



# POST 208 NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING EVENTS / SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS



### FISH FRIES

Our fish fries will continue at 4:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays through February 10<sup>th</sup> and then every Friday from February 10<sup>th</sup> through Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. As always, we will also be serving chicken, shrimp, sides and dessert. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the food, drinks and camaraderie.



### SUPERBOWL 50 PARTY

**THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN THIS YEAR!!!**

We are going to have a super bowl party on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 pm. You are invited to bring a snack to share, but that's not required. We plan on having lots of fun, backseat coaching/quarterbacking, cheering and second-guessing.



### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MARTY HARDESTY MEMORIAL G.I. BREAKFAST

**JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> and MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**8:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

**\$7.00 PER PERSON**

SOS ON TOAST OR BISCUIT WITH PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS, HASH BROWNS,  
BACON OR SAUSAGE  
COFFEE AND ORANGE JUICE

DRINK SPECIAL: BLOODY MARYS & SCREW DRIVERS \$2.00

## JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS



February 20<sup>TH</sup>-BOY SCOUTS SPAGHETTI DINNER, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM  
February 28<sup>th</sup>-4 Chaplains Ceremony 2:00PM

### LADIES LUNCHEONS

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Tucker's in Manchester

February 10<sup>th</sup> – Mimi's Cafe, Chesterfield, Missouri

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Imogene's in Wildwood

If interested in joining us for lunch, please contact Dottie Hempel at 636-227-6019 or at 314-560-2347 so I can provide the restaurant with a headcount. Remember, I will not be making any more phone calls. Thank you. We meet at the Legion at 10:30 A.M. to carpool and hope to see you there!



## COMMANDER'S CORNER

The Post has been all a buzz with excitement these past few weeks. AL's Friday Night Fish Fry is off to a great start, Bingo is still drawing the crowds, and the return of Sunday football to the Post has brought together the loyal Ram fans, or the "gluttons of the gridiron" for yet another disappointing season. We have made some new friends and continue to build partnerships with the community. Our annual Christmas Party was a great success thanks to everyone involved. I hope some fond memories were made and the people that were unable to attend because of illness are on the mend. Please remember our members in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to recover. The Christmas party was a great event and a memorable way to finish up our year and I hope we are able to continue having events that will bring our membership together. I appreciate Santa making time in his busy schedule for a short visit and making his appearance in full Santa fashion, despite the record high temperature for the day. I also want to thank everyone for supporting the S.A.L. breakfast during this year. It is my understanding that Decembers' breakfast was one of the best turn outs they have seen, so far. I hope we can continue to support the S.A.L and their monthly breakfast.

Great news, our Post has reached yet another milestone that I am very proud to announce to the membership. Post 208 has officially finished 2015 having reached our 2016 membership goal and we are currently at 100% +, and growing. While we are the second Post in the 10<sup>th</sup> District to reach our goal I should note that the first Post to reach 100% only has 16 members. I appreciate everyone working so hard to reach our goal. I would like to welcome our new and transfer members to our Post and look forward to visiting with you at one of our upcoming events. Reaching our membership goal before December 31 might be a first for our Post, or at least it's been a very long time since we have accomplished it, so I really look forward to making a big deal out of this accomplishment. As a reminder and more importantly, just because we have reached our Post goal we still need everyone to renew their membership, and with six months remaining in our current membership year we can now work on reaching our goal of 500 members.

With Christmas upon us and a new year close behind, I hope we all take a moment to remember the many gifts we have in our lives and the blessings that surround us each day. Let us also remember those on duty during the holidays and remember their families during their absence. Merry Christmas and may many blessings follow you and your family in to the New Year. I want to remind everyone to continue to support the Post and enjoy the many activities that we have planned for the upcoming year and as always I look forward to meeting you at the Post.

**For God and Country,  
Michael D. Beasley  
Commander**



## ADJUTANT'S CORNER

The first half of our American Legion year (Jul-Dec) has been successful because our legion family takes time out of there busy schedules to work at various Post fund raisers and community events. The efforts put forth by our membership go to support: St. Louis Airport USO, St. James Veterans Home, Circle of Concern, American Legion baseball teams, and college scholarships for children and grandchildren of our membership, just to name a few.

Our Post Membership continues to grow each year. I am happy to report our Post stepped up to the challenge and achieved 100% of its membership goal as of December 31, 2015. Our growth in membership included new members and members who have transferred from other Posts. Our Posts future depends on our continued ability to add new members.

I would like to say all the hard work is behind us, but as we move into the second half of our Legion Year (Jan-Jun) the Post activities increase. These activities continue to be labor intensive and require a support staff of volunteers for the events to be a success. I want to thank everyone who have made the first half of our legion year a success and I look forward to working with the membership to make 2016 equally successful. I also want to extend a warm welcome to all new members of Post 208.

**Harold Isom, Adjutant**

### **FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY**

It was known as Torpedo Junction, the U-boat infested, icy waters of the North Atlantic during World War II. On February 3, 1943, the USAT DORCHESTER, an old coastal steamer quickly pressed into military service, was slowly making her way through those waters bound for Greenland. Most of the men were seasick, and green with nausea. Because they were in submarine waters, the captain directed the men to keep outer gear and life jackets on at all times. Moving among them were four Army Chaplains: George Fox (Methodist), Alexander Goode (Jewish), Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed), and John Washington (Roman Catholic). The Chaplains talked with and listened to the men - soothing apprehensions, offering encouragement, or sharing a joke. By their concern, their camaraderie with the men and one another, and their very presence, they brought solace. An enemy submarine, stalking the ship undetected, fired a torpedo toward the ship's aging flank. The missile exploded in the boiler room, destroying the electric supply and releasing suffocating clouds of steam and ammonia gas. Many on board died instantly; some were trapped below deck. Others, jolted from their bunks, groped and stumbled their way to the decks of the stricken vessel. Taking on water rapidly, the ship began listing to starboard. Because security reasons prevented the use of distress flares, escort vessels, still close enough to assist, pushed on into the darkness unaware that the DORCHESTER was sinking. Overcrowded lifeboats capsized; rafts drifted away before anyone could reach them. Men clung to the rails, frozen with fear, unable to let go and plunge into the dark, churning water far below.

The Four Chaplains calmed frightened men, got them into the spare lifejackets, and urged them over the side. The supply of extra jackets ran out with men still waiting. Having decided to remain with the sinking ship, the Four Chaplains either gave to or forced upon frightened servicemen their own lifejackets. Too quickly, no more lifeboats could be launched and many men were left aboard, but there was more for the Chaplains to do. When last seen, they were standing together on the deck leading the men in prayer. With arms linked in friendship and heads bowed in prayer, they sank beneath the waves. On Sunday, February 28, 2015 at 2:00 PM, Post 208 will hold our annual commemoration of this event. Please join the members as we recall this heroic action and pay tribute to their sacrifice.

### **POST 208 RETIREES CLUB**



**Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 AM at Uncle Bill's Pancake House, 14195 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO

**Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** 9:00 AM at Uncle Bill's Pancake House, 14195 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO

**Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 AM at Uncle Bill's Pancake House, 14195 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO

**Charlie Penn, President 636-394-4125**



## COLOR GUARD

### **Hi Everyone:**

I hope everybody had a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It was a busy year. On November 7, 2015 we did a service at West County Lanes Bowling Alley, bowling for Vets. If you would like to join the Color Guard, please let me know. I would like to thank all my men for all their hard work this year. Looking for another good year.

**Your Color Guard Captain  
Jeffrey Stevens**



## AUXILIARY NEWS

Another year has slipped away and a New Year is beginning. A new year and new programs to be initiated and the previous programs will be enhanced. It is certainly never to late to join in and volunteer.

Fish Fry's, bingo, S.A.L. breakfast, and a host of other activities are doing well, even much better with "YOU" being there.

### **In the past year we have donated monies to the following organizations:**

Fisher House, Jefferson Barracks  
U.S.O., St. Louis, Missouri  
Wounded Warrior  
St. James Veterans Home, St. James, Missouri  
All our monies raised benefit a Veteran.

Please follow your newsletter calendar for all the activities our Post offers. Come and support, or perhaps join the merriment of being a volunteer.

**I "Thank" all the Auxiliary Ladies for a productive year! JOB WELL DONE!!!!  
SHARON YAEGER, AUXILIARY PRESIDENT-----314-550-8884**

### **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NOTE:**

**We are half way through our 2016 membership year, and we only have 112 members sent in. We have a long way to go to make our new goal of 161. If you haven't sent me your dues as yet, please do so as soon as you can; and we thank you.**

**We have a couple of members who paid their dues online this year. This is the first year that this is being offered; and I asked Department about this. They told me that even though this is a trial period, they're finding out that this is a lot more work for them than they thought it would be. It is also harder on our Treasurer, because if you pay on line, the money that we get from each membership takes a long time to show up on our statement; and we can't claim it until it does. So, because of this, we are asking all our members to please keep sending your dues to me as you have always done; because then that money is there right away for us to use when needed.**

**Also, it was mentioned months ago, that National was possibly going to raise their dues, which meant we would have to raise ours. National did pass this at the National Convention this past September. Dues will be going up in 2017, and a committee has been formed to discuss this.**

**Betty McCormick, Membership Chairperson**



## SAL NEWS

We had a very successful year, last year and hope to do even more this year. Each year we seem to become a more integral part of the Post, as it should be. Our breakfasts are drawing more customers every month and our fishing tournament grows every year. Thanks to everyone for your help.

**For God and Country, Dave Hallett, SAL Commander**



Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I would like to thank the Auxiliary, Al Motz and Gerry Bax for their huge contribution to our successful Christmas party. I hope everyone had a great time. Again, I am always open for suggestions parties or events at our Post.

**Jerry Hilke-Second Vice Commander-314-239-8342 Email: [jerryhilke@yahoo.com](mailto:jerryhilke@yahoo.com)**



### **CHAPLAIN'S & AMERICANISM ARTICLE**

I've decided to combine these two articles, because the subjects are closely associated. We as a people are facing a crisis in our lives. As Americans we have always opened our arms to refugees, however this time, we are facing a situation where some of these refugees might have a mind to cause us great harm. So we have the problem. I think that closing our borders to a specific group of people would be bad. If we start that line then I'm glad that wasn't the mind set during earlier in our history, because my grandfather wouldn't have been able to come to America from Germany. We need to have compassion for any people who are subject to oppression, but we also need to be alert at the same time. Are we making it too easy for anyone to come to America and buy online or at a store the equipment that allows them to outfit themselves as a military unit? We have a lot of tough questions to face, but if we look to God for guidance that should be our course of action. We still have the right to bear arms, but we need to use that right with common sense. I hope we don't have a number of knee-jerk decisions that could ultimately be bad for us.

**Bud Niebling, Chaplain & Americanism Chairman**



**Veterans Day Weekend Collections:** Thanks to the members who stepped up to donate their time to collect for the good of the legion on Veterans Day weekend. We were able to collect a little over \$6037.78 dollars.

**Thanks again, Charlie Penn**

## WELCOME TO NEW & TRANSFER MEMBERS

**New Members:** Edward P. May, Tom Bryson and Jason Maresh

**Transfers:** Earl Sawyer, Joseph Drozda, Dennis Dunavant, Charles Forrest, George Minkevich, David Goldstein, Jerry Hall, Charles Jacob, Mitchell Land, Richard Macy, Kent Marvin, Mark Morgan, Gregory O’Neal, Duane Quist, John Russom, Emory Sample, Ray Sievers, Herbert Silva, William Tyler, Michael Callahan, John Clendenin, Charles Chandler, Robert Eilers, Kenneth Kleiman, Gerald Lowther, Allen Lynch, Bill Marshall, Ellroy Marty, Jr., James Meadow, James Monteleone, Charles Payne, Ira Pope, Frank Saddler, Charles Segey III, Daniel Sullivan, Robert Taylor, Samuel Torigian, Charles Troxell, James Welsh,



## AMERICAN LEGION TAPS

In Memory of Wally Schatz

July 20, 1924-October 11, 2015

In Memory of Irwin Epstein

September 20, 2015

In Memory of Robert L. “Bob” Marcolina

May 28, 1929-July 25, 2015



### **Zucchini Bake**

- 4 cups Zucchini - grated
- 3/4 cup liquid egg substitute
- 1 small onion (2/3 cup) - grated
- 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 2 Tbls canola oil
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese
- 1 cup low fat biscuit mix (Bisquick)

Spray 9 inch pie pan or 11x7 baking dish w/non-stick vegetable spray. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and mix well. Pour into pan. Bake for 1 hour or until lightly browned, at 350 degrees. Let rest for 5 minutes.

**Submitted by Dottie Hempel**

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

**EASY-PEASY PEEL:** Peeling a garlic glove just became super simple. Heat garlic cloves in the microwave for about 10 seconds. When you take them out the peel will slide right off.

**Submitted by Jenny Bax**

## HISTORY TIDBITS



### January

- 1: Emancipation Proclamation takes effect, 1863.
- 5: Nellie Tayloe Ross becomes first woman governor of a state, Wyoming, 1925.
- 7: First American presidential election, 1789.
- 8: Last battle of the War of 1812 at New Orleans, 1815.
- 10: Thomas Paine publishes his *Common Sense*, 1776.
- 15: AEF HQ in France organizes US 1st Corps, 1917.
- 21: *USS Nautilus*, first nuclear-powered ship launched, 1954.
- 24: Gold discovered in California, 1848.
- 28: US space shuttle *Challenger* explodes killing all 7 crew members aboard, 1986.
- 30: US Congress purchases Thomas Jefferson's library as nucleus of Library of Congress, 1815.
- 31: First US satellite launched, 1958.

### February

- 1: US Supreme Court meets for the first time, 1790.
- 6: Spanish-American War ends, 1899.
- 8: College of William and Mary, 2nd oldest college in the US, chartered, 1693.
- 16: Bataan recaptured by US troops, 1945.
- 17: General Sherman sacks Columbus, SC, 1865.
- 19: Battle of Iwo Jima begins, 1945.
- 20: First US orbiting of Earth by John Glenn, 1962.
- 23: US Marines raise US Flag on Mt. Suribachi, 1945.
- 27: Desert Storm ground war ends after 100 hours, 1991.

### March

- 2: The Siege of Boston, 1776; Texas declares Independence from Mexico, 1836.
- 3: American forces capture Manila, 1945.
- 4: The first Congress under the US Constitution meets, 1789.
- 5: British fire on mob in Boston Massacre, 1770.
- 6: Dred Scott decision, 1857.
- 7: Alexander Graham Bell patents the telephone, 1876.
- 8: US 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Brigade lands at Da Nang, 1965.
- 9: Ironclads, USS Monitor and CSS Virginia battle off Hampton Roads, VA, 1862.
- 12: Juliette Low founds the Girl Scouts of America, 1912.
- 13: Confederacy approves use of black soldiers, 1865.
- 14: Eli Whitney patents the cotton gin, 1794.
- 15: Julius Caesar assassinated in Rome, 44BC.
- 16: US Military Academy at West Point, NY, founded, 1802.
- 17: British forces evacuate Boston, 1776.
- 19: Iraq War begins, 2003.
- 29: Vicksburg Campaign begins, 1863.
- 30: US purchases Alaska from Russia, 1867.
- 31: Commodore Perry makes first US Treaty between US and Japan, 1854.

**Frank Masotto-Assistant Historian**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



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Manchester, Missouri 63021, 636-391-9424**

**POST HOURS**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 2PM-6PM  
BINGO (Every Thursday) 2PM-10PM, BINGO STARTS AT 6:30PM**

**G.I. BREAKFAST (2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH) 8:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**SUPERBOWL “50” PARTY-FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>- STARTING AT 4PM**

**BOY SCOUTS SPAGHETTI DINNER-FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 5:00PM-7:00PM**

**4-CHAPLAINS CEREMONY 2:00 PM**

**FRIDAY FISH FRIES 4:00PM-7:30PM**

**JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**HALL RENTALS**

**OUR POST IS AVAILABLE FOR HALL RENTALS  
PLEASE CALL JENNY BAX AT THE POST 636-391-9424**



*American Legion Post 208 Manchester, MO*

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	Bob Hempel	636-227-6019
	Terry Bryant	314-394-0217
	Jim Christman	636-225-4483

**OTHER OFFICIALS / ACTIVITY CHAIRMEN**

Americanism Chairman	Bud Niebling	636-225-7363
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