



POST 208 NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS / SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS



PATT McCORMICK GOLF TOURNAMENT – Sunday, July 23, 2017

The 15th Annual Patt McCormick Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, July 23rd at Paradise Valley 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 friends 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 Charlie Penn at home 636-394-4125 or cell 314-651-2349 or Harold Isom at home 636-394-2932 or cell 314-749-2702 or call the Legion at 636-391-9424 after 2PM.



POST WORK DAY – 8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 12, 2017

Our annual Post 208 work day is scheduled for August 12th, 8:00 a.m. All able bodied members are asked to come and help out, even if you can only spare an hour or two. We have weed cutting, handicap ramp repair & staining, removing debris from the parking lot and a number of miscellaneous other projects. The more volunteers, the more work gets done; the more volunteers, the quicker we finish.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Saturday, August 19, 2017



You are invited to show your support of our newly elected officers. On Saturday, August 19, 2017, the newly elected Officers of the Post, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion will be installed into their respective offices. Social hour will begin at 5:00 p.m.; the installation will start at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by dinner. Entertainment will be provided by Larry Wilks. This event is open to Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members and their guest only.

MANCHESTER DAYS HOMECOMING – Fri., Sat., & Sun., September 8, 9 & 10, 2017 – Paul A. Schroeder Park



Manchester Homecoming is our biggest fundraiser to support the operation of the Post. This is a great way to enjoy being with your fellow members, family and friends and to help your Post at the same time. You can sign up to work the Post Beer Booth or the Auxiliary Food Booth by putting your name on the sign up sheet at the Post. This year we will be working September 8th, 9th, 10th.



Sons of the American Legion Fishing Tournament – Saturday, September 23, 2017

The 23rd annual Jim Lance Bass Scholarship Tournament will be held Sat., September 23rd at Red Oak Resort. Entry forms are available in the downstairs Lounge at the Post or by contacting Jay Jensen, 314-352-0546.

JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS



August 19th Installation of Post 208 Officers-5PM

LADIES LUNCHEON

July 12th–Rosalita’s Cantina in Des Peres

August 9th–Oishi Sushi & Steakhouse (Hibachi) in Chesterfield

September 13th–The Piccadilly at Manhattan in Maplewood

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

We meet at the Legion at 10:30 A.M. to carpool and hope to see you there!



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

MARTY HARDESTY MEMORIAL G.I. BREAKFAST

JULY 9TH, AUGUST 13TH and SEPTEMBER 10TH

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



COMMANDER’S CORNER

It seems like this year is flying by much too fast. While we are finishing up our 2016-17 membership recruitment year, we are already half way through 2017. While many of us are enjoying some much needed downtime, the work of the Post continues. In our most recent issue of The American Legion magazine, the centerfold to be more precise is a short article titled Recruit, Renew, Revitalize. This article rang loud to me as I read it. Using the battle cry of our National Commander, “Carry the Legacy Forward”, I found myself remembering the challenge. Over the past year, I have heard this call several times by our National Commander, Charles Schmidt, and have encouraged our Post leadership team to think into the future, beyond our next event or deadline, and look for ways to “carry our legacy forward”. While many times we get caught up in our own agenda and fail to plan for the future our Post has continued to set our sights on building the membership. The American Legion as an organization is at a crucial time when as a membership we need to develop a strategy for the future. Since becoming the Post Commander, we have consistently made our membership goals and beyond. Our family has also reached their goals as we continue to promote membership in all branches of our family. I am very proud to represent our Post and the accomplishments we have reached together. However, we still have members that haven’t renewed their membership for the year and I want to remind/invite you to renew. Don’t let your membership lapse. So as we are quickly finishing one recruitment cycle and beginning our next, I want to encourage everyone to continue to help us grow together as we continue the legacy of the

American Legion. So now what? Continuing with the article, “I signed someone up – now what”? I want to invite you to our meetings. We have our general membership meeting on the fourth Monday of each month, with the exception of December, at 7 PM. We also have several events throughout the year that are open to the membership as well as the general public. We have several opportunities to participate available to our members and we can find a program or activity that interests you. Heading into our centennial celebration, it is important that we take this time to rededicate ourselves to carrying the legacy of the American Legion forward for future generations and develop ways of making our next 100 years greater than the last.

For God and Country, Michael D. Beasley-Commander

ADJUTANT’S CORNER



Election

Election of ten Officers and three Executive Committee members, who serve a one year term and two Home Board members, who serve a three-year term, for the 2018 legion year was held on June 26, 2017 in accordance with Article II of the Post 208 By-laws. The membership approved the Legion Officers and Home Board members for the 2018 Legion year by acclamation. Executive Committee members were elected by ballot by the members present at the general membership meeting.

Legion Officers (one year term)

Commander, Mike Beasley
1st Vice Commander, Charles Penn
2nd Vice Commander, Mike Beasley
Adjutant, Harold Isom
Finance, Mike Roach
Assistant Finance, Richard Smith
Service Officer, Christopher Johnson
Chaplin, Walter Niebling
Historian, Glen Jansen
Sergeant at Arms, Grant Boyd

Executive Committee(one year term)

Executive Committee, Jim Christman
Executive Committee, Terry Bryant
Executive Committee, David Howard

Home Board (three-year term)

Home Board, Mark Klinkerfuss
Home Board, Jeff Stevens

Centennial Challenge Coins

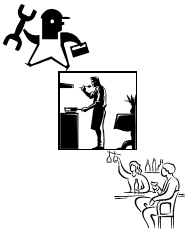
Walter Le Pere Centennial Post 208 has purchased Centennial Challenge Coins from Nola Maloney, NECLady, Department of France. The challenge coin features the Eiffel tower, the image of which is embroidered on Department of France Legion Caps above the organization 100th anniversary logo. On the flip side the emblems of all four American Legion family groups appears: The American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders and American Legion. The Challenge Coins are in limited supply and are currently available for purchase from Commander, Mike Beasley.

For God and Country, Harold Isom, Adjutant

HOME BOARD

Golf Tournament is Sunday, July 23rd at Paradise Valley Golf Course, \$75.00 per player. If anyone has anything to donate to the tournament see Charlie or Harold Isom. We will be glad to meet you at the Post or pick it up.

Charlie Penn, Home Board President





EDITOR'S DESK

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)



COLOR GUARD

Hi everyone,

I hope everything is going well. We had the great honor in participating in the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Veterans down at Ball Park Village in April. I would like to thank all that participated in the Flag Retirement ceremony, and we would like to welcome our new member, Jessica Stevens. If anyone wants to participate in the Color Guard let me know, we always need new members.

Your Color Guard Captain

Jeffrey A Stevens



AUXILIARY NEWS!!!

Last newsletter we were getting ready for Poppy Days. Our project was a big success even though we had inclement weather. Thank you, Sharon Yaeger! Our Girl Staters' are away at Warrenton and Betty McCormick is right there with them. They are in good hands. Coming up is a "Paper Drive" (towels, toilet tissue, napkins, cleaning products also). This is for very needy for Veterans families. Please be generous to their cause. There will be a collection spot at the Post. Also, remember we always need cakes.

Diane Kellerman, Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY OFFICERS FOR 2017/2018

**Auxiliary President – Janet Barton, 1st Vice President - Betty McCormick,
2nd Vice President – Mary Bryant, Secretary – Bev Adreon, Treasurer – Jean Brockman,
Chaplin – Muriel Christman, Historian – Dottie Hempel, Sgt.-at-Arms – Anne Cline**

MEMBERSHIP NOTE FROM BETTY MCCORMICK:

Thanks to everyone for paying their 2017 Membership Dues, plus our 26 New Members, WE ARE NOW QUOTA AND GOAL. We cannot thank you all enough for making this happen. We ended up with 261 paid members, at 107%. We also came in 2nd in Tenth District, so we should all be very proud. I truly hope that when everyone receives their 2018 Dues Notice, sometime in August or September, you will send in your dues right away to me. As soon as I get the Cards, I can distribute them right away. I will have them at every Meeting too. Remember, there are Awards given if we have a certain percentage early in the year and ongoing. We already have four new members coming in this year; and they are: Jessica Stevens; and Jessica is a part of the Post 208 Color Guard, which we are very proud of her for; Karen T. Kelsey; Patricia J. Breville; and Peggy O'Hara; and we want to welcome them all. We hope to get many more new members too this year. The Legion, Sons, and Auxiliary are all so proud to have made Goal this year. Let's make it happen again in 2018. I'm sure we will with all your help. And always look for more new members.
Betty McCormick, Auxiliary Membership Chairman



Auxiliary Chaplain's Corner

“He who abides in Love abides in God, and God in Him.” 1 John 4:16

July brings us Independence Day. We have so many opportunities to show our love for others this summer season. Let us pray for our Post 208 officer installation in August 19th.

August brings us Friendship Day on the 1st Sunday of August (August 6th). This is a day to honor and celebrate our friends. Good Friends can be one of the great joys in life. This is a good time to let our friends know how much they mean to us. Our Lord had many friends in His lifetime on earth. We have many friends in our lives including our American Legion Family here at Post 208. We can show our love for others when we volunteer to help with the many activities here at Post 208.

As fall approaches let us move forward with God's help to work for our veterans, active military and their families. Let us not block ourselves as Alexander Graham Bell states “When one door closes another opens but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”

Romans 8:28; “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose”

For God and Country -Amen Muriel Christman, Unit 208 Auxiliary Chaplain



SAL NEWS

A big thank you to all of you who have been attending our breakfast, it continues to be very successful. A special thanks to all the workers. Our fishing tournament is coming up in September, applications are at the bar or contact Jay Jensen. Watch for the sign up sheets for the S.A.L. beer booth for Manchester Homecoming, we need your help.

For God & Country, Dave Hallett, Squadron. Below is the elected officers for the upcoming year:

SAL OFFICERS FOR 2017/2018

Commander – Dave Hallett, 1st Vice Commander – Mark Klinkerfuss,

2nd Vice Commander – Jay Jensen, Adjutant – David Whitney,

Finance Officer – Rich Klinkerfuss, Historian – Dan Wendel, Chaplain – Ed Clay

Sgt.-at-Arms – Dan Wendel, Advisor - Vernon (Hans) Recker



BAR MANAGER

The bar hours are: Monday-Friday from 2:00PM to 6:00PM, (Thursday, 2:00PM to 10:00PM). The Legion is attempting to increase activity at the bar. We encourage members to come by and visit. We do not have Fish Fries this time of year so as members we need to help our Post. Also, if you have any ideas on occasions or events, we can celebrate at the Legion, let us know and we will put it on the calendar. The earlier you let us know the better. Anyone that is interested in tending bar, please let me know.

Sharon Owens, Bar Manager 636-394-0928



CHAPLAINS ARTICLE

I just finished watching the 5:00 news, more shootings, killings & suicides. It almost seems like our society is trying to eliminate their-selves. I find it interesting that now when someone is killed, we have to decide if it is a hate-crime. I always thought if you killed someone on purpose, it was murder. We seem to be intent on harming anyone who doesn't have the same principles as we do. We kill them, run them down with a car, and bomb them or something of that nature. God put us on earth to be good stewards of the earth and all living things on it. Where did we start going wrong? Why does one person have to hurt another or one country bomb another or one religion wipe out another? God is there for us when we need him. We also need to try to understand our neighbors and their cultures that are different from ours. People need to accept cultures for what they are. They might not be your way of thinking, but if they don't affect you why get upset with them? These are not easy times that we live in but we need to try and be tolerant of one-another.

Bud Niebling-Chaplain



BINGO

We wish to thank all of our workers from Post 208, the Ladies Auxiliary, the SAL, and the Marine Corps League, we could not do it without you. This is your legion – please support when you can. We appreciate all of you!

There have been a couple of new volunteers the past couple of months – THANK you very much. We still could use a couple of people to work one (1) Thursday once in a while for 5 – 6 hours to help when someone is sick or on vacation.

We will be replacing the tables upstairs with lightweight white ones over the next couple of weeks. This will help the people that have to move them when cleaning or for rentals. If you can, please contact one of the bingo committee or myself and have a good summer.

I can be reached at 314-210-5623. David Howard-Bingo Chairman



POST 208 RETIREES CLUB

Tuesday, July 25th 9:00 AM-Uncle Bill's Pancake House

Tuesday, August 29th 9:00 AM-Uncle Bill's Pancake House

Wednesday, September 27th 11:00 AM-Picnic at Veterans Memorial Park

Meat and Drinks Furnished, Bring a Covered Dish to Share

Dues will be collected at this time \$15.00 per couple.

Any questions contact: Charlie Penn, President of Retires Club, 636-394-4125



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HISTORY TIDBITS

JULY:

1. The Battle of Gettysburg begins, 1863.
2. President James Garfield shot, 1881.
3. George Washington takes command of the Continental Army, 1775.
4. Continental Congress adopts the *Declaration of Independence*, [Independence Day] 1776.
6. British troops capture Ft. Ticonderoga, 1777.
11. Aaron Burr kills Alexander Hamilton in a duel, 1804.
16. Scientists set off first atomic bomb in Alamogordo, New Mexico, 1945.
20. Neil A. Armstrong becomes first person to walk on the moon, 1969.
21. First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas) in the Civil War, 1861.
27. Armistice signed in Korea, 1953.
30. First representative assembly in America convened in Jamestown, 1619.

AUGUST:

1. World War I erupts in Europe, 1914.
3. Christopher Columbus sets sail on first voyage across the Atlantic, 1492.
4. US Coast Guard [Revenue Marine Service] established, 1790.
6. US drops first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, 1945.
9. Richard Nixon first President to resign from office, 1974.
10. Smithsonian Institution founded, 1846; Missouri becomes 24th State, 1821.
11. US Combat Troops leave South Vietnam, 1972.
28. Spanish explorers land in Florida where St. Augustine now stands, 1565.
- 29: USMC Reserve organized, 1916.

SEPTEMBER:

1. German troops invade Poland, starting WWII, 1939.
2. Japan surrenders in WWII, V-J Day, 1945.
3. Stars and Stripes fly first time in battle at Cooch's Bridge, Delaware, 1777.
8. Italy surrenders in WWII, 1943.
14. Francis Scott Key writes the Star Spangled Banner, 1814.
15. Nikita Khrushchev becomes first Soviet head of state to visit US, 1959.
17. Constitution of the United States signed, 1787.
18. Washington lays cornerstone of the Capitol, 1793; US Air Force established, 1947.
23. John Paul Jones defeats the British ship *Serapis* in the Revolutionary War, 1779.
26. WWI, Meuse-Argonne offensive begins, 1918.
28. William the Conqueror lands in England, 1066.

Frank Masotto, Assistant Historian

AMERICAN LEGION TAPS

In Memory of Jerry Hilke

May 11, 2017

In Memory of Robert David Link

December 8, 1951-May 31, 2017



BASEBALL ARTICLE

We are attempting to re-establish the Baseball Booster Club, for a small \$20 donation you will get a team hat and 2017 schedule.

Both Post teams are into their seasons. Some of the games have been in towns in other parts of the state. The following is the remaining games of the varsity team.

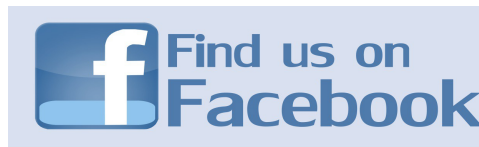
Jul. 2, 2017 at Ronsick Park, 3:30 pm vs Kirkwood

Jul. 2, 2017 at Ronsick Park, 5:30 pm vs Washington

Jul. 6, 2017 Heine Meine Park 6:30 pm vs Lemay

Both teams have worked hard this year. Each year changes as players leave and other come on the team. You always look forward to next year for good results. The coaching staffs, as always, put a lot of time into working with these young men.

For the baseball teams, Bud Niebling



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DUMP-AND-BAKE CHICKEN CAPRESE PASTA



Prep 5 mins Cook 45 mins Total 50 mins

Author The Seasoned Mom Yield 8

You don't even have to boil the pasta for this quick and healthy **Dump-and-Bake Chicken Caprese Pasta!** With only 5 minutes of prep, the easy, family-friendly recipe is a fresh and fast way to get dinner on the table!

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups diced, cooked chicken
- 1 3/4 cups halved grape tomatoes (can substitute with a can of undrained diced tomatoes)
- 12 ounces (about 3 cups uncooked) uncooked penne pasta
- 3 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 8 ounces (about 2 cups) shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1/2 cup chopped or torn fresh basil leaves, divided
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Spray a 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.
2. In the prepared dish (or in a separate bowl), stir together cooked chicken, tomatoes, uncooked pasta, chicken broth, 1 1/2 cups of mozzarella cheese, about half of the basil leaves, minced garlic, and salt.
3. Cover the dish tightly with foil and bake for 40 minutes.
4. Uncover; stir. At this point you should check the pasta to make sure that it is al dente (firm but just about finished cooking). If it's still too hard, cover the dish and return to the oven until pasta is al dente. Then move on to the next step.
5. Sprinkle remaining 1/2 cup of mozzarella over the top. Bake uncovered for 5-10 more minutes (or until cheese is melted and pasta is tender).
6. Garnish with remaining basil leaves just before serving.

NOTES: *Cooking for Just Two?* The recipe ingredients can easily be cut in half (or in quarters) and baked in smaller dishes. If you cut the recipe in half, use an 8-inch square baking dish. If you want to prepare just 2 servings, cut the ingredients into fourths and bake in small individual dishes. The rest of the cooking instructions remain the same.

Want to Prep Ahead? I like to use leftover chicken or store-bought rotisserie chicken for this meal. To prepare the ingredients in advance, you can dice the chicken and tomatoes the day before. Keep them in the refrigerator so that you only have to stir the ingredients together before baking!

MANCHESTER AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL POST 208



WILL BE HOSTING A FRIED CHICKEN DINNER & SILENT AUCTION AT LEGION POST 208 IN SUPPORT OF MANCHESTER POLICE OFFICER SGT. SHEREE WATERHOUSE

*Saturday, August 5, 2017
2:00PM to 4:00PM Silent Auction
3:30PM to 8:00PM Chicken Dinner
225 Old Sulphur Spring Road
Manchester, MO 63021*

HALF CHICKEN PLATE	\$10.00
QUARTER CHICKEN PLATE-WHITE	\$ 7.00
QUARTER CHICKEN PLATE-DARK	\$ 6.50
DESSERT	\$ 1.00

INCLUDES: MASH POTATOES WITH CREAM GRAVY, GREEN BEANS & SALAD

100% OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO

OFFICER WATERHOUSE
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