

American Legion Post 639

April 2020

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends,

For the first time in the history of Post 639, we have been forced to close our clubroom due to the recent orders of our mayor and city council in response to the COVID-19 threat. This is an unprecedented time in the history of our Post, our community, our nation, and the world. I am using this time to focus on my family and home, and to re-focus myself on our mission and priorities. I'm grateful for the opportunity to do so. Jenni is working from home during this time to help contain the spread of the virus, and my dad is staying with us, too. It has been an adjustment for all of us, and I'm sure you and your families are going through similar changes. Jenni and I are already missing our Post 639 family, and looking forward to the day (hopefully soon) when we can join you all in a drink to our Post and having survived this pandemic. Our April meeting will be canceled. At this point, we are hoping that the situation will have changed enough by the end of April to allow us to hold a May regular meeting, at which we will conduct all of the business generally conducted at both our April and May meetings.

Because we're not able to meet and to gather in person, I am trying to keep you all informed via email. However, right now we only have email addresses for about 450 of the nearly 700 folks on our newsletter address list. If you have email and would like to get updates about the Post from me, please email DarinHargis@gmail.com.

Even with all the changes and challenges during this time, the mission of the American Legion and our Post continues, and your Executive Committee remains committed to executing on the four pillars of the American Legion. One of our pillars is providing assistance to active duty military and veterans. Many of our members rely on our Post for some of their meals, and for fellowship. While we're unable to provide that fellowship right now, we want to help our Members with their needs during this time. If you are stuck at home and need groceries, household goods, or a meal, please contact me or any member of the Executive Committee. If you know of a Member who has these types of needs, or anything else we may be able to help with, please speak up. We are also working with Intrepid Hospice, with whom our Chaplain Rex Krasche has been involved for some time, to provide meals for veterans on hospice. If you are interested with helping with any of these programs, or have other ideas for how we can help our Members and other veterans, please let me know.

The business of the Post continues, as well. I have been on the phone daily with Gary Bockman, our finance officer, and other members of the Executive committee, to do what we can to ensure the financial stability of our Post during this time. As you know, our primary revenue source for all our activities is the clubroom, including not only our food and bar operations, but our Missouri Lottery gaming and Queen of Hearts game. All of these operations have been shut down, and it is sad to see our clubroom empty and the games turned off. We are doing what we can to minimize expenses during this time, and fortunately the Post carries no debt, but we still must pay for utilities, insurance, and other overhead. We will need the Post to be well cleaned and sanitized before we re-open, and to ensure we have adequate food and beverage inventory. If you feel compelled to make a donation to Post 639 during this time to help defray some of these costs while we have no income, please contact me or Gary Bockman, or you can mail a check to the Post. We are grateful for any support. As soon as we know when we can open, I will email all of you, and we'll plan a big re-opening bash with the Ladies, Riders, and Sons. We are keeping our plans for this summer in place. We will bring the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall here from July 2-5 along with the traveling museum. Our big fundraising concert weekend, Rock for the Wall, is still on tap for May 29 - 31. We're still raising support for the Wall, and we'll need all hands on deck once we can open the Post to get the property in shape to host both the concert and the Wall.

There's no doubt that this is a tough and uncertain time. There is no better time to remember and live our motto: "Together Then, Together Now." We have all stood as brothers and sisters in tough times for our country before, and we will stand together during these current challenges. Please reach out to us if you need anything at all, even just someone to talk to. Please check in on each other, and let me or anyone on our Executive Committee know of any needs. This includes the members of our Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. If there is a need, we will try to fill it.

Semper Fi,

Darin Hargis, Commander



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ROCK for the WALL

May 29

7PM - Art Bentley

May 30

12-2PM - Nathan Bryce and the Loaded Dice

2-4PM - Schwing Kings

4-6PM - Conklin and Wilhelm

6-8PM - Hwy 51 Wheel House

8:30-10:30PM - HOUSE

May 31

1-3PM - Eddie Valen

3:30-6:30 PM - Riff Raff

MAY 29-31

\$15 WEEKEND PASS FOR PERSON



No Outside Food or Drink

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Pass on to a Business for window Display

The background of the entire poster is a stylized American flag, featuring a field of white stars on a blue background in the upper right and red and white stripes in the lower left. The text is overlaid on this background.

VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL

JULY 2 - JULY 6

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2660 S. Scenic Ave.

Springfield, MO 65804

60% scale replica of actual Memorial Wall

Help available in finding your loved one's name

**Including Vietnam War Museum
"Through the Eyes"**

Opening Ceremony July 3rd, 6pm

Open to the Public

Admission is free

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Before Virus shutdown



After Virus compliance

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