



# POST 208 NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING EVENTS / SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS



### **POST 208 BIRTHDAY BALL/WALTER LEPERE DAY-Saturday, April 28**

The party will be from 6:30PM to 9PM. Tickets will be \$10 per person and will include drinks (draft beer, wine, liquor and setups) and dancing. Please bring your favorite snacks to share. Entertainment will be provided by Larry Wilks from 7PM to 9PM.



### **POPPY DAYS – Thurs., Fri., & Sat., April 26-28**

Mary Bryant is this year's Poppy Days Coordinator. If you could give your time to help this worthwhile effort, please call me to sign up to help at 314-736-5217.



### **POST 208 ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY – Sat. June 9**

Will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. at the Post. If you have any unserviceable flags, please bring them to the Post anytime and we will dispose of them in a dignified ceremony. The public is invited to join us for this honorable event.



### **MONDAY, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ELECTION OF 2018-2019 POST OFFICERS**

Anyone interested in running for office or nominating someone else for office, please complete and submit the self-mailing nomination form at the back of this newsletter.

*Nominations may also be made from the floor.*



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

APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> and JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM to 11AM \$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 MARY'S & SCREW DRIVER'S \$2.00

**JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS**



**April 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday-Post Birthday Ball-6:30PM TO 9PM**  
**Happy 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday Post 208**

As stated in this newsletter, April 28<sup>th</sup> is that day, come celebrate with your fellow members. The party will be from 6:30PM to 9PM. Tickets will be \$10 per person and will include drinks (draft beer, wine, liquor and setups) and dancing. Please bring your favorite snacks to share. Entertainment will be provided by Larry Wilks from 7PM to 9PM.



**Semi-Annual Post Cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7AM.**



**KENTUCKY DERBY**

**Saturday May 5, 2018**  
**Post opens at 2:00 PM and Closes at 8PM**  
**See flyer in this newsletter.**



**June 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday-Flag Retirement-11AM**

**LADIES LUNCHEON**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>-Olive Garden, 17198 Chesterfield Airport Road in Chesterfield, Missouri**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>-El Nopal, 3 Stonegate Center in Valley Park, Missouri**

**June 13<sup>th</sup>-Applebee's, 14830 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri**

**If interested in joining us for lunch, please contact Dottie Hempel at 636-227-6019 or 314-560-2347 so I can provide the restaurant with a headcount. Thank you.**

**We meet at the Legion at 10:30 AM, to carpool and hope to see you there.**

**MEMORIAL DAY COLLECTIONS AT WAL-MART, MAY 28th**

Sign up sheets will be posted downstairs as soon as Poppy Days are over. This is one of our better sources for raising money. Volunteers will be working in two hour shifts. Please come out and help support the Post.

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY COLLECTIONS AT WAL-MART, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Sign up sheets will be posted as soon as Memorial Day Collections are over.

## COMMANDER'S CORNER



This week in American Legion history is a glimpse of where it all began. As the story unfolds we are told of how a group of war-weary veterans who were part of the American Expeditionary Force of World War I came together in Paris, France to hold the first American Legion caucus. The history buffs in the Post know that this began on March 15, 1919. I bring this up because this will set off many upcoming events at that National, State and local levels building up to our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. As a National organization we have accomplished many things for veterans and their families. The lobbying efforts of the American Legion have often been the guiding light of legislation that has supported issues that impact veterans and their families. While the advocacy on the national stage has continued, it is just as important that our voices be heard on the local and State level.

In my next paragraph I want to remind everyone to keep up with the Post newsletter and calendar. We are making several attempts to update our calendar each month to keep the members informed of any and all upcoming events. Additional efforts have also been taken to update our roster addresses and robo call list. As a reminder, if you do not receive my robo calls please give me your current phone number so I can verify your number to the list. Some members are on the “do not call” registry and will not be able to receive the calls. If that is the case, we can possibly use a cell phone number to contact you. I want you to have the opportunity to participate in the events we offer throughout the year and come out and enjoy your Post. Our last event was the St. Patrick’s Day dance. It was nice to see the new faces in the crowd that dropped in to check out what all the fuss was about, as well as the regulars that have come to expect that fun will be had by all when you show up looking for fun and fellowship.

Last paragraph, I promise. I want to remind everyone of our upcoming Post elections. Nominations forms will be available soon for all interested potential candidates. If you are interested or curious about holding an office now is your opportunity to step up. If being part of the Post leadership team isn’t what you are looking for, we are always looking for volunteers willing to share their talents and get involved in any number of opportunities available at the Post. So in closing, as always, see you at the Post!

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

## ADJUTANT'S CORNER



### MEMBERSHIP

Post 208, membership renewal is currently at 550 or 96% of our goals of 570. I encourage all members to pay their dues as soon as possible. Membership dues can be paid by mailing a check for \$35.00 dollars payable to the American Legion Post 208, 225 Old Sulphur Spring Rd., Manchester, Mo 63021. Membership dues can also be paid by going online to [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew).

If you receive a notice from The American Legion Headquarters that your 2018 dues have not been paid, please check the year on your membership card. If your membership card has 2018 on it please ignore the past due notice. If your membership card has 2017 on it, then you probably have not paid your dues. If you have any questions please contact me at 314:749-2702.

**Harold Isom, Adjutant**



## AUXILIARY NEWS

**Happy Spring!!** Days are getting longer the weather is getting warmer and there is lots of exciting things coming up.

Poppy Day are April 26, 27 and 28. Truman Days in Independence, Missouri May 8th. Memorial Day May 28th. at Jefferson Barracks.

I would encourage everyone to attend these events. We are sponsoring two young ladies from Parkway South to participate in Girl's State in June.

Our Fish fries are a big success! THANK YOU all for you help.

June is the month we elect new officers. If you are interested in running for an office let us know. We are all working together to support our Veterans!

**Janet Barton, Auxiliary President**

**Right now, we only need 3 more to make our goal of 169. And I know by the time you receive this newsletter, we will be Quota and Goal. The only way we were able to make Goal was acquiring all of our new members that I've just sent in. They are: Carol A. Schulte; Michelle R. Bryant; Lisa M. Dependahl; Riley Barton; Morgan Barton; Sloan Barton; Blake Barton; Madeline Barton; Janet Rodgers; and Peggy Minogue; and we want to welcome all of them. We hope to even get more before year end. I want to personally thank each and every one of you who helped to make this happen. If you have not as yet paid your 2018 Dues, the time is now. Mail your \$25.00 check, made out to ALA Unit 208 to: Betty McCormick, 308 Surf Court; Ballwin, MO 63021-5034; and thank you.**

**We will be so proud to hear at our April 12<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, that Unit 208 is 100% or more.  
Betty McCormick, Auxiliary Membership**

## POST 208 RETIREES CLUB



**Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM-Uncle Bill's Pancake House, 14196 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO**

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM, Uncle Bill's Pancake House, 14196 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO**

**Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM-Uncle Bill's Pancake House, 14196 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO**

**Any questions contact:**

**David Howard-Retirees Club President 314-210-5623**

## EDITOR'S DESK



Post bar hours are as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 2PM-6PM-Thursday (Bingo) 2PM-10PM. Also remember our hall is available to rent, there is a special price for members. Give me a call to plan your next event. Jenny Bax, Newsletter Editor/Hall Rental Manager, 314-749-6809 (Cell)

## PATT McCORMICK GOLF TOURNAMENT – Sunday, July 29, 2017

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Patt McCormick Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at Paradise Golf Course. Donuts, coffee and Bloody Mary's will start the day and beer, soda and hot dogs will be available during the tournament. There are some excellent attendance prizes and of course; bragging rights for the winners of each of the three flights. Following golf, a delicious meal will be served at the Post and awards will be presented. Have fun, golf with friend and support the Post, all for just \$75.00 per Golfer. Tournament starts at 8AM, sign in by 7:15 AM.

If you would like to donate a prize, sponsor a hole and to sign up, contact Harold Isom at 314-749-2702 or call the Legion at 636-391-9424 after 2PM.





## S.A.L. NEWS

I would like to extend an open invitation to all S.A.L. members to attend our monthly meeting. We meet downstairs on the third Monday of the month at 8:00PM. There is a social hour from 7:00PM to 8:00PM. Meetings only last about a half hour and we welcome any ideas or improvements you would like to offer. We need your participation to **keep** the S.A.L. going. Please renew your dues (only \$7.00) if you have not done so already. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

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

### **Addendum: Scholarship Time!**

Scholarships are available to students going to college in the fall. Submit an essay on "What Americanism means to me" by Memorial Day. Drop it off at the bar or in the S.A.L. mailbox.



## **Chaplain's Corner**

I just finished reading the newspaper and I sat back to think about what I had read. When I consider the whole world and what is going on there are so many families that are suffering from lose of live. We have a big job ahead of us to be there for these families. We've had problems here in the United States, but when I look at other countries I can't imagine having 400,000 people going to Kansas to get away from battles which is what is happening in other parts of the world. Where & when does all this cease? Humans were given dominion over the earth & all living things by God. It appears we as a human race haven't been doing the job we were put here to do. So what can we do? One thing is, since we as a country are better off than a lot of people, if we have the resources, we reach out to people to be with them, walk with them & comfort them as we are able. There are many organizations that can help to needed resources to the people who need them. If you don't know of any most churches can suggest some. I know that sometimes it seems that all you get in the mail is requests for money but if you pick just one that would be fine.

In general, we do a good job of taking care of each other when the need arises, we must remember the need always seems to be there. **God's blessings to all. Bud Niebling Chaplain**



## POPPY DAYS

### **POPPY DAYS APRIL 26TH, 27TH., AND 28TH**

Poppy Days is the most traditionally recognized program of our American Legion/Auxiliary. Through our efforts, we can meet the continuing needs of our Veterans. **This year Poppy Days will be held on: Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.** As in the past, we will collect donations and give out poppies at Wal-Mart from 9:00AM-5:00PM and Sam's Club from 10:00AM-4:00PM. Traditionally, time slots are held in two (2) hour intervals. I encourage you to sign up now while prime time slots are still available. Won't you please donate two (2) hours of your time to help our Veterans? Feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have.

**Thank you, Mary Bryant 314-736-5217**

## KITCHEN

I want to thank all who have helped out in the kitchen for the fish fries throughout 2017 and 2018. Our fish fries are a great success and we couldn't have done it without all the volunteers, thank you.

**Al Motz, Kitchen Manager**



**HOME BOARD**

**Fundraisers:**



I would like to remind the membership to save the date for the following fund raisers:

-Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday and Monday, May 27th and 28<sup>th</sup> 10am – 6pm at Walmart.

-July 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 10am – 6pm at Walmart.

-Sunday, July 29, 2018, the annual Patt McCormick Golf Tournament at Paradise Valley Golf Course.

**Lighting Upgrade:**

The existing post light bulbs are in the process of being replaced with LED bulbs. Metro Electric supplied the bulbs free of charge.

**Post Clean Up Day:**

The semi-annual post cleanup day has been scheduled for Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7am.

**Harold Isom, Homeboard Chairman**

**AMERICAN & AUXILIARY LEGION TAPS**

**In Memory of Doreen A. Christianson**

**October 24, 1930-January 5, 2018**

**In Memory of Tony Prainito**

**September 8, 1928-February 12, 2018**

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**



**Attention Motorcycle Riders!!! Do you like ridin` with a few like minded comrades?? Why not ride for a cause???**

Rider's Post 208 is looking for members. We are a small bunch of riders from diverse backgrounds, but with a common cause. To support the Post and fellow Vets with our bikes. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Bob Bryant at [rbryant3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rbryant3@sbcglobal.net) or Randy Strand at [strandco79@gmail.com](mailto:strandco79@gmail.com)

**Randy Strand, Director of American Legion Riders**



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.legionpost208.org](http://www.legionpost208.org)

## HISTORY TIDBITS



### APRIL:

April was the second month in the early Roman calendar, but became the fourth month when the Romans started using January as the first month. The Romans called the month *Aprilis*, which may come from the word meaning "to open." The diamond is the birthstone for April while the daisy and the sweet pea are the flowers for the month.

- 1: US Forces land in Okinawa, 1945.
- 3: First Pony Express service begins, 1860.
- 4: Congress adopts flag with 13 stripes and 1 star for each state, 1818; North Atlantic Treaty signed, 1949.
- 5: Pocahontas married John Rolfe, 1614.
- 6: Joseph Smith founds Mormon Church, 1830; Robert Peary reaches the North Pole, 1909; US declares war against Germany, 1917.
- 9: Lee surrenders at Appomattox, 1865; US forces surrender at Bataan, 1942.
- 10: King James I charters Virginia Companies of London and Plymouth, 1606; US Patent system established, 1790.
- 12: Fort Sumter fired upon, Civil War begins, 1861; President Franklin D. Roosevelt dies, 1945; Yuri Gagarin, Soviet astronaut, first person to orbit the earth, 1961.
- 14: Noah Webster copyrights first edition of his dictionary, 1828.
- 15: US Revolutionary War ends, 1783; Liner *Titanic* strikes iceberg and sinks, 1912.
- 17: Queen Elizabeth II signs Constitution Act making Canada independent of Britain, 1982.
- 18: Paul Revere's famous ride, 1775; San Francisco earthquake and fire begins, 1906.
- 19: Battles of Lexington and Concord begin Revolutionary War, 1775.
- 21: Rome founded, according to tradition, 753 B.C.; Spanish-American War begins, 1898.
- 23: First public showing of a moving picture in New York City, 1896.
- 24: Library of Congress established, 1800.
- 26: Blackhawk War begins, 1832.
- 28: Mutiny on the British ship *Bounty*, 1789.
- 30: Washington inaugurated 1<sup>st</sup> President of the United States, 1789; Louisiana Purchase, 1803; First public TV broadcast from Empire State Building, 1975.

### MAY:

According to the early Roman calendar, May was the third month of the year. Later, when the Romans used January 1st for the beginning of their new year, May became the fifth month. May has always had 31 days. It is believed that the month of May was named after *Maia*, the Roman goddess of spring and growth. Her name is related to a Latin word that means "increase" or "growth." The emerald is the birthstone for May and the Hawthorne and Lily of the Valley are the flowers of the month.

- 1: First US Medical School opens in Philadelphia, May 3, 1765; Empire State Building opens, 1931.
- 2: Hudson Bay Company chartered, 1670.
- 3: First US medical school opens in Philadelphia, 1765.
- 5: Memorial Day first observed, 1866; Allied occupation of Germany ends, 1955.
- 7: German sub sinks the passenger line *Lusitania*, 1915.

- 9: Mothers' Day becomes a public holiday, 1914.
- 10: First transcontinental railway completed at Promontory, Utah , 1869.
- 12: Roald Amundsen flies over North Pole, 1926.
- 14: Edward Jenner performs first smallpox vaccination, 1796; Lewis and Clark begin trip up the Missouri River, 1804.
- 15: US begins first regular airmail service, 1918.
- 20: Abraham Lincoln signs Homestead Act, 1862; Amelia Earhart begins first solo flight by a woman across the Atlantic Ocean, 1932.
- 21: First Democrat National Convention, 1832; Clara Barton founds what later becomes the American Red Cross, 1881; Lindbergh ends first transatlantic solo flight, 1927.
- 24: First permanent English settlement in America established at Jamestown, VA , 1607.
- 25: Constitutional Convention opens in Philadelphia with George Washington as president, 1787.
- 27: Golden Gate Bridge opens to traffic at San Francisco, 1937.
- 28: Battle of Cantigny, WWI, 1918.
- 30: Christopher Columbus begins his third voyage, 1498.
- 31: Battle of Seven Pines ( Fair Oaks ), VA, 1862; Amendment 17 to U.S. Constitution providing direct election of senators, proclaimed, 1913.

**JUNE:**

According to the Gregorian Calendar, which is used over much of the world today, June is the sixth month. On the Roman calendar, it was considered the fourth month and had only 29 days. Julius Caesar gave the month 30 days in 46 B.C. when he reformed the Roman calendar. The gems for June are the pearl, alexandrite and moonstone while the flower for the month is the rose.

- 5: Senator Robert F. Kennedy shot by assassin, dies the following day, 1968.
- 6: YMCA organized in London, 1844.
- 14: Continental Congress adopts the Flag of the United States, 1777; Hawaii organized as a territory, 1900.
- 15: King John of England granted the Magna Carta, 1215; George Washington appointed Commander-in-Chief of Continental Army, 1775; Birth of the U.S. Army, 1775.
- 16: Ford Motor Company founded, 1903.
- 17: Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet begin exploring the Mississippi River, 1673.
- 20: Congress adopts the design for the Great Seal of the United States, 1782; President Andrew Johnson announces purchase of Alaska from Russia, 1867.
- 21: Allied Forces capture Okinawa during WWII, 1945.
- 25: George Custer in the Battle of the Little Big Horn, Montana, 1876.
- 26: United Nations Charter signed by delegates of 50 nations at San Francisco, 1945.
- 30: Federal Food and Drugs Act of the United States becomes law, 1906.

**Frank Masotto-American Legion Post 208-Assistant Historian**

December 2nd, 2019 will be the 100th Anniversary of American Legion Post 208. In celebration of that event, our Post Assistant Historian has written a book about the Post 208 Centennial History. Did you know that on the day the Post opened it's doors in its new building, that there occurred a small fire? It was then that the Post learned that they had not purchased a Fire Tag, without which the fire department didn't have to put out the fire. Thanks to Joe Seibert who was responsible in part for establishing the fire department, they came and extinguished the fire. Joe Seibert, by the way, was the 10th Post Commander [1929-1930] and the first Mayor [then called Chairman] of the City of Manchester.

Only in this book will you see a picture of Walter LePere leaving his home to join the U.S. Marines, not knowing if he would ever return. You will also see pictures of his two brothers standing beside his crude temporary grave in France's St. Etienne [St. Steven] Church graveyard, and you will see pictures of his final resting place in the American Memorial Cemetery in France. Sgt. Walter Le Pere was killed along side his Captain, one month and one day before the end of the war.

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The Post Centennial book sells for \$20 and every Post member should own one. Learn the history, traditions, trials and tribulations of the Post. All the money goes to the Post's new building fund, a building which will be more accessible to our fellow veterans, especially those who have difficulty walking or who are in wheel chairs. Buy a book and help build our new Post Headquarters building. Books are sold by Frank Masotto at the General Meetings or you can order one by calling him at 636-386-5603. Books can be picked up at his home in Ballwin or can be delivered to the Post for pickup. Let's help start the our second century of service with a new Post building!

**Frank Masotto**



## **BINGO**

Any suggestions are encouraged to help bingo improve for our guests and will help the legion. This is your legion home, please support when you can.

We want to thank all of the volunteers from the Post 208, the Ladies Auxiliary, SAL and the Marine Corps League. We appreciate all of you.

**HELP!!!!**

We still need a couple of volunteers that can help when there is an illness or for vacations. This would only amount to about 5 hours on Thursday. If you would be available to do that, please let me know.

I can be reached at 314-210-5623, or at the post on Thursdays – I am usually there.

**Thank you! David Howard – Bingo Chairman**



On Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, members of the West County Fire District came to visit Post 208 for their annual Community Outreach night. The EMT and Firefighters collect money from their members to do various community outreach projects. This annual event at AL's Nearly World Famous Friday Night Fish Fry at Post 208 provided visitors with a \$5 coupon to use on the purchase of their meal. The total amount donated to the Post that night was \$2,000.00. Pictured above are members of the West County Fire District and our very own Ladies Auxiliary member Ginny Alsop.



## **DONATIONS**

The committee has concentrated on supporting Veterans and organizations that assist Veterans within a 50 mile radius of our Post. Before making a donation to an organization we verify they are in compliance with the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, verify financial statements and IRS reporting documents when available. In most cases we have direct contact with the person responsible for donations received. During the year 2017 we made donations to the St Louis Fisher House located on the J B Hospital grounds,

Missouri Veterans Endeavor (Housing for homeless Veterans & their families), Circle of Concern, SAL fishing tournament, Manchester Shop with a Cop, Honor Flight St Louis, Vision for Vets, Officer Ryan O'Connor (Arnold PD Officer that was shot and paralyzed while transporting a prisoner), Shriners Hospitals for Children-St. Louis and H.E.R.O.E.S. Care. Total donations made for 2017 was \$6,000.00. The funds for these donations are from the proceeds of our Bingo program. I would like to thank Bingo Chairman Dave Howard and all the members that volunteer to work on Thursday nights in order to make this program a success. I would also like to thank committee members Chris Johnson and Rod Rodriguez for generously offering their time, support and guidance. **Steve Mabry, Donations Chairman**



### Auxiliary Chaplain's Corner

Song of Solomon Chapter 2:11-12 "For the winter is passed. The rain is over and gone. The flowers are springing up and the time of the singing birds has come." We say Alleluia. He is risen! April, May and June are new beginnings. We have so many blessings to be thankful for. If you can read that is a blessing. One blessing I've received, as your Chaplain, was my Pilgrimage to Israel in January. To walk where Jesus and His disciples walked was something I'll never forget; even though it was my 3<sup>rd</sup> trip. We are all Pilgrims on our life journey, here or over there. Our Auxiliary at Post 208 is certainly a blessing, as we work for God and Country. This includes socializing and traveling around the state (Independence, Jefferson City, Springfield etc.). We honor the sacrifices of those who have served and are serving our country, by participating in ceremonies and activities. Some of those are Truman Day to honor our 33<sup>rd</sup> President, who was a member of the American Legion, conferences and conventions for new ideas and to meet other members who are like minded to reach our goals. We also remember our Post namesake Walter Le Pere who was the first casualty of World War 1 from the city of Manchester. We also honor and remember those buried at Jefferson Barracks National cemetery with the procession led by the American Legion and the Auxiliary on Memorial Day morning up to the ceremonial circle. Let us not forget those who have passed and our many Auxiliary widows. Please give me your prayers/poems for our President, Janet Barton's Prayer book that I will present to her. Either give me your prayers/poems at the March or April meeting or mail them to me. Please put your name and Unit 208 at the bottom ready to be put in her book. This is a way to say "Thank you for a job well done" this year. I have started to work on her book. So it's not too early to contribute. Also Dear Lord, We pray for Your guidance, as we select the officers/leaders for 2018/19 at our June Auxiliary meeting. **Muriel Christman, Auxiliary Chaplain Unit 208**



### Members,

I am Dave Gibbons, your website coordinator and Americanism Chairman. I have news on both areas.

First, If you misplace your Post calendar or newsletter, or want to view either before getting a copy mailed to you, I encourage you to visit our Post website at [LEGIONPOST208.ORG](http://LEGIONPOST208.ORG). I try to get the calendar and newsletter posted as soon as I receive them. That's usually long before your mailed copy can arrive. So be informed early and check the website often to keep up-to-date on Post activities.

Next, as I put on my Americanism hat, I want you to know I am ready and anxious to help any Boy Scout cub pack or scout troop with a presentation on our American flag. If you know of a scout leader or cub pack leader who would be interested in my making a presentation at their meeting, please give them my email address. I can also make a presentation to adults who want to learn about the American flag through the years and the individual flags of each military organization (Army, Navy, Air Force, etc.).

**Dave Gibbons** [DLGIBBONS@PRODIGY.NET](mailto:DLGIBBONS@PRODIGY.NET)



## COLOR GUARD

**Hi Everyone!** Hope the New Year is going great for everyone. Last year was a busy year and looking for another good year. We still need more men to help us out if interested in please let me know. Thanks for all that help.

**Jeffrey Stevens-Your Color Guard Captain**



## **CRACK CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP**

PREP TIME: 5 MINS

COOK TIME: 25 MINS

TOTAL TIME: 30 MINS

Yield: serves 6 to 8

### **INGREDIENTS:**

3 cups chopped cooked chicken (I used rotisserie chicken)

1 (10.75-oz) can condensed cheese soup

6 cups chicken broth

1 cup milk

2 stalks celery, chopped

2 carrots, thinly sliced

1 (1-oz) package [Hidden Valley Original Ranch Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix](#)

1 (2.25-oz) package [Oscar Mayer Real Bacon Bits](#)

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

8-oz dried fine egg noodles, uncooked – (I used angel hair pasta broken in pieces)

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

In a large stockpot/Dutch oven, combine cooked chicken, cheese soup, chicken broth, milk, chopped celery, sliced carrots, [Hidden Valley Original Ranch Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix](#) and [Oscar Mayer Real Bacon Bits](#).

Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to simmer and cook for 20 to 25 minutes, until vegetables are soft.

Stir in dried noodles\* and shredded cheddar cheese. Cook for 5 minutes, until noodles are soft.

**NOTES:** \*I cook my noodles separately and then add it to the soup mixture.

When reheating the soup, it will be a little thick so I add some chicken broth to thin it out to a soup consistency.

## **What is Sea Scouting?**

Sea Scouting is the original older Scout program started by Robert Baden Powell, the founder of Scouting more than 100 years ago. It was the primary older Scout program until the beginning of WW2 when a not prepared nation was in need of anybody that can handle small boats (see JFK). Almost everyone, youth and adults, involved in Sea Scouting joined the Navy and Coast guard. They commanded everything from landing craft to PT boats to DD's. Today it is a co-ed program for youth 14 to 21 years old. Opportunities for youth include all the leadership opportunities Scouting offers in addition to learning and enjoying small boat sailing in a co-ed environment. Today we are competing with a changing society, however we do feel we this type of program is needed for our country and is worth the effort. A huge thank you to Post 208 for supporting and sponsoring Sea Scout 5496. We are looking for youth that may be interested in this type of an activity. If you know of any youth that may benefit from a program based on traditional values please contact us.

**Thank you for your support, Jim Bullard Skipper SS Ship 5496, ALR and Post 208 member. [jbull478@hotmail.com](mailto:jbull478@hotmail.com)**



**CENTENNIAL POST 208**

**American Legion**

**225 Old Sulphur Spring Rd.**

**Manchester, Mo**



**SATURDAY MAY 5, 2018**

**144<sup>TH</sup> RUNNING OF THE KENTUCKY DERBY**

**(The most exciting two minutes in sports)**

**LEGION DOORS OPENS AT 2PM**

**DERBY POST TIME 5:34PM(CDT)**

**LEGION DOORS CLOSE AT 8PM**

**ACTIVITIES:**

- **PUBLIC-ADDRESS ANNOUNCER-DAVE HOWARD WILL CALL THE RACE:  
BINGO HORSE RACE TICKETS TO BE SOLD**
- **KENTUCKY DERBY LADIES HAT CONTEST (PRIZE FOR BEST HAT)**
- **CASH BAR SERVING KENTUCKY DERBY MINT JULEP'S**
- **DERBY ATTENDEES BRING A RACE-DAY HORS D'OEUVRE**



**BAR MANAGER**

We have something new at the bar. We now have 16oz. aluminum long neck beer. Bud, Bud Light and Bud Select for \$2.50. If you have any time you can donate (it is usually about 5 hours) we need bartenders. If you are interested please talk to **Sharon Owens, Bar Manager 636-541-1447**

**WALTER LE PERE POST 208**  
**225 Old Sulphur Springs Road, Manchester, MO 63021**  
**POST PHONE NUMBER: 636-391-9424**  
**POST OFFICERS FOR 2017/2018**

Commander	Mike Beasley	314-422-9302
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	John Midkiff	636-207-0626
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Bob Bell	314-757-1177
Adjutant	Harold Isom	636-394-2932
Finance Officer	Mike Roach	314-822-6209
Assistant Finance Officer	Brook Smith	636-288-9803
Historian	Glen Jansen	314-398-4040
Service Officer	Chris Johnson	314-799-9454
Chaplain	Bud Niebling	636-225-7363
Sergeant at Arms	Grant Boyd	636-227-8896

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN**

	Dave Howard	314-210-5623
	Terry Bryant	314-736-5217
	Jim Christman	636-225-4483

**OTHER OFFICIALS / ACTIVITY CHAIRMEN**

Americanism Chairman	Dave Gibbons	314-807-4541
American Legion Riders Director	Randy Strand	314-620-0063
Assistant Historian	Frank Masotto	636-386-5603
Audit Committee Chairman	Anita Eickhoff	314-954-1330
Auxiliary President	Janet Barton	636-527-3668
Bar Manager	Sharon Owens	636-541-1447
Baseball	Bub Niebling	636-225-7363
Bingo	Dave Howard	314-210-5623
Color Guard Captain	Jeff Stevens	636-751-1399
Donations Committee Chairman	Steve Mabry	314-799-1329
Hall Rental Manager/Newsletter Editor	Jenny Bax	314-749-6809
Home Board President	Harold Isom	636-394-2932
Kitchen Manager	Al Motz	636-527-7617
Assistant Kitchen Manager	Hunter Davis	636-391-1988
Public Relations	Frank Masotto	636-386-5603
Retiree's Club President	Dave Howard	314-210-5623

S.A.L. Commander	Dave Hallett	636-394-7640
Scholarship Committee Chairman	Tom Cernekee	636-227-0911
VFW		636-527-9555

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

UNIT 208

OFFICERS 2017/2018

PRESIDENT	Janet Barton	636 527 3668
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	Betty McCormick	636 227 6187
2 <sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT	Mary Bryant	314 736 5217
SECRETARY	Beverly Adreon	636 861 1204
TREASURER	Jean Brockmann	636 225 3074
HISTORIAN	Dorothy Hempel	636 227 6019
CHAPLAIN	Muriel Christman	636 225 4483
SERGEANT at ARMS	Anne Cline	636 220 2662

**SAL OFFICERS**

UNIT 208

OFFICERS 2017/2018

Commander	Dave Hallett	636 394 7640
1ST VICE Commander		
2 <sup>ND</sup> VICE Commander	Jay Jensen	314 852 0546
ADJUTANT	David Whitney	314 401 0923
FINANCE OFFICER		
HISTORIAN	Dan Wendel	636 230 9595
CHAPLAIN	Ed Clay	636 225 0032
SERGEANT at ARMS	Dan Wendel	636 230 9595
ADVISOR	Hans Recker	636 230 0382

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

CHAPTER 208

OFFICERS 2017-2018

DIRECTOR	Randy Strand	314-620-0063
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR		
SECRETARY	Steve Mabry	314-799-1329
TREASURER	Bob Bryant	636-225-4726
SERGEANT at ARMS	Bob Weinshenker	314-469-1332

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 208**  
**BALLOT**

**THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS ARE UP FOR ELECTION IN  
2018-2019 LEGION YEAR**

**POST OFFICERS:**

- COMMANDER-----Overall in Charge
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander-----Membership
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander-----Events
- Adjutant-----Administration and Supply
- Finance Officer-----Manager Post Funds
- Service Officer-----Service to Veterans
- Chaplain-----Comfort Sick & Relatives of Deceased Members
- Historian-----Maintain Post Archives
- Sgt. At Arms-----In Charge of Colors & Post Meeting Setup

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- 3 Executive Committee Members-----Provides Input to Post Management
- 2 Home Board Members-----Provides Input Into Post Home Operations

I am interested in the operation and management of our Post and would like to run  
for: \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert one of the above officers).

Unfortunately, I am unable to run for one of the officers, but I do nominate:  
\_\_\_\_\_

For: \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert one of the above).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (not a requirement)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THE FOLLOWING AUXILIARY OFFICIERS ARE UP FOR ELECTION IN  
2018-2019 AUXILIARY YEAR**

- PRESIDENT-----OVERALL IN CHARGE (MANCHESTER DAYS)**  
**1ST. VICE PRESIDENT-----MEMBERSHIP**  
**2ND. VICE PRESIDENT-----EVENT (POPPY DAYS)**  
**SECRETARY-----IN CHARGE OF CORRESPONDENCE**  
**TREASURER-----MAINTAINS THE AUXILIARY FUNDS**  
**CHAPLAIN-----OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER AT AUXILIARY MEETINGS  
TO COMFORT THE SICK & GRIEVING**  
**HISTORIAN-----MAINTAIN POST ARCHIVES**  
**SGT. AT ARMS-----IN CHARGE OF COLORS & AUXILIARY MEETING SET UP**

**I AM INTERESTED IN THE WELL BEING OF THE AUXILIARY AND WOULD LIKE TO RUN  
FOR:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **INSERT POSITION YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**YOUR NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**