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Commander's Newsletter Input – February 2025

Happy Month!! We are halfway through the Winter and headed toward Spring!! Soon we will see our Snowbirds headed back to the Lake and our Post!! We can't wait to see you again!! Thanks to everyone who came out to support the Post through the snow and ice storms of January!! It was a tough few weeks but we survived!!!

As we move into February, we remember the Four Chaplains who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American troop ship SS Dorchester sank on 3 February 1943, in what has been referred to as one of the worst sea disasters of World War II. The Dorchester, a civilian liner, had been converted for military service in World War II as a troop transport of the War Shipping Administration. The ship left New York on 23 January 1943, enroute to Greenland, carrying approximately 900 as part of a convoy of three ships escorted by Coast Guard Cutters Tampa, Escanaba, and Commanche. During the early morning hours of 3 February, the vessel was torpedoed by the German submarine U-223 off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. The Chaplains helped the other Soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The Chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. These four Chaplains paid the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow Soldiers and Sailors on the Dorchester. What an honor they provided to the men who survived that night and to our Nation!! That is why we pause each 3rd of February to remember them! It should also remind us to treat each other at our Post and in our community with dignity, respect, and kindness! Each of these Chaplains were a different faith...one Catholic Priest, one Jewish Rabbi, one Methodist Preacher, and one Reformed Church Minister.

They are somewhat like the four entities at our Post...Legionnaires, Sons, Riders, and Auxiliary. Think how much we could accomplish for our Veterans and Community when our four entities join arms and work together for the good of all!! Each of our members or our Fathers/Mothers/Husbands/Spouses served the Nation when called. Each person at our Post deserves our honor for service to the Nation and now our Post and community!! Let us all remember these Four Chaplains and be kind, thoughtful, caring, and respectful to everyone we meet at our Post!! We can and will make a difference in their lives!!

God Bless you all and may God continue to Bless the United States of America!!

John Seward
Commander
American Legion Post 624



Auxiliary President Newsletter Input – February 2025

Well Winter has officially arrived! I hope you are all doing well, staying warm, and healthy!! Please be extra careful out on the snow and ice! It appears that things will warm up for a bit before once again getting cold/snowy. Of course, the weather man is really only a highly paid guesser!! LOL

Thanks to all who joined us on New Year's! It was wonderful to usher in 2025 with friends and all the great food. I love pot lucks – trying different foods is such a thrill! The band was great and the conversation even better!

The Auxiliary is trying some new menu items at our February Friday night dinners. Come and try something different and let us know what you think. Thanks to Christy, the fettuccini alfredo was a huge hit! We already plan to serve it again. The beef stew was also a winner – those that came out after the snow storm enjoyed it and most took an extra portion home! Be watching for more special meals. If you can help, we would love to have you join us!

In February, we have a Newcomer's Lunch on the 19th. We need many hands to make this fundraiser a success. Thanks to those that step up to help!

Game Days are also taking place on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 1:30pm. It is nice to get to know one another across the table of competition!

Keep an eye on the calendar and on Facebook for things happening at the Legion. Come out and join your friends for a meal or just to commiserate the Winter weather!!

Happy Winter!!

Lisa Seward
Auxiliary President



SAL Newsletter Input February 2025

The sons will not have a February meeting. I want everyone to know we are supporting the legion for the pub crawl coming up in March, so please sign up to help, if possible. All help in this joint endeavor. Have a safe winter and, as always, the weekly turkey shoot is going on. Thank you. Paul

Our General Meeting will commence on the first Wednesday in March.

Paul Henderson



ALR Newsletter Input February 2025

Is it spring yet? Haha not quite. The Riders are doing great things this winter. We are preparing for our first ever ALR ROMP to happen 30 May-1 June. This will be a national event that will take place at our post. We hope to host 200-300 Legion Riders and show them why we love the Lake of the Ozarks. We are asking maximum participation from all areas to make this a hit. If you have any ideas, questions or comments please feel free to reach out. Next General ALR Meeting will be in April.

Thank you for all you do!!

ALR ROMP Invitation

Lake of the Ozarks
Reply

You are invited to participate in the ALR ROMP event on 30 May-1 June, aiming for 200-300 Legion Riders to enjoy the Lake of the Ozarks.

Note

- Consider participating in the ALR ROMP event.
- Reach out with ideas, questions, or comments to ALR Director Tiffany Fox. (tfox1465@gmail.com)

Tiffany Fox
ALR Director

St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl 2025

We are excited to announce that the American Legion Post 624 will be participating in the St. Patrick's Pub Crawl again this year on Saturday, March 15th. Remember how much fun we had last year!!?? Grab your green and get with Christy Fischer on what you would like to do to participate in this fun event. There is something for everyone. Our next meeting to discuss is Tuesday, February 4th at 5pm before our monthly meeting. See you there!!



February 2025

American Legion Post open 2pm - 9pm Mon-Sun
Guests are always Welcome

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Shuffleboard 3pm	28	29	30	31 Aux Dinner Breaded Shrimp or Fried Fish 5-6:30pm	1 Turkey Shoot 11am Lunch 11am-2pm
2	3 Game & Puzzle time starts 130pm Shuffleboard 3pm	4 ROMP & PupCrawl Meeting 5pm TAL & AUX E-Board Meeting 6PM General Meeting 7PM No Taco Tuesday until April	5 No SAL Meeting until March	6	7 Super Bowl Party Dinner 5-630	8 Turkey Shoot 11am Lunch 11am-2pm
9 Superbowl Kick Off 530pm Polluck bring a covered dish to share	10 Mission Stables 9am Your once a month chance to Volunteer your time Kitchen & Calendar Meeting 11am Shuffle Board 3pm	11	12 No ALR Meeting until April	13	14 Valentines Day Aux Dinner Lasagne or Chicken Fettuchini or Fried Fish 5-630pm	15 Turkey Shoot 11am Lunch 11am -2pm
16 printing newsletter	17 Folding Newsletter 9am Game Day 130pm Shuffleboard 3pm	18	19	20 Laurie Care Center 1:30pm Visiting with our fellow Veterans	21 Aux Dinner Hamburger / Cheeseburger or Fried Fish 5-630	22 Turkey Shoot 11am Lunch 11am - 2pm
23	24 Shuffleboard 3pm	25	26	27	28 Legion Birthday Dinner Sign Up Start Mardi Gras Dinner Jambalaya, Shrimp POBoy or fried fish 5-630 pm	1 Turkey Shoot 11am Lunch 11am - 2pm
2	3 Game Day 130pm Shuffleboard 3pm	Notes 2/28 Start of Sign Up for Legion Birthday Dinner No Dinner on Wednesday's until March Friday Dinners 5-630pm Saturday Lunch 11am-2pm				

March 2025

American Legion Post open 2-9pm Guests are always Welcome

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28 Mardi Gras Dinner Jambalaya, Shrimp POBoy or fried fish 5-630 pm Legion Birthday Dinner Sign Up starts today	1 Turkey Shoot , Lunch 11am-2pm
2	3 Game & Puzzle time starts 130pm Shuffleboard 3pm	4 Grab & Go Grub 430pm ROMP & PupCrawl Meeting 5pm TAL & AUX E-Board Meeting 6PM General Meeting 7PM	5 Wing Night 5-630pm SAL meeting 630pm	6	7 Aux Dinner Open face Roastbeef or Fried Fish 5-630pm Music by The Fender Benders 4-7pm	8 Turkey Shoot , Lunch 11am -2 pm
9	10 Mission Stables 9am Your once a month chance to Volunteer your time Kitchen & Calendar Meeting 11am Shuffleboard 3pm	11	12 SAL Tenderloin dinner,mashed potatoes& veggie 5p-630pm ALR Meeting 630pm	13	14 St Patricks Day Dinner Corned Beef & Cabbage 5-630 pm	15 Turkey Shoot Lunch 11am -2pm St.Patrick's Day Pub Crawl 4pm-12am The Fender Benders 6-9pm
16 Printing Newsletter	17 Folding Letters 9am Game & Puzzle time starts 130pm Shuffleboard 3pm	18	19 AUX Dinner Soup & Baked Potatoe or Beef Stew 5-630pm	20 Laurie Care Center 1:30pm Visiting with our fellow Veterans	21 AUX Dinner TBD 5-630pm Music by The Healing Box 5-8pm	22 Turkey Shoot Lunch 11am -2pm
23	24 Shuffleboard 3pm	25	26 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger w Fries/Onionrings 5-630pm	27	28 Boiled Shrimp or Fried Fish w side and Dessert 5-630pm	29 Turkey Shoot, Lunch 11am -2pm Mix & Mingle/Awards 4-5pm Legion Birthday Dinner 5pm Vietnam Vets Day
30	31 Shuffleboard 3pm	Notes Legion Birthday Dinner Sign up \$2 per Person starting 2/28/25 at Patriots Bar Riders not cooking until April				



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