Zach Wheat Post 624





Legionnaires,

March is a month of celebration and reflection at American Legion Post 624. First off, Casino Night was a great success story with proceeds going to the Fox family. Thank you to all that assisted and attended, with a special thank you to Candy Barton for organizing the event. Let's give a hearty cheer for our Kansas City Chiefs' thrilling win! Their victory reminds us of the importance of teamwork and dedication, qualities we honor every day in our Legion family. Let us also keep in our prayers the families that were hurt or killed at the celebratory parade.

As we transition to spring, we invite you to join us for some exciting events. Don't forget to wear your green as we ride proudly in the 39th annual Lake Ozark St. Patrick's Day Parade, a festive tradition that brings our community together. Let's not overlook the simple pleasures of the season as we gather for Corned Beef and Cabbage as well as our annual Chili Cook-Off sharing delicious food and friendly competition.

Finally, on Vietnam Remembrance Day, we take a moment to honor the brave men and women, constituting two thirds of our membership, who served our country during this challenging time in history. These were my mentors in the service and continue to be out of the service.

Lately we have been short on Honor Guard members available for Military Honors. This is not a difficult role; very little training is necessary, remarkably rewarding, and is our greatest honor. It is extremely heartbreaking to deny that honor to a deserving Brother or Sister. Please join our Honor Guard team if you are able, supporting us in honoring ALL Veterans.

A few hours can make a huge difference in a veteran's life. please see the "Get Involved" page in this newsletter for more information on how to help. Come fellowship and make a difference, it's the best therapy out there!

March is a time to come together, celebrate, and remember what makes our Legion family so exceptional.

God bless our Legion family,

Austin Teel

Commander Post 624

Auxiliary Newsletter Input – March2024 Happy March and Spring is coming!!!

We have a Facebook page!! Check it out at Lake Legion Aux 624. Thanks Anita and Michelle for administrating this page!!

Thanks go out to Candy for hosting our casino Night fundraiser for the Fox Family!! Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time for one of our own to make this event successful. Your compassion for a family that has given so much to our Post is exemplary!! Thanks also go out to the Sons for volunteering to run the kitchen for this event!!

Some important dates coming up that require all hands-on deck!!

16 March – Pub Crawl, 3pm-2am. We need everyone who can help with the many areas that need to be covered. Contact Christy or Rich Fischer to help. We need everyone to make this a blockbuster fundraiser!!

17 March – St Patrick's Day celebration at the Post!! We are serving corn beef and cabbage starting at 4pm until it is gone. The Fender Benders will be providing music from 3-7pm.

20 March – We are hosting the Newcomers luncheon. Call Lisa to help with this event.

6 April – This is our annual Legion Birthday Dinner and awards ceremony. The Post is proving a catered dinner from 5-8pm. Sign up and pay your \$2 per person at the Patriots Bar.

Game Day – This fun event is scheduled the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 1:30pm in the Patriots Bar. Game Day is a great way to meet new people and learn a new game!! Puzzles are also available!

Kitchen Orientation dates – 14 March, 3-6pm and 23 April, 3-6pm. Come and go as you can and learn how our kitchen works!!

We are currently sponsoring girls to attend Girls State at Lindenwood University in June and offering multiple scholarships to high school seniors for continuing education.

The month of March is extremely busy around the Post and in the kitchen!! If we all help just one day each month, we can get to know each other better and have fun raising funds for our Veterans and other community projects!!

Looking forward to Spring!!

Lisa Seward President





Home of the Lake Thunder Riders

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 624

Weare off and running again. March 6th is our next meeting. Hope everyone had a great and safe winter. Put this on Your calendar, Saturday April 6th will be our Legion Birthday Celebration. Meeting at 5pm followed by catered Dinner from 6-8pm. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Patriots bar for a good head count.

April is election month. This is Your organization so please show up April 9th and have your voice heard. It's only as good as you make it. We have great people. Thanks for your time, your help during the Turkey shoot and in kitchen. See you at the next meeting.

Commander Tom Honecker March 2024 Newsletter

Our Monthly Meetings will commence April 10th 2024. We also will continue with our fabulous dinner preps on every third Wednesday and fourth Friday starting on April 17th most likely with Mexican Night, we shall see. March 16th is all Hands-on deck. We have the St.Patricks Day Parade and a email should already reached You asking for Your participation. If only a few can make it that'll be ok as we need help with our first St.Patricks Day Pup Crawl participation. Chris and I won't be there in Person but most definitely in Spirit. Please don't let me down and represent the Lake Thunder Riders proudly. Elections are coming up. Think about who would be great in filling Officer positions

Stay Safe Bill Meenan Director

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	4	27 Dogwood Festival/Parade Camdenton starts 10am	20 Lake Clean Up	13 Mouse Race starts at 12 Silent Auction Kiichen open 11am-2:30pm	Saturday 6 LAST Turkey Shoot Kiichen open 11am-2:30pm Legion Birthday Meeting 5pm Dinner 6-8 Sign-up at Bar

April 2024



Save the Dates March 16th 2024 St. Patrick's Day Parade starting at 1pm at Bagnll Dam March 16th 2024 Pub Crawl from 4pm to 1am with Helen Russell & Fender Benders providing Entertainment Wristband Purchase \$15 incl. 1 entry form to fill out for a chance to win \$1400 or a Wagon full of Goodies -Displayed this Year at the American Legion March 17th 2024 St. Patick's Day Dinner of Corned Beef & Cabbage serving from 4pm until gone. Music by The Fender Benders 3-7pm



Sunday MARCH 24th, 2024 2-6 PM Cookers-entry fee \$10.00 Chili Tasters \$5.00 Theme: Retro-Board-Games BRING YOUR BEST CHILI AND HAVE A FUN

Guess how many beans in the Jar and win 50/50





Mouse Races Saturday April 13th 1pm \$10 to sponsor & name a Mouse Sign up sheet at Patriots Bar Kitchen opens at 12pm



APRIL 13th 2024

Silent Auction Questions Call Christy Fischer 913-708-1760

American Legion Post 624 - GET INVOLVED TODAY!

Activity/Event	Date(s)	Who We Need	What <u>YOU</u> will be doing	Special Skills Needed	Point(s) of Contact
West Side St. Pat's Day Pub Crawl Committee	Event Date March 16 Committee Meeting at the post March 1 1600	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	American Legion Post 624 will be an official stop on the annual St. Pat's Day pub crawl. We need participation from members of each legion unit to share ideas and host the event to make us the most fun stop on the crawl!	Experience with big events. Innovative ideas on how to host our guests and keep them entertained and served.	Christy Fischer christy.r.fischer@ outlook.com (913) 708-1760 Rich Fischer (573) 505-3055
Kitchen Cleanup and Orientation	Check calendar for day and time.	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Learning the ins-and-outs of our <u>great</u> American Legion kitchen that serves our members and guests all year long. Equipment operation and location, food safety, service processes, clean-up.	cooking, cleaning,	Jessica Simpson (573) 692-0052
Local Veteran Visits They are <u>NOT</u> forgotten	Monthly Check calendar for day and time. Meet at LCC	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Making in-person visits to our Veterans in the Laurie Care Center (LCC). 2-hour visit each month.	Time and Compassion.	Jamie Slinkard (573) 578-6481
Commander Day Post Revitalization	Monthly Check calendar for day and time.	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Construction, Cleaning, Painting, Landscaping, Organizing, Administrative	Show up at the American Legion post ready to work	Austin Teel (573) 280-7585
American Legion Buddy Checks <u>Be The ONE</u> 22 Veterans across the country take their lives every day. A simple call can make a difference.	On or about the 22nd of EVERY month. Check calendar for day and time.	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Checking on fellow Legionairres with a phone call in-person at the post. A contact information list and a discussion topic card will be provided.	Communication Skills, Listening, Answering Questions. (Bring your charged phone).	Rich Fischer (573) 505-3055

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Post 624 House Committee	Every Monday 0900	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Maintaining our awesome American Legion post as a member of the House Committee Team. Fixing, maintaining, upgrading, constructing, improving.	Bring your unique skills including (but not limited to): Carpentry, Electrical, Electronics, Plumbing, HVAC, Interior Decorating, Landscaping, Organizing, Cleaning	Rich Fischer (573) 505-3055
Kitchen Help SAL Night	Second Wednesday of every month	SAL	Cooking, Cleaning, Taking and fulfilling food orders	Food preparation, cooking, serving, taking orders, money handling	Tom Honecker (913) 488-4580
Honor Guard	Ongoing	TAL	Honoring fallen veterans at funerals and celebration of life ceremonies. Performing patriotic ceremonies at the post and other venues.	Military manual of arms (Don't worry, it will come back to you)	Keith Moss (816) 809-6789 Brian Smith (816) 392-8788 Elyse Smith (816) 392-1828
Turkey Shoot	Every Saturday at 1100 through Fall and Winter	SAL	Assisting with setting up the shoot, posting and retrieving targets, scoring targets, assisting with range and gun safety, assisting guests.	Marksman or Sharpshooter	Matt Laughlin (573) 746-0131
Vets Helping Vets	Ongoing, As- requested	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Assisting fellow veterans and spouses of veterans with general household maintenance and repairs that they may no longer be able to do.	All skillsets needed. Contact the POC and let them know what you can do and you will be added to the on-call list.	Jim Morton (573) 374-3013 Ron Spry (402) 699-6852
Americanism Committee One of the 4 pillars of the American Legion. It is our duty to show and promote Americanism.	Ongoing Check calendar for day and times	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Join the committee to share your ideas on promoting Americanism in our lake community	Communication Skills, Creativity, Patriotism, Teamwork.	Rich Fischer (573) 505-3055

TAL=The American Legion ALA=American Legion Auxillary SAL=Sons of The American Legion ALR=American Legion Riders

Updated 10 February, 2024 For additions or changes contact: Rich Fischer (573) 505-3055

Applications available at post

From Ron Nabers

Members:

The Zack Wheat **Scholarship committee** is kicking off our application process this month. Scholarship applications are available online or on request. If you have a Child, Grandchild, or Great Grandchild that is a senior in high school, get them a copy and ensure that they put your name and, that you are a member

of Post 624 in the appropriate place on the bottom of page one.

(6) \$1000 scholarships will be awarded this year.

Applications are Available at the Legion and must be returned to me prior to

<u>April 1st, of this year</u>. Contact me if you have any questions.

Ron Naber

Scholarship Committee Chairman

309-363-8696

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Missouri War Medallion Program

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — The state of Missouri is seeking to highlight the sacrifices of active-duty service members, veterans, retirees and the deceased who participated in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

According to Sylvia Bennett, program director for the Missouri National Guard Veterans Recognition Office, the Missouri Veterans Recognition War Medallion Program honors Missourians who served on active duty during the periods:

- Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 (WWII);

— June 6, 1944 to Sept. 30, 1944 and participated in the Battle of Normandy (Jubilee of Liberty);

- June 27, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 (Korea);
- Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam);
- Aug. 7, 1990 to June 7, 1991 (Desert Shield and Desert Storm);
- March 19, 2003 to Dec. 15, 2011 (Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn).

Service members did not have to be stationed overseas during the time periods mentioned to receive awards; only one award per conflict will be presented to an individual.

Anyone who is a legal resident of Missouri at the time of application; was a legal resident of Missouri upon entering or discharge from military service, or at the time of death; or served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard, regardless of ever being a legal resident of Missouri may apply as long as the



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