



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

AUGUST 2023



REMEMBER



Post 639 Commander



Summer is in full effect here at 639. We are busy with events, so be sure to check the calendar and don't miss anything. It has been a great season so far for our outdoor venue. I want to thank everyone who helps keep that moving along smoothly. From Scotty our grounds keeper, our employees and support groups, Adam with Queen of Hearts, campground and every other volunteer that steps up. You all are greatly appreciated.

Our new Service Officer, Belinda Brown, has hit the ground running helping Veterans. She is definitely an asset to the E-Board and our Post.

ALR, ALA and SAL have big things happening, and are always recruiting new members and volunteers. There are many opportunities from small to large things to help with around our beautiful 23 acres.

If you haven't tried our lunches M-F 11AM to 2PM, or our 1st Saturday of the Month breakfast 8-10AM, you're missing good times and fellowship.

Stand tall, my friends. Remember our fallen. And MOST DEFINITELY pray for our Country.

Mike Goforth

Commander, Legion Post 639



Post 639 Adjutant



The following individuals are those you elected to serve as Post 639 Officers during the 2023-2024 year. Officers will be sworn in at the General Meeting on August 1, 2023.

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

Tom Newsom

Post 639 Adjutant



639 Chaplain



This will be my last newsletter to the Post as your Chaplain. It has been a pleasure being the Chaplain of Post 639 for the past 10 years. I have also been District Chaplain.

With the loss of my wife Mary, it has come to me that I need to take time for myself, and also time to reflect on my life as a whole.

I will still be around the Post from time to time, and if anybody needs my help I will be there for you.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Marsha Crom for the loss of her sister. Marsha and Ron are in my Prayers.

All for now,

Rex Krasche



Post 639 Service Officer



First unofficial month has started out with a bang! With several people calling and asking questions. I'm happy to help! Do not hesitate to call. There is now a dedicated phone for this purpose. 417-306-2504.

Remember to get your intent to file form submitted BEFORE August 10th, 2023 if you think you may be eligible for any disabilities related to the PACT Act. You can call the VA at 800-827-1000 and they can get the form started for you, or you can create an account at VA.GOV, and start it yourself. You then have 1 year from date of filing to submit paperwork to support the claim. Don't leave money on the table if you are entitled!

This is true for Camp Lejeune claims too! The PACT Act also has a provision know as Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 (CLJA) That specifically addresses those who had been stationed at Camp Lejeune and allows any individual who believes they were (1) exposed to contaminated water for at least 30 days between 1953 and 1987, and (2) have suffered injuries due to the exposure or ingestion of contaminated water. You have to file with Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy's Tort Claims Unit (TCU) in Norfolk, VA. Contact them at 757-341-4583, or myself at 417-306-2504 for help.

Belinda Brown

Service Officer



639 Auxiliary President



We are excited for the upcoming year and can't wait to see what is around the corner awaiting us with our new 2023-2024 ALA

Officers! Congratulations!

Members-at-Large: Barbara Gonynor, Charlotte Kelly and Susan Heppard

Sergeant-at-Arms: Reggie Hutson

Historian/Chaplain: Tammi Grantham

Treasurer: Lindy Dobbs

Secretary: Gail Willey

Vice-President/Membership Chair: Terra Cooperider

President: Diana Cooperider

I am also proud to announce members of our Unit as elected officers of District 17:

Terra Cooperider – Secretary

Tammi Grantham – Historian

Congratulations ladies! Thank you for accepting this 2-year commitment along with your other duties as Officers of Unit 639. We are very proud of your commitment and dedication.

The Auxiliary is holding a “Back to School” donation event this month. Donations are being presented to the Mark Twain Elementary School at the end of the month. Please find our donation school bus box at the front entrance of the Post along with a list of items that are needed. The last day to donate is August 22nd. Help us give the students at Mark Twain a good start to the upcoming school year. They are our future!!!

Next month, September 20th, is “Hog Night” hosted by SAL on Wednesday during the Queen of Hearts Bike Night event. Besides a yummy menu of pork butt and beef hog dogs with sides, the Honky-Tonk Renovators will be entertaining us on the Shockley Stage. ALA is looking forward to assisting our brothers with this much anticipated event. Watch for updates as the date approaches.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of the support and participation in all we did in 2022-2023. From the customers, employees, members and Officers of Post 639 to the VSO members and leaders, we couldn't have done it without you.

ALA would like to congratulate all the newly elected officers to their new positions and we are looking forward to supporting and working with each of you. The new year is upon us so let's make it the best one yet!

Lastly, a **HUGE** thank you to all the members and Officers of ALA Unit 639. What a year we had but we would not have accomplished anything if it weren't for you. Your heartfelt commitment, volunteerism and hard work made the difference. **THANK YOU!**

In Spirit of Service, not Self

Diana Cooperider, President, Post 639 Auxiliary



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



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Post 639 ALR Director



First and foremost, let me start off with my expression of love for all of you.

The last month has been a rollercoaster. I can't begin to tell everyone how much the prayers, flowers, cards, calls, love, food and support that helped me stay on track during the passing of my sister, Gaytha on July 17th. The day of her services was especially a heartfelt day for all the family. The many people who came gave us the strength to continue through the times ahead. **A special thank-you to VFW 3404 for the luncheon.**

God bless all the VSO's that gave our family love and support. We are certainly blessed to have you beside us. Gaytha will be missed immensely by family and friends. Hugs to each of you; I am so blessed to have you as my friends.

We had to postpone some of our monthly activities due to these unforeseen circumstances. The ALR meeting, Dinner Ride, and 7/22 Monthly Ride to Sam's Cellar in Neosho were all postponed. Stay tuned for future emails about rescheduling.

Thanks to your efforts, ALR was able to purchase a smoker for

the Sugar Shack. **Huge shout-out to Ron Jackson** for enduring the heat while sticking to the “easy to follow” assembly instructions !!!!!!!



We had a good turnout for on July 9th for the 20th Annual “Hogs for Dogs” Ride at Renegade Harley-Davidson. Great bikes, great food, great fellowship. And the excessive heat even cooperated !! (See pictures on Page 6)

Our ALR Meeting for August will be held at my home on August 20th followed by dinner (meat provided, please bring a dish to pass). Just wanted to show my appreciation to all **YOU** for all you **DO**.

August is ALR Month for Queen of Hearts/ 50-50. Proceeds will be use to purchase a new TV for the clubroom. Chiefs football is right around the corner. We want 639 members/guests/visitors to be able to watch the games in comfort while they cheer the Chiefs on to another Super Bowl win

Future upcoming events include the Ride to the Wall in Perryville on September 15-16, and the “Too Broke for Sturgis” Bike Night on August 23rd. Once again, remember up update your calendar with the Post 639 Camping event October 6th through the 8th.

It’s again that time of year to start our 2023-2024 ALR Membership Renewals, which we’ll start in **September** (Hard to believe, seems like we just got done) . Annual Dues are \$20. Renewals are already underway for your **POST 639 LEGION** dues. If you’ve already been notified to renew, please do so ASAP. You must be a “Legion Member in good standing” (dues paid for the coming year) for Bob Kalwat to process your ALR renewal. No exceptions.. Just show your 2024 Legion Card (or Auxiliary/Sons of the American Legion) when paying your dues, and you’re good to go.

Again, thank you all for being each others’ family during trying times.

Ride safe out there

Marsha Crom

Director, Chapter 639



Post 639 Historian



**U.S. Coast Guard
Birthday
August 4th**



Here is some background on the crucial role of the US Coast Guard in amphibious operations during WWII, specifically here, at Iwo Jima. The following history focuses on the Iwo

Jima landings (taken from National Park Service - The Coast Guard in World War II, Iwo Jima. www.nps.gov)

“With the major points in the Philippines secure, the Allies began looking to the final assault on the Japanese islands. Along the route lay Iwo Jima, an island less than four miles long and just over two wide. Allied planners believed the capture of this volcanic island would ease the later operations because it could be used as an emergency air base for crippled heavy bombers returning from missions over Japan. Furthermore, fighters could fly from Iwo Jima and could supply cover for the entire distance to the targets and back.

Nine hundred vessels sailed in the numerous task groups of the Fifth Fleet and in support of the operation. These ships carried expeditionary forces of more than 70,000 Marines, nearly 4,000 men in the naval landing force, and more than 36,000 garrison troops to attack the determined Japanese of 21,000.

The Allies set Feb. 19 as D-Day. The assault forces arrived off the southeast side of the island to land men at seven predetermined beaches stretching only 3,500 yards. Included in these vessels were the Bayfield and the Callaway, 14 LSTs, and the submarine chaser PC-469. With no reefs surrounding the island, the landings promised little difficulty. The attack forces arrived off the beaches before daylight and began debarking troops into the LVTs, and lowered LCMs and LCVPs for the assault. The LVTs landed the first five assault waves. The anticipated good beach conditions unfortunately did not materialize. The surf broke directly on the beach, broaching and carrying the small craft sideways up on the beach. It did not take long for the shore line to become littered with craft.

The successive waves of landing craft had difficulty getting to the beach and likewise became damaged and lost. The Coast Guard coxswains found it necessary to back the craft into the wind and current to keep grounding hard onto the beach. The beachmasters, salvage parties and beach parties normally kept the beaches clear, but due to the intense Japanese mortar fire, none of these men could remain on the beach. Therefore the coxswains in the landing craft had to take all the initiative to get to the beach, unload, and back off. The wreckage eventually caused the beach to be closed to everything smaller than an LCT until tugs and other craft cleared it for later waves to disembark troops and supplies.

The Coast Guard landed Marine divisions along with their gear, bulldozers, vehicles, rations, small arms, water, and virtually everything that would keep the landing forces moving inland. One of the most enduring images of the capture of the island is the Marines raising the American flag on Mt. Suribachi. Interestingly both the LST-779 and the LST-758 claimed the honor of suppling one of the flags used during the raising on Mt. Suribachi.”

From June-December 2021, the Post 639 Newsletter published monthly sections of an interview with Post 639 member **Sgt. Ed**

Fox, regarding his memories/perspectives of the Battles of Midway and Iwo Jima. In honor of the US Coast Guard Birthday on August 4th, I thought it would be appropriate to republish an excerpt from Sgt Ed Fox's interview, published in November 2021. In this excerpt, he references the approach to Iwo Jima beaches in an LCVP (Higgins Boat), piloted by a US Coast Guardsman.

"A Coast Guardsman on our LCVP (Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel) took us in to Red Beach under Suribaci, part of our FO team along with Marines from the 27th Inf. As we got closer to the beach we began to experience in-coming, the LCVP that was next to us took a direct hit, and some of the contents of that boat landed in ours. We had razed the Coastie to put us on dry land or we were going to seek him out when we got back if he dumped us in the water before the beach. But he was something, I didn't have to wade. Hats off to the Coastie."

Hats off to the U.S. Coast Guard indeed. The contributions of the Coast Guard to amphibious landings, both prior to and after Iwo Jima, were as indispensable as they were immeasurable. That continues today with their current mission in support/protection of the freedoms we enjoy.

Happy Birthday to the US Coast Guard on August 4th. Semper Paratus (Always Ready) !!!!!!!!!!!

Bob Kalwat

Post 639 Historian/Newsletter Editor

August VSO Activities/Info

Give Vets Hope

The month of July went well for our group. We enjoyed lots of pop and pizza. As always, there were good discussions!



One of the ways we conduct our meetings and show respect is by not "cross-talking". Cross talking occurs when one person is supposed to be doing the talking in the group and there is a discussion between two different members of the group. This makes affective listening very difficult.

We do a lot of watching too, looking for expressions and body language. In all of this, we can really regard each other as we discover what someone else is saying and how they are saying it. Our body language speaks volumes as we are engaged in a conversation. Observing this phenomenon, for example, can tell us how important something is to someone. The other person can teach us if we are careful listeners.

We have also talked about recognizing ourselves in another person's conversation. If we can identify something in the other person that is a characteristic or aspect of who we are, it facili-

tates understanding each other a lot easier. You might be able to do this if you can imagine how the room or you look to the person you are talking with (from their point of view). This is important in treating others the way we want to be treated.

In September we will be celebrating 5 years of our existence! This is quite a milestone for us considering the effects of COVID on our ways of living. I am still contacting veterans and their support systems.

Our next meetings are August 8th and 22nd, at the Post, from 5:30 to about 7:00/7:30. If you need further information, please call 417-773-1738 and leave a message.

David Suits

Founder/Co-facilitator



Sunday

October 1, 2023

12:30 – 5:00 pm

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July 14-16, 2023



Queen of Hearts with DeMolay

July 12, 2023



REMEMBER



"Hogs for Dogs" Ride

July 9, 2023



Veterans Upward Bound OTC Event

July 18, 2023



Volunteer Opportunities at the Legion

As always, we have several volunteer opportunities for members and non-members. Currently -

- The Post Historian is looking for someone with advanced computer skills to assist in the production of the Post 639 Newsletter.

- 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're always looking for those with cooking skills. Special events, cooking lunch on those days when we need a sub to fill in, etc. If you want to show off your culinary skills to the membership, please contact the Post and we'll get you set up.

If you're interested, please call 882-8639, or drop by. We'll contact you and match you up with an opportunity. **Volunteers are what allow Post 639 to function. YOU ARE NEEDED. Come work and fellowship with us !!!**



5TH ANNUAL MISSOURI VIETNAM WALL RUN

Friday & Saturday, September 15-16, 2023
National POW/MIA Recognition Day

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! ★ EVENT IS FREE!

Three Ride Routes to the State Official Run:

- ★ Springfield meets at Mikes Uniques Friday 6-7:30 a.m.
- ★ St. Louis meets at Arnold VFW Post 2593, Saturday 8-10 a.m.
- ★ Illinois meets 7:30 a.m. Red Rooster, Olney, Ill, Friday 7:30 a.m.

ALL RIDERS RENDEZVOUS, Fredericktown City Hall, 124 W Main - Saturday by 11 a.m. for Parade of Honor as a group!

- Candlelight Vigil at Perryville sister wall to Washington D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Friday at Dusk
- Free live music & bike rally by Bikers on the Square for Veterans - Perryville both Friday and Saturday
- Ride in the incredible 30 mile, Law Enforcement led Parade of Honor with "The Saluting Marine" saluting riders!
- Ceremony with Special Guests, Vietnam War Heroes: Col. John Clark, Col. Jack Jackson, & Staff Sgt. Tim Chambers. "The Saluting Marine" Saturday
- Sky Lantern Ceremony for Veterans

Full Schedule and For More Information:
Missouri Vietnam Wall Run Facebook Page or missourivietnamwallrun.org
Hosted by Veterans in Defense of Liberty® & Liberty Riders of America

HOG NIGHT

6:00-9:30 pm
September 20, 2023

Location:
American Legion 639
2660 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, MO 65807

Menu:
Pork Butt, 1/4 lb. Beef Hot Dogs
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Purple Heart Day - August 7th



VJ (Victory over Japan) Day - August 15th



National Airborne Day - August 16th



Marine Corps Reserve Birthday - August 29th

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AUGUST 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 LUNCH 11-2  LEGION/ALA GENERAL MTG 7PM	2 LUNCH 11-2  QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8 PM	3 LUNCH 11-2	4 LUNCH 11-2  U.S COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY	5  BREAKFAST 8 - 10AM
6	7 LUNCH 11-2  PURPLE HEART DAY	8 LUNCH 11-2  KOREAN WAR VETS GIVE VETS HOPE VFW 3404 5PM	9 LUNCH 11-2  BIKE NIGHT & QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 10PM	10 LUNCH 11-2  FINANCE COMMITTEE 6:30PM  MCL 993 6PM-8PM	11 LUNCH 11-2	12  SUB VETS MTG 11AM
13	14 LUNCH 11-2	15 LUNCH 11-2  AUX E-BOARD MTG 7PM  VJ DAY	16 LUNCH 11-2  QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8 PM  AIRBORNE DAY	17 LUNCH 11-2	18 LUNCH 11-2  VFW 3404 FISH FRY 5:30 - 7 PM	19
 ALR MEETING 5PM	21 LUNCH 11-2	22 LUNCH 11-2  SAL MTG 7PM GIVE VETS HOPE VFW 3404 5PM 	23 LUNCH 11-2  BIKE NIGHT & QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 10PM	24 LUNCH 11-2  FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION 6PM NEWSLETTER CONTENT DUE	25 LUNCH 11-2	26
27	 E-BOARD MTG 6:30PM	29 LUNCH 11-2	30 LUNCH 11-2  QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8 PM	31 LUNCH 11-2		

Average Weather in August for

Springfield

Daily high temperatures *decrease* by 3°F, from 88°F to 85°F, rarely falling below 77°F or exceeding 97°F.

Daily low temperatures *decrease* by 4°F, from 69°F to 65°F, rarely falling below 56°F or exceeding 75°F.

Over the course of August 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, 2 minutes, implying an average daily decrease of 2 minutes, 4 seconds, and weekly decrease of 14 minutes, 31 seconds.

The shortest day of the month is August 31, with 13 hours, 1 minute of daylight and the longest day is August 1, with 14 hours, 3 minutes of daylight.

The earliest sunrise of the month in Springfield is 6:17 AM on August 1 and the latest sunrise is 25 minutes later at 6:42 AM on August 31.

The latest sunset is 8:20 PM on August 1 and the earliest sunset is 37 minutes earlier at 7:43 PM on August 31.

Daylight saving time is observed in Springfield during 2023, but it neither starts nor ends during August, 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

The 6am Breakfast crew with this message for you.

If you missed the July Breakfast then you missed the comradery of those who attended.



Thanks to those who come in at 6am to help provide you with the best breakfast in Springfield for the price. Have been told by other business's that they can't provide what Post 639 offers for that price.

I would like to extend the Saturday breakfasts from ONE to TWO per month, but I would have to have a more consistent attendance from members. Remember you never pay for the Salt and Pepper you use, it's included. You don't even have to bring your own eating utensils it's also included at no extra cost.

Your Saturday breakfast is made possible by the following 6AM crew - **Bob Dale, Dylan Dale, Mike Chandler with support and assistance of Scotty and Jeff.** Breakfast served 8AM-10AM. Drinks separate charge. Tell your friends as it's only \$8 all you can eat. Please thank the people who give up their time to support this Post 639 benefit.

Thanks to all who supported the **July Breakfast** at the Post.

Jim "Skippy" Cooper (got peanut butter)



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Post 639
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6:30 - 10

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EVERY WEDNESDAY

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History in August

August 1, 1944 - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. "[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world." Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945, at age 15.

August 1, 1779 - *Star-Spangled Banner* author Francis Scott Key was born in Frederick County, Maryland. After witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry on the night of September 13-14, 1814, he was enthralled to see the American flag still flying over the fort at daybreak. He then wrote the poem originally entitled *Defense of Fort McHenry which became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931*.

August 2, 1776 - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence.

August 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, *Nina*, *Pinta* and *Santa Maria*. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12th in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

August 5, 1861 - President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the first Federal income tax, a 3 percent tax on incomes over \$800, as an emergency wartime measure during the Civil War. However, the tax was never actually put into effect.

August 6, 1945 - The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber *Enola Gay*. The bomb detonated about 1,800 ft. above ground, killing over 105,000 persons and destroying the city. Another estimated 100,000 persons later died as a result of radiation effects.

August 7, 1964 - Following an attack on two U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin off North Vietnam, the U.S. Congress approved the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, granting President Lyndon B. Johnson authority "to take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression."

August 9, 1945 - The second Atomic bombing of Japan occurred as an American B-29 bomber headed for the city of Kokura, but because of poor visibility then chose a secondary target, Nagasaki. About noon, the bomb detonated killing an estimated 70,000 persons and destroying about half the city.

August 14, 1945 - V-J Day, commemorating President Truman's announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies.

August 15, 1969 - Woodstock began in a field near Max Yasgur's Farm at Bethel, New York. The three-day concert featured 24 rock bands and drew a crowd of more than 300,000 young people. The event came to symbolize the counter-culture movement of the 1960's.

August 16, 1896 - Gold was discovered in Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River in Alaska, resulting in the Great Klondike Gold Rush.

August 17, 1786 - American frontiersman Davy Crockett was born in Hawkins County, Tennessee. He was a farmer, scout and politician who perished at age 49 during the final heroic defense of the Alamo in Texas.

August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 21, 1863 - During the American Civil War, William Quantrill led 450 irregular Confederate raiders on a pre-dawn terrorist raid of Lawrence, Kansas, leaving 150 civilians dead, 30 wounded and much of the town a smoking ruin. In 1862, Quantrill had been denied a Confederate commission by the Confederate Secretary of War, who labeled Quantrill's notions of war as 'barbarism.'

August 24, 79 A.D. - Vesuvius, an active volcano in southern Italy, erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum.

August 24-25, 1814 - During the War of 1812, Washington, D.C., was invaded by British forces that burned the Capitol, the White House and most other public buildings along with a number of private homes. The burning was in retaliation for the earlier American burning of York (Toronto).

August 25, 1918 - American conductor and composer Leonard Bernstein was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Considered one of the finest conductors in American music history, his works included *West Side Story*, *On the Town*, and the opera *Candide*.

August 26, 1883 - One of the most catastrophic volcanic eruptions in recorded history occurred on the Indonesian island of Krakatoa. Explosions were heard 2,000 miles away. Tidal waves 120 ft. high killed 36,000 persons on nearby islands, while five cubic miles of earth were blasted into the air up to a height of 50 miles.

August 29, 1991 - Following the unsuccessful coup of August 19-21, the Soviet Communist Party was suspended, thus ending the institution that ruled Soviet Russia for nearly 75 years.

August 30, 1797 - *Frankenstein* author Mary Shelly was born in London.

August 31, 1786 - Shays' Rebellion began in Massachusetts as ex-Revolutionary War Captain Daniel Shays led an armed mob. The rebellion prevented the Northampton Court from holding a session in which debtors, mostly poor ex-soldier farmers, were to be tried and likely put in prison. Following this, in September, Shays' troops prevented Supreme Court sessions at Springfield, Massachusetts. Early in 1787, they attacked the Federal arsenal at Springfield, but were soon routed and fled. Shays was sentenced to death but was pardoned in 1788.

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

August 2023

- Aug 01 Tue - General/Auxiliary General Meeting
- Aug 02 Wed - Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6/8PM
- Aug 04 Fri - Coast Guard Birthday
- Aug 05 Sat - Breakfast at Post 639, 8-10AM
- Aug 07 Mon - Purple Heart Day
- Aug 08 Tue - Korean War Vets Meeting
- Give Vets Hope, 5:30PM VFW 3404
- Aug 09 Wed - Bike Night/Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-10PM
- Aug 10 Thu - Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30PM
- Marine Corps League Mtg, VFW 3404
6PM Food/Fellowship, 7PM Mtg
- Aug 12 Sat - Sub Vets Meeting, 11AM
- Aug 15 Tue - Auxiliary E-Board Meeting, 7PM
- VJ (Victory over Japan) Day
- Aug 16 Wed - Queen of Hearts, 6 -8PM
- National Airborne Day
- Aug 18 Fri - VFW 3404 Fish Fry 5:30-7PM
- Aug 20 Sun - ALR Meeting
- Aug 23 Wed - Bike Night/Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-10PM
- Aug 24 Thu - Fleet Reserve Association 6PM
- Newsletter Content Due
- Aug 28 Mon - Post 639 E-Board Meeting
- Aug 29 Tue - SAL Monthly Meeting 7PM
- Give Vets Hope, VFW 3404, 5:30PM
- Marine Corps Reserve Birthday
- Aug 30 Wed - Queen of Hearts, 6 -8PM



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
Chili

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

BBQ 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.

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**.....\$8

SPECIALTY PIZZAS

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

EXTRA SPECIALTY

- Loaded Hawaiian**.....\$9.50
Canadian Bacon, Bacon Bits, Pineapple, Onion
- Five Meat**.....\$9.50
Canadian Bacon, Hamburger, Sausage, Bacon Bits, Pepperoni
- Supreme**.....\$10
Canadian Bacon, Hamburger, Sausage, 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 one of the bar staff for additional information and to order.

Camping Services/Facilities at Post 639

Post 639 Bar Staff	417-882-8639
Adam Jamieson (24/7)	417-343-8723
Mike Chandler (24/7)	417-860-8910

Contacts for RV Site reservations:

7 Sites (2 Class A, 5 Travel Trailer), Water/Electric (30/50/20) hookups, Max size 45 ft. Available on “First come, First serve” basis. PETS WELCOME !!!!!

General Public - \$20/night, **Veterans** - \$10/night, Back-in sites only. **One night maximum.** Extended stays require prior approval. Total # of guests per party must be specified when making the reservation. **NOTE: Post 639 members and families/friends MUST notify the Post 72 hours in advance to ensure accommodation of their reservation request. Extended stays require approval.**

Stroll through our on-site Veterans Memorial Park, featuring a submarine conning tower and two Vietnam-era helicopters. Our 23-acre property is attached to the largest public park in Springfield. **Nearby attractions** - Bass Pro Shops flagship store, Wonders of Wildlife Museum/Aquarium. Springfield Cardinals baseball, Branson entertainment, Silver Dollar City (USA Today’s #1 Theme Park in America). **Post 639 is ALSO a Harvest Host participant.**



Post 639 Hours of Operation:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Full lunch menu served daily Monday-Friday 11AM-2PM. Full Bar open during business hours. Pizzas and appetizers available during business hours. **Happy Hour** - .50 off, 12PM-2PM 7 days a week, 6PM-8PM Monday - Saturday.

Sunday	1PM - 7PM
Monday	11AM - 8PM
Tuesday	11AM - 8PM
Wednesday	11AM - 8PM
Thursday	11AM - 8PM
Friday	11AM - 8PM
Saturday	11AM - 8PM





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Sunday Noon - 6PM

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