



POST 208 NEWSLETTER

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AL's NEARLY WORLD FAMOUS FISH FRIES ARE HERE AGAIN

AL's NEARLY WORLD FAMOUS FISH FRIES will begin on Friday, October 4, 2019, the first Friday of October.

Fish Fries are from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM. As in the past, they will be held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month until Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2019, after which we will have them every Friday with the last one on Good Friday, April 10, 2020. Also, as last year, we will also be serving chicken, shrimp and sides. So bring your family, friends or just yourself and enjoy the food, drinks and camaraderie while helping support your Post.



VOLUNTEER'S APPRECIATION DINNER & DANCE, Saturday, November 16, 2019

The Volunteer's Appreciation Dinner/Dance for all Post, Auxiliary and SAL members, will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 6:00 – 9:00PM. **The entertainment will be the Scott Laytham and Karl Holmes Duo.** Our Post could not exist without volunteers, so come out and show your appreciation. Thank you so much for all your help throughout the year.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – Saturday, December 7, 2019

This annual event jointly hosted by the City of Manchester and Post 208, will be held at the Post on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Children from 2 to 9 years of age and their adult guest will enjoy a breakfast of sausage, pancakes, milk, orange juice and coffee. Santa will be there for pictures, hugging and handshakes. Bring your own camera or photos will be available for \$1.00. There will be two seating's, one at 8:30 a.m. and one at 9:30 a.m., all for only \$2.00 per child and \$3.00 per adult. **You need to get tickets in ADVANCE prior to the breakfast, tickets will not be sold at the door!**



POST 208 CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, December 14, 2019

Please join us for the last social event of the year for our members. Our annual Christmas Party will be held at the Post on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with food at 6:00 p.m. Larry Wilkes will be entertaining. Please bring your favorite covered dish and/or dessert.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MARTY HARDESTY MEMORIAL G.I. BREAKFAST OCTOBER 13TH, NOVEMBER 10TH and DECEMBER 15TH

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 MARY'S & SCREW DRIVER'S \$2.00

JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS



November 11th Manchester Parks Veteran Day Breakfast at Post 208 6AM-10:30AM

November 16th Volunteer's Appreciation Dinner & Dance, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

December 14th Post 208 Christmas Party, 5:00 PM

Please join us for the last social events of the year for our members. .

LADIES LUNCHEONS

October 9, 2019 – Mike Duffy's Pub & Grill – 1024 Schnuck's Woodsmill Plaza, Chesterfield

November 13, 2019 – Mulligan's Grill – 11 Clarkson Road, Ellisville

December 11, 2019 – Hibachi Grill – 1282 Old Orchard Center, Ballwin

January 8, 2020 – Mia Sorella – 14426 Clayton 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

Here we are in the middle of our sixth summer for the year and I'm looking forward to talking about how cold it is outside. It seems like all I have to talk about is how busy we have been at the Post. Very soon the smell of fish will be in the air as we begin another season of AL's Nearly World Famous Friday Night Fish Fries. We also just wrapped up a very successful Manchester Homecoming as the weather held out and provided a beautiful weekend, despite the late start on Sunday due to a morning rain shower. At the same time as the Homecoming we also had a very successful St. Louis County Air Show weekend, a big thank you to everyone that participated in these events. Every time I hear our preamble I realize the people that take it to heart, especially the "mutual helpfulness" part. I also want to mention the people that make this Post work and we usually overlook their contribution because they work behind the scenes. Our Post would not be able to operate without these people and I want to make sure everyone remembers them when we show our appreciation to our volunteers. Speaking of Volunteer Appreciation, we will have our appreciation dinner on Saturday November 16. We have moved the dinner to November to accommodate our musical guests. Scott and Karl will be entertaining us that night. So mark your calendar for 6 PM on Saturday November 16th. Recently Congress has allowed the American Legion to change its' membership requirements. If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving - you are eligible for membership in The American Legion! *Because eligibility dates remain open, all active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to join The American Legion at this time, until the date of the end of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States. **U.S. Merchant Marine eligible only from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 (WWII). While these changes will allow us to recruit new members, it will not solve our need for volunteers. Our financial outlook has been discussed at our general membership meetings and still remains relatively flat and we need to continue to find new ways to support our current revenue stream. I mention this because my focus for the past six years has been to replace our current Post. Here is an update on the search. I and a few Post members

toured a very attractive property and possible replacement.

While we continue to raise money, we will need more than what is currently available in our new building fund. Since this property is in a great location it is difficult not to further investigate this properties potential. The property is 115 Baxter Road in Manchester. Location, location, location. It has been on the market for just over 6 months and the sellers are motivated. We are currently investigating code requirements with the City of Manchester and our next step will be to have a general contractor review the space to begin preliminary cost estimates to renovate the building in to usable space for Post operations, and then the inspections will begin. We can only afford so much, and we don't want to overextend ourselves, so this will be a process to get what we need and keep us within a livable budget. This property will be our opportunity to move in to a building that is accessible to all our members and provide us an opportunity to investigate new ways of attracting younger members. Yes, I said it, we are old, and we are getting older and I understand that everyone isn't able to volunteer at a fish fry or shake the can, but there are other ways your talents can be used. So, stay tuned as more developments arise, and with the fish fries, Sunday football, and the Volunteer Appreciation dinner coming our way, "see you at the Post."

For God and Country, Michael D. Beasley, Commander



HOME BOARD

Home Board

The first meeting of the newly elected Home Board was to elect a member as chairman and a recording secretary. The 2019-2020 Home Board members are as follows: Jeff Stevens, Grant Boyd, Norm Gierer, Frank Remsik, Harold Isom and Dave Gibbons. Commander Mike Beasley and Asst. Finance Officer Brook Smith are advisory members. Dave Gibbons was elected recording secretary and Harold Isom, Chairman.

The Home Board oversees the maintenance of the Post which continues to require tender loving care. The Home Board also oversees fund raisers, such as Shake the Can at Walmart, Golf Tournament at Paradise Valley, Manchester Homecoming at Schroeder Park and the Air Show at Spirit of St. Louis Airport, to name a few. The volunteers who work these fundraisers are vital in our efforts to support the Legion, SAL, Auxiliary and Riders programs. As the volunteers shrink in numbers so does our revenue and ability to support programs vital to our success. In the past a lot of the events, sponsored by the Post, were free to members and guests. As we go forward not only will our costs increase but events no longer will be free to members and guests. The Home Board welcomes anyone who has a new idea for increasing our revenue and is willing to take on the challenge. The Post is in need of Volunteers for Bingo, Kitchen, Bartenders, Walmart Fund Raiser, Manchester Homecoming, Cleaning Post, etc. In many cases the requirement is a couple hours of a member's time. On behalf of the Home Board members I want to extend my thanks to everyone who does volunteer and a special thanks to those volunteers who help at every fundraiser, event, or Post cleanup day.

The Post will be introducing **CLUB KENO** (A Missouri Lottery Draw Game) in the downstairs bar. Once the gaming equipment has been installed, the Missouri Lottery Commission will have a representative train Bartenders and will be sponsoring a KENO event at the Post. The initial cost to the Post is \$75 dollars for a Bond and thereafter the annual cost will be \$50 dollars.

The Bar is currently under new management. Bill Endicott has agreed to be the Bar Manager and has several years of experience, since he had previously held this

position in the past.

I want to thank prior Bar Manager Bob Hempel for all his help in running the Bar the past couple of years. As mentioned above, we are in need of Bartenders to expand the hours of the Bar. The Bar will be open on Sundays for football, and everyone is welcome to share their favorite appetizer and join in the fun. If we can find additional Bartenders, we would consider extending the hours of the Post and possibly be open 7 days a week.

The Legion has planned a Trip to the Veterans Memorial in Perryville, Mo on Saturday, November 2, 2019. A 56-passenger bus has been chartered, will depart the Post at 8 am, and will return to the Post at 6 pm. Tickets are available for \$30 dollars per person, which will include transportation and a meal at the Perryville American Legion Post 133. Tickets can be purchased from Commander Mike Beasley or Home Board Chairman Harold Isom.

Volunteers need to save the date for the following Post fund raisers and events:

1. Friday, October 4th Fish Fry.
2. Sunday, October 13th G.I. Breakfast.
3. Friday, October 18th FISH Fry.
4. Friday, November 1st Fish Fry.
5. Saturday, November 2nd. Bus Trip to Vietnam Wall Perryville, Mo.
6. Saturday-Sunday, November 9th and 10th Walmart Fund Raiser.
7. Sunday, November 10th G.I. Breakfast.
8. Friday, November 15th Fish Fry.
9. Saturday, November 16th Volunteer Appreciation Dinner/Dance-6pm.
10. Friday, December 6th Fish Fry.
11. Saturday, December 14th Christmas Party.
12. Sunday, December 15th G.I. Breakfast
13. Friday, December 20th Fish Fry.

Harold Isom, Home Board Chairman



SAL NEWS

Thanks to all who helped at the SAL Beer Booth at Manchester Homecoming, you did a great job. There are still opportunities to help at our breakfast or fish fries. With Al Motz convalescing we need more people to fill in. Please contact me if you can help. New membership cards are available. The state has raised fees so dues have increased to \$10.00. Dues can be turned in at the bar or send to David Whitney, 735 Foxwick Drive, Ballwin, MO 63011. We have many events upcoming including the Appreciation Dinner, our 100th anniversary/Christmas party. I encourage all SAL members to attend and don't forget about our G.I. Breakfast, the second Sunday of the month. Thanks to all that attend and all that help.

For God and Country, Dave Hallett, SAL Commander

COLOR GUARD



Hi Everyone,

Our men did a great job at Installation of Officers and at all of the general meetings. We are always looking for some good men and women to help us out. Thanks again to all that helped us out.

Your Color Guard Captain, Jeffrey Stevens



BINGO

This is your legion – please support when you can. We have added a couple of volunteers to help run bingo, and we want to thank them. We also want to thank all of our workers from Post 208, the Ladies Auxiliary, SAL and the Marine Corps League. We appreciate all of you!

We could still 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.

Please consider helping, and contact one of the bingo committee or myself.

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



PERRYVILLE VETERANS MEMORIAL SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019

**A 56-PASSAGER HAS BEEN CHARTERED, WILL DEPART THE POST AT
8AM AND RETURN TO THE POST AT 6PM**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$30.00 PER PERSON
IT INCLUDES: TRANSPORTATION AND A CHICKEN DINNER AT
PERRYVILLE AMERICAN LEGION POST 133**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM COMMANDER, MIKE BEASLEY OR
HOME BOARD CHAIRMAN HAROLD ISOM**

**WE HAVE 56 TICKETS DEADLINE TO PURCHASE IS OCTOBER 12TH
IF WE DON'T SELL ALL THE TICKETS BY OCTOBER 12TH WE WILL OPEN THIS UP TO THE**

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HISTORY TIDBITS

October was the eighth month of the year in the early Roman calendar, and has had 31



days since the days of Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus [27 BC - 14 AD]. The birthstones for October are the opal and the tourmaline and the flower of the month is the *calendula*. Columbus Day is usually celebrated on the second Monday of the month while Thanksgiving is celebrated in Canada on the same day.

October

- 1: First "Model T" Ford put on the market, 1908.
- 4: Soviet Union launches first artificial satellite, 1957.
- 8: Chicago fire begins and burns for about 30 hours, 1871.
- 9: Revolutionary "Che" Guevara is executed in Bolivia, 1967.
- 10: US Naval Academy opens at Annapolis, MD, 1845.
- 12: Christopher Columbus lands in the Americas, 1492.
- 13: Continental Navy established, 1775; White House cornerstone laid, 1792.
- 14: William the Conqueror wins at the Battle of Hastings, 1066.
- 17: British General John Burgoyne surrenders his army at Saratoga, 1777.
- 19: British troops under Cornwallis surrender at Yorktown, 1781; John Brown seizes the US Arsenal at Harper's Ferry, 1859.
- 21: USS Constitution, *Old Ironsides*, launched, 1797; British Admiral Lord Nelson killed defeating the French & Spanish at Trafalgar, 1805.
- 22: Sam Houston becomes first president of the Republic of Texas, 1836.
- 24: First transcontinental telegram sent, 1861; The United Nations formally established, 1945.
- 28: Harvard College founded, 1636; Statue of Liberty dedicated, 1886.
- 29: Blackest day in stock market history, 1929.
- 31: Martin Luther nails his 95 theses to a church door at Wittenberg, 1517; King's College, now Columbia University founded, 1754.

November is the eleventh month of the Gregorian calendar, but in the early Roman calendar it was the ninth (*novum*) month. The Roman Senate elected to name the eleventh month for Tiberius Caesar, and since Augustus's time, it had only 30 days. Anglo-Saxons referred to November as the "blood month," probably because this was the month they killed their animals for food. Election Day is on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of the month; Veterans' Day [formerly Armistice Day] is celebrated on November 11th and Thanksgiving Day is on the fourth Thursday of the month. The topaz is the birthstone for November while the chrysanthemum is the flower of the month.

November:

- 1: US tests first hydrogen bomb, 1952.
- 2: First regular radio broadcasts begin over station KDKA in Pittsburgh, 1920.
- 4: Iranian revolutionaries seize U.S. citizens at U.S. Embassy in Teheran, 1979.
- 7: Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison defeats Indians at battle of Tippecanoe, 1811.
- 8: Abraham Lincoln reelected 1864.
- 10: U.S. Marine Corps established 1775.
- 11: WWI ends, 1918.
- 13: Vietnam Veterans' Memorial dedicated 1982.
- 15: Draft of Articles of Confederation approved by Congress, 1777.
- 17: U.S. Congress first meets in Washington, D.C., 1800.
- U.S. Forces land on Tarawa, 1943.
- 22: President John F. Kennedy assassinated, 1963
- 26: First National Thanksgiving Day proclaimed by President George Washington, 1789.

December is the twelfth and last month of the year according to the Gregorian calendar.

It was the tenth [*decem*] month in the Roman calendar. Until 46 BC, December had only 29 days. Julius Caesar added two days to December when the Roman calendar was revised. New England observes December 21 as *Forefathers' Day* in honor of the landing

of the Pilgrims at Plymouth on December 21, 1620. People in several European countries celebrate December 6th as the *Feast of St. Nicholas*. Christmas Day is celebrated on December 25th in many places including the United States.

The turquoise and zircon are the birthstones for December. The holly, narcissus and poinsettia are the flowers of the month

December:

7: Japanese forces attack US Naval Base in Pearl Harbor, 1941.

11: Edward VIII of Great Britain abdicates throne, 1936.

14: George Washington dies at Mt. Vernon, 1799; Roald Amundsen reaches South Pole, 1911.

16: Boston Tea Party, 1773.

17: Orville Wright makes first heavier-than air flight at Kitty Hawk, NC, 1903.

18: Amendment 13 to US Constitution ends slavery, 1865.

21: Pilgrims land at Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1620.

24: US and Great Britain sign the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.

25: George Washington and his men cross the Delaware River, Trenton, NJ, 1776.

30: US acquires territory from Mexico in the Gadsden Purchase, 1853.

Frank Masotto

Post 208 Assistant Historian



AUXILIARY NEWS

I would like to thank Al Motz, Janet Barton, Betty McCormick and everyone who helped with our food booth on Manchester Days. From the bottom of my heart, thank you all. What a job for a beginner! Now onward and upward—the Auxiliary is going to have a rummage sale at the Post October 23 from 7AM till 3PM. Please donate any items you may have—clothing, household items etc.—to this worthy cause. Thank you and God bless you all.

Mary Bryant, Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NOTE:

We are really proud that this is the American Legion Auxiliary's 100th Year, with our Auxiliary birthday being on November 10, 2019. Our Unit is off to a good start for our 2020 membership year. I have already sent in membership renewals for 8 Juniors and 19 Seniors. We already have 4 new members, and they are Marcella L. Rosner; Megan D. Huether; Amy Jo Anne Ward, and Stephanie J. Rasmusen; and we want to welcome all of them. We hope to acquire many more new members this year. You should have received your membership renewal notices; and we hope that you will send your renewal to me as soon as you can. Remember Senior dues are \$30.00; and Junior dues are \$5.00. I will always have the membership cards at all of our Unit meetings; and I also have a lot of new member applications. **AND A BIG HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY.** Betty McCormick, Membership Chairperson



The Chaplain Needs Your Help

To ensure that the Post is aware of any member's serious illness or death so that we may be of assistance and/or pay last respects, I suggest that you copy the information below and place it so that family members are aware of it when its needed. **In the event of my serious illness or death, please contact the American Legion Post Chaplain, John Chapman at 636 692-3436 or jwchap866@yahoo.com, or leave a message at Post 208, 636 391-9424. Thank you.**

BAR HOURS
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY
2PM-6PM

THURSDAY-BINGO
2PM-10PM

FRIDAY
2PM-6PM
EXPECT DURING FISH FRIES
2PM-9PM

FOOTBALL SUNDAYS



12PM-6PM



POST 208 RETIREES CLUB

Post 208 Retirees Club

Tuesday, Oct 29th, 9:00 AM – Uncle Bills Pancake House

Tuesday, Nov 26th, 9:00 AM – Uncle Bills Pancake House

Wednesday, Dec 26th, 9:AM – Uncle Bills Pancake House

We hope you had a good Christmas.

Any questions contact: David Howard, President of the Retirees club. 314-210-5623



American Legion Post 208 Manchester, MO



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