



POST 208 NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS / SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS

AL's NEARLY WORLD FAMOUS FISH FRIES



Our fish fries will continue at 4:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Fridays through March 6th and then every Friday from March 6th through Good Friday, April 19th. As always, we will also be serving fried chicken, shrimp, sides and dessert. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the food, drinks and camaraderie.

SUPERBOWL LIII PARTY



We are going to have a Super Bowl LIII party on Sunday, February 3rd starting at 3:00 pm. You are invited to bring a snack to share, but that's not required. We plan on having lots of fun, arm chair coaching/quarterbacking, cheering and second-guessing.

MARDI GRAS PARTY DINNER/DANCE



Come celebrate Mardi Gras like it's meant to be at our Mardi Gras party on February 23rd. Bring your favorite snack to share. The party will last from 6:00-9:00 PM. Entertainment will be provided by Larry Wilkes.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MARTY HARDESTY MEMORIAL G.I. BREAKFAST JANUARY 13th, FEBRUARY 10TH and MARCH 10TH



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

LADIES LUNCHEONS

January 9, 2019 – The Pasta House-14007 Manchester Road (Weidman Rd.) Ballwin
February 13, 2019 – Habachi Grill & Supreme Buffett-1282 Old Orchard Ctr., Ballwin
March 13, 2019 – El Maguey-14501 Manchester Road (Baxter Road) Ballwin
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 A.M. to carpool and we hope to see you there!,



COMMANDER'S CORNER

This time of year, it seems like every news outlet in the world begins with an “end of the year” message or with a statement about how the year has flown by, or where has the time gone? We also begin hearing about the highlights for the year and make “best of” lists and of course my favorites are the New Year’s Resolutions. I was recently getting my haircut and the barber asked if I have made my New Year’s Resolutions? Of course this started a conversation about last year’s resolutions. So let’s not forget tradition just yet and start this edition of the newsletter like the yearend or year beginning edition we have all grown accustomed to, love and appreciate. So here we go!

WOW, how this year has flown by, where has the time gone? It seems like just yesterday we were ringing in the New Year and making our New Year’s resolutions for 2018, making that promise that this year would be different. Nice start, right? Well, let’s change it up a bit. We are beginning to write the next chapter in the history books of the American Legion and for that fact, Walter Le Pere American Legion Post 208, including the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders. These milestone years, such as our 100th year anniversary allow us to reflect on the accomplishments of the entire organization as well as our Post. This year we marked the 100th Anniversary of the end of “the war to end all wars.” And we said goodbye to several members of our Legion Family. The Legion has also continued our five year run for reaching our membership goals. This year we received accolades on two occasions from the City of Manchester as we continue to build our relationship with the community. Several of our members participated in the “Home of the Brave” art project sponsored by the City that was on display at the parks community center. Our building remains dry after a drainage issue was resolved and the lights in our Post burn brighter because of the new lights that were installed by talented members of the Home Board. Membership is always on our plate as the growth and continuation of our organization depend on the strength of our membership numbers. It takes the efforts of all of us to retain and recruit our members. When you greet the public, start the conversation about membership and ask if they have any other family members that might be eligible for membership in any other part of the Legion family. Some people are eligible for dual membership, it doesn’t hurt to ask. So let’s resolve to retain, promote and recruit members to all of our Legion family. Our Post events are another topic of conversation we should consider when thinking about membership. I want to start off the New Year by challenging the Legion family to plan and schedule events for your particular family members. Get everyone involved and use this as an opportunity to promote your group and recruit new members to join and get involved in the operations of the organization. I have heard several transfer members state that they joined our Post because we have events that bring the members together. It takes the efforts of all to attract, promote and grow our membership. So let’s continue to make this a priority. So now let’s take a look at our “best of” list for 2018. First of all we have the best volunteers. Many hours are dedicated each week for the Good of the Legion by a dedicated group of volunteers. We have many members that volunteer for multiple

projects. Something we recently gained recognition for is our newsletter. Finally our Post received recognition and kudos for the best newsletter in the Department of Missouri. Congratulations to Jenny Bax for her work, dedication and overseeing the operation of the newsletter. We also should recognize the people volunteering for our “AL’s Nearly World Famous Fish Fry” volunteers, our Thursday night Bingo and our Bingo night kitchen volunteers, our bar tenders, who volunteer to open the bar each day of the week, our Honor Guard, the SAL breakfast crew, our golf tournament volunteers, our members who support the local community on the Manchester Homecoming Committee, Shop with a Cop, and Breakfast with Santa, and the Officers of the Legion Family who provide their leadership and service for the betterment of the Post. Of course none of the events sponsored by the Post can happen without our volunteers. As Commander I feel very lucky to have a group that I can call on to help on any occasion. Our volunteers are part of Post 208 “Best of List” for 2018. This dedicated group goes above and beyond and has served the needs of the Post on several occasions. I want to thank each and every one for your dedication and service to our Post and the community.

To sum it all up, we’ve had a great 2018. We’ve made some new friends and we’ve lost some too. We’ve explored some new possibilities and are not settled on the status quo. Let’s continue to work to bring the same level of success to 2019 and strive to make it even better. I wish everyone and your families a wonderful and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**For God and Country, Michael D. Beasley, Commander
Walter LePere American Legion Post 208, Manchester MO**



ADJUTANT’S CORNER

2019 Membership Renewal Notices

If you receive a Membership Renewal Notice by mail please check to see if you have a 2019 Membership Card. If you have a current 2019 card please ignore any notice you may receive from National Headquarters. If you have a question concerning your membership status please contact me either by phone or email. We currently have 166 members who have not paid their dues for 2019.

Harold Isom, Adjutant, 314-749-2702, isomh@charter.net



POST 208 RETIREES CLUB

Tuesday, January 29th, 9:00 AM at Uncle Bill’s Pancake House, 14195 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO

Tuesday, February 26th, 9:00 AM at Uncle Bill’s Pancake House, 14195 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO

Tuesday, March 26th, 9:00 AM at Uncle Bill’s Pancake House, 14195 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO

David Howard, President 314-210-5623



COLOR GUARD

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. It's been a busy year. I would like to thank everyone who helped us out this year. In November we posted the colors for the Bowling for Veterans at Concord Bowling Alley. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Your Color Guard Captain, Jeffrey Stevens



AUXILIARY NEWS

What an honor it was to read the names of our fallen Veterans from WW1 at Jefferson Barracks on Veterans day. Betty McCormick made Channel 5 news reading names and Muriel Christman rang the bell. The Post Christmas party was a Big success. Good food, music, friends and a visit from Santa. A BIG Thank You to Sharon Yeager for putting the Cork Pull together, and Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and participated in the fun. Remember we are collecting cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, non perishable food item for Jefferson Barracks food pantry. Don't forget about Birthday in a bag for the Veteran's children. Items can be dropped off at the post. Next meeting is January 28, 2019 see you there.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Janet Barton, Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NOTE:

We are well on our way with our 2019 Membership. We need 172 to make goal; and right now we have 143 sent in; and are at 83.14%. Only 29 more to go. Please, if you haven't sent in your 2019 Dues, please do so as soon as you can, because we don't want you to lose your continuous membership. We also want to keep you as a valued Auxiliary member. Since our last newsletter, we acquired two new members; and they are Claire Hanley, and Jo Beth Fortner; and we want to welcome both of them. Please remember that we are always wanting to get more new members; so if you know of anyone, we would love to have them join. There are applications behind the bar; and I always have them too. This year we sadly lost Pat Sexauer, a sweetheart of a lady; and she will be missed by us all. I would like to wish for you and your family, a very Merry Christmas, and a Healthy and Happy New Year. Stay safe and well.

Betty McCormick-Auxiliary Membership



SAL NEWS

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and it's time to start a new year. Our Post will celebrate its 100th Birthday this year and the SAL has been an important part for the last 20 years. I am hoping to see more SAL members at our meetings on the 3rd Monday at 8:00 PM as well as all Post functions. There are always volunteer opportunities so come and be part of our Post Family. Thanks to all who help at our breakfasts.

For God and Country, Dave Hallett-S.A.L. Commander



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.

We have had one member stand up and offer to help with bingo, but 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.

PLEASE HELP – you do not know how much you are appreciated.

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

Thank you! David Howard – Bingo Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION TAPS

In Memory of Ellroy M. Marty, Jr.

October 19, 2018

In Memory of Pat Sexauer

March 22, 1938-November 8, 2018

In Memory of Bill House

September 16, 1935-November 10, 2018

In Memory of Frank Alfred Hallemann

December 4, 2018



MEMBERS IN DISTRESS

Kay Bell

Judy Niebling

Carol Meyer

HISTORY TIDBITS



January

- 1: Emancipation Proclamation takes effect, 1863; Commonwealth of Australia proclaimed, 1901.
- 5: Nellie Tayloe Ross becomes first woman governor of a state, Wyoming, 1925.
- 7: First American presidential election, 1789; First transatlantic commercial telephone service begins, N.Y. to London, 1927.
- 8: General Andrew Jackson defeats the British in the last battle of the War of 1812 at New Orleans, 1815.
- 10: Thomas Paine publishes his *Common Sense*, 1776; League of Nations established, 1920.
- 15: AEF HQ in France organizes US 1st Corps, 1917.
- 16: Amendment 18 to US Constitution ratified, prohibits sale of alcoholic beverages, 1919.
- 20: **Inauguration Day** for the US President, every fourth year, beginning in January, 1937.
- 21: *USS Nautilus*, first nuclear-powered ship launched, 1954.
- 24: Gold discovered in California, 1848.
- 25: Transcontinental telephone service established in the US, 1915.
- 26: Cullinan diamond, world's largest diamond found, 1905.
- 27: Thomas Edison granted the first patent for his incandescent light, 1880.
- 28: US space shuttle *Challenger* explodes killing all 7 crew members aboard, 1986.
- 30: US Congress purchases Thomas Jefferson's library as nucleus of the Library of Congress, 1815; Adolph Hitler named Chancellor of Germany, 1933.
- 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: Siege of Boston by the British, 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 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade lands at Da Nang, 1965.
- 9: Ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia battle at Hampton Roads, VA, 1862.
- 12: Juliette Lowe 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, 44 BC.
- 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, American Legion Post 208, Assistant Historian

American Legion Post 208 Manchester, MO



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First Caucus of The American Legion, Paris, France. 1919.

A group of twenty officers who served in the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.) in France in World War I is credited with planning the Legion. A.E.F. Headquarters asked these officers to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer, Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., proposed an organization of veterans. In February 1919, this group formed a temporary committee and selected several hundred officers who had the confidence and respect of the whole army.

When the first organization meeting took place in Paris in March 15-17, 1919, about 1,000 officers and enlisted men attended. The meeting, known as the Paris Caucus, adopted a temporary Constitution and the name The American Legion. It also elected an executive committee and named a subcommittee to organize the veterans at home in the US. The Legion held a second organizing caucus in St. Louis, Missouri, in May of 1919. It completed the constitution and made plans for a permanent organization. It set up temporary headquarters in New York City, New York, and began its relief, employment, and Americanism programs.

Congress granted the Legion a national charter in September 1919. The first National Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, adopted a permanent constitution and elected officers to head the organization.

This is where all of us, as American Legionnaires, began. To commemorate this milestone, Post 208 will celebrate by having a dinner / dance. Come to the Post on Saturday, March 16, 2019 and celebrate our beginning with a dinner and dance. The event will begin with dinner at 5 PM. Tickets will be available soon for \$10 per person. The event will include dinner and dancing as we celebrate the beginning of our first 100 years. Take notes, there will be a quiz.

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