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Commander Newsletter Input –November 2025

Happy Month!! November is a month of giving thanks and I wanted to start by thanking those few but mighty volunteers who always stand up, hook up, and go when asked for help or support! From those who are the doers on the E-Board, to our great bartenders and maintenance staff, to our color guard and house committee, to those who come out for dinners and music, to those few who attend meetings, or just come and support our events and bar with your presence...thank you for your support of our Post!! These few but mighty supporters reside in every entity, the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders, so take time this month to thank them for their service to our Post Veterans and families and to those in our community!! They truly are a blessing to us all!! I also want to thank those folks who give to our Post behind the scenes to improve our appearance, make everything work better, the donations of new TVs, and the many other anonymous gifts and donations to our Post!!! Thank you are never words enough!!! Turkey Shoot started in October and 20 November will be our last Show Me The Money for the year. During November, the Nation honors our Veterans and the military families who make the U.S. Armed Forces strong!! So, take time this month to thank a Veteran, Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard service member or family member for their service. On 7 November, Camdenton High School JROTC will be hosting their annual Veterans Day Celebration. The day starts with a free Veterans/Guests breakfast at 8:30am followed by a service procession and ceremony. This celebration is well attended and the entire high school student body will be in attendance. On Veterans Day we will be hosting our normal breakfast that morning followed by a ceremony at the memorial. We will follow this ceremony with the dedication of our Veterans Memorial Garden. Please come out and support your American Legion and our Veterans if able. Finally, we will be hosting our annual Thanksgiving meal on 14 November. Please sign up at the Patriots Bar so that we have a head count on the number attending. Thank You!! God Bless You All!!!

Wait...standby...hold on...you thought I forgot my monthly history lesson...Well, on 8 November 1942, Operation Torch, the Allied landings in North Africa began as 400,000 Soldiers under the command of General Dwight D. Eisenhower landed in Morocco and Algeria!!

See you on the high ground!!

John Seward
Commander
American Legion Post 624



Auxiliary Newsletter Input November 2025

Happy Fall!! On Saturday, October 11th the Legion held our Oktoberfest including our Mouse Races, Themed Lunch, Silent Auction and Chicken Dance Competition. What fun and successful day with all proceeds going to support our Veterans and Community. The Kitchen made \$571 and the Silent Auction made \$781. Thank you to Mike for being a wonderful emcee and supporting the efforts of the Auxiliary. His enthusiasm in promoting the Kitchen, Silent Auction and Chicken Dance Completion was outstanding. Thank you, Stef and Rich, for dressing the part and supporting the Mouse Races and Chicken Dance Competition as well. It was a fun filled day had by all.

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.

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.

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.

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 November 2025

Sons meeting for November will be on the 5th at 630 pm. And on the 12th, we will be preparing Steak dinner with baked potatoes and salad. The last Show me the Money will be on November 20th.

The Turkey Shoot session started on 18 October and will continue every Saturday. The Shoot starts at noon with sign-up at 11 am. Come out and support a great cause and have fun doing it. Show off Your skills.

Queen of Hearts is running every Friday at 6pm. The pot is growing.
Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Paul Henderson



Chapter 624 ALR Riders,

Once again, I want to thank everyone that attended our meeting in September. You are the ones leading our Riders to a successful year. All riders that have not been able to attend, we look forward to having you join us for the November meeting and hopefully a Christmas get-together in December.

We had a successful Clean up and fix up at the playground. Afterwards, we even enjoyed some fried Crappie and Fried Hot Dogs. Thanks to everyone that helped. It is always fun to get together to make a difference and strengthen those friendships.

We do not have a ride planned at this time for November. Remember, you do not need to be an Officer or Ride Captain to plan a ride. If you have an idea, send it to either John Smiley or me and we will do what we can to get that ride coordinated.

Speaking of Ride Captain, we currently do not have a Ride Captain. Anyone that would be interested in the position, please let us know. If you have questions, we will be happy to fill you in on the role and responsibilities.

As we have discussed during our meetings, the Missouri Legacy Rally will be hosted by our Legion Riders and the Post. Planning will be ongoing throughout the winter. If you would like to be involved with the planning, let me know and I will make sure you are included in those meetings. They are usually at 5:30 on the same day as the Legionnaire and Auxiliary meetings.

Mark your calendars November 12 at 6:30 pm for our next meeting

Enjoy the Ride

Mike Koenigsman

Chapter 624 ALR Director

November 2025

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2	3 Mission Stables any time after 9am Calendar Meeting 11am Game Day 1:30pm Shuffleboard 3pm	4 Post Activity Meeting 5:30 Legion & Aux E-Board Meeting 6pm General Meeting 7pm	5 Legion Wing Night 5-6:30pm Son's Meeting 6:30pm	6 Jane's Show Me the Money Dinner 4:30-6pm Show Me the Money 6pm	7 Aux Spaghetti & Meatballs, Meatball Subs, Ravioli 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 4:30-6:30	8 Turkey Shoot
9	10 Shuffleboard 3pm	11 Veterans Day Breakfast & Bake Sale 8:30am-10:30am Ceremony 11am	12 Son's Grilled Pork Steaks 5-6:30pm Riders Meeting 6:30pm	13 Aux Show Me the Money Dinner 4:30-6pm Show Me the Money 6pm	14 Aux Thanksgiving Dinner 5-7pm Fender Benders 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4:30-6:30	15 Turkey Shoot
16 Print Newsletter	17 Fold Newsletter 9am Game Day 1:30pm Shuffleboard 3pm	18	19 Aux Meatloaf & Ravioli Dinner 5-6:30pm	20 Laurie Care Center Veterans Visits 1:30pm Aux Last Show Me the Money Dinner 4:30-6pm Last Show Me the Money 6pm	21 Aux Breaded Shrimp 5-6:30pm Brandon Ward 5-8pm Queen of Hearts 4:30-6:30	22 Turkey Shoot
23	24 Shuffleboard 3pm	25	26 Kitchen will be closed Post will be open	27 Post Closed  THANKSGIVING	28 Kitchen will be closed Post will be open	29 Turkey Shoot
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2025 Veterans Day



November 11 with
Breakfast from 8:30-10:30am

Ceremony at 11am

Veterans Memorial Garden Dedication
after Ceremony

Please Join us and Celebrate our Veterans



2025 Thanks Giving Dinner

November 14 from 5-7pm

Your ticket will cost \$3.00



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

You must present your ticket to eat dinner that night

Sign up List for Food Donation and Ticket purchase
posted at the Patriots Bar

We are looking forward sharing this meal with You