The Clarion

St. Charles American Legion Post 312

September 2021

COMMANDER DAN

Hello to everyone. Welcome to the month of September. Hope all are doing well as we begin winding down Summer.

We are in need of someone to chair this year's Christmas Dinner on December 25. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested or know someone who might be. Thank you in advance.

We also need a new Clarion Editor. Mary Middendorf has done a wonderful job but is ready to step down and concentrate on our Family Dinners.

The **Post Family Picnic** is **Sep 11**, from 1 to 6 PM. We will have first responders and kids' activities as well as:

Bingo from 2 to 3 PM,

Food served from 3 to 4 PM, and

Music by S G from 3:30 to 6 PM.

Sep 11 marks the **20th anniversary of 911**. Please take time to remember all who perished on that day.

A **Flag Retirement Ceremony** will be held at 6 PM on **Sep 18** at AMVETS Post 106, 260 Brown Rd in St Peters.

We have a number of events coming up the end of the year, so mark your calendar now to save these dates:

Oct 30 Foxhole Halloween Party

Nov 7 Post Everlasting

Nov 13 Buddy Supper

Dec 11 Army/Navy Game

Dec 12 Children's Christmas Party

Dec 13 Auxiliary Christmas Party

Dec 25 Christmas Dinner

Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party

More details to follow on these events as they get closer.

Thanks again to our groundskeepers **Al Schultz** and **Gary Ball**. They are doing such a great job.

I ask you to volunteer when possible and continue with buddy checks. Just a call means so much.

Until next month, remember our active-duty military, first responders and members of our Legion Family who need our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless America.

Commander Dan

Daniel Sauer, Post Commander
314-808-8438 dsauer@aol.com

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POST CHAPLAIN

Since my last report, we learned of 5 Legionnaires who have passed:

Lawrence Lake on 2/9/21,

Kenneth Lane on 5/23/21,

John Attaway on 7/20/21,

William Williams on 8/2/21 and

Ronald Schulte on 8/10/21.

Please keep these comrades and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Please be sure your family know of your wishes for a Legion Service or other military honors when you pass. The funeral home will notify us and/or the VA to make arrangements.

Rich Middendorf, Post Chaplain
middendorf802@gmail.com
636-328-6996

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POPPY DISTRIBUTION

I am so excited. Hey, guess what time it is? You're right, it's Poppy Distribution time! Mark your calendars! I have been able to secure three places on the dates shown.

Sun Sep 19
Bass Pro in Mark Twain Plaza

Sat and Sun Sep 25 & 26
Midtowne Market and
Ginghams Restaurant

I will have sign-up sheets in the Foxhole or call me to sign up. I hope you can join us.

Brenda Richarz
Auxiliary Poppy Chairman
636-288-1250 (call after 5 PM)

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Legions Riders Meeting
Tues, Sep 7, 6 PM

Post and Auxiliary Meetings
Mon, Sep 13
Board Meetings 6 & 6:30 PM
General Meetings 7:30 PM

No SAL Meeting in Sep
next meeting Mon, Oct 4, 7 PM
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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Back to school they go! I remember this time of year fondly as a child. Everyone on the street (which was a dead-end road) would get their schedules in the mail and we would all run outside to compare our schedules and talk about teachers. We would spend HOURS picking out just the right folder and the decision on which lunch box to buy this year!!

It is a time of excitement and hesitation all at the same time. As adults we prepare ourselves for our kids' and grandkids' school activities. We mark our calendars in advance for all those sporting or performing arts events we want to be there for to support our kids and other family members.

Well, as you begin saving dates, I sincerely hope you have the opportunity to join us at our monthly **ALA Meetings** on the **second Monday of each month** at the Post at 7:30.

Some other dates you will want to save include:

Nov 7 Post Everlasting,
Nov 13 Buddy Supper,
Dec 12 Kids' Christmas Pty,
Dec 13 Auxiliary Christmas Pty,

Our committees are working hard to plan these events and we hope you will add them to your calendar and join us whenever possible.

For several years now the bingo kitchen has been the main source of income for the Auxiliary. Throughout the years there have been many cooks in that kitchen, all of whom have contributed greatly to the success of our Unit. This Fall we will be looking for volunteers to "cook in our kitchen". If you would be available to help out on Friday nights, please contact me.

In a perfect world we would be able to get a few volunteer cooks to lighten the load on any one person. If we are unable to find someone to cook, we may find ourselves looking for ways to cut our budget …. it truly is that simple. We need revenue to meet the obligations set forth by our Auxiliary leaders.

Please consider helping us out. You may call me at 636-219-7091 after 5:00 M-F or text me at your leisure with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have.

If the kitchen isn't your "thing" volunteers are always needed for the Bingo floor. Don't let the fact that Bingo is a "Legion" event stop you from volunteering your time.

Last but not least, by the time you receive this newsletter you should be able to view our new website www.alaunit312stcharlesmo.org and you can always follow us on Facebook at American Legion Auxiliary Unit Post 312 St Charles, Mo.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." ~ Elizabeth Andrew

Laura Diel, Auxiliary President
lauraldiel@gmail.com 636-219-7091

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Meatloaf Dinner

Back by Popular Demand

Tue Oct 26, 4:30 - 6 PM

$10 Ordered in Advance

AUXILIARY FIRST VICE

Hello September! Welcome Fall!

First, let us all remember 9/11.

As stated last month, the 2021-2022 dues are now due.

$28 for Senior members and $5 for Junior members.

Thanks to all who have already paid. Do not forget to renew.

Keep trying to sign up new members. Applications are available in the Foxhole or let me know and I will make sure you receive one.

When signing up a new member, please make sure that the application is readable. We do not want to misspell names or addresses. Thanks!

If you have any questions, please let me know and I will try to answer them or make sure to get the answers for you.

Thank you for supporting our veterans.

Lucille Armbruster, Auxiliary
1st Vice & Membership Chairman
636-441-6419 or 314-238-6330 cell

lucillera@charter.net

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Spaghetti Dinner
Tue Sep 28, 4:30 - 6 PM
Dine-In or Curbside

$8 for spaghetti & meatballs, salad, breadstick and homemade dessert

All Orders in Advance
no later than Thu Sep 23

Text or Call 636-328-6996

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION

It is time for 2021-2022 membership renewal for the Sons of the American Legion and the entire Legion Family.

SAL membership dues are $20/year, $10/year for dual members and anyone under thge age of 21.

You can drop dues off at the Post, mail to the Post or mail to Jay Marsden, 4109 Faredale Ln, St Charles, MO 63304.

I am a SAL member under my dad, who proudly served in Korea as a radio operator. What's your story?

Jay Marsden, Adjutant
SAL Squadron 312
636-219-5029

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COLOR/HONOR GUARD

Post 312 Color/Honor Guard will participate in a **Flag Retirement Ceremony** at AMVETS Post 106 in St. Peters on Sat **Sep 18** at 6 PM.

There will be several American Legion and VFW Posts from around St Charles County participating.

It's going to be another busy and exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry DuFour, Honor Guard Captain
636-441-7102

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Veteran's Benefits Seminar, Luncheon and Cemetery Tour

Nov 3, Baue Cave Springs

RSVP 636-200-2707

AMERICANISM/ CHILDREN & YOUTH

We will have a St Charles police car and fire truck at the **Post Family Picnic** on Sat **Sep 11**, courtesy of the St Charles City Police and Fire Depts Community Outreach Program.

Post 312 is again running our 5th Grade Americanism Essay contest leading up to American Education Week. Stay tuned for updates.

I am also back in the high schools promoting the American Legion Oratorical Contest in which students compete for scholarships by speaking on the US Constitution, without notes, before an audience.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry DuFour, 636-441-7102
Americanism/Children & Youth

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FOXHOLE SPORTS

Bowling Wed Sep 1 & 15

Shuffleboard Thu Aug 9 & 23

8/12 Shuffleboard results:

1st place Don & Jill
2nd Place Mark W & Sean
3rd Place Mark E & Nancy

8/18 Bowling results:

1st place Stan & Jeanne
2nd Place Kevin & Rich
3rd Place Dean & Sean

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Congratulations to **Rich Middendorf,** winner of the July 50/50 Raffle.

Another **50/50 Raffle** is on sale now, drawing the last day of every month.

Foxhole

As we wind down from the summer fun and kids start back to school, we're looking forward to the annual **Post Picnic** on **Sep 11**.

There is a **sign-up sheet** in the Foxhole **for volunteers**. Set up will be at 11 AM and the event is from 1 to 6 PM.

We hope to see over a thousand members in attendance. Woohoo! wouldn't that be something! Take a look at the attached flyer for more details.

Did you know that there is a National Day for just about everything imaginable? Well, there is. Sep 28 is **National Drink Beer Day**, ironically right after national crush a can day on Sep 27, so all the more reason to have a nice ice cold can of beer.

Since we're closed on Tuesdays, your Foxhole Lounge will be **celebrating on Wed Sep 29**! It'll only cost **$2 for any can of beer** we have in stock. We do carry a limited variety of canned beers for the Bingo Tap Room.

Check out the draft beer lineup the next time you visit or did you see it on our Facebook page?

Follow our Facebook page for more updates on events and other news.

Kris Marsden, Bar Manager
636-219-5282

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SAVE THE DATE

Oct 30

Foxhole Halloween Party
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LEGION RIDERS
LEGACY RIDE 2021

Sun Aug 22 at 0800 a couple hundred riders will leave Rogers AR for Phoenix AZ on the National Legacy ride. It has been planned by and will be led by Missouri's own Mark Clark.

Their arrival in Phoenix will coincide with the American Legion National Convention on Aug 26.

The ALR Dept of MO 2021 Legacy Ride June 24-26 was a huge success raising more than $80,000 for scholarships and aid to children of Veterans who died in service or were disabled.

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