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Commander Newsletter Input – September 2025

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!! For our WWII Veterans, September marks the start of World War II in Europe when Hitler's armies invaded Poland at 5:30am on 1 September 1939. The United States entered the war in 1941 and four years later on 2 September 1945, President Harry Truman declared Victory over Japan Day commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. 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 19th 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, 10-14 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 12 September. The Veterans ride will end at our Post with a vendor village in the parking lot, food, a bike show, wrestling in the evening, music, and fun! Come out and support this event from 9am-9pm. 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



Congratulations to the new Auxiliary Leadership Team!! We are super excited as we move forward into our next year!! But sadly, we say goodbye to two long time leaders that will pass the torch, Jane Boyce and Deb Schnoebelen. They both served many roles for many years and have helped build the foundation of the Auxiliary. We will treasure their contribution, knowledge and commitment. But the good news is that both will continue to remain active members. Thank you for your service. Congratulations to Christy Fischer for being chosen as our Auxiliary Member of the Year for 2025!! Christy's commitment in leading the Kitchen and our Fundraising efforts continues to allow us to support our Veterans and Community. Thank you, Christy, for all you do. Also, congratulations to Kay Arzola and Christy Fischer for taking 1st Place on our Auxiliary History/Photo Album at the State Convention!! Together they created a history of all of our Auxiliary activities and events. Great job!!! The book is located in the Auxiliary Room if you want to take a look at what a great year we had!! Thank you, Kay and Christy!!

The Hog Roast and Astro Katz Band on August 8th was a blast!!! A special thank you to Dean at Buttonwood Farm and Randy Redd and his team from Redd's BBQ for donating and preparing the hog for all of us to enjoy. If you were there, I'm sure you had a great time!! If not, you missed out!! The Auxiliary team knocked it out of the park. Many members were there supporting our efforts in the kitchen and helped serve, set up and clean up. Others members prepared coleslaw and needed desserts offering our guests over 20 dessert options. We made \$2,439.00 for the night including Dinners, Donations and 50/50. It was a great team effort. Thank you also to all the Legion members who helped. We are grateful to everyone who attended and contributed to making this event a huge success. We all had a wonderful time and couldn't have done it without you. Great! Great Job!!

Our next big event is Ron Moshier and our Breaded Shrimp Dinner on August 22nd in our Legion Lake View Back Bar which will include dinner and dancing. Ron has a huge LOTO following. This is sure to be a fun, fun time!!

Bike Fest activities begin Wednesday, September 10th. There are lots of ways to volunteer during this big event for our Legion. Bring a dessert, help in the kitchen, help serve, help manage a fundraiser, etc. If you would like to help a sign-up sheet is posted in the Kitchen or please see Christy Fischer. Oktoberfest including our Mouse Races is scheduled on Saturday, October 11th. Our Oktoberfest themed lunch will be available throughout the day beginning at 11am with the Mouse Races beginning at 1pm in our Legion Lake View Back Bar. Did someone say Chicken Dance?? We will also be having a Chicken Dance competition. More to come as we get closer.

The American Red Cross will be at our Legion on Tuesday, October 28th from 2pm-6pm. This is obviously a wonderful way to give back to others. Please do your part if you can. Also, during that time Jamie will be hosting a New Member Sign Up table. This will be our opportunity to share our Legion mission and potentially recruit new members. Thank you, Jamie!! We will be participating in Trunk or Treat again this year on Friday, October 31st. Christy Fischer will be leading this activity this year. Please begin to bring in needed bags of candy or other treats and put them in the Auxiliary room. More to come on how you can help as we get closer.

Our Meeting Room renovation is underway. Christy will continue to share ideas as she moves along and welcomes any ideas and help. Get with her if decorating is your thing. We want to continue to create a space that represents the Auxiliary including patriotism, unity, strength, confidence, teamwork, compassion and so much more. If you have any ideas for our room renovation, please contact Christy Fischer.

Thank you for being a member of the Auxiliary and supporting our Veterans and Community. Each of us has something to contribute and make a positive difference. Thank you for doing your part...

Lisa Seward
Auxiliary President



SONS Newsletter Input September 2025

Sons meeting for Sept will be on the 3rd at 630 pm. And on the 10th, we will be preparing grilled PORK Steak with baked beans, Cole slaw and a dinner roll. We will be there in support of the riders for bike fest starting September 10th through the 13th. Hope we all have a great month

Paul Henderson



Chapter 624 ALR Riders,

Thank you everyone who attended our first Riders meeting for the new year. I believe that even though it was a bit longer meeting than we all hoped it would be, we accomplished a great deal and will be well on our way to a fun and successful year.

We set our priorities and objectives for the year: Veterans, Community, New Members, Re-engaging current Members, Ride more (8 ALR rides and Monthly Dinners), Bike Fest and the Legacy Ride. These are all aligned with our support for the Legion and the Missouri Legion Riders.

One of our priorities is The Bike Fest. We will once again have a Veterans Ride Friday September 12. We have a full day of activities in the planning stages and several of us have been working with our brothers and sisters in the other organizations to plan a great event.

But we still need you to make the week a success. We only have 1 more meeting on September 3 at 7:00 pm. This is different than our normal time. We are in need of several volunteers to stamp passport books, sell shirts and patches and be ambassadors for our post. We have a flyer available with the event details and it is also posted on the Bike Fest Webpage of Events. Please pass on the information so we can continue to make the Veteran's Memorial Ride a special event for all.

We will be having a Raffle for a Henry Walnut and Brass 357 Lever Action and one for a Kimber 1911. Drawing will be Sunday the 14th at Harley Davidson. We still need a couple more baskets or items that we can make into a basket with a value of at least \$100 or more. Our goal is to have 5 to 7 nice baskets and raffle those the day of the Veterans Ride.

We also need to thank Viper Communications for providing a Live Broadcast on 93.5 Rocks the day of the Veterans Ride. Commercials should be starting soon.

Reminder – 2026 Membership started in August. Please bring your dues, \$15.00 to our meeting or drop them in the Riders folder (please include your name) at the post so we can get you your new cards as soon as possible.

Mark your calendars September 3 at 7:00 pm for our next meeting

Enjoy the Ride

Mike Koenigsman

Chapter 624 ALR Director

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy Labor Day Let's honor the contributions of American Workers Shuffleboard 3pm	2 Bike Fest Meeting 5:30 Legion & Aux E-Board Meeting 6pm General Meeting 7pm	3 Legion Wing Night 5-6:30pm Son's Meeting 6:30pm Riders Meeting 7:00pm	4 Jane's Show Me the Money Dinner 4:30-6pm Show Me the Money 6pm	5 Aux Spaghetti & Meatballs & Meatball Subs 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 4:30-6:30	6
7	8 Game Day 1:30pm Shuffleboard 3pm	9	10  Bar Open at 11am for Bikefest Son's Dinner 5-6:30pm Riders Meeting 6:30pm	11  Bar Open at 11am for Bikefest Aux Show Me the Money Dinner 4:30-6pm Show Me the Money 6pm	12  Food & Drink Available All Day Beginning at 9am <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">See Bike Fest Flyers for Details</div>	13  Bar Opens at 11am for Bikefest
14	15 Mission Stables any time after 9am Calendar Meeting 11am Shuffleboard 3pm	16	17 TBD Dinner 5-6:30pm	18 Laurie Care Center Veterans Visits 1:30pm Aux Show Me the Money Dinner 4:30-6pm Show Me the Money 6pm	19 Aux Fried Shrimp 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 4:30-6:30	20
21 Print Newsletter	22 Fold Newsletter 9am Game Day 1:30pm Shuffleboard 3pm	23	24 Aux Hamburger Night 5-6:30pm	25 Aux Show Me the Money Dinner 4:30-6pm Show Me the Money 6pm	26 TBD Dinner 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 4:30-6:30	27
28	29	30				

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Post Activity Meeting At 5:30pm before our Tuesday meeting we will conduct our Post Activity Meeting. This meeting will be our "Go to" meeting for anything that relates to our Legion. Topics could include Bike Fest, Oktoberfest, Mouse Races, Pub Crawl & more. Please join us if you would like to get involved and know more about our Legion.		Legion Wing Night 5-6:30pm Son's Meeting 6:30pm	Jane's Show Me the Money Dinner 4:30-6pm Show Me the Money 6pm	Aux Spaghetti & Meatballs & Meatball Subs 5-6:30pm Fender Benders 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4:30-6:30	Thanksgiving Dinner Sign Up Begins. \$3.00 A Ticket Purchase Begins. Ingredient Donations for Thanksgiving Dinner Sign Up Begins.
5	Mission Stables any time after 9am Calendar Meeting 11am Game Day 1:30pm Shuffleboard 3pm	Post Activity Meeting 5:30 Legion & Aux E-Board Meeting 6pm General Meeting 7pm	Son's Grilled Pork Steaks 5-6:30pm Riders Meeting 6:30pm	Aux Show Me the Money Dinner 4:30-6pm Show Me the Money 6pm	Aux Dinner 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 4:30-6:30	Oktoberfest Lunch Beginning at 11am Mouse Races Beginning at Noon Chicken Dance Competition & More!!
12	Shuffleboard 3pm	14	TBD Dinner 5-6:30pm	Laurie Care Center Veterans Visits 1:30pm Aux Show Me the Money Dinner 4:30-6pm Show Me the Money 6pm	Aux Shrimp Boil 5-6:30pm Starla & Scotty 5-8pm Queen of Hearts 4:30-6:30	18
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26	Shuffleboard 3pm	Red Cross Blood Drive 2-6pm New Member Sign Up Table Available	Aux Roast Beef or Philly 5-6:30pm New Member Orientation 5:30pm	Aux Show Me the Money Dinner 4:30-6pm Show Me the Money 6pm	Aux Dinner 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 4:30-6:30 Trunk or Treat Laurie Church 5-7pm	



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**Zack Wheat American Legion Post 624
Lake Thunder Riders**

9th Annual Veteran's Memorial Ride

Friday September 12

**Support our Great American Veterans!
All Riders Welcome!**

- 9:00 - Staging - Breakfast - Post 624 Auxiliary**
- 10:30 - KSU - Local LEO Escorted Ride**
- 11:30 - Lunch - Post 624 Auxiliary**
- 12:00 - Arrive - American Legion Post 624**
- 12:00 - Live Band - The Fender Benders**
- 1:30 - Raffle Drawing**
- 5:00 - Dinner - Post 624 Auxiliary**

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