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Commander Newsletter Input – September 2024

Happy Month!! September is upon us and Fall weather is on its way. 22 September marks the first day of Fall and our journey to cooler weather, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Expect to start seeing Christmas in the stores by the end of the month...an unbelievable American truth!! September also marks Patriots Day and our entry into a nearly 20-year war on terrorism in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Philippines. We all remember 911 when four planes flying over the eastern U.S. were seized simultaneously by small teams of hijackers. The planes were then used as giant, guided missiles to crash into landmark buildings in New York and Washington. We will never forget this day and the 2977 Americans who died that day in the attacks and the 441 first responders who gave their lives trying to save them. September also marks POW/MIA Recognition Day on the 20th when we remember and honor those Americans who were prisoners of war and those who served and never returned home. Let us never forget them and our Nation's promise to leave no service member behind. Finally, 11-15 September brings the Lake of the Ozarks annual Bikefest where thousands of bikers descend on the Lake. Our American Legion Riders are hosting a passport station for the event and our annual Veterans Memorial Ride on 13 September. The Veterans ride will end at our Post with a vendor village in the parking lot, food, a silent auction, music, and fun! Come out and support this event from 12-3pm. Because we run a passport station, every biker participating in the passport run comes through our doors. What an opportunity for our Post and community! Hope to see you at our many meals and events throughout the month. Each one of you makes a difference to our Veterans, our Post, and our community!! See you on the high ground!!

John E. Seward
Commander, Post 624



Auxiliary Newsletter Input – September 2024

Happy September Auxiliary-Fall is coming...my favorite time of year-Bring on the Pumpkin Spice!! We have a busy month coming up and we are making plans for an exciting Fall at the Legion! Please join our membership at our monthly meeting on 3 September as we present our yearly check to the Veterans. This \$6000 helps them run this wonderful facility that we all share. Throughout the year we are blessed to be able to assist our Veteran brothers and sisters with other needs that may arise at our Post. Prior to the meeting we will host Taco Tuesday from 4:30-5:45pm. Come join us for dinner before the meeting... the tacos are outstanding!! Bikefest will descend on the Lake area, 11-15 September. We will be serving the riders as they finish up the Veterans Memorial Ride on 13 September. After serving lunch, we will be serving open-faced roast beef for dinner. We could use all hands-on deck! Kyle Lee Wiles & The Fender Benders will be entertaining us that afternoon. Also, on the 28th, we will host a local bowling group in the evening. If you can assist, we would appreciate it. Stop at the kitchen window as you order your dinner and congratulate Betty Hovey as she is our current "Woman of the Year"!! You can find her in our kitchen just about every time it is open or folding our Post Newsletters or just about every event we host!! Thank you, Betty, a much-deserved honor, and it even comes with a reserved parking space.

Dates and Events to Remember:

- Game Day – 1st and 3rd Monday @ 1:30pm – We are a small group but getting to really know each other – Come and join us!
- Thursdays – Show Me The Money – Thanks to Jane and crew for running the kitchen those evenings from 4:30-6pm.
- Sunday afternoons – The Legion will host the Chiefs games – bring in snacks to share as our kitchen is not open. This is the only time that outside food is allowed. Please help us give back to our Veterans and community by supporting our kitchen.
- 19 October – Mouse Races, Silent Auction – accepting donations NOW! Kitchen is open 1130am-2pm with an Oktoberfest theme. Join the fun!!
- 2 November – Get ready for the Fall Bazaar – Tables are available – see the flier in this newsletter. Kitchen will also be open for this event.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page, Lake Legion Aux 624 for other news and events.

Again, thank you for your confidence in me as your President! I am honored and humbled by your support! I look forward to serving you!! Thanks for your continued support of our Post, our Veterans, and our community!!

Lisa Seward
President
American Legion Auxiliary



SAL Members,

Just a few reminders for this month.

Aug 31 the sons will be back at the Eldon race track to sell 50/50 and gun raffle tickets

Sept 4 Meeting at 6:30

Sept 11 Patriots Day we will serve flat iron steak dinner

Sept 20 POW / MIA Recognition Day drawing for the gun raffle

Thank you all for the great team work we have, keep it up, keep it going.

SAL Commander

Paul Henderson



Hi All,

We have some exciting activities coming up in the next few weeks. The Riders are still at the Great American Campground on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month doing 50/50 raffle, Gun Raffle and T-shirt sales.

We are gearing up for Bikefest September 12-14, 2024 and we will be selling passports starting on Thursday. We will have a vendor village on Friday and Saturday, which is new this year.

The Veteran's Memorial Ride will be September 13, 2024 starting at the VFW in Camdenton at 11:30 am and ending at the Legion at approximately noon. We will have the KC Biker Babes doing a bike wash at the Legion that Friday and have the silent auction indoors. The Auxiliary will be providing lunch for a donation and The Fender Benders will be providing entertainment. As always, we are looking for donations for the silent auction and this year we are adding a little twist. If you make a basket for the silent auction, it will be entered into our basket competition for best basket. There will be a 1st and 2nd prize given away for the best basket.

In closing I want to thank each and every one for your support and encouragement over the last few months. I am more than proud to call this Legion my home. Love you all

Tiffany Fox
ALR Director

September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Game & Puzzle day 130-3pm Shuffelboard 3pm	3 TACO TUESDAY 430-545pm TAL & AUX Eboard Meeting 6pm Gen Meeting 7pm	4 Wing Night 5-630pm SAL Meeting 630pm ALR Meeting 630pm Music by Ron Moschier 5-8pm	5 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm Chiefs 720pm	6 AUX Spagetti w Meatballs, Meatball Subs or Fried Fish w Fries & Coleslaw	7
8 District 8 Meeting Post 202 Columbia 1pm	9 Kitchen & Calendar Meeting 11am Buddy checks 1-2pm Shuffelboard 3pm	10	11 SAL Dinner Flat Iron Steak 5-630pm No ALR Meeting Start of LOZ Bikefest Passport Silent auction PATRIOTS DAY	12 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm LOZ Bikefest/Passport Silent Auction	13 Aux Dinner Open faced roast beef or Fried Fish w sides 5-630pm Music Fender Bender 12-3pm Veterans Ride Silent Auction	14 Bikefest Passport last day
15 Chiefs 3:25pm bring a covered dish	16 Game & Puzzle day 130-3pm Shuffelboard 3pm	17 Laurie Care Center 1:30pm Visiting with our fellow Veterans	18 ALR Dinner Chicken Pot Pie 5-630pm	19 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	20 TAL Dinner Salisbury Steak w sides Or Fried Fish 5-630pm SAL RAFFLE POW/MIA Recognition Day	21
22 Printing Newsletter Buddy Check Chiefs 7:20pm bring a covered dish	23 Folding Newsletter 9am Shuffelboard 3pm	24	25 AUX Hamburger/Cheeseburger Night 5-630pm	26 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	27 ALR Dinner Porksteaks w potatoes & Coleslaw or Fried Fish w Potatoes & Coleslaw 5-630pm	28 Bowling Group Trivia & Silent Auction
29 Chiefs Football 3:25pm bring a covered Dish	30 Shuffelboard 3pm	1	2	3 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	4	5
6	7 Shuffelboard 3pm	Bikefest starts 9/11,ends 9/15 Passports stop 9/14. Veterans Ride Friday 9/13 , Silent Auction hosted by the Riders 9/11-9/13 . ALR Gun Raffle 9/11-9/13 Drawing at HD on 9/15 SAL GunRaffle Drawing 9/20/24 POW/MIA Recognition Day				

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October 2024

Guests are always Welcome

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 Chiefs Football 7:20pm</p>	<p>30 Shuffelboard 3pm</p>	<p>1 TACO TUESDAY 430-545pm TAL & AUX Eboard Meeting 6pm Gen Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>2 Wing Night 5- 630pm SAL Meeting 630pm</p>	<p>3 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm</p>	<p>4 AUX Spagetti w Meatballs, Meatball Subs or Fried Fish w Fries & Coleslaw Music by Fender Benders 4:00-7:00pm</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7 Kitchen & Calendar Meeting 11am Buddy checks 1-2pm Game & Puzzle day 130-3pm Shuffelboard 3pm Chiefs Football 7:15pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 SAL Dinner TBD 5-630pm ALR Meeting 630pm</p>	<p>10 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm</p>	<p>11 AUX Open Faced Roast Beef or Fried Fish&sides 5-630pm Music by Starla & Scotty 5-8pm</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Military Appreciation Day Navy Birthday - Drink special</p>	<p>14 Shuffelboard 3pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 ALR Dinner Chicken Pot Pie 5-630pm</p>	<p>17 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm</p>	<p>18 TAL Dinner Salisbury Steak, Rice & corn or Fried Fish w sides 5-630pm</p>	<p>19 Mouse Race 1-5pm & Silent Auction Kitchen open 1130am-2pm Octoberfest theme</p>
<p>20 Prfinting Newsletter Chiefs Football 3:25 Bring a dish</p>	<p>21 Folding Newsletter 9am Game & Puzzle day 130-3pm Shuffelboard 3pm</p>	<p>22 Laurie Care Center 1:30pm Visiting with our fellow Veterans</p>	<p>23 AUX Dinner Hamburger /Cheeseburger w Fries or Onion Rings 5-630pm</p>	<p>24 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm</p>	<p>25 ALR Dinner TBD 5-630pm Music by The Healing Box 5-8pm</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Chiefs Football 3:25pm bring a Dish</p>	<p>28 Shuffelboard 3pm</p>	<p>29 Aux Dinner Breaded Shrimp with sides 5-6:30pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm Trunk or Treat at Laurie Church 5-7pm</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4 Shuffelboard 3pm</p>	<p>Notes</p>				

Upcoming Events

If you would like to volunteer for any of our upcoming activities at the Legion, please contact Christy Fischer at 913 708-1760

- Helping in The Kitchen - On going
 - Riders Bike Fest – 9/13
 - October Fest – 10/19
 - Auxiliary Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale – 11/2
 - Christmas Dinner – 12/11
- Auxiliary Silent Auction – 10/19
 - Truck or Treat – 10/31
 - Thanksgiving Dinner – 11/22
 - New Year’s Eve Party – 12/31

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
Post 624 House & Grounds Committee	Every Monday 9 AM Just show up. No pre-arrangement needed.	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Maintaining our awesome American Legion post as a member of the House & Grounds Committee. Fixing, maintaining, upgrading, constructing, improving.	All skill levels in Carpentry, Electrical, Electronics, Plumbing, HVAC, Painting, Landscaping, Organizing, Cleaning	Rich Fischer (573) 505-3055
Kitchen Serving Veterans, our Community and Each Other	Multiple Dinners served all month. Participate in one or more.	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Working in our great American Legion kitchen that serves our members and guests all year long. Food prep, guest service and clean-up. Bring your mad kitchen skills or we will train you!	American Legion dinner nights are fun! Bring your cooking, cleaning, organization, and service skills.	Christy Fischer (913) 708-1760
Local Veteran Visits They are <u>NOT</u> forgotten	Monthly Check calendar for day and time. Meet at the Laurie Care Center	All Legion Units TAL, ALA, SAL, ALR	Making in-person visits to our Veterans in the Laurie Care Center. 2-hour visit each month.	Time and Compassion.	Jamie Slinkard (573) 578-6481
Buddy Checks Be The ONE 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 Legionaires 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
Honor Guard	Ongoing	TAL	Honoring fallen veterans at funerals and celebration of life ceremonies. Performing patriotic ceremonies at the post and other venues.	A calling to honor our fallen Veterans and the 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
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 call list.	Jim Morton (573) 374-3013 Ron Spry (402) 699-6852

TAL - American Legion
ALA - American Legion Auxiliary
SAL - Sons of the American Legion
ALR - American Legion Riders

Updated 14 August, 2024
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Friday September 13th

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- 10:00 - Staging & Breakfast (donations) -
Camdenton VFW Post 5923**
- 11:30 - KSU - Local LEO Escorted Ride**
- 12:00 - Arrive - American Legion Post 624**
- 12:00 - Post 624 Auxiliary Lunch (donations)**
- 1:30 - Silent Auction**

**Post 624 Legion Riders is a
2024 BikeFest Passport Stop.**

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Let us acknowledge one of our sisters “Christy Fischer” for receiving an award from the American Lung Association in July 2024.

Christy is an amazing person and has accomplished many things. “She is a Leader”. “Way-to-go Christy”. We are very proud of you and I personally want to thank you for being a part of my life along with the Auxiliary Members of Post 624.

Historian, Kay Arzola

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Christy Fischer Awarded American Lung Association’s Will Ross Medal



Lung cancer survivor Christy Fischer enjoyed zip-lining Friday, July 19 in Eureka Springs, Ark. (submitted photo)

by Janet Dabbs

Lake Area resident Christy Fischer was awarded the esteemed American Lung Association Will Ross Medal for her outstanding accomplishments and impact in advancing the mission of the association in June 2024.

“This prestigious accolade is a testament to Fischer’s exceptional dedication, leadership and the difference she has made in the lives of individuals affected by lung disease,” the association said in a press release. “Fischer’s journey ... serves as an inspiration to all who strive for a world free from the burdens of lung disease.”

Christy’s involvement with the American Lung Association began as a response to her own battle with lung cancer. Christy was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer nearly 18 years ago. The doctors told her she had a two-percent chance of living the next four months.

“I heard the two-percent chance of living, not the 98 percent chance of dying,” she said. Christy shared that “the second she was diagnosed she knew that God would heal her.”

Christy never smoked. In fact, she was an athlete who received college scholarships in basketball and track. “I couldn’t even walk up a flight of stairs without doubling over trying to breathe,” she remembered prior to being diagnosed.

Christy credits God for her healing, along with her incredible network of friends and family. She’s currently winning her fight against stage IV lung cancer for the fourth time. “It’s my faith in God that gives me strength. I know he has a special purpose for my life,” she said. Christy is very active and walks five miles a day.

Determined to turn her personal experience into a force for positive change, Fischer immersed herself in volunteering, becoming a beacon of hope and advocacy for others facing similar challenges.

“Christy Fischer’s journey embodies the spirit of resilience and determination that defines the American Lung Association’s mission. Her unwavering commitment to raising awareness, supporting research, and providing aid to those affected by lung disease has left an in-

delible mark on the Lung Association and the communities we serve,” said Harold Wimmer, President and CEO of the American Lung Association. “We were honored to present her with the Will Ross Medal in recognition of her extraordinary accomplishments.”

“Her passion, expertise and tireless efforts drive the organization’s vital work forward, enabling it to fulfill its mission of improving lung health and preventing lung disease. ... She has played an indispensable role in advancing the Association’s goals and creating a healthier future for all.”

The Will Ross Medal was established in 1952 in honor of Will Ross, a former tuberculosis patient and one of the American Lung Association’s most dedicated volunteers who served as the first non-medical president of the Association. The medal is awarded annually to individuals who demonstrate outstanding commitment and achievement in the fight against lung disease.

Christy is often asked, “What do you tell someone recently diagnosed with cancer?” She always replies, “Live your life.”

For more about Christy’s personal story visit the American Lung Association website www.lung.org.



Stage IV lung cancer survivor Christy Fischer receives the Will Ross Medal Friday, June 28, at the American Lung Association awards ceremony in Chicago, Ill. (submitted photo)



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Legion Mouse Races & Auxiliary Silent Auction



OCTOBER FEST



**American Legion, Sunrise Beach
Saturday, October 19th, 2024**

October Fest Lunch available 11:30am-2:00pm

**All proceeds benefit the efforts of the Auxiliary
to support our Veterans and Community**

Silent Auction 11:30am-4:00pm

**Questions or to donate needed items
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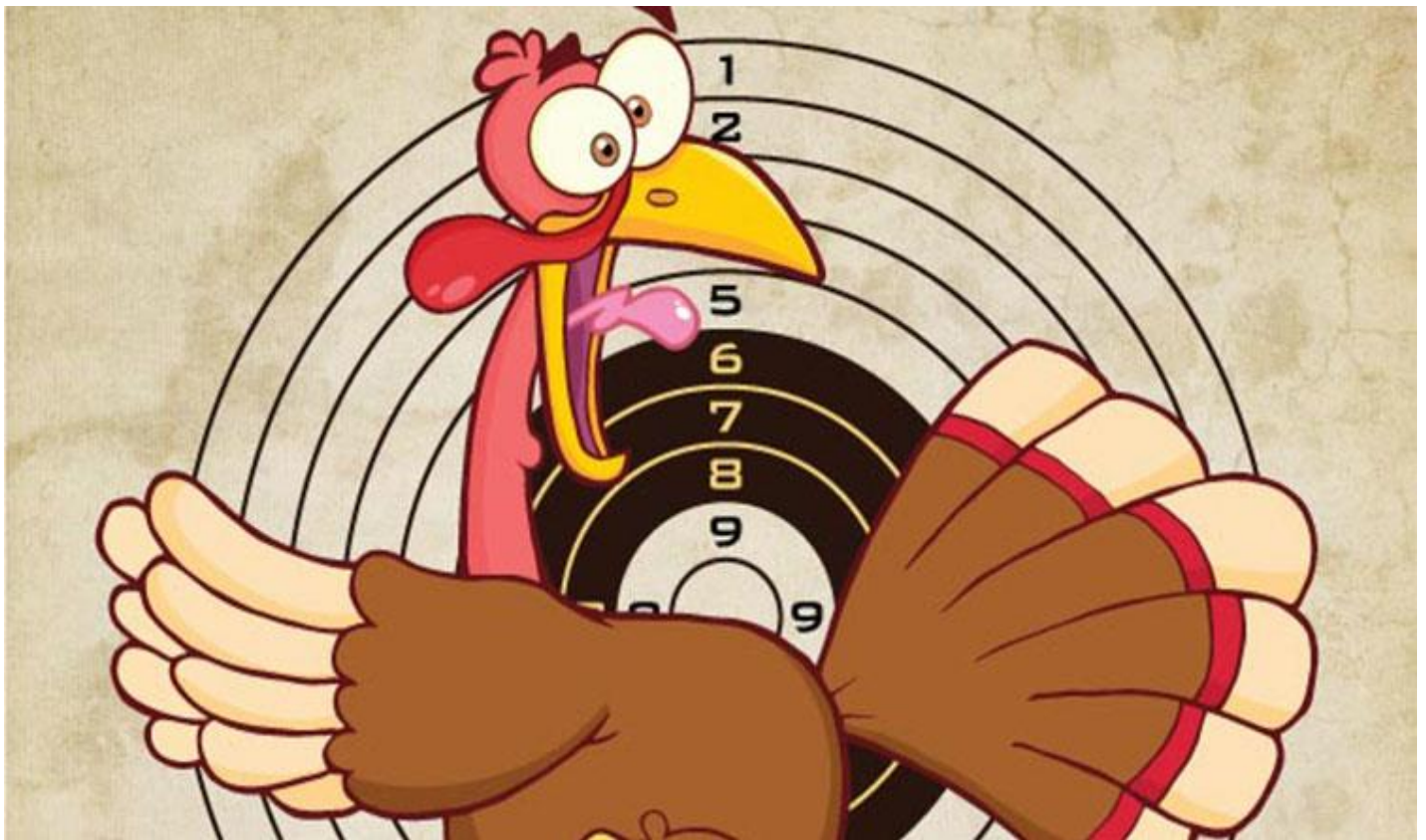
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Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 2nd, 2024

The American Legion Auxiliary, Post 624, Sunrise Beach, MO

invite you to attend or participate in our

Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale

Saturday, November 2nd, 9:00am-3:00pm at the American Legion

Questions: Contact Christy Fischer, 913 708-1760, christy.r.fischer@outlook.com

Breakfast & Lunch available with all proceeds benefiting the efforts of the Auxiliary to support our Veterans & Community

Details to Participate in the Fall Bazaar:

- Set up inside Saturday, November 2nd, 7:00am-9:00am
- Break down/clean up Saturday, November 2nd, 3:00pm-5:00pm
- \$25.00 per 8' table
- Complete form & mail to: American Legion Aux Post 624, 28724 White Oak Road, Gravois Mills, MO 65037
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- As a participant, we ask that you please donate one item for a door prize please
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