



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays through February 26<sup>th</sup> and then every Friday from February 26<sup>th</sup> through Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MARTY HARDESTY MEMORIAL G.I. BREAKFAST JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> and MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

\$7.00 PER PERSON

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

DRINK SPECIAL: BLOODY MARYS & SCREW DRIVERS \$2.00

#### LADIES LUNCHEONS

January 8, 2020 – Mia Sorella – 14426 Clayton Road, Ballwin

February 12, 2020 – Joey B's – 14445 Manchester Road, Manchester

March 11, 2020 – Lazy River Grill – 631 Big Bend Road – Manchester

April 8, 2020 – The Pasta House – 14007 Manchester Road, Manchester

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

Welcome to a new decade. I have only heard a few people mention December 31, 2019 as the end of a decade, but yes indeed we are moving in to a new decade and the 20's. So all year long all of the events we had in 2019 were the last of the decade. The American Legion is now 100 years old and from this day forward we are continuing to build on that first 100 years. So how will our second century be different from our first? First of all I hope this year brings each of you good health, much wealth, and the ability to realize the difference. Like any end of year recap we should pause and take a moment to remember the ones who are no longer with us, remember their laugh, recall the memory that made them a friend and how they influenced your life. I want everyone to think about why you joined the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, or the Legion Riders? Did someone invite you? How did you first hear about the Legion Family? The reason I mention this is because everyone is a recruiter and as a successful recruiter it is vital that we work on our sales pitch. When people talk about great salespeople, I have heard them say, "He or she could sell ice to an Eskimo". I realize this statement isn't necessarily true and may be seen as offensive by some, but the point I'm trying to make is in reference to someone surrounded by ice doesn't need more ice. So have you thought about why you are a member of the world's largest Veterans Service Organization? The next question I have is, "are we meeting your expectations"? Now like any good reporter one question leads in to another question, so here is my follow-up question, and please take a moment to consider all possibilities. How can we improve on what we have started? This is one question that I am particularly interested in because in order for our Post to continue to grow, we need to think about various ways to attract and retain members. Let's build on our success and make the next 100 years memorable for our members. Cheers to a new decade and the next 100 years! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**For God and Country-Michael Beasley-Commander  
Walter Le Pere American Legion Post 208 Manchester**

## POST 208 RETIREES CLUB



**We have added a few more retirees in our club since last year. Welcome to all and I hope you enjoy the members.**

**Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM at Uncle Bill's Pancake House, 14195 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO**

**Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM at Uncle Bill's Pancake House, 14195 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO**

**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM at Uncle Bill's Pancake House, 14195 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO**

**David Howard, President 314-210-5623**

## COLOR GUARD



I want to thank all of our Color Guard members for their service in representing our Post. I especially want to thank Jeff Stevens for his years of leading our Color Guard. We still have openings if you would like to join the Color Guard

**Dave Hallett-Color Guard Captain**

## HOME BOARD

The Legion is founded on the principal of mutual helpfulness and has successfully served the needs of its members for 100 years.

Our successes and failures in 2020 can be summed up in one word “**Volunteers**”. The Legion is dependent on volunteers for its future success. Volunteers are required for everything that is accomplished and without them our future is in question. The Legion’s source of revenue comes from the efforts of our volunteers, which goes to pay for maintenance, needs of Veterans and their families, and community donations. If the Post has funds remaining, it goes to pay dinner/dance events that everyone seems to enjoy. The members who attend general membership meetings are always confronted with the request for volunteers. Volunteers are currently needed for the following: Honor Guard, Bingo, Kitchen, Bar, Fundraisers, Dinner/Dance events, etc., etc. Keep in mind the future of the Post is dependent on “**Volunteers**”.

### **KITCHEN:**

Kitchen Manager Al Motz continues to provide quality food at bingo, general meetings, fish fry’s, fundraisers and events. Anyone willing to demonstrate their culinary skills should contact the Kitchen Manager.

### **BAR:**

Bar Manager Bill Endicott currently has the bar open 6 days (closed Sat) a week. The Bar sells Club Keno and Lottery tickets and is open on Sundays to watch baseball, football, etc. Anyone who would like to demonstrate their mixology skills should contact the Bar manager.

### **Hall Rental:**

Reservations can be made by contacting Hall Rental Manager Bill Endicott. The halls (upstairs or downstairs) are available at a reasonable price to all Legion members and the public.

### **REMINDERS:**

#### **General Meeting:**

Legion Family Members (Legion, Auxiliary) who attend general meetings pay \$4.00 dollars, which entitles members to beer, soda, bottled water and a light meal. All members will pay a \$1.00 for alcoholic beverages which sell for more than \$2.00 dollars. This rule applies to general meetings and is in effect one hour before and one hour after the meeting. All alcoholic beverages are not to be taken out of the building. Soft drinks are not to be taken home.

#### **Events:**

Legion Family Members and volunteers who work events may have \$2.00-dollar alcoholic beverages at no charge. Volunteers will be asked to pay a dollar for alcoholic beverages which sells for more than \$2.00 dollars. **Example: wine sold for \$3.00 will require a payment of \$1.00.**

**Harold Isom, Chairman**

## **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NOTE:**

My wish for you and yours is for a very Merry Christmas, and a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year.

As we start our 2020 Membership Year, we already have 133 members sent into Department; and I have 7 more ready to send in. We still need 33 to make our Goal of 173; and we can’t do it without you.

If you haven’t sent in your 2020 dues as yet, the time is now. Please make your check out to ALA Unit 208, for \$30.00 for Seniors and \$5.00 for Juniors and mail to:

Betty McCormick – 308 Surf Court – Ballwin, MO 63021-5034. Thank You.



## SAL NEWS

Welcome to 2020, dues are still being accepted, drop them off in the S.A.L. mailbox. The mailing of dues has been delayed due to our Adjutant being ill. He was absent at both the October and November meetings. There was no December meeting. At our November meeting we did not have enough members present to have a quorum. Your participation at the meetings and at Post functions is urgently needed. The S.A.L. is an integral part of this Post and we need more S.A.L. members helping to ensure this Squadron's continuation. Meetings are on the third Monday of the month. Social hour from 7:00-8:00PM, meeting starts at 8:00PM. I look forward to see you there.

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



## BINGO

We hope you had a wonderful and blessed holiday season.

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 lost a couple of members due to health, we are sorry to see you go, and 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 us 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.

**David Howard – Bingo Chairman.**

**David Gibbons is assistant Bingo Chairman, and he can be reached at 314-807-4541.**

## AMERICAN LEGION TAPS

**In Memory of Henry “Hank” Coleman**

December 4, 1924-November 5, 2019

**In Memory of Vernon Raymond Webb**

February 24, 1930-December 1, 2019

## 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**

## **BAR HOURS**

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY**

**2PM-6PM**

**THURSDAY-BINGO**

**2PM-10PM**

**FRIDAY**

**2PM-6PM**

**Except DURING FISH FRIES**

**2PM-9PM**

**FOOTBALL SUNDAYS**

**AFTER THE SUPER BOWL ON FEBRUARY 2 WILL HAVE  
SPORTS SUNDAYS**



**12PM-6PM**



## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

I hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's Holiday with family and friends and is starting the New Year in good health.

I'd like to offer these items for those of you who may be planning for that occasion that we all face (very far in the future, I hope).

Be aware and share with family:

- \* That if you wish to be buried in the National Cemetery, you may pre-register at any time (this only establishes eligibility – does not reserve a space).
- \* That if you are to be buried in the National Cemetery, you do not need to purchase a burial vault as one is provided by the cemetery.
- \* That if you are planning on being cremated, you should be aware of the size limitations of the units in the columbarium at the national cemetery.

The administrative office at the cemetery can provide those details.

- \* That family members should be aware of where your important papers (DD214, Social Security, other financial information, insurance, wills, etc.) are kept. You should also be aware that some documents may be needed immediately after death and may not be immediately accessible if kept in a bank safe box, so you should have copies of them kept at home or with a family member for easy access.

Yes, I know that this is a topic that we'd all prefer to procrastinate about or even ignore completely, but just a few minutes now can save your family considerable time and effort later.

Now, I wish you all Good Health and a Great New Year 2020. Let's make this a great 101<sup>st</sup> year for the American Legion and Post 208.

**Thank you, John Chapman-Post Chaplain**

*American Legion Post 208 Manchester, MO*



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**POST OFFICERS FOR 2019/2020**

|                                |               |              |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Commander                      | Mike Beasley  | 314-422-9302 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander | John Midkiff  | 636-207-0626 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander | Al Motz       | 636-527-7617 |
| Adjutant                       | Frank Remsik  | 636-751-3204 |
| 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                       | John Chapman  | 636-692-3436 |
| Sergeant at Arms               | Grant Boyd    | 636-230-9257 |

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN**

|  |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|
|  | Dave Howard  | 314-210-5623 |
|  | Terry Bryant | 636-386-5555 |
|  | Harold Isom  | 636-394-2932 |

**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        | Bill Sei      | 636-225-5129 |
| Auxiliary President             | Mary Bryant   | 636-386-5555 |
| Bar/Hall Rental Manager         | Bill Endicott | 636-227-5768 |
| Baseball                        | Bub Niebling  | 636-225-7363 |
| Bingo                           | Dave Howard   | 314-210-5623 |
| Color Guard Captain             | Dave Hallett  | 636-394-7640 |
| Donations Committee Chairman    | Robert Bell   | 314-757-1177 |
| Newsletter Editor               | Jenny Bax     | 636-517-1154 |
| Home Board Chairman             | Harold Isom   | 314-749-2702 |
| Kitchen Manager                 | Al Motz       | 636-527-7617 |
| Assistant Kitchen Manager       |               |              |
| 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 |
| Manchester Police               |               | 636-227-1410 |

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

UNIT 208

OFFICERS 2019/2020

|                                |                 |              |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| PRESIDENT                      | Mary Bryant     | 636 386-5555 |
| 1ST VICE PRESIDENT             | Betty McCormick | 636 227 6187 |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT | Kay Bell        | 314-223-5655 |
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| TREASURER                      | Jean Brockmann  | 636 225 3074 |
| HISTORIAN                      | Dorothy Hempel  | 636 227 6019 |
| CHAPLAIN                       | Sharon Motz     | 636 527-7617 |
| SERGEANT at ARMS               | Rosie Sei       | 636 225-5129 |

SAL OFFICERS

UNIT 208

OFFICERS 2019/2020

|                                |               |              |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Commander                      | Dave Hallett  | 636 394 7640 |
| 1ST VICE Commander             | Jay Jensen    | 314 852 0546 |
| 2 <sup>ND</sup> VICE Commander | Greg Recker   | 636 207 9473 |
| ADJUTANT                       | David Whitney | 314 401 0923 |
| FINANCE OFFICER                | Mike Recker   | 314 802 8932 |
| 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 2019-2020

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