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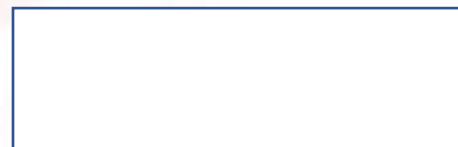


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Commander Newsletter Input – October 202

Happy Month!! October is here and we will soon see our Snowbirds depart the area for warmer weather in Texas and Florida. Hope you all have a safe trip South and remember the ones up here holding down the Fort!! Enjoy your Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years with your family and friends...hopefully at a beach somewhere!! There are two big military dates in October to remember. On 8 October 1918 during World War I in the Argonne Forest in France, Sergeant Alvin C. York single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion, killing over 25 Germans and capturing another 132 men and 35 machine guns. He was awarded the Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre for his actions and served in the 82nd All American Division which would later become the 82nd Airborne Division we know today. 13 October is the Navy's 250th Birthday which traces its roots to the early days of the American Revolution and was established in 1775 by the Continental Congress. The United States is a maritime Nation and our U.S. Navy protects America at sea around the globe. Our Navy defends our freedom, preserves our economic prosperity, and keeps our world oceans and waterways open and free for all Nations. Take time this month to thank our Sailors at the Post for their honor and service to the Nation! We have some big events coming up in October. 11 October is our Oktoberfest Celebration at the Post with lunch, a Chicken Dance Competition, and much, much more. For those who served in Germany, we hope this day will bring back some memories of your service time in Deutschland!! And, drumroll please...our first Turkey Shoot of the season starts on Saturday, 18 October!! There is always lots to do around our Post and activities going on each week that you can participate in, help out if able, or just enjoy with your friends. I 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



Hello!! Wow!! Have we been busy!! August 22nd the Auxiliary hosted Ron Moshier and our Breaded Shrimp Dinner. 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 again. Many Auxiliary and other Unit members were there supporting our efforts in the kitchen and helped serve, set up and clean up. Ron put on an amazing show and the dance floor was full all night. It was again an amazing team effort. We made approximately \$1,700.00 for the night including dinners, donations and 50/50. 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!!

Bikefest activities began Wednesday, September 10th. Again, the Auxiliary did an incredible job!!! First, we did record sales in the Kitchen during Show Me The Money on Thursday. Then Friday at 5:30am we started our day making Bs &Gs, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs (donated by Dean at Buttonwood Farm-Thank you!!) oj and coffee and then served nearly 230 Bikers in an hour and a half. Our lean but mean team was awesome!! We worked together and made it happen. We made approximately \$2,200 at breakfast. Wow!! Then we cleaned up and prepared and set up lunch followed by dinner and at the same time a Concession Stand out in the parking lot for the Wrestling Match. It was a long and crazy day but at the same time and mostly it was a fun, rewarding and a feeling of outstanding accomplishment kind of day. I couldn't be prouder of how our Team continues to come together and make our efforts come to life. Great, Great, Great job to each of you that contributed to this event in your own way. We made approximately \$5,000 for day. Absolutely amazing!!

The Auxiliary has picked up two dinners each month in addition to the dinners we already host. Our current regular Kitchen help is not available to fill all the additional help needed for the extra nights. Please, if you are available at all to help with any of our meals please sign up in the Kitchen or just come in the Kitchen to help during the dinner. Just helping with the cleanup is help enough. Please consider this plea for help. Any Unit member is welcome. Thank you!!

Signup and ticket purchase for our Auxiliary hosted Thanksgiving Dinner begins on Saturday, October 4th. Your ticket will cost \$3.00. You must present your ticket to eat dinner that night. This process helps us determine the amount of needed food, ensure everyone fairly pays for their meal and help offset the cost of the meal. We look forward to serving our Thanksgiving dinner on Friday, November 14th.

Oktoberfest including our Mouse Races is scheduled for Saturday, October 11th. Our Oktoberfest themed lunch will be available throughout the day beginning at 11am with the Mouse Races beginning at noon in our Legion Lake View Back Bar. Signup sheets to purchase your mouse(s) is at the Patriot Bar. Signup sheet to volunteer in the Kitchen that day is on the Kitchen Communication Board. Did someone say Chicken Dance?? We will also be having a Chicken Dance competition. More to come via our event flyer and Facebook.

The Turkey Shoot hosted by the Sons will begin on Saturday, October 18th. The Auxiliary has agreed to work the Kitchen one Saturday each month. If you would like to volunteer a Saturday please see Christy Fischer.

Update - The American Red Cross will NOT be at our Legion on Tuesday, October 28th from 2pm-6pm.

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 Kitchen. Christy is looking for volunteers to hand out treat bags to the children the night of the event at Ozark Chapel in Laurie. More to come as we get closer to the event.



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The Auxiliary will be hosting our Veterans Day Breakfast from 8:30-10:30am on Tuesday, November 11th. What a heartwarming event. Veterans Day is a day for all of us to honor and thank all individuals who have served in the United States Armed Forces. We will do this by offering breakfast and friendship and a Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:00am. Signup sheets to help in the Kitchen that day is located on the Kitchen Communication Board. Please join us.

The Auxiliary will also be hosting two catering events on November 12th and 19th. We usually begin at 9:00am. Signup sheets are located in the Kitchen for volunteers to help those days.

Signup sheets to volunteer to help with our Thanksgiving dinner is also located in the Kitchen.

And finally, the Kitchen will be closed Wednesday, November 26th – Friday, November 28th for all of us to enjoy Thanksgiving.

Like I started with above, we have been busy and we're still busy. But it's all good stuff. We are making such a positive difference in so many lives. We are bringing people together and building new relationships. We are serving our Veterans and Community. We are raising funds to support those in need. We are making a positive difference and I think that is what life is all about.

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 October 2025

Sons meeting for October will be on the 1st at 630 pm. And on the 8th, we will be preparing grilled PORK Steak with baked beans, Cole slaw and a dinner roll. All of the sons are asked to support the mouse races on the 11th come out and support our legion The Turkey Shoot will begin on Saturday, October 18th.

Hope we all have a great month

Paul Henderson



Chapter 624 ALR Riders,

What a great week we had for Bike Fest. The turnout for the Veteran's Ride and the support for our Post was amazing. But the best part was the dedication of all the people that Volunteered throughout the week.

A special Thank You goes to: Kristi and all the Auxiliary that helped with the meals, Rich and the House Committee for getting the Facility and tables ready, the Bar Committee, Jenny, Donna and Bre for all the hard work they put in keeping our visitors thirst quenched and to each Rider that volunteered. We as an organization cannot make these events successful without every one of you.

We also need to thank Viper Communications for providing a Live Broadcast on 93.5 Rocks, the day of the Veterans Ride.

One last THANK YOU! To our Law Enforcement Officers that helped make the Veteran's Ride a safe and memorable event. Please, if you see any Police officers from Sunrise Beach, Laurie, Stover, Versailles, Camdenton Sheriff's Dept., Morgan County Sheriff's Dept. and the Missouri Highway Patrol let them know we appreciate what they did for us. Especially Chief Craig and Lt. Shultz from Sunrise Beach PD who escorted us on our ride.

With great success comes great responsibility. We had not even had our Veteran's Ride when I started getting questions about the 2026 Legacy Ride. As one of our priorities for the year, we will need to start getting those plans together. June will be here before we know it.

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

Mark your calendars October 8 at 7:00 pm for our next meeting. Join us to get the full report and stats for Bike Fest week.

Enjoy the Ride
Mike Koenigsman
Chapter 624 ALR Director

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30	The Kitchen will be closed January and February for dinner. It will be open for some Saturday mornings for the Turkey Shoot. Please follow us on Facebook for Kitchen Updates.					



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Sunrise Beach American Legion



Mouse Races & Silent Auction

Saturday, October 11th

Lake View Back Bar

11:00am - Oktoberfest Menu Available

\$8.00 Each - Hamburger/Cheeseburger

\$6.00 Each - Brats w/ Sauerkraut * Hotdogs * BBQ Pork Sandwich

\$5.00 Each - Large Soft Pretzel or Pretzel Bites with Cheese *

Beer Cheese Soup Bowl with Bread

\$2.00 Each - Beer Cheese Soup Cup * German Potato Salad * Red Cabbage *

Baked Beans * Coleslaw * Corn *

German Chocolate Cake w/ German or Chocolate Frosting *

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