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Commander's Newsletter Input – March 2025

Happy Month!! Hope everyone survived the worst of the Winter and I am sure we are all looking forward to Spring and warmer weather!!

Most of our Snow Birds are back and we are excited to see you again with your tans!! I always like to start with some military history facts for the month so here we go for March!! On 3 March 1865 Congress approved legislation establishing the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers which was the predecessor of our Veterans Administration today. The injured who returned home from the Civil War needed long term care, often more than their families could provide. President Lincoln signed the bill for this home the same day Congress approved the legislation in 1865. Fifty-four years later, The American Legion formed on 15 March 1919 and was chartered on 16 September 1919 by Congress.

Today, The American Legion is the Nation's largest wartime Veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong National security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and Veterans. We will celebrate The American Legion's 106th Birthday this year at our Post Legion Birthday Dinner on Saturday, 22 March 2025. We will have a meeting at 4pm with some awards followed by dinner at 5pm. Sign-up to attend the dinner at the Patriots Bar. The Post is participating in the Westside St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl on 15 March, 4pm-Midnight. We are planning plenty of fun, food, drinks, and music. Please come out and support your Post by helping the Team or just coming by to spend some time with us. It will be a night to remember!

The Post will also have a table at the Westside Business Expo, 29 March from 8am-4pm at Lake Christian Academy. Come out and visit. We would love to see you!!!

Finally, don't forget Daylight Savings Time begins 9 March so get ready to Spring forward an hour...and the first day of Spring is 20 March!! Thanks for everything you do for our Veterans, their families, and our community! You are the reason we enjoy the freedoms we have in our Nation today!!

God Bless you and may God Bless the United States of America!!

John Seward

Commander

Zack Wheat American Legion Post 624



Auxiliary President Input – March 2025

Well Winter is in full swing!! Stay safe, warm, and upright!! Spring will come soon, it always does! Thank God!!

Both January and February have brought some wonderful and amazing meals on our Friday night dinners! Thanks to all that came out to try some new offerings. I especially enjoyed our Super Bowl meal the Friday before the big game between the Chiefs and Eagles. The Valentine's Day meal was super special too. Thank you, Christy, for your innovation – we are all beneficiaries of your creativity!! Our Mardi Gras dinner is the 28 February so come check it out. We are serving jambalaya, shrimp po boys, or fish...yum!!

Grab and Go Grub will begin on our meeting day in March, Tuesday 4 March at 4:30pm. Legion Riders ROMP and St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl meeting will be at 5pm followed by the E-Board at 6pm, and membership meetings for both the Legion and Auxiliary at 7pm. Our first Wing Night of the Spring will be Wednesday, 5 March from 5-6:30pm. Our St. Patrick's Day meal of corned beef and cabbage or fish will be Friday, 14 March, 5-6:30pm.

We are again a Pub Crawl stop for the Westside St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl on 15 March from 4pm to Midnight. It should be a fun night of music and making new friends on the Westside. The Legion Birthday Dinner is on Saturday, 22 March. There will be a mix/mingle meeting from 4-5pm followed by dinner that the Auxiliary is hosting at 5pm. Sign-ups are \$2 at the front bar. The schedule is back to normal in March with meals every Wednesday and Friday from 5-6:30. Game Day continues on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 1:30pm in the Patriots Bar. We had eight ladies playing last time in February and it got competitive!

Thank you, the Auxiliary, for all the support you give our organization and the Veterans we serve. Because of our volunteers, we are able to send two girls to Girls State this summer and we will be awarding six scholarships to deserving high school graduates. Our donation list has been published on-line at Lake Aux 624 and posted on our bulletin board. We come together for the good of all in our community!!

See you at the Legion!!

Lisa Seward

Auxiliary President, Post 624

Because of You

Because of your ongoing support towards the efforts of our American Legion Auxiliary, since August 2024 until today we have been able to support the following organizations that reached out to us for a donation.

Girls Scholarships	\$6,000.00	Share the Harvest	\$100.00
Girls State	\$1000.00	Community for Christ	\$500.00
Honor Flight	\$500.00	Hurricane Deck	\$300.00
St. James	\$500.00	Lake Christian Academy	\$300.00
Citizens Against Domestic Violence \$300.00		Jr. ROTC	\$300.00
Lamb House	\$250.00	Kat & K9	\$500.00
Fisher House	\$500.00	Warrensburg Veterans Home	\$500.00
Buddy Packs	\$250.00	Medical Missions	\$300.00
Youth Football	\$500.00	VA & R	\$650.00
Memorials	\$400.00		

Other Support:

- We contributed \$6,000.00 to support our American Legion
- We purchased two buffet tables to better serve you Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinner, Memorial & Labor Day Breakfast, Bike Fest and other big events
- We purchased a Panini Maker & Hotdog Roller to provide different and appetizing food



SAL Newsletter Input

March will be a busy month for the SAL. March 5th is meeting night. March 12th will be our first meal of the year for SAL. We will be serving tenderloin dinner. We need as much help as we can give on the 15th for the pub crawl. Hope everyone had a great winter break. Hope to see all our members this coming month.

Paul Henderson



ALR Newsletter Input March 2025

Hey All,

That pesky groundhog didn't do us any favors this year. It is coooold. Hopefully spring is right around the corner with some beautiful riding weather. We are still in the planning stages of the 2025 ROMP at the Ozarks. This is a National ALR event and we hope to have the ability to show off our wonderful post. Volunteers are always welcome to set the stage for a memorable event. If you would like to help out, please attend one of our meetings which are at 5pm just before the general meeting the first Tuesday of the month. Riders will have their first spring meeting March 12 at 630 pm

Stay warm and stay safe

Tiffany Fox
ALR Director
Chapter 624

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 & Philly or Fried Fish 5-630pm Queen of Hearts 430-630	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 & Reuben 5-630 pm Queen of Hearts 430-630	15 NO Turkey Shoot 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 Potato 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 Queen of Hearts 430-630	22 Turkey Shoot Lunch 11am -2pm Mix & Mingle/Awards 4-5pm Legion Birthday Dinner 5pm
23	24 Shuffleboard 3pm	25	26 Hamburger/ Cheeseburger w Fries/Onionrings 5-630pm	27	28 Boiled Shrimp or Fried Fish 5-630pm Queen of Hearts 430-630	29 NO Turkey Shoot, Lunch 11am -2pm Vietnam Vets Day
30	31 Game & Puzzle time starts 130pm Shuffleboard 3pm	Notes Legion Birthday Dinner Sign up \$2 per Person starting 2/28/25 at Patriots Bar Taking Donations for the Silent Auction Now until April 7th Riders not cooking until April				

April 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Game & Puzzle time starts 130pm Shuffelboard 3pm	1 Grab & Go Grub 430pm TAL & AUX E-Board Meeting 6PM General Meeting 7PM	2 Legionairs Wing Night 5-630pm SAL Meeting 630pm	3 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm	4 Aux Dinner Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo or Fried Fish 5-630pm Music By Fender Benders 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 430-630	5 LAST Turkey Shoot Lunch 11am-2pm
6 ALR & District 8 Meeting Freeburg Post 317 at 1pm	7 Mission Stables 9am Your once a month chance to Volunteer your time Kitchen/Calendar Meeting 11am Shuffle Board 3pm	8 Start of the Silent Auction	9 SAL Dinner TBD ALR Meeting 630pm Silent Auction	10 Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430-6pm Silent Auction	11 Aux Dinner Shrimp PoBoys, Jambalaya or Fried Fish Fillet w. sides 5-630pm Silent Auction	12 Mouse Race starts at 1pm Silent Auction Lunch 11am-TBD
13	14 Shuffelboard 3pm Game & Puzzle day starts at 130pm	15	16 Riders Dinner TBD 5-630pm	17 Laurie Care Center 1:30pm Visiting with our fellow Veterans Show Me 6pm Kitchen open 430- 6pm	18 Aux Spaghetti Night or Fried Fish 5-6:30 Music by Helen Russell 5-8pm Queen of Hearts 430-630	19 Huff Celebration of Life 1-4pm
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27	28 Shuffelboard 3pm	29	30 Newcomers Orientation 5:30pm	1	2	3
4	5	Notes & Events				
		Taking Donations for the Silent Auction until April 7th				



MAVO

Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations LEGISLATIVE AGENDA - 2025

1. **(Priority) Fully fund the Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC) and transfer its Personnel Services to funding by General Revenue.**

MVC is funded by three dedicated sources: Department of Veterans Affairs, Missouri Gaming Commission, and the Missouri Veterans Health and Care Fund. Maintaining the necessary level of funding for the operations, maintenance, and capital improvements of State Veterans Homes, State Cemeteries, Veterans Service Officers Program, Veterans Grant Programs, and other needs of Missouri veterans is a priority. Since FY20, MVC has required additional short-term funding support from the state. A long-term solution is required. One suggestion is returning Missouri Veterans Commission salaries to be paid from General Revenue as it was prior to 2013.

2. **Advocate for additional funding to increase Veterans' Service Officers and their pay to include Grant Partnership Veterans Organizations Service Officers to help ensure Missouri's approximate 400,000 Veterans receive the benefits they have earned through their service.**

Given that the state's economy receives a return of \$134 for every dollar spent on a MVC VSO, the economic impact demonstrates that Missouri should provide additional funding for Veterans Service Officers. MAVO supports legislation that protects Veterans from Predatory Actors who seek to profit from benefits that have been earned by those who serve our nation. MVC Veterans Service Officers and their Grant Partners receive no payment taken from the veteran's benefits.

3. **Enhance Real and Personal Property Tax exemptions for 100% disabled veterans.**

Currently, there is a tax exemption for Veterans that are 100% disabled AND are former Prisoners of War. This narrow exemption provides assistance to very few if any Missouri Veterans.

4. **Urge support of HJR7 which asks for an amendment repealing Section 39(d) of Article III of the Constitution and adopting a new section relating to gaming revenues**

Missouri's Veterans should be considered a priority to replace the declining revenue generated by riverboat gaming entrance fees. MVC should receive 10 percent of the revenues from internet gaming rather than what is left over after other agencies receive their percentage.

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201 West Capitol Avenue Jefferson City MO 65101

March 11, 2025 8:00 am

#1. Fully Fund MVC

#3. HJR6/SJR46

#2. HB 80/HB399

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#4. HJR 7

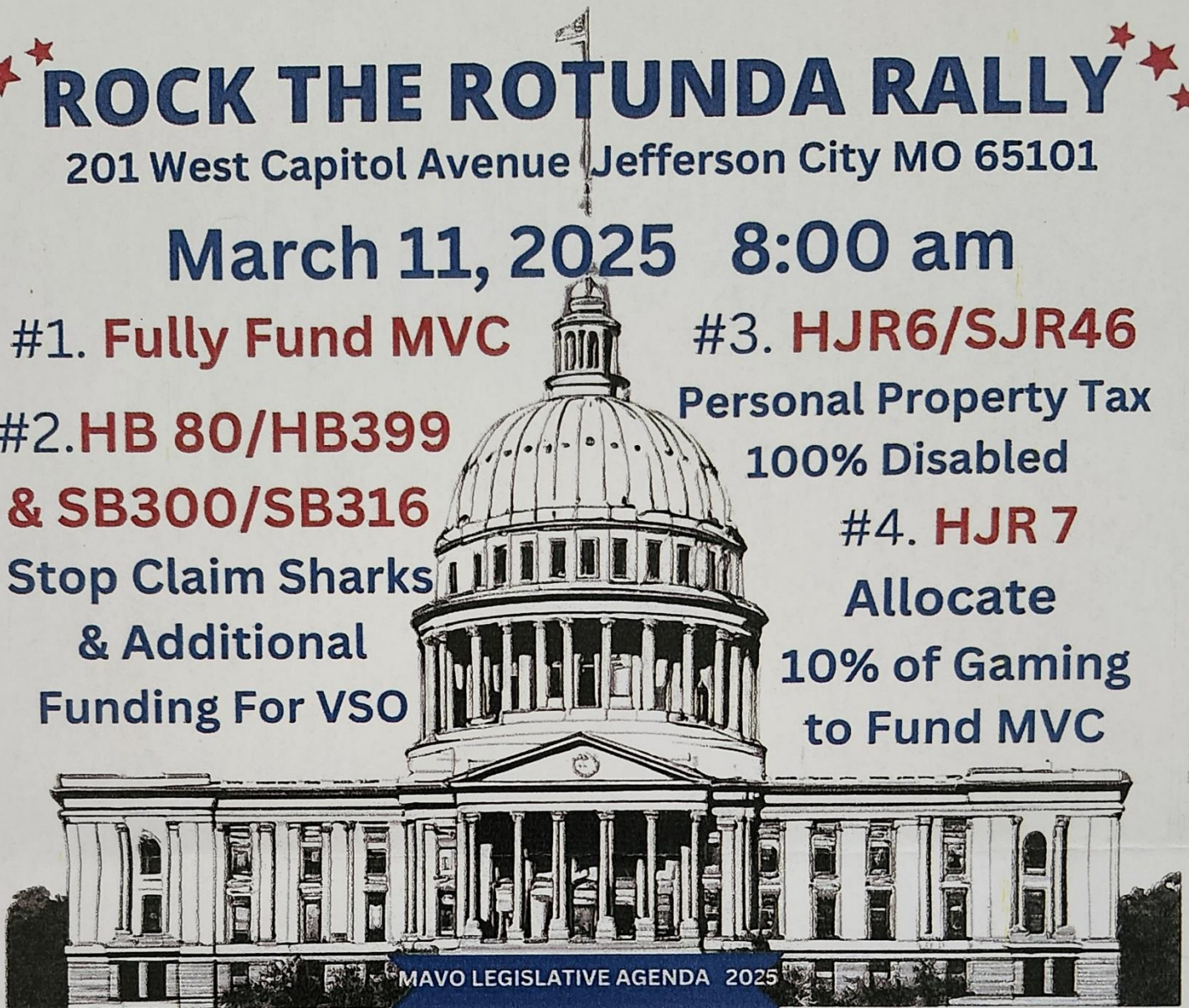
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American Legion, Sunrise Beach

Saturday, April 12th, 2025

Lunch available at Noon

Mouse Races begin at 1:00pm

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Silent Auction goes live for bidding Tuesday, April 8th

Visit the Legion Meeting Room to get your bid in early

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