight saving time.

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

Hope all is well with this warmer weather here now. That means I can see you at the next Post Breakfast May 6th. I know you're hungry as the 6am Crew is ready to settle those hunger pains with a top notch start for the day.



The all you can eat for \$8 won't stay so inexpensive unless more members show up. We enjoy the work, but can't continue providing it and losing Post money. We have to have at least 20 paid meals just to break even. I can keep it at this exciting lower cost if more members participate. The cost to buy the food keeps going up, but it's prepared for free, for you!

Thanks for supporting your post and it's functions that are provided for you. Thanks to all who supported the **April Breakfast** at the Post.

Jim "Skippy" Cooper (got peanut butter)

Your 6AM Support Team











MAY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LUNCH 11-2 SILVER STAR BANNER DAY	2 LUNCH 11-2 LEGION/AUX GENERAL MTG 7PM	3 LUNCH 11-2 STATE OF THE ARTS 6-10PM	4 LUNCH 11-2	5 LUNCH 11-2	BREAKFAST 8-10AM
Can You See Me Now? 16th Annual Motorcycle Awareness Hide MAY 7, 2023 Hill Bill See Hell Self Hill Self	8 LUNCH 11-2	9 LUNCH 11-2 KOREAN WAR VETS IPM GIVE VETS HOPE VFW 3404 5PM	QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8 PM	FINANCE COMMITTEE 6:30PM 6:30PM MCL 993 6PM—8PM VFW 3404	12 LUNCH 11-2 MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY	SUB VETS MTG 11AM CHILDREN FALLEN PATRIOTS DAY MAY 13
14	15 LUNCH 11-2	16 LUNCH 11-2 AUX E-BOARD MTG 7PM	BIKE NIGHT & QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 10PM	18 LUNCH 11-2	19 LUNCH 11-2 VFW 3404 FISH FRY 5:30 -7 PM	ARMED FORCES DAY
21 SMERICAN FOICES ALR MEETING 5PM	22 LUNCH 11-2	23 LUNCH 11-2 SAL MTG 7PM GIVE VETS HOPE VFW 3404 5PM	24 LUNCH 11-2 QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8 PM	FL EET RESERVE ASSOC. 6PM NEWSLETTER CONTENT DUE	26 LUNCH 11-2	27
28	E-BOARD MTG 6:30PM MEMORIAL DAY	30 LUNCH 11-2	31 LUNCH 11-2 STATE OF THE ATTS 6-10PM			





24 JUNE

CENTRAL FOOTBALL CAR SHOW

9 AM

Doors open to the public at 11 am

Please pre-register by June 22, 2023. Pay on the day at the front gate. Preregistration \$50.00, day of registration \$60.00. Free entry for spectators, vote on your favorite ride. Donations are welcome. Come out and support your local Central High School Football team, enjoy a great time and food.











Hello everyone - Serenity is proud to announce that her Veterans Charity, SERENITY HONORS, will be hosting The Wall That Heals in Springfield, MO on June 8-11, 2023. The Wall That Heals exhibit features a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. The replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. The website for this exhibit is below:

https://thewallthatheals-serenityhonors2023.com

We would like to invite you and your organization to join us in Remembering and Honoring Our Vietnam Veterans. Please see the attachments for more information & sponsorship opportunities.

We are looking for help in a couple of areas:

- 1. We are looking for help in getting the word out to ALL of our Vietnam Veterans & community, so they can be aware of the exhibit. Would you please forward this email & attachments to all of your Veteran organizations, business, and/or individuals you are in contact with. We want to get the word out to everyone.
- 2. If you would like to help Serenity in bringing TWTH to our Vietnam Veterans & our community, we are looking for financial help too. We have Sponsorship opportunities available.
- 3. We also have volunteer opportunities available TWTH needs to be set up, taken down, & staffed for the 4 days it is here (open 24 hours).

Please see the attached 4 page document for more information & sponsorship opportunities.

Some quick points of interest about this exhibit:

- 1. FREE to everyone.
 - 2. Family and Child Friendly
 - 3. Education Center
 - 4. Local Vietnam Heroes will be Honored
 - 5. No concessions, vending, souvenirs, etc, will be sold.
 - 6. This is NOT a fundraising event.

On behalf of Serenity & Serenity Honors, thank you for your time & support

Chris McQuay, President, Serenity Honors, Inc.

History in May

May 1, 1707 - Great Britain was formed from a union between England and Scotland. The union included Wales which had already been part of England since the 1500's. The United Kingdom today consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

May 2, 2011 - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization based in the Middle East. May 5, 1961 - Alan Shepard became the first American in space. He piloted the spacecraft *Freedom 7* during a 15-minute 28-second suborbital flight that reached an altitude of 116 miles (186 kilometers) above the earth. May 7, 1954 - The French Indochina War ended with the fall of Dien Bien Phu, in a stunning victory by the Vietnamese over French colonial forces in northern Vietnam. The country was then in divided in half at the 17th parallel, with South Vietnam created in 1955.

May 11, 1862 - To prevent its capture by Union forces advancing in Virginia, the Confederate Ironclad *Merrimac* was destroyed by the Confederate Navy. In March, the *Merrimac* had fought the Union Ironclad *Monitor* to a draw. Naval warfare was thus changed forever, making wooden ships obsolete.

May 13, 1943 - During World War II in North Africa, over 250,000 Germans and Italians surrendered in the last few days of the Tunis campaign. British General Harold Alexander then telegraphed news of the victory to Winston Churchill, who was in Washington attending a war conference.

May 14, 1607 - The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England.

May 14, 1804 - Meriwether Lewis and William Clark departed St. Louis on their expedition to explore the Northwest. They arrived at the Pacific coast of Oregon in November of 1805 and returned to St. Louis in September of 1806, completing a journey of about 6,000 miles.

May 19, 1943 - During World War II in Europe, Royal Air Force bombers successfully attacked dams in the German Ruhr Valley using innovative ball-shaped bouncing bombs that skipped along the water and exploded against the dams.

May 20, 325 A.D. - The Council of Nicaea, the first ecumenical council of Catholic Church was called by Constantine I, first Christian Emperor of the Roman Empire. With nearly 300 bishops in attendance at Nicaea in Asia Minor, the council condemned Arianism which denied Christ's divinity, formulated the Nicene Creed and fixed the date of Easter.

May 26, 1940 - The Dunkirk evacuation began in order to save the British Expeditionary Force trapped by advancing German armies on the northern coast of France. Boats and vessels of all shapes and sizes ferried 200,000 British and 140,000 French and Belgian soldiers across the English Channel by June 2nd.

May 29, 1736 - American revolutionary leader Patrick Henry was born in Studley, Virginia. He is best remembered for his speech in 1775 declaring: "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

May 30, 1922 - The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., was dedicated.



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 May 2023

- May 01 Mon Silver Star Service Banner Day
- May 02 Tue Legion 639/Aux General Meeting, 7PM
- May 03 Wed Bike Night/Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-10PM
- May 06 Sat Post 639 Breakfast 8AM 10AM
 - Dirty Dozen Bike Show,
 - Renegade Harley Davidson, 11AM—3PM
- May 07 Sun Motorcycle Awareness Ride
 Registration 11AM, Ride KSU 1PM
- May 09 Tue Korean War Vets Meeting, 1PM
 - Give Vets Hope, VFW 3404, 5:30PM
- May 10 Wed Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-8PM
- May 11 Thu Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30PM
 - Marine Corps League Mtg, VFW 3404
 6PM Food/Fellowship, 7PM Mtg
- May 12 Thu Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- May 13 Sat Sub Vets Meeting, 11AM
 - Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- May 16 Tue Auxiliary E-Board Meeting, 7PM
- May 17 Wed BIKE NIGHT / Queen of Hearts, 6 –10PM
 - Ozarks Honor Fllight 8:30PM 11PM
- May 19 Fri VFW 3404 Fish Fry 5:30-7PM
- May 20 Sat Armed Forces Day
- May 21 Sun ALR Meeting
- May 23 Tue Sons of the American Legion Mtg, 7PM
 - Give Vets Hope, VFW 3404 5:30PM
- May 24 Wed Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-8PM
- May 25 Thu Fleet Reserve Association 6PM
 - Newsletter Content Due
- May 26 Sun ALR Ride, Boat House Stockton, MO
- May 29 Sun Post 639 E-Board Meeting
 - Memorial Day
- May 31 Wed BIKE NIGHT / Queen of Hearts, 6 -10PM









The Smith & Wesson CSX 9mm Pistol

MSRP: \$609.00

American Legion Riders

Raffle Tickets: \$10.00 each or Three for \$25.00 (Drawing Held on Friday, June 9th, Need Not Be Present to Win)

Product Features

- The CSX is built on an <u>aluminum alloy frame with interchangeable</u> <u>polymer backstraps</u>, providing the user the ability to customize their level of concealment and ergonomic fit.
- <u>Chambered in 9mm</u>, the CSX holds an impressive <u>12+1 capacity and comes with an additional 10 round magazine</u> for deeper concealment.
- Designed with flexibility in mind and, despite its micro-sized frame, the CSX packs both ambidextrous slide releases and manual safeties.





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	

SPECIALTY PIZZAS

Hawaiian	\$8.50
Canadian Bacon, Pineapple	
Chicken Bacon Ranch	.\$9
Ranch, Italian Seasoning, Diced Chicken, Ba	acon
Bits	
BBQ Chicken	.\$9
BBQ Sauce, Diced Chicken, Onions	
Alfredo	\$9
Alfredo Sauce, Italian Seasoning, Diced Chie	cken,
Mushrooms, Bacon Bits	
Buffalo Chicken	9.50
Ranch, Cream Cheese, Buffalo Sauce, Diced	
Chicken	
Veggie Lovers\$	8.50

EXTRA SPECIALTY

Loaded Hawaiian	
Canadian Bacon, Bacon Bits, Pin	eapple, Onion
Five Meat	\$9.50
Canadian Bacon, Hamburger, Saus	age, Bacon Bits,
Pepperoni	
Supreme	\$10
Canadian Bacon, Hamburger, Saus	age, Bacon Bits,
Mushrooms, Onions, Black Olives,	Green Peppers,
Pepperoni	

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 Robin or one of the bartenders for additional information and to order.

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

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

BBO 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.



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