



The Clarion

St. Charles American Legion Post 312

December 2025



POST CHAPLAIN

GOOD NEWS

None of our Post 312 members have been reported sick or injured since our last report.

MORE GOOD NEWS

None of our Post 312 members have answered their final roll call and reported to the high command of us all since our last report

POST EVERLASTING

Our "Post Everlasting Ceremony" for all of our Post 312 members who have answered their final roll call and reported to the high command of us all during this past year of 2025 will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday January 4, 2026 at our Post 312 home.

This is a very solemn service for deceased members and their families. Please attend if you are available. May God bless our entire American Legion Family. AMEN

Larry DuFour Post Chaplain 636-441-7102



AUXILIARY FIRST VICE

Happy December! As of November 5, we have 175 paid members, six of which are new. Our Goal is 266. Keep those renewals coming in and keep finding those new members they are out there.

Thank you to all who have paid your membership dues.

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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

NEVER stop being kind. The world may not notice today, but your kindness is writing a story that will outlive you.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bam Kelly Auxiliary Chaplain terikkelly@aol.com
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

I'm a little late and have a lot of "THANKS!" to go out.:

First, thanks to everyone who ordered pulled pork. It was a success and keep your eyes open for some other upcoming cooking events next year. A HUGE thanks goes out to Mark Wooldridge, Mark Ebert and Tim Cudd for spending their weekend with me at the Post prepping, seasoning, and smoking their butts off. Thanks go out to Jim Harrer for assisting with pulling and packaging the meat on that Saturday evening. Thanks to Tim, Mark, Mark and Justin Marsden for assisting on that Sunday to hand out the packages. Also, special thanks to our sales assist from Sterling Marsden for the BBQ sauce and rub sales. She's a natural. FYI, part of the sales of these items, Tim donated back to the SAL.

Second, thanks to the five guys who assisted with the Harley Hotdog Hut. Mark Wooldridge, Jim Harrer, Mark Ebert, Craig Hueffmeier and John Ince. We don't normally raise a lot in donations but this is more about public outreach for the SAL and the post.

Finally, thanks go to Larry Carron for jumping on an opportunity to get a cage for the smoker wood. No one will be acquiring any of our wood

anymore. Thanks go out to Mark Ebert for the assist in getting it to the post.

Mike with Walk a Mile has put donation boxes for the 5280 Winter Warm Up at the post. Please think about those slightly used hats, gloves, coats and other winter accessories that can help out those in need. They will be accepting donations from October 1st through November

Do you like raffles? I do. We are raffling off a Dewars bar mirror along with a bottle of Dewars and some snacks to celebrate St Andrews Day. The raffle will run until November 30th, winner to be drawn at our next meeting December 1st.

Our next meeting will be December 1st at 7:00pm

John Leonard Squadron Commander
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AMERICAN CHILDREN & YOUTH COLOR GUARD

AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

“A CONSTITUTIONAL SPEECH CONTEST”

The Saint Charles County high school oratorical constitutional speech contest, where high school students earn scholarships by speaking on the U.S. Constitution will be held at 1:30 PM on Sunday December 21, 2025 here at our Post 312 home.

“ALWAYS REMEMBER TODAY'S YOUTH ARE
TOMORROW'S LEADERS”

COLOR/HONOR GUARD NEWS

As of this writing, November 3, 2025 there are no duty assignments for your Color/Honor Guard team for December. However, your Post 312 Color/Honor Guard team will perform at our Post 312 Everlasting Ceremony at 2:00 PM on Sunday January 4, 2026 here at our Post 312 home. At

this time, on behalf of all the other Color/Honor Guard team, Welcome New Team Member Kenney Dunn to our elite Color/Honor Guard team.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry DuFour 636-441-7102
Americanism/Children & Youth/
Law and Order/Color Guard Captain



Ask, and you shall receive. I asked for help on our big fundraiser on Oct 18th, and I received the help I needed. I don't want to forget anyone, so thanks to Ben Stockamp, Kerry Humphrey, Don Neuman, my nephew, Jonah, my son Jake, Barb Ehlman, Jeannie Steinhoff, Bam Kelly, Lestine Echele, Liz Carron and Debbie Do at the taproom and anyone else who helped in any way. It was a whirlwind of a night so I hope I didn't forget anyone. We raised over \$7,000 and the two charities, Tunnel to Towers and the Siteman Cancer Center will receive over \$2,000 each after associated costs. This was a memorial benefit for the drummer in our band, Stir Crazy and we donated our performance as well. Everyone had a blast and it went very smoothly. The post received hall rental fees and the Foxhole received a good ring at the taproom.

A reminder that the Foxhole will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

As added entertainment, there is Karaoke in the Foxhole on Thursdays, compliments of Boston Dave and Jackie D. Come out and enjoy.

For Dec entertainment, I am happy to announce that Harry Fry will be at The Foxhole on the first Saturday of each month starting December 6th, Jackie D on the 13th and Boston Dave on the 27th.

Larry Carron Bar Chairman
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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Time for some holiday spirit and fun times in the Foxhole.

Winter Wonderland Pop Up Bar plans are Heating up. HA.

Mon Dec 22nd join us from 5 to 10pm for festive cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

There will be a \$5.00 cover charge for this event. Please pay in advance if possible so we have an idea of attendees. For more information see Kris

FAMILY DINNER

Thank you, a million times, over to all the volunteers who made the 2025 Monthly Dinners a success. Because of all of you we were able to help support our local Veterans and their families. It was my sincere pleasure to work with and get to know each of you. You make a marvelous team. Cindy Wahl, Mark and Jill Woolridge, Mark and Nancy Ebert, Jim and Elaine Vollmar, Jim and Jane Harrer, Jan Zike, David Teckemeier, Geri Lewis, Rhonda Ford, Joe and Mary Diel, Judi Sovanski, Larry Reigard, Don and Darlene Newman, Ruth and Bud Watts, Ruth Reilly, Tom Goodnick, Mary Bandini, Barb Hutchinson, Mary Middendorf, Tim Cudd, Barb Elhman, Deb Sanders. And our Foxhole bartenders, Joan Brockman, Kris Marsden and Debbie Melton. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

Bam Kelly terrikkelly@aol.com



NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Our 2025 Wreaths across America campaign was a huge success with over 400 wreath sponsorships! These veteran wreaths will be laid on our hero's graves, by auxiliary members and other volunteers, on December 13th. A full report will be given in the January Clarion. I want to thank everyone for your generous support and your continued commitment to honor our veterans.

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SAVE THE DATE

Dec 31- New Years Eve Party (Watch for details)

Jan 4 – Post Everlasting Ceremony 2pm



POST 312 LEGION BASEBALL NEWS

One of the best parts of the fall season, is looking ahead to next year's baseball season! In 2026, post 312 will be fielding 4 teams, 19U, 17U, 15U and 13U. That's 75 families that are being brought into the American Legion Post 312-fold and we're hoping that this level of interest snowballs into even more players. Our 2025 seasons were successful as we're able to field increasingly more competitive teams. We're planning to be more active with Post events, helping with food service and participating in the Jefferson Barracks wreath laying in December. It is our pleasure to serve the post and we appreciate all the benefits we receive from being and American Legion baseball team vs the ultra-expensive local clubs. Once we have a firm schedule for next season we will post it. If you or another veteran you know is interested in throwing out a first pitch before a home game, please let us know, we started this tradition last year and everyone involved thought it was a great addition to our pre-game events. Please note, that January 31st will be our annual Trivia Night and Silent auction, it's always a fun event and helps us cover the expenses that our team incurs during a full season.

Brandon Baker, 636-288-35833



SAVE YOUR TAB TOPS

Don't forget to save your tab tops for the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary uses them in support the Ronald McDonald House. Drop them off anytime at the Foxhole.



POST HISTORY

At the October Legion meeting, 70-year member Tom Stephenson was recognized for celebrating his 100th BIRTHDAY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOM.

Tom and his wife, Auxiliary member Mary, also recently celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary. Both Tom and Mary are active in various civic and veterans' organizations within the St Charles community



Auxiliary Christmas Party -

The Christmas party committee has a fun evening planned with dinner, games, prizes and raffles. We're looking forward to seeing those of you who have signed up.

Giving Trees -

As of this time there is no information on the three families we are adopting. The government shut down is making it a little difficult. As soon as the information is available it will be posted on the Legion and Auxiliary Facebook pages and the trees will also be in the Foxhole.

Mary Bandini

Halloween Fun!



REMEMBER THOSE THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas is often portrayed as a time for family, love, and togetherness. For those who don't have these connections — whether because of distance, loss, estrangement, or circumstance — the season can amplify feelings of isolation. While others celebrate, lonely individuals may find themselves watching from the sidelines, feeling disconnected from the joy that seems to envelop everyone else.

St. Charles American Legion Post 312

DECEMBER 2025

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Post 636-947-7666

Foxhole 636-724-9712

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Riders Meeting 6pm SALS Meeting 7pm Foxhole Opened 5-10	2 Clarion Articles Due ClarionPost312@gmail.com Foxhole Closed	3 Bowling @ Foxhole	4 Karaoke @Foxhole	5 Bingo 6:30pm	6 Harry Fry @ Foxhole
7 Children's Christmas Party 	8 Auxiliary Christmas Party Legion Meeting 7:30pm Foxhole open 5-10	9 Foxhole Closed	10	11 Karaoke @Foxhole	12 Bingo 6:30pm	13 Jackie D
14 Dist. 9 meeting Post 347 St. Clair	15 Legion Meeting 7:30pm Foxhole open 5-10	16 Foxhole Closed	17 Bowling @ Foxhole	18 Karaoke @Foxhole	19 Bingo 6:30pm	20
21 St. Charles Co. Oratorical Post 312	22 Holiday Pop Up Bar Foxhole 5-10	23 Foxhole Closed	24 Bowling @ Foxhole	25 	26 Bingo 6:30pm	27 Boston Dave
28	29 Foxhole Closed	30 Foxhole Closed	31 			

