The Clarion

St. Charles American Legion Post 312

July 2022

COMMANDER DAN

Welcome to the month of July and the start of Summer. The weather already has been hot in June. I hope everyone is doing well.

Elections were held at the June 13 meeting and the following members were elected:

Post Commander Dan Sauer

1st Vice Commander Brian Bush

2nd Vice Commander Joe Diel

Chaplin Rich Middendorf

Treasurer Jim Rau

Sgt-at-Arms Larry Barngrover

Trustee Ben Stockamp

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Adjutant Julia Bush

Service Officer Don Newman

Judge Advocate Brian Bush

Historian Joe Diel

An outdoor **Beer Garden** will be held on **July 2** at **5 pm.** Food prepared by our Sons of the American Legion served at 6 pm. Donations are encouraged to help cover food costs.

The **4th of July Parade** will start at 10 am at John DuSable Park. The parade route will be same as previous years. I am attempting to determine if we will have trailers to ride on. This information will be on the Post recording on 636-947-7666.

The next Legion and Auxiliary meetings will be held on July 11. Executive boards at 6 and 6:30, members at 7:30. Please attend if you can.

July 14 thru 17 the Dept of MO Convention will be held at the St Louis Airport Hilton.

July 23 Installation of Officers for the Post, Auxiliary and Sons.

4 pm Happy Hour
5 pm Dinner
6 pm Installation program

We will have a sign-up sheet in the Foxhole if you plan to attend.

I attended the home opening games in June for our two **Legion Baseball** teams. It was a little warm, but the games were enjoyable to watch.

Our Color Guard participated in the opening ceremonies and did an excellent job. In the second opening day, the National Anthem music did not want to play and the crowd began singing and everyone joined in.

I will attempt to obtain and post the ballgame schedules in the Foxhole and the Clarion.

The Post hosted the District 9 meeting on June 5. Thank you to the 12 members of the Post who attended.

I want to thank everyone who helped with our First Responder Luncheon on June 21.

Remember to renew your membership if you have not yet done so. Please continue with those Buddy Checks.

Until next month, please keep all our Legion Family members in your daily thoughts and prayers.

Remember our men and women serving in our military and their families, o first responders and their families as well.

I look forward to serving as your Post Commander for the coming year. I welcome all suggestions you may have.

We truly live in the greatest country. God Bless America,

Daniel N Sauer
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POST CHAPLAIN

Since the last report, three legionnaires have passed:

Tom Bieser
John Wittenborn
Clair Navarrette

A Legion service was conducted for Clair Navarrette. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Rich Middendorf, Post Chaplain
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IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY

If it's your birthday this month, you and your guests are invited to join us at your birthday party for cake and presents! Come celebrate your Birthday with your Post Family.

SAT July 30 @ 5:30 pm

RSVP by calling the Foxhole at 636-724-9712 to leave a message.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Well, here we are wishing for the cool temperatures of Fall and Winter over the heat and humidity of Summer. Personally, I love the Midwest change of seasons only slightly more than I hate them.

As I write my last article as Auxiliary President, I want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to each and everyone. Yes everyone! For those of you who did not come to meetings, you challenged me. For those of you who came to meetings, you tolerated me. For the extended American Legion Post Family you educated me. For the Committee Chairpersons and Committee members you made us and me look good.

For my Officers and Executive Committee, you supported me. As we will soon be installing a new set of officers, I hope you will inspire them as much as you inspired me. Yes, they are each familiar faces, but it is also a new beginning and I look forward to sitting in the audience in the coming months and continuing my support to our American Legion Auxiliary Unit 312 and our Legion family. Please remember there is no wrong way to volunteer.

I hope that each of you have a happy safe 4th of July and manage to stay cool.

Let us continue to keep our service men and women and all of our Veterans in our hearts and in our prayers.

When I have spare time, I enjoy reading (among other things). Usually, I am reading reference books, biographies, and cookbooks. I've never been much on fiction, but the "Harry Potter" series was an exception. As a young girl I was fascinated by Helen Keller. The obstacles she overcame, the people around her that initially prohibited her learning and those who overcame the challenges to teach her. It was not an immediate transformation but eventually she changed, and she grew…it was scary, and it was hard. But she succeeded. I'm sure I've read every book about her, and I had the extreme good fortune to hold in my had a speech that she gave in St. Louis many decades ago. Unfortunately I did not and do not read braille. So as my last quote I have decided to share one that if she had not written, I could have….

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched — they must be felt with the heart." Helen Keller.

Most Sincerely,

Laura Diel. Auxiliary President
636-219-7091

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AMERICANISM/ CHILDREN & YOUTH

School's out for the Summer!

I'll be back in the schools in September with our Children and Youth Programs for the 2022/2023 school year.

Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders!

COLOR GUARD NEWS

Your Color Guard/Honor Guard Team will lead the 4th of July 2022 Parade starting at 10 am on Monday July 4. Marching for God and Country…

Respectfully Submitted:

Larry DuFour, 636-441-7102
Americanism/Children & Youth/
Public Relations/Law & Order/
Honor Guard Captain

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AUXILIARY 1ST VICE

First, I would like to thank all 269 members for paying your 2022 dues. We still need 6 more to reach our goal. We have to the end of July to reach this goal.

Our new year will begin the first of August. Dues will then be due for our 2023 year. During this SCORCHING summer please do not forget to check on each other.

Upcoming events for July are the Department Convention July 15 – 17 at the Hilton Airport Hotel. Please try to attend.

Also, July 23 will be the installation of new officers for the year 2022-2023.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your 1st Vice President and Membership Chairman this year.

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& Membership Chairman
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POST FIRST VICE

Some American Legion Posts are communicating with their members about Post activities and membership efforts and other general news through email and snail mail. It has been found that members often miss emails due to the influx received in their inbox. Emails get opened and read less than 20% of the time. When you send someone a text message, it gets opened and read 98% of the time.

Texts can easily download through an iPhone or android, and provide the basic, necessary tools to communicate with all your members at once.

The Post Adjutant can download the Post membership from Mylegion.org and upload it into a text messaging program.

Membership numbers can be included in the text messages as well as a link to renew online. If recipients do not want to receive text messages, they may opt out.

With the temperatures reaching triple digits, this is a good time to remind everyone to reach out to your neighbors and friends and do a buddy check.

As we age, we do not realize how fast we can become dehydrated and perhaps lead to more serious illnesses. Please check on members you have not seen in a while.

If you hear from someone who needs help with anything, let the Post know. We are a Veterans organization that is supposed to helping Veterans. Let us not lose focus on what our mission is.

Thanks for all you do in supporting the Legion programs.

Post 312 is one of the more active posts in the Department of Missouri. I am looking forward to hearing our name called when they hand out the awards!

For God and Country,

John Gonzales,
1st Vice Commander
314-707-3758

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VA&R Report

On June 16, **Mary Diel, Joe Diel, Dan Sauer, Mary Bandini, Don Vogele, Herb Echele, and Rich Middendorf** traveled to the Missouri Veterans Home to conduct bingo games and raffles and serve snacks for 26 residents of the Home.

Thanks to the volunteers for their time and efforts.

Mary Diel and Rich Middendorf
VA & R Co-chairs

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DID YOU KNOW?

103 years ago, on June 25, 1919, The Loyal Order of the Moose started the movement that resulted in the building of Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park.

93 years ago, on June 22, 1929, Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park was officially dedicated.

Joe Diel, Historian
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SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION

SAL volunteers **Jaxen Marsden, Kai Noa Marsden, Jay Marsden, John Leonard and Commander Dan Sauer** assisted in placing 160 flags on Veterans' graves at Memorial Gardens for Memorial Day.

We need volunteers to help set up, grill, and clean-up on July 2 for the Post celebration. Please contact me.

No July meeting.

John Leonard,
Squadron Commander
314-303-6665

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Foxhole

Christmas in July anyone? … just kidding, this month is busy enough.

The bartender challenge has been a success so far. If you haven't heard about it or participated yet, stop by the Foxhole on any odd-numbered day we are open. Between the hours of 3 and 6, the bartender will challenge you to a simple game. If you beat the bartender, you will get up to 50% off your drink. Once a day per person.
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The monthly 50/50 is also still a thing, thank you to all who participate. The winner of the May 50/50 raffle was **Geri Lewis**.

Moving on, I hope everyone celebrated our nation's independence safely and responsibly while having a great weekend of activities.

Music this month is **Mike Feldman** on July 2 and 16.

Congratulations to our new slate of officers for the Legion, Auxiliary, Sal, and Riders. Please join in on the installation activities on Sat July 23.

Stay healthy my friends.

Larry Carron, Bar Chairman
636-345-6106

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POST 312 BASEBALL NEWS

Our 2022 Home openers for our two teams were celebrated with our **Post 312 Color Guard** and Special Guests Mayor **Dan Borgmeyer** and MO State Baseball Chairman **Tom Rhoads** throwing out first pitches.

State Baseball Chairman Tom Rhoads

Mayor Dan Borgmeyer

Larry Miller, a Marine Corps radioman, threw out the first pitch for the Jr game. All three are Vietnam Veterans. Believe it or not, these guys all threw strikes, they still have it!

Our season is underway. We had key players get injured during their HS seasons so both our Jr and Sr teams are coping with injuries.

Our Jr team is 2-4 so far in district play with a big 16-6 win over Hannibal the other night.

Our Sr team is 0-4 but the players called up are helping us get traction. Both teams have adding players to fill the voids left by injuries. We are young and playing up. Some time is needed for the chemistry to gel.

Despite key players on the injured list, both the Jr and Senior teams are playing exciting baseball and some great plays are being made.

The Jr team lost a very close error-free game against Elsberry. They showed nice defense and are not afraid to get dirty diving and sliding.

Recognitions and Highlights

Kyle Button on the Sr team was named HS GAC Sportsman Player of the Year. While pitching for Francis Howell North just before district playoffs, While batting, Kyle was hit by a pitch on his non-throwing hand. The ball broke the hamate bone at the base of his hand, but he continued to pitch extra innings to win the ballgame. Kyle was also put in for an American Legion Baseball Scholarship.

Mikey Graham was named Duchesne First Team Outfield.

Tryouts are underway now. Call the number below to schedule.

Russell Klicker, Post 312 Baseball Mgr
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