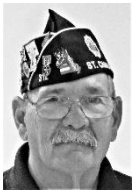
The Clarion

St. Charles American Legion Post 312
November 2022



COMMANDER DAN

Welcome to the month of November. I hope that everyone is doing well and in good health. The weather is cooling down and the holiday season is fast approaching. With the cooler weather means turning on the heat. It might be good ideal to have the furnace checked out.

Our next Legion and Auxiliary meetings will be on **November 14**. The Executive boards at 6:00 and 6:30 PM. The members meeting at 7:30 PM. Please attend and let your voice and concerns be heard.

At the October meeting membership approved repairing the parking lot with some milling crack repairs sealing and restriping. This is repair. Several other projects are in need of repair and will be completed as funds are available.

The next District meeting will be held on December 4th at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held at Post 370 located at 420 Kelly Lane in Louisiana Missouri.

I attended the American Legion Department of Missouri held on October 21st-23rd in Jefferson City. Information from conference will be detailed in upcoming newsletters.

November 6 will be our Buddy Supper at the post. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Foxhole or call post number at 636-947-7666 to leave message if you will be attending and number of persons in your group. Program 4:00 pm happy hour, 5:00 pm dinner, 6:00 pm awards program.

November 8 is election day

November 11 is Veterans Day. A program will be held at Bishop Landing at 11:00 AM. Please attend if possible. Our Post Color will also be participating in the program.

November 13 Post Everlasting Program begins at 2:00 pm. Please arrive prior to program time.

November 24 Thanksgiving Day I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

There will be no Family Dinner in November or December. The weather might determine when dinner will restart. I will try to keep everyone informed on post phone message.

The NFL football games are now on in Foxhole. Sunday Foxhole hours are noon to 6:00 pm. Please come in catch the game and have a refreshment.

Friday Bingo is doing well. Please consider volunteering. We can always use the extra help.

I am always looking for suggestion to improve your experience at the post.

December 11 High School Oratorical Contest at the Post 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

December 12 Post and Auxiliary meetings. Executive boards at 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm. The members meeting at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend if possible.

Remember to keep our Legion Family, active military, first responders and their families in our thoughts and prayers daily.

Please remember your buddy checks. A visit, a phone call, or a card in the mail to let that someone know you care.

The world and country seem to be in trying times, say an extra prayer. Remember we live in the greatest country in the world and as always GOD BLESS AMERICA

Commander Dan

Daniel Sauer, Post Commander
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VETERANS DAY OBSERVED

The St. Charles City Veterans Commission is hosting a Veterans Day Ceremony at Bishops Landing (by the Boat House).

It will take place on Fri Nov. 11, at 11 am sharp. Our Post 312 Color Guard will participate, as well as our Chaplain.

Larry Reighard 636-751-0174

POST CHAPLAIN

Since the last report, two Post members have passed: Gregory Upchurch and Charles Dinnella passed. No Legion Services were requested. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember Post Everlasting on Sunday, November 13, at 2:00 PM, when we will remember all those who passed during the last year.

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

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

We have so many things going on this Fall!

Initiation was held at our October meeting, and we were able to welcome new members into our unit! Bam Kelly needs to know if you would like to be on the call list for memorial services and funeral luncheons. Please let her know. A quick food drive was just held, and the food delivered to the Jefferson Barracks food pantry.

We are still looking for ideas for fundraisers, either large or small. Right now, we have a raffle going on for Scratcher Tickets ($75 value). Stop by the Foxhole and grab some tickets - you might just be our next millionaire! Winner to be announced at the Buddy Supper.

The Auxiliary Christmas Party is coming up Dec 12. Instead of donating socks, it was decided to sponsor two military families in need. THIS IS WHY WE ARE HERE!!!Watch for more details on how to participate.

On **November 11** we will observe **Veterans Day**. Starting out as a day set aside to remember the truce and end of WWI, it has transformed over the years to become a day where we remember and celebrate our Veterans of all wars. The day we honor the sacrifices made by those men and women who gave up the comfort and security of their own homes to stand between their home and the evil in this world. Join with me on November 11 to say a little prayer of thanks for all those brave people – past and present – who have sacrificed to protect our way of life.

The **Buddy Supper will be held on Sunday, November 6**. Happy Hour starts at 4 pm, dinner at 5:00 and the program will follow. This is the night when Post 312 recognizes and honors members of our First Responders who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Also, the top three Fifth Graders will read their winning essays. The grasp these kids have on what it takes to be a good citizen and neighbor is AMAZING!

Post Everlasting will be held on **Sunday, November 13 at 2 pm sharp. Do not be late as entrance is not allowed once the ceremonies have begun.** This solemn ceremony gives us the chance to remember and honor those members we have lost over the past year. The Auxiliary will have refreshments following the ceremonies.

November also brings us **Thanksgiving on the 24t**h. Please, as you sit at your Thanksgiving table with your family surrounding you, remember to give thanks for all those who sacrificed so that we may celebrate, safe in our homes. From those who fought in past wars to those who are currently serving, they and their families have given up these precious moments that we take for granted to ensure our freedom and safety. Our First Responders sit in a station, ready to spring into action whenever we need them.

Please remember to say a prayer for them and feel the gratitude that they so deserve. I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

See you at meeting on November 14!

Jan Irwin, Auxiliary President 636-699-9577

AUXILIARY FIRST VICE

Thanks to all who have sent in their renewals. We have 166 paid.

Please welcome our new members, Avis “Irene” Heisler and Marcia Puller. Which brings me to the subject of new members, this year we are trying something different, when you sign up a new members make sure you sign as the recruiter. We will put the recruiters name in a raffle to pick a winner at the end of July 2023. A prize will be awarded.

November 6 Daylight Saving Time ends.

November 11 Veterans Day remember all not only today but every day.

I wish for everyone a “Happy Thanksgiving”!

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHAB

Thanks to Post 312 members and employees of Marcum Accountants & Advisors we were able to deliver 550 items to the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry. All the donations go to Veterans and are very much appreciated

Mary Diel, VA&R Chair 314-910-2992 mary1943@charter.net

VETERANS HOME BINGO

The next Veterans Home Bingo will be in January 2023. Please feel free to join us for a fun time!

Mary Diel and Rich Middendorf
Veterans Home Bingo Co-Chairs
314-910-2992 or 636-329-6996

AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The **Auxiliary Christmas Party** will be on December 12 at 5pm. The cost is $15 a person.

2023 dues must be paid to attend.

This year, in lieu of collecting socks, we will be adopting two struggling active military families to help provide Christmas and additional necessities for each family.

A giving tree will be placed in the Foxhole. If you are attending the Christmas party, please bring your items that evening. If you are a non-member and wish to purchase items there will be a box set up in the Foxhole where you can drop off items. Please RSVP with payment by November 30 to Mary Bandini 314-707-2680. Come join us for an evening of food, games, and giveaways.

Mary Bandini, Auxiliary 2nd Vice 314-707-2680

AUXILIARY JUNIOR GIRLS

Auxiliary Junior Girls (L to R) Rebecca Rosner, Lenox Marsden and Sterling Marsden met with Junior leader Mary Stephenson to make poppy wreaths for senior members who cannot get out to attend meetings. If you know someone who would like a wreath, please contact Mary at 636-946-2038.

All correspondence to the Clarion must be submitted to ClarionPost 312@gmail.com

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION

Next meeting on **Mon Nov 7** at 7 PM.

John Leonard, Squadron Commander 314-303-6665

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Last month the 3 Riders had a lunch ride. We had taken some wonderful back roads to the Golden Eagle ferry, crossed and rode to the Brussels ferry. Countryside was beautiful along the rivers, couldn't ask for a better day. Stopped for lunch at the Landing Dock in Grafton, IL. After lunch we continued to Alton and through the countryside along 94 back to the Post. All had a great time.

Next month's meeting will be on **Nov. 7 at 6 pm**. Hope to see you there.

Tony Rumbo, ALR Director
tone_nav@yahoo.com 314-707-4683

AMERICANISM/CHILDREN & YOUTH

The three top winners of our Americanism essay contest with the fifth graders will be here at our Post 312 home on Sunday Nov 6 at our Buddy Supper along with their parents ands siblings to receive their awards and recognition for their efforts. Come on out and see and hear these young citizens express their viewpoint on being a good neighbor and a good citizen.

All high school students wishing to enter the St. Charles County high school oratorical speech contest must be certified by their respective high schools and oratorical chairperson on or before Nov 30. The St. Charles County high school oratorical Constitutional speech contest will be held here at our Post 312 home on Dec 11. Stay tuned for exciting updates.

LAW & ORDER/PUBLIC SAFETY

Police and Firefighter awards will be presented to the St. Charles Police, St. Charles Fire Dept, St. Charles County Sheriff's Office and St Charles County Police Dept at our Buddy Supper at 5 pm on Nov 6. Come on out and see and hear what they did to receive this outstanding award of The American Legion.

COLOR GUARD

Your Color Guard will participate in the Veterans Day ceremony at Bishops Landing at 11 am on Nov 11 and our Post Everlasting Ceremony on Nov 13 at 2 pm at our Post 312 home.

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

Do not forget to come out and check out the NFL action in The Foxhole. We now have Thursday Night viewing available as well as the Sunday action. To accommodate, the Foxhole changed its Sunday hours to Noon- 6:000. Oh, And Hockey has started, so come in and watch the Blues in action.

For entertainment, 7-10 we have Boston Dave for Scaryoke on Oct 29 for Halloween.

Michael Feldman playing 10/05,

Jackie D will perform on 10/17 and

Boston Dave is back with Karaoke on 11/26, the last Saturday of the month, just after the collective birthday party which as a reminder starts at 5:30

Let's have a **Cookie Bake-off** on **Sunday, December 4**, have 2 dozen of your favorite cookies here by 1 pm to share, judges will be happy to taste, and we will give awards.

In **February** we will have our **Chili Cook-off**, so get ready, details to follow.

Don't forget our monthly 50/50 drawings, proceeds will be earmarked to help fund a new digital sign for the Post.

The Foxhole Committee invites you to come often, drink responsibly and tip well.

Kris Marsden, Bar Manager 636-219-5282
Larry Carron Bar Chairman 636-345-6106

POST MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Our next Post monthly birthday party will be on Saturday October 29. All had a wonderful time last month.

As a member of the Post Family (Legion, Auxiliary, Riders, Sons) the monthly birthday party is YOUR Birthday party!! It starts at 5:30 pm in the Foxhole on the last Saturday of each month. There will be cupcakes and gifts for the special birthday guests. So come, be honored, have some fun. We'd love to see you and catch up with you as well.

Tony Rumbo, Birthday Party Guru
tone_nav@yahoo.com 314-707-4683

VETERANS DAY DEALS AND DISCOUNTS

Also, on this Veterans Day many businesses want to thank those who served with some deals and discounts.

Applebee's, O'Charley's, Chilis, Bandanas and Bob Evans are all offering a free meal from a special menu with a military ID.

For breakfast, IHOP is giving veterans and active-duty military a free red, white, and blueberry pancake meal.

Those who have served or are currently serving in the US military can get a free breakfast combo offer on Thursday from Wendy's with valid military ID or a Veterans Advantage card.

Krispy Kreme is offering a free coffee and doughnut of their choice.

Participating McDonalds restaurants will offer free meals to all veterans on Nov 11 with valid ID.

Starbucks will offer a free 12-ounce hot brewed coffee Thursday for veterans, military service members and military spouses at participating US stores.

White Castle will offer a free Combo Meal #1 through #6 or Breakfast Combo Meal to all Veterans and active-duty service members who dine at a participating restaurant on Thursday.

Buffalo Wild Wings will offer a free order of 10 boneless wings and fries to all past and present armed services members on Thursday.

There are also deals at retail shops Thursday.

Veterans and active military members can visit a US Great Clips salon and receive either a free haircut that day or a free haircut card.

Walgreens will offer veterans, military, and their families 20% off regular price eligible store items at any Walgreens on Nov 11 through Nov 14.

Make sure you have a valid military ID and that you call ahead to confirm the business is participating.

Larry Reighard, Resident Savant 636-751-0174