



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



**FEBRUARY 2024**



REMEMBER



## Post 639 Commander



Here we are in February, and it's leap year. February is lining up to be a busy month. Check the calendar for all the latest events Just a few of them are Italian Dinner on Friday Feb 2nd, Ladies Night/ Soap Making Class Feb 8th, and SAL Chili Cookoff on Feb 10th. Plan on supporting these events and show our volunteers how much we appreciate them. Post member/support group participation is always appreciated.

Most of you have probably heard about, or actually seen Post 639 coverage on the news. Kim, Bill Canaday and I were interviewed by KY3's Joe Hickman regarding our games. I spoke at the Springfield City Council meeting on Jan 22nd on Bill 19. I explained how the games supplement our income and help us perform our mission, and the next day is when Joe reached out for us to get our story out to the public. I received a lot of positive feedback about the story on KY3. The City Council vote is set for Feb 12. I'll be there, and if you want to go too, let me know. Thanks for the support.

Turnout for the KC Chiefs game potlucks have been great. Sunday Jan 28th we plan on doing it again, and with some luck we'll be hosting a Superbowl Party to watch them on Feb 11th.

**A special request - Chef Jeff Gonynor is looking for volunteers to help with a "deep-cleaning" of the kitchen on Sunday, February 25th starting at 8:30AM. If you're available to pitch in, he would appreciate as much assistance as possible.**

As always keep the Country, our military men and women who are holding the line around the World, and Post 639 in your thoughts and prayers.

**Fly your flag and be proud .....**

**Mike Goforth**

**Commander, Post 639**



## 639 Chaplain



February is here. Let's all remember that love is an **action**, not just a word. So let us all show the ones we love how much they mean to us.

Let's show our fellow veterans how much they mean to us. Let's reach out to help others up this year.

**Frank Grantham, Chaplain, Post 639**



## Post 639 Service Officer



Way to go Chiefs! By the time this newsletter is published, we'll know the results of the game on the 28th. Hope we make it to the Superbowl!

Just a reminder, to check my board across from kitchen swinging doors. I've put some great phone numbers for resources there. And as always, give me a shout if you don't see what you're looking for.

**Belinda Brown**

**Post 639 Service Officer**

**USN Retired**

**417-306-2504**



## 639 Auxiliary President



ALA will be pairing up with SAL at their Chili Cook Off on Saturday, February 10th (**See Flyer, Page 5**) with our annual live Dessert Auction (**See Flyer, Page 9**) as well as the best part of our auction, winning the chance to put the "Pie in the Commander's Face". We thank Commander Goforth for always being a good sport at our fundraiser!

Marsha Crom will be making a yummy Jambalaya with red beans and rice for ALA's food service on Wednesday, February 14th at the Queen of Hearts event. (**See Flyer, Page 9**) Enjoy a little New Orleans comfort food from Chef de Cuisine Marsha!

Our first Post 639 VSO Friday night dinner will be held February 2nd from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (**See Flyer, Page 9**) and we will be serving a delicious Italian Dinner, provided by your VSO members from SAL, ALR and ALA. We are combining forces and our cooking talents to provide you with a dinner once a month to help fundraise for Post needs. Our proceeds will fund the decorative window treatments for the foyer windows and doors. We hope to see you on February 2nd!

Ladies, if you can't make it on February 2nd, how about joining us on Thursday, February 8th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for our Thursday DIY Series Ladies night? (**See Flyer, Page 9**) Our first class is Soap Making and for \$15.00 you create, color and scent your own mini loaf of soap as you sip on your favorite beverage from the bar. We have limited spots, class starts at 6:30 for approximately 1.5 hours. Come "Sip N Slide" with us on February 8th and enjoy some girl's time!

Mark your calendar for our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Saturday, March 16th. (**See Flyer, Page 11**) Get your "Green On" and join us for some homemade Irish cuisine and desserts.

March 31st is Easter and ALA will be making Easter baskets filled with candy and toys and present them to community facilities for children. We are accepting donations of candy and small



or medium sized toys if you would like to participate. Please have your donated items to the Post by March 28th. Thank you in advance!

You've been asking for it and as promised, ALA is having a Spring Paddle Party on Saturday, April 20th starting at 5:00 p.m. (See Flyer, Page 11) Watch for future flyers with more information.

Hope to see you at our events and we thank Post 639, its members and our brothers and sisters of our VSO groups for all of your support!

**In the Spirit of Service Not Self,**

**Diana Cooperider**

**President, Post 639 Auxiliary**



## **Post 639 SAL Commander**



The Sons of the American Legion are always 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 ...

**Erik Duff**

**Commander, SAL 639**



## **Post 639 ALR Director**



Happy New Year !! I was certainly ready to see 2023 go. It was a very challenging year for many of us at Post 639. Our Post has a new face, and it looks to bring positive changes. Well .... it's time to bring a new face to our Riders as well. Glenn Smith is our new Director for Legion Riders 639. I know you will give him the support to continue leadership as

each of you have given me the last 3 years. The ride is one I'll never forget !! No, my bike is NOT for sale !! I will continue to be ALR's biggest fan, and it's just a short time before I fire it up for a run with the Riders. Get your bikes ready !! Spring will be here soon !!. God Bless each and every one of you ..

**Marsha Crom**

**Director, ALR Chapter 639**



## **Post 639 Historian**



In my monthly search for a historical topic, I ran across this poem, posted by Post 639's Nolan Moody - "From a Doc's Point of View ... " As February 19th is the anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of Iwo Jima, it seemed very appropriate to honor the Navy Corpsmen (Docs) who, imbedded with their Marines, took part in that battle .

The author is referenced as "Doc Hutch". I did some research on the name to see if I could identify the actual Corpsman called "Doc Hutch", but to no avail. Whoever he is, he represents his Brother/Sister Corpsmen with the following poem .....

**FROM A DOC'S POINT OF VIEW .....**

***"As a Corpsman in green and not navy blue,  
I offer this poem from a Doc's point of view.  
We've been honored by stories, poems and such  
By Marines we have served with and respected so much.***

***They speak of our honor, bravery and skill,  
And the cry, "Corpsman up!" still gives me a chill.  
When a Marine goes down, what will it be?  
A trache? Tie of bleeders? Start an IV?***

***Only one thing is certain as we rush to the scene,  
Our ass will be covered by our brothers in green.  
You see, we're adopted, "Sons of the Corps".  
No more "Anchors Aweigh" - "Semper Fi" evermore!***

***It's true when you're wounded, your life's in our hands,  
And we'll treat and protect you to the very last man.  
For you are our point man, our cover, our shield,  
And we count on your skills all our days in the field.***

***Many a grunt laid his life on the line,  
To make sure Doc got to the wounded in time.  
So, my brothers, I thank you, as all us Docs should.  
It's YOU who make us Corpsman look good! "***

***Semper Fi, Doc Hutch***

The following content is from "Hospital Corpsman of Iwo Jima : Stories Valor and Sacrifice" .....

***Pharmacist's Mate Second Class Stanley Dabrowski, of New Britain, Conn., who remembered the "tremendous noise," concussion of small arms fire, explosions of artillery and sounds***

of shells. "As we were coming into the beach we were under a rolling barrage of 16-inch guns of the battleships. You could just feel those shells going over your head."

Casualties were immense, and outside of Marine litter bearers corpsmen suffered the largest casualty rate. As in previous battles, corpsmen serving on Iwo were targets of snipers, but were also killed and injured while going into harm's way to treat casualties. Corpsmen were often singled out because they "looked" different.

Dabrowski recalled that Corpsmen were often singled out because they "looked different."

"We carried [medical kits] which I didn't like at all because they marked us as corpsmen. . .because of this, we were told to carry side-arms not as offensive weapons but for self-protection."

Despite the fact that the 4th and 5th Marine Divisions on Iwo Jima were assigned five percent more corpsmen than was allotted by the Marine Corps Tables of Organization, corpsmen losses were too great to overcome. Corpsmen casualties in six battalions exceeded 50 percent. Hospital Corps casualties in one battalion exceeded 68 percent. In the 36-day battle, 332 hospital corpsmen were killed in action or died of their wounds. Another 659 corpsmen were wounded and required evacuation.

Knowing this fact, it is little surprise that Iwo's corpsmen were highly decorated. Iwo corpsmen received a total 14 Navy Crosses (including six posthumous), 108 Silver Stars and 287 Bronze Stars. And among the 27 Medals of Honor awarded to Iwo veterans (the most of any battle in World War II), four were bestowed to hospital corpsmen—Francis Junior Pierce, George Wahlen, Jack Williams, and John Willis.

Thank you, "Doc Hutch" for reminding us of the sacrifice given by so many. Rest assured, the honor and respect you express in your poem is returned by the Marines on ALL battlefields, whom you risked and sacrificed your lives to protect and save. It simply knows no bounds.



Semper Fidelis ....

Bob Kalwat

Post Historian/Newsletter Editor

References:

*The Hospital Corpsmen of Iwo Jima: Stories of Valor and Sacrifice*

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/438748/hospital-corpsmen-iwo-jima-stories-valor-and-sacrifice>

**Other VSO Activities .....**

**Give Vets Hope**

Our group continues to grow, if not by leaps and bounds. Those veterans attending are taking advantage of the opportunities to talk about whatever they would like and to hear the thoughts of others.

Regarding who may come, anyone who comes in contact with a veteran on a closer level is welcome to attend our meetings. We are also seeking to provide those who support our veterans by offering them a chance to present those things that are important to them too. They may need help in understanding how to be the best companion for them. Our meetings include significant others, support animals, mothers, fathers, friends, and anyone who is part of a veteran's support system.

This support system may also be called a "community" because it involves a lot of people that have similar interests in helping and working together. We offer a community of diversity, inclusiveness, and completeness. Respect is another important component of our group. We listen a lot more than we talk because this is how we learn about others coping and dealing with the trials of life.

Last month I mentioned that families can play an important part in how well a veteran transitions into civilian life. While our group isn't strictly a family, we may look as a family, struggling with issues that are important.

Our Facebook page is kept updated by Holly Butler, my co-facilitator and tells about our group (givevetshope/facebook) . It also has a link to our website with more information! We have always had enough pizza and pop and it's all free!

**David Suits**  
Co-Facilitator of Give Vets Hope



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**Missouri Veterans Commission**

## ESTATE PLANNING FOR VETERANS

**March 28, 2024**  
**3 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

\* Free services offered for Veterans and spouses include:

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- Simple wills
- Powers of attorneys
- Living wills
- Health care directives

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**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Contact Scotty Allen at 573-522-4224 to reserve your spot for this event !!!**



## DeMolay Farnsworth Chapter -

### Cemetery Wreath Removal, Jan 20, 2024



## History in February ....

**February 1, 1960** - In Greensboro, North Carolina, four African American students sat down and ordered coffee at a lunch counter inside a Woolworth's store. They were refused service, but did not leave. Instead, they waited all day.

**February 1, 2003** - Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members.

**February 3, 1943** - An extraordinary act of heroism occurred in the icy waters off Greenland after the U.S. Army transport ship *Dorchester* was hit by a German torpedo and began to sink rapidly. When it became apparent there were not enough life jackets, four U.S. Army chaplains on board removed theirs, handed them to frightened young soldiers, and chose to go down with the ship while praying.

**February 3, 1959** - A private plane flying over Clear Lake, Iowa, crashed, taking the lives of rock musicians Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J.P. Richardson, also known as the "Big Bopper". The pilot of the Beechcraft Bonanza, Roger Peterson, was also killed.

**February 6, 1895** - Legendary baseball player George Herman "Babe" Ruth was born in Baltimore, Maryland. Ruth held or shared 60 Major League records, including pitching 29 consecutive scoreless innings and hitting 714 home runs.

**February 9, 1943** - During World War II in the Pacific, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed.

**February 12, 1809** - Abraham Lincoln, the 16th U.S. President was born in Hardin County, Kentucky. He led the nation through the tumultuous Civil War, freed the slaves, composed the Gettysburg Address, and established Thanksgiving.

**February 13, 1945** - During World War II in Europe, British and American planes began massive bombing raids on Dresden, Germany. A four-day firestorm erupted that was visible for 200 miles and engulfed the historic old city, killing an estimated 135,000 German civilians,

**February 15, 1898** - In Havana, the U.S. Battleship *Maine* was

blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident inflamed public opinion in the U.S., resulting in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898, amid cries of "Remember the Maine!"

**February 19, 1945** - U.S. Marines invaded Iwo Jima after months of naval and air bombardment. The Japanese defenders of the island were dug into bunkers deep within the volcanic rocks. Approximately 70,000 U.S. Marines and 18,000 Japanese soldiers took part in the battle.

**February 20, 1943** - German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel broke through American lines at Kasserine Pass in North Africa as inexperienced U.S. Troops lost their first major battle of World War II in Europe, with 1,000 Americans killed.

**February 20, 1962** - Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit. Traveling aboard the "Friendship 7" spacecraft, Glenn reached an altitude of 162 miles (260 kilometers) and completed three orbits in a flight lasting just under five hours.

**February 22, 1732** - George Washington was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He served as commander of the Continental Army during the American Revolution and became the first U.S. President.

**February 23, 1942** - During World War II, the first attack on the U.S. mainland occurred as a Japanese submarine shelled an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing minor damage.

**February 23, 1991** - In Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive began after a devastating month-long air campaign targeting Iraqi troops in both Iraq and Kuwait.

**February 27, 1991** - In Desert Storm, the 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces.

## 3RD ANNUAL SAL SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION **CHILI** **COOK-OFF**

Saturday  
**FEBRUARY 10TH**

11 am - 2 pm

Lunch 12 - 1:30 or when  
chili runs out

Chili entries arrive between  
11 am & 12 pm

Veteran's Choice, 1st, 2nd & 3rd  
Place Awards presented at 2 pm

ALA Dessert Auction 1:30 pm

"Pie in our Commanders Faces"  
after the awards ceremony

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# 639 Christmas Day Brunch

December 25, 2023



# New Years Eve Party 12/31/23, cont'd



# New Years Eve Party

December 31, 2023





# New Years Eve Party 12/31/23, cont'd



**Happy New Year 2024 !!!**

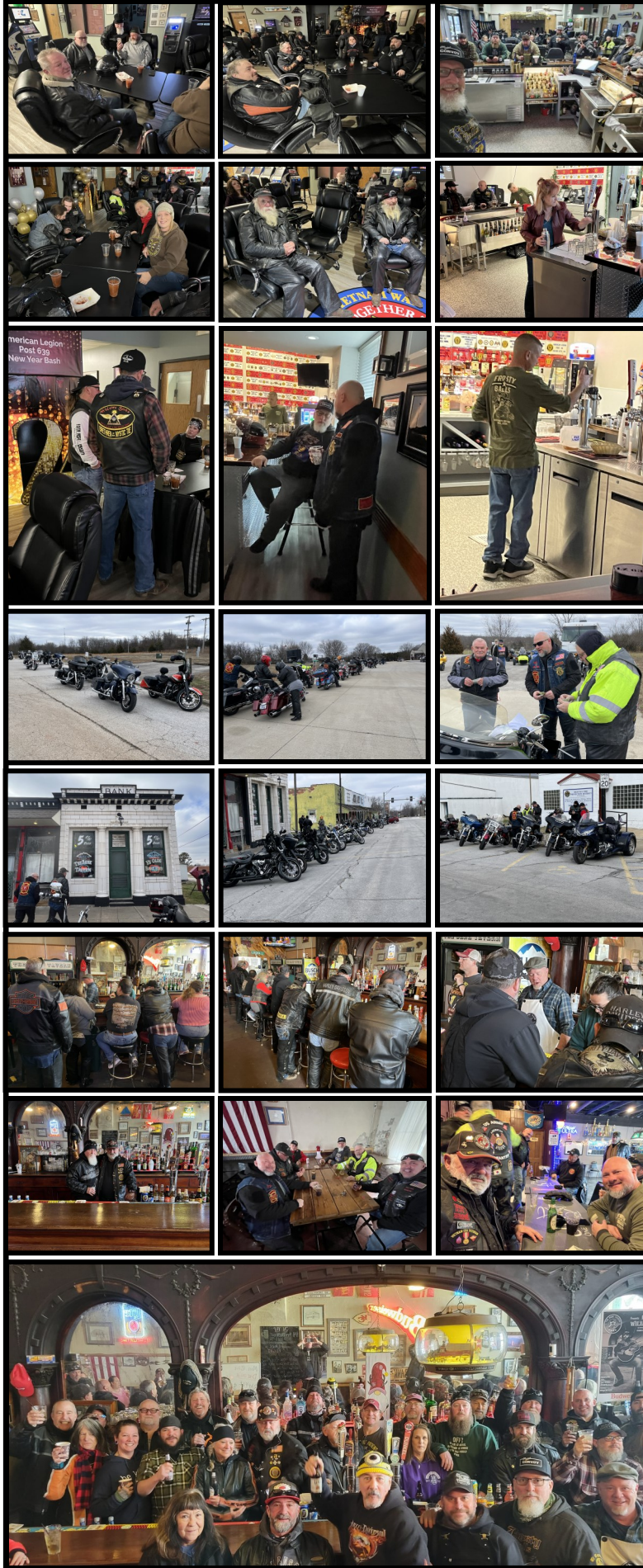


**REMEMBER**



# 639 Frosty Balls Ride

## January 01, 2024





Chiefs Wildcard Playoff Watch Parth

January 13, 2024



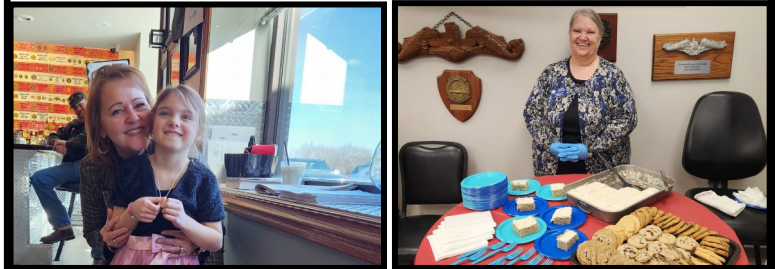
Robin Hopkins' Birthday Party

January 21, 2024



Gonynor Celebration of Life for Mike Mooney

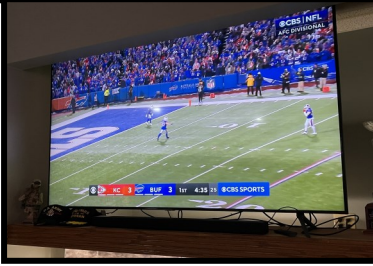
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**Chiefs Division Playoff Watch Party**

**January 21, 2024**



POST 639 VSO'S PRESENTS  
**POST 639  
FUNDRAISER**

**Italian Dinner**  
**Friday, February 2nd**  
**6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Your Choice**  
**Lasagna or Chicken**  
**Alfredo**  
**\$15.00**  
**Entree, salad, bread and**  
**dessert**

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**Saturday, February 10th**  
**Auction starts at 1:30 p.m.**

**ALA Dessert Auction**



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# FEBRUARY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1 LUNCH 11-2</b>	<b>2 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>639 VSO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6-7:30PM</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>1ST SATURDAY BREAKFAST 8-10AM</b> 
<b>4</b>  <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Est. February 4, 1941</i>	<b>5 LUNCH 11-2</b>	<b>6 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>LEGION/ALA GENERAL MTG 7PM</b>	<b>7 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8 PM</b>	<b>8 LUNCH 11-2</b> <b>FINANCE COMMITTEE 6:30PM</b> <b>MCL 993</b> <b>VFW 3404 6-8PM</b>  <b>LADIES DIY 6-8PM</b>	<b>9 LUNCH 11-2</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>SUB VETS MTG 11AM</b>  <b>SAL CHILI COOKOFF &amp; ALA DESSERT AUCTION 11AM-2PM</b>
<b>11</b>  <b>SUPER BOWL 58</b>	<b>12 LUNCH 11-2</b>	<b>13 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>KOREAN WAR VETS 1PM</b>  <b>GIVE VETS HOPE VFW 3404 5:30PM</b>	<b>14 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8 PM</b> <b>FAT TUESDAY/ VALENTINES DAY</b>	<b>15 LUNCH 11-2</b>	<b>16 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>VFW 3404 FISH FRY 5:30 - 7 PM</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>  <b>ALR MEETING 5PM</b>	<b>19 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>IWO JIMA ANNIVERSARY</b>	<b>20 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>AUX E-BOARD MTG 7PM</b>  <b>HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY</b>	<b>21 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8 PM</b>	<b>22 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION 6PM</b>  <b>NEWSLETTER CONTENT DUE</b>	<b>23 LUNCH 11-2</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>E-BOARD MTG 6:30PM</b>	<b>27 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>SAL MTG 7PM</b>  <b>GIVE VETS HOPE VFW 3404 5:30PM</b>	<b>28 LUNCH 11-2</b>  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 - 8 PM</b>	<b>29 LUNCH 11-2</b>		



ANNUAL ALA  
EVENT

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH  
6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.



PRESENTS

## SPRING PADDLE PARTY

Coming Soon  
Watch for  
Future Info

Saturday, April 20th

5:00 P.M.

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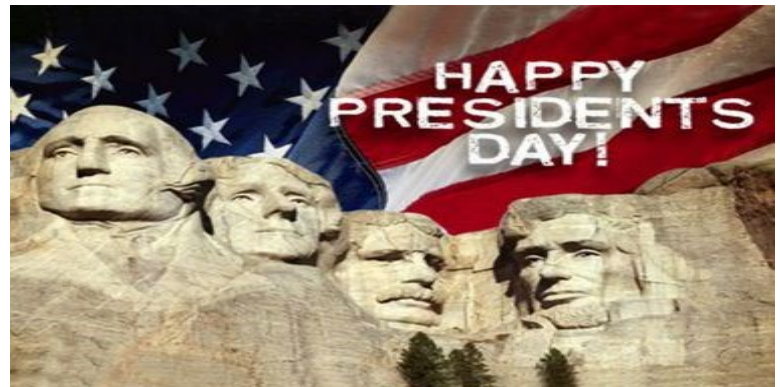
Four Chaplains Day - February 3rd



USO Birthday - February 4th



Battle of Iwo Jima - February 19th



Presidents Day - February 20th

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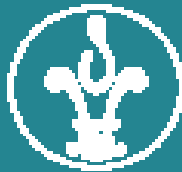
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# Party Time!

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6PM Friday Central Time USA



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## Volunteer Opportunities at the Legion

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

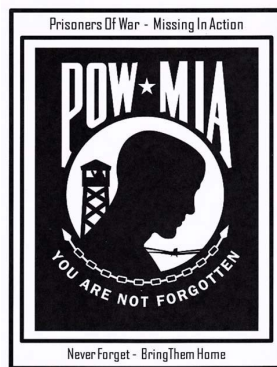
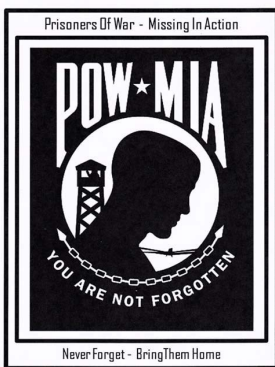
- The Post Historian is looking for someone with advanced computer skills to assist in the production of the Post 639 Newsletter.

- We get requests for Post 639 members to present awards to schools (JROTC), Senior Citizens, Community Organizations, etc. If you would like to assist with this, let us know.

- 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.

Volunteers are what allow Post 639 to function. **YOU ARE NEEDED.** Call the Post at 882- 8639 and we'll get back to you.



## 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 short message for you -

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.

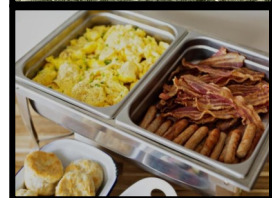
I would like to extend the Saturday breakfasts from **ONE** to **TWO** per month, but I would have to have a more consistent attendance from members. You don't even have to bring your own eating utensils. They're included at no extra cost, like the salt & pepper

**Jim "Skippy" Cooper (got peanut butter)**

**Your 6AM Support Team**

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS ...

**Chef Jeff Gonynor is looking for volunteers to help with a "deep-cleaning" of the kitchen on Sunday, February 25th starting at 8:30AM. He would appreciate as much assistance as possible, if you are available.**



### Average Weather in February for Springfield ..

Daily high temperatures *increase* by 9°F, from 45°F to 53°F, rarely falling below 28°F or exceeding 69°F.

Daily low temperatures *increase* by 7°F, from 27°F to 33°F, rarely falling below 11°F or exceeding 47°F.

Over the course of February 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 *59 minutes*, implying an average daily increase of *2 minutes, 11 seconds*, and weekly increase of *15 minutes, 14 seconds*.

The shortest day of the month is *February 1*, with *10 hours, 22 minutes* of daylight and the longest day is *February 28*, with *11 hours, 20 minutes* of daylight.

The latest sunrise of the month in Springfield is *7:16 AM* on *February 1* and the earliest sunrise is *30 minutes* earlier at *6:45 AM* on *February 28*.

The earliest sunset is *5:37 PM* on *February 1* and the latest sunset is *28 minutes* later at *6:06 PM* on *February 28*.



# 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

### February 2024

- Feb 02 Fri - Post 639 VSO's Friday Dinner, 6-7:30PM
- Feb 03 Sat - 1st Saturday Breakfast @ Post 639, 8-10AM  
- Four Chaplains Day
- Feb 04 Sun - USO Birthday
- Feb 06 Tue - General/Auxiliary General Meeting
- Feb 08 Thu - Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30PM  
- Marine Corps League Mtg, VFW 3404  
6PM Food/Fellowship, 7PM Mtg  
- DYI Ladies Night, 6-8PM (Soap Making)
- Feb 10 Sat - Sub Vets Meeting, 11AM  
- SAL Chili Cookoff 11AM - 2PM  
- ALA Dessert Auction 1:30PM
- Feb 11 Sun - Super Bowl LVIII Watch Party, Kickoff 2PM
- Feb 13 Tue - Korean War Vets Meeting, 1PM  
- Give Vets Hope, 5:30PM VFW 3404
- Feb 14 Wed - Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-8PM  
- Fat Tuesday/Valentines Day Celebration
- Feb 16 Fri - VFW 3404 Fish Fry 5:30-7PM
- Feb 18 Sun - ALR Meeting, 5PM
- Feb 19 Mon - Coast Guard Reserve Birthday
- Feb 20 Tue - Auxilliary E-Board Meeting, 7PM  
- Presidents Day
- Feb 21 Wed - Queen of Hearts/50-50, 6-8PM
- Feb 22 Thu - Fleet Reserve Meeting, 6PM  
Newsletter Content Due
- Feb 26 Mon - Post 639 E-Board Meeting, 6:30PM
- Feb 27 Tue - SAL Meeting, 7PM  
- Give Vets Hope, 5:30PM VFW 3404
- Feb 28 Wed - Queen of Hearts/50-50, 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





# Twenty-Three Crosses - Part 2

(Continued from the January 2024 issue .....

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## CONDITION RED

On May 2, 1942 Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet (CINCPACFLT) arrived on Midway to brief the garrisons leadership on the pending attack. The Admiral asked the commanders of Midway, Lieutenant Colonel Shannon and Commander Cyril T Simard, to prepare their defenses and to provide a list of equipment and supplies needed to defend the island. Within a week, three additional three-inch antiaircraft batteries, a thirty-seven- and twenty-millimeter antiaircraft battery and two rifle companies of the second Marine Raider Battalion arrived on Midway and took up defensive positions. The Marine Air Group had grown substantially after Admiral Nimitz visited Midway. In addition to the 28 fighters and bombers of the MAG, the island was also supplemented with 30 Patrol Bomber Consolidated Aircraft (PBYs) four medium B-26s and 17 heavy B-17 bombers. The MAG also received the addition of six Torpedo Bomber Grumman (TBFs). The 6th defense battalion had grown to 1700 men with supporting equipment. The Marines worked hard prepping for the attack. They constructed underwater obstacles, unloaded, and distributed supplies, fortified gun emplacements and built shelters for ammunition and personnel (Melson, 1996). The aircraft and crews of VMF-221 stood ready to scramble at a moment's notice. Planes were fueled, ammunition belts were loaded into the plane's wings. Before sunrise, the islands PBYs took to the air searching for the enemy. According to Ed Fox, one of the Marines from the defense battalion, "one hour before sunrise all personnel on the island went to Condition Red" (Fox, 2007). The Commander of the 6th Defense Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Harold D. Shannon, addressed his men saying "Keep cool, calm and collected; make your bullets count" (Melson, 1996, p. 2). With every gun locked and loaded, pointing to-

wards the sky, the Marines would not have to wait long.

At 05:44 on June 4, 1942 a PBY based at Midway, radioed "Many Planes, 93 miles, 310 degrees altitude 11,000 feet" (CAMP, 2020, p. 1), spotted over 50 Japanese planes heading towards Midway. The pilots of VMF-221 were briefed in their makeshift ready-room and developed their battle-plans for the day. The squadrons of 26 pilots were divided up into 4 divisions of 5 planes each with the first division having 6. The leaders of each division discussed their groups tactics and wingman responsibilities. Shortly after first contact, Midway's air raid sirens sent the pilots of VMF-221 scrambling towards their aircraft, their clipboards in hand leaving their flight jackets and sunglasses behind in the ready-room. Plane captains stood ready on the wing of each of the planes with the engines idling, waiting for their pilots to jump in the seat so they could be strapped in. Once securely seated the pilots slammed the canopy closed and pushed the throttle forward, not wanting to get caught on the ground when the Japanese arrived. Major "Red" Parks, the squadron commander was first in the air closely followed by the four other Buffalos in his division. The four other divisions followed shortly afterwards. In total twenty-six fighters scrambled into the air with one having to return to base because of engine problems. Radar vectored the fighters slightly above the approaching "V" formation of Japanese aircraft. The Japanese were stacked in three "Vs" consisting of thirty-six Nakajima "Kate" level bombers, thirty-six Aichi D3A1 "Val" dive bombers, and thirty-six Mitsubishi A6M2 Zeros. The Zeros were stationed below the other formations hoping to intercept the American fighters as they rose to meet the incoming attackers. Little did they know they were already in the air looking down on them.

## SACRIFICE

The pilots of VMF-221 had the advantage of position over the attacking Japanese. Each of the five divisions got into position above and slightly behind the attacking enemy. From this vantage point, the pilots of VMF-221 would have a free pass to swoop down on the unsuspecting enemy. Captain John F. Carey's fifth division was the first to contact the enemy. Captain Carey and his division of five F4f-3 Wildcats pushed their throttles and joy sticks forward and dove on the flight of B5N2 "Kate's". One Kate was seen going down in flames alerting the escorting A6M Zeros. Of the five members of his division, three survived the battle, including Lt. Car-



ey with one dead and another reported as missing. One member to survive was 2Lt. Roy A. Corry. Corry was previously credited with downing a Navy Aichi Type dive bomber and one OO Isento KI Navy Fighter. Lt. Corry was fortunate enough to survive the Battle of Midway only to lose his life during the struggle for Guadalcanal. Another member to survive the battle of Midway was, Captain Marion E. Carl, flying off the airstrip on Guadalcanal would become the Marine Corps first Ace and later be credited with downing eighteen and one-half planes making him the seventh highest scoring Marine Ace of World War 2. Major Parks, the Squadron Commander led his division of five Brewster F2S-3s against a fight of Japanese dive bombers. The Major's flight was immediately jumped by Zeros covering the bombers and his plane was the first to fall. Major Parks was seen bailing out of his burning Brewster. One of the swarming Zeros saw Parks parachute and strafed him multiple times as he slowly descended to earth. The Squadron Commanded ended up landing on a reef while still being strafed by the enemy, he did not survive. Of the Six members of the first division, five went missing and one returned to base prior to the battle because of mechanical issues. The other divisions did not fare any better. Of the 25 aircraft that intercepted the Japanese, 15 were shot down, listed as killed in action, four were wounded in action and only two fighters remained flyable (Camp, 2013, p. 4). According to Admiral Nagumo, the Commander of the Japanese fleet, three bombers and two fighters were shot down by enemy aircraft and four were lost due to anti-aircraft fire (MIDWAY ATOLL UNDER JAPANESE AIR ATTACK, 2007). At 07:15 hours the "All Clear" was sounded and the Commander of Marine Air Group 22, Lieutenant Colonel Kimes broadcast a message to the surviving fighter pilots who were waiting to land "Fighters land. Refuel by divisions. Fifth division first." After repeating the message multiple times and receiving no replies, LtCol Kimes knew the fate of his squadron (MIDWAY ATOLL UNDER JAPANESE AIR ATTACK, 2007). With both the Commanding and Executive Officers missing and most of their pilots and aircraft destroyed, VMF-221 ceased to be a cohesive unit. The remaining two pilots returned to their empty ready room; the chairs still draped with flight jackets, sunglasses and Marine Corps covers left behind by their missing friends. In addition to the pilots, four ordnance men were killed when a Japanese bomb hit a re-arming pit of VMF-221 causing eight 100-pound bombs and 10,000 rounds of .50 caliber rounds to cook off. Ed Fox, who

served on Midway with the 6th Defense Battalion and watched the battle unfold said it best when he said,

Later that morning, as I waited for our returning planes – sitting in foliage – hardly a Midway-based plane returned; only a few of our planes – from a carrier, I was told later. So many flew off that day to deny the enemy access to Midway and to protect me; many never to return. To this day, I have the highest respect for those men. They did not know me, nor I them. What they did was their job, that they were trained to do. They gave the ultimate sacrifice though. I have often wondered if I could have been that brave. (Fox, 2007, p. 1)

One hour and twenty minutes after it began, the air battle over the island of Midway ended. Following the battle, LtCol Kimes submitted his after-action report to Admiral Nimitz. Kimes stated that, "The performance of the F2A-3 and 4FF-3 types of airplanes, It is recommended that the F2A-3 and F4F-3 be not assigned as equipment for use in combat but retained for use at training centers only". (CAMP, 2020, p. 11) The pilots that died that day never knew how the battle ended or the role they played in the eventual victory.

## **TWENTY-THREE CROSSES**

The Navy Cross was established by an act of Congress on 4 February 1919 "to any person who, while in the naval service of the United States, since the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen, has distinguished, or who shall hereafter distinguish, himself by extraordinary heroism or distinguished service in the line of his profession, such heroism or service not being sufficient to justify the award of a medal of honor or a distinguished service medal." Two months after the Battle of Midway on 7 August 1942, Congress limited the Navy Cross to combat-only recognition and elevated its status to just below the Medal of Honor" (Navy Cross, 2023, p. 1). It is hard to ignore the significance of the of Congresses decision to upgrade the Navy Cross on August, 1942, just two months following a battle that changed the course of the war. On November 10, 1942, the Secretary of the Navy awarded twenty-three Navy Crosses to the pilots of VMF-221, most of them posthumously. I felt it only fitting that I include Major Floyd Bruce Parks (Red) Navy Cross Citation.

The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting the Navy Cross (Posthumously) to Major Floyd Bruce Parks (MCSN: 0-5006), United States Marine Corps, for extraordinary heroism and distinguished service in the line



of his profession while serving as Squadron Commander and a Pilot in Marine Fighting Squadron TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE (VMF-221), Marine Air Group TWENTY-TWO (MAG-22), Naval Air Station, Midway, during operations of the U.S. Naval and Marine Forces against the invading Japanese Fleet during the Battle of Midway on 4 June 1942. Leading his squadron in a dauntless and aggressive attack against a vastly superior number of Japanese bomber and fighter planes, Major Parks aided in disruption the plans of the enemy and lessening the effectiveness of their attack, thereby contributing materially to the success of our forces. As a result of his courageous and daring tactics and because of the circumstances attendant upon this engagement, there can be little doubt that Major Parks gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country. He displayed the characteristics of a fine leader and excellent airman in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service (Maj. Floyd Bruce Parks, 2014).

The citation hints at the significance of VMF-221 sacrifice. Because of their heroic efforts of the Defenders of Midway, the Japanese were not able to neutralize the threat of Midway's Naval Air Station. The Japanese felt they needed to eliminate Midway's air defenses so they could concentrate on destroying the American fleet when it appeared defend the island. The Japanese assumed that the American Fleet was still at Pearl Harbor having no idea of its true location. The fact that the airstrip on Midway was still operational caused the "fog of war" to creep into Admiral Nagumo's decision making process. The Fog caused uncertainty in their own capabilities and the capabilities of the enemy which made him deviate from his battle plan. When Japanese pilots reported that Midway's airstrip was still operational after the first strike, it caused the Japanese to pause. Assuming that the USN was nowhere near, they made the decision to order a second strike on the airstrip. This change caused chaos on the decks of the Japanese Carriers. Their planes were armed with torpedoes and armored piecing bombs, waiting to pounce on the USN as they sailed to save Midway. A second attack on Midway meant that the Japanese had to change the ordinance carried by their airplanes from torpedoes to high explosive bombs. Torpedoes and armor piercing bombs are designed to penetrate the steel plating of carrier decks and battleship hulls but are ineffective when used to destroy land fortifications. Armor piercing weapons are designed to burrow deep into their targets before detonating,

punching holes in their targets. Conventional bombs explode on contact with a larger impact radius, destroying structures and cratering the area. While in the process of rearming, with bombs and torpedoes stacked on their decks, the United States Navy's bombers and torpedo planes arrived over the Japanese fleet and began their bomb runs. The first bombs to land on the deck of the Japanese carriers set off the torpedoes and bombs that were on their decks, the resulting explosions gave the Americans a victory in a decisive battle that would change the course of history, but that's another story.

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## For The Good of the Legion .....

### Hats .....

In military service, the hat is worn in many forms. Also known as a uniform cover, helmet and shield, each Branch of the Military has its own versions for different purposes. They range from the ballcap design (utility/patrol), boonie, garrison, flat flight, pilot's helmet, fire-fighter's helmet, to the welder's shield, as well as many special edition hats.

The hat is a central part of the military uniform, and is required at all times, whether by men or women. Hats reveal authority, position, officer/enlisted rank and type of work. Each branch of the military has its own versions.

On a construction site, there are hard hats for protection for both civilian and military personnel. The color of the hard hat may indicate an Officer/Supervisor, as well as which craft uses it.

Military pilots have specific types of helmets that communicate, as well as feed the pilot tracking/targeting information on potential threats.

Marine Corps Officers' hats are distinguished by the Quatrefoil design on the top. Tradition holds that during the 19th century, the design was stitched into the Officers' covers to distinguish them to the Marines firing down from the rigging of a boarding ship.



Veteran Organizations, like the American Legion, VFW, Marine Corps League, and AmVets have their own versions as well. The Legion's hats (covers) are mainly ballcap and garrison cap style. The Garrison cap for Missouri displays the Legion logo, City of the represented Post and Post number, as well as the office held. Also displayed is the Missouri Mule on the front.

Different colors represent Officer level (Post, District, State or National).

When the Post Commander calls a General Meeting to order, he says "Please rise and face the Colors, hand-salute, please uncover and join in the Pledge of Allegiance." After the Chaplain's opening prayer, he says "Cover and be seated". Covers are then worn during the meeting.

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