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**We served our Country,...  
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**Chili Dinner**

The date for our annual chili dinner has been set for **November 3, 2012 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM**. Let's get the word out now so we can have a large turnout.

The menu will include Chili, Hot Dogs and buns, veggies, deserts and drinks. The normal "fixings" and crackers will also be provided.

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**Post 95 Member**

Friday August 24, TJ Hopkins, the grandson of Paul and Pat Ellison graduated from and earn his Expert Field Medic Badge (EFMB). Only 14 out of 250 soldiers successfully completed and graduated from the 12 day course.

Here are topics covered: Day Land Navigation, Night Land Navigation, Communications, Survival, Emergency Medical

Treatment, Evacuation, Litter Obstacle Course, CPR, 12 Mile Road March and Written Test.

T.J. is stationed at Fort Cason, Colorado and has been in the Army for two years of a 5 year enlistment. He is also a member of Robert H Baker Post 95 of the American Legion.

He also has served a tour in Afghanistan.

**Navy Birthday**

October 13, 1775- 1790  
1797-present

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**Chaplain's Thoughts**  
**Paul Ellison, Chaplin**

You have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. (Colossians 3:12—17)

As an avid woodworker I have made many things from wood. These include small toys, pens, and pieces of furniture as well as things to improve our home. It is a job to select the correct piece of lumber, plan, size, and shape of the finished object. This has to be done over sometimes to get exactly what you want. Once all of that is complete the real work begins. The measuring, cutting, fitting together, sanding, and choosing the correct finish before one can enjoy the fruits of all that has been accomplished.

It is much the same with what we learn from God's work. We can read the scripture. Highlight favorite passages, and make notes in the margins of our Bible. We can attend Bible classes, hear sermons regularly, and discuss what we've read. But actually doing something with God's word is the real work, the evidence that we have read and studied the scripture.

We determine to take Gods instructions into our minds and hearts and then to clothe ourselves in what we learned. It then becomes more important to go and practice what we have learned and spread the work to others so they may know and they

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then can pass it on and so it grows. Only then will we be able to enjoy the fruits of all our religion.

**Commander's Corner**

**Judi Samborski, Commander**  
Hello, Everyone! 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander Calvin Bumgarner and 3<sup>rd</sup> District Chaplin John Kopp came to our August meeting to officially swear in the Post's officers for the 2012 - 2013 year. Larry Allen took several photos of the ceremony. Thank you to Calvin, John, and Larry. It is an honor to be Commander of Post 95 for another year. The officers are as follows: LeRoy Coe, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander; Jerry Pate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander; Don Happy, Finance Officer; Paul Ellison, Chaplin; Robert Emery, Adjutant; and John Gibbs, Sergeant-At-Arms. Mike Edwards was unable to attend. I have appointed Donna Warren as Chaplin Emeritus (I don't know if that is an official position. But I felt it only right for all of the great work Donna has done for the Post).

At the August meeting we decided to have our annual Chili Dinner on Saturday, November 3, from 4:30 PM - 7 PM. We will have more details later.

Great news! 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander Calvin Bumgarner asked if Post 95 could host a 3<sup>rd</sup> District meeting. I agreed and we hosted the October meeting due to a cancellation by the Braymer post. The Post provided the

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meat. We had a great showing of Post 95 there. Thanks to all who helped make it happen on such short notice.

The motto for the American Legion for the 2013 year is, "Sign up the whole family!" Basically, it means that if you get a new member; get the rest of the family involved.

We decided to have a Sons of the American Legion at Post 95! This is great news. If you have a son who would like to join, let one of us know and we will make sure they get in contact with the person at the SAL for the Post.

Finally, I would like to have another fund raiser in 2013. We have the Spaghetti Dinner in the spring and the Chili Dinner in the fall. I would like to have a BBQ Dinner in the summer. Let me know what you think of that idea.

We had a great year in 2012 for membership and I know that we will do even better in 2013. Post 95 has always excelled in every endeavor that it has under taken. I am very proud and honored to be Commander of such a great Post. Thank you.

**Did you know?**

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450°F.

In 2012, December has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays. This apparently happens once every 823 years!

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#### Veterans Designation Now Available on Missouri Driver License and State ID

JEFFERSON CITY – As part of Senate Bill 470, signed by Governor Nixon and effective on August 28, 2012, Veterans may now obtain a Veteran designation on their Missouri Driver License or State ID Card.

To get the Veterans designation, a Veteran needs to present at any Missouri license office a copy of the DD-214 showing a discharge status of “Honorable,” “General,” “Under Honorable Conditions,” or “General under Honorable Conditions” and pay the applicable fees for the license or card. The Veterans designation, a ribbon with the word “Veteran” inside, will be printed on the back of the card.

If the driver license is not due to expire within the next six months, the transaction would be processed as a duplicate with the same expiration date as the current license. If the driver license is due to expire within the next six months, the transaction would be processed as an early renewal, and the Veteran would be required to present acceptable documents to verify name, date of birth, place of birth, social security number, and Missouri

residential address.

“Veterans in Missouri have wanted a Veterans designation for a long time, instead of always having to carry their DD-214,” said Missouri Veterans Commission Executive Director Larry D. Kay, “by listening to the needs of its Veterans, Missouri has once again shown its support for those who have served.”

If a Veteran needs assistance in obtaining a copy of their DD-214, they are encouraged to either contact an MVC Veterans Service Officer by calling 1-866-VET-INFO, or online at <http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov/service/serviceofficer/>. They can also check with their local Veterans Service Organizations as many posts have Service Officers available as well.

#### Tap on the Shoulder

A true story from the pages of the Manchester Evening Times.

Last Wednesday a passenger in a taxi heading for Salford station leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention.

The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate window.

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The driver replied, “No, no, I'm the one who is sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my very first day driving a cab.”

**I've been driving a hearse for 25 years.”**

#### On A Navy Carrier

An Air wing was busy with training missions. After talking to a pilot, one air-traffic controller accidentally left his microphone on and remarked to a nearby buddy, “That guy sounded like Elmer Fudd.” The airwaves got quiet. After about ten seconds the pilot broke the silence by announcing, “Be vewy, vewy quiet. We are hunting subawines.”

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**DISTRICT MEETING  
SCHEDULE**

Mark your calendars for the next district meetings:

Time: 1200 PM Lunch

1300 PM Meeting

Date: January 13, 2013

To be announced.

Date: April 14, 2013 Place:

Wilson-Axline Post 216

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Time: 1200 PM Lunch

1300 PM Meeting

Date: June 9, 2013

Place: Clyde Gustine Post 236

208 Veterans Memorial Dr.

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Time: 1200 PM Lunch

1300 PM Meeting

Date: September 8, 2013

Place: Boutwell-Clark-Craven-Eads Post 285

300 W. Memorial Dr

Hamilton MO 64644

Time: 1200 PM Lunch

1300 PM Meeting

**Dates To Remember**

Nov. 1, 2012 – Annual Military

Appreciation Celebration 5:00 PM –

9:00 PM @ Wicklunds Car Star, 941

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Nov. 3, 2012 – Chili Dinner 4:30

PM – 7:00 PM @ Legion Hall

Nov. 12, 2012 – Veteran's Day

ceremony and breakfast 8:00 AM @

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Nov. 13, 2012 – Flag Etiquette 1:00

PM @ Hawthorne Elementary,

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Nov. 15, 2012 – Honor Guard mtg.

7:00 PM @ Lee's Summit Legion Post. Leave Post 95 @ 6:00 PM (we would like as many as can to go.

Nov. 20, 2012 – Legion Mtg. @ 7:00

PM – Legion Hall

Nov. 29, 2012 – Bingo 6:30 PM @

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Nov. 30, 2012 – Flag Etiquette –

1:00 PM @ Lillian Schumacher

Elementary, Liberty

Dec. 10, 2012 – Oratorical Contest

7:00 PM @ Liberty North High

School

Dec. 15, 2012 - 40&8 Christmas

Dinner @ Post 61 (Claycomo)

Dec 18, 2012 – Legion Mtg. @ 7:00

PM – Legion Hall

Dec, 25, 2012 – Merry Christmas

Dec. 27, 2012 - Bingo 6:30 PM @

Cedars.

**Thank You**

On behalf of Kendallwood Hospice, thank you very much for your contribution to the Honor Flight Network of KC. This is a simple way to honor our American Veterans who have made many sacrifices for our country and who gave us our freedom.

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Sincerely,

Mary Reichert

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**Thank You**

This is Parker Summers, the student you sponsored for Boys State. First I would like to apologize for the extremely late response. As soon as I got back from Warrensburg, I started my first job and am currently trying to balance that with Student Council meetings, flying lessons, applying to the Air Force Academy, and planning a trip to Germany. That being said, I think it's very important that you understand what a valuable experience Boys State was for me.

I'll be honest, with the first day or two at Boys State, the only thing I could think of was going home. The endless briefings and losing the election as a city mayor was definitely hard for me. I had a really tough time finding a job in our government. Then I heard about the Supreme Court. I knew it was a long shot being one of the more than 100 applicants fighting for only 7 slots. There was a 2 day interview process and lo and behold the next day at the assembly the selections panel announced my name! This was my high point at Boys State and made the entire week, as well as seven days of cafeteria food, worth it.

Throughout the week having to run for different positions and give numerous impromptu speeches greatly increased my confidence and ability as a public speaker. I learned to take risks and recover from loss. In addition to serving on the Supreme Court, I was also a member of the color guard. Folding the

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American flag each evening was an awesome feeling. It gave me the utmost sense of respect for my country and those who have fought for our freedom. By the end of the week, I had gone from knowing nobody – Being the only boy from Liberty North High – to having a large network of great friends spanning the state from St. Joseph to the boot heel.

My experience at Boys State was a focal point in my life as a leader in my school and community. I would like to thank you for serving our country in a time of war and making the financial sacrifice in order for me to this invaluable program. I assure you it was money well spent.

Sincerely,  
Parker Summers

**Thank You**

I'm sorry I'm so late to say "Thanks" to your Post Members for all the foods you sent to us! We are so thankful!

My oldest son had a massive heart attack at Nellis AFB in Nevada, bout since he was only 3 blocks from base hospital, they were able to get him stabilized, - then surgery & heart stints.

With Ray's health so poor, I was unable to go but have been in daily contact with the hospital & his doctors.

Again we can never say enough thanks for all your wonderful help!

Grace Thompson

P.S. I cried when I saw all the food you sent to us.

**Our 4th of July**

Have you ever wondered or wanted to remember what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall,

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At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

In God We Trust.

**Modern Technology**

I was visiting my daughter and son-in-law last week when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

'This is the 21st century, old man,' he said. 'We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can borrow my iPad.'

I can tell you, that bloody fly never knew what hit it...

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### **Korean War 60th Anniversary**

#### **Update 02: On 17 APR,**

Representative Charles Rangel (D-NY) was joined by colleagues Representatives. John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), Sam Johnson (R-TX), and Howard Coble (R-NC), as he introduced H.Res. 618, a resolution that urges Congress to designate 2012-2013 as the "Year of the Korean War Veteran," and recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. Rangel and the three original co-sponsors to the bill are the last four remaining Korean War Veterans in the U.S. Congress. "Many Korean War Veterans came home from Korea without much of the fanfare that the heroes of World War II received and slowly, the American public is forgetting the sacrifice that our Korean War heroes displayed. Our nation has a responsibility to make sure that doesn't happen," said Rangel.

"The Korean War Veterans halted the tide of communism on the Korean Peninsula and it is largely because of their sacrifices that the Republic of Korea was able to develop into a modern and prosperous democracy," Rangel stated. "My comrades and I are proud to see that in the 60 years since the outbreak of the

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War, South Korea has emerged from a war-torn country into one of the major players in the world in addition to being the seventh-largest trading partner of the United States." Added Rangel: "I hope our nation will be able to pay proper tribute the heroes that fought in the Korean War before history forgets them completely. This celebration may be the last one, in which a lot of my comrades, most of whom are over 80 years old, will be able to participate. Not too many of us will be around for the 70th anniversary."

To ensure that the Korean War is never again called the Forgotten War, The Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration (KW60) Committee, a task force authorized by the 2011 Defense Authorization Bill, requested Rangel to spearhead this resolution. The KW60 Committee will implement a national campaign to honor America's Korean War Veterans. The campaign will remember those still counted among the Missing in Action, educate the American people concerning the ongoing relevance of the Forgotten War, and include commemorative ceremonies in

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the United States and Korea in recognition of June 25, 1950 and July 27, 1953. It will also launch a media and outreach campaign for Veterans Day 2012. This resolution will enhance those efforts and give the campaign a platform for a nationwide commemoration. [Source: AFSA On Call 19 Apr 2012 ++]

#### **New Members**

Welcome to new members: Jack Restivo who is transferring in from the Smithville post. Robert Beaty also has joined our post. We look forward to your input and involvement.

#### **Groups of Americans**

Groups of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Holland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used.

She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing. 'These' she explained, 'Are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce.' She then asked, 'What do you do in America with your old goats?'

A spry old gentleman answered, 'They send us on bus tours!'

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**Military Funeral Disorderly Conduct Update**

Military Funeral Disorderly Conduct Update 21: In the omnibus veteran's affairs bill passed by the Senate 18 JUL are additional restrictions on protests near military funerals and tougher penalties on groups that violate the law. Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-ME) sponsored the original "Sanctity of Eternal Rest for Veterans" or SERVE Act (S.815) following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in a case centered on an anti-gay church group that was protesting at military funerals around the country. The Supreme Court ruled in March 2011 that the Westboro Baptist Church's protests were protected free speech. But Snowe and other lawmakers wanted to place additional restrictions on when, where and how groups could protest near funerals for military personnel. Members of the Kansas-based church protested at a funeral in Maine for a soldier killed in Iraq. A student at Searsport High School, Zach Parker, campaigned for a ban on protests at military funerals. Snowe's SERVE Act was incorporated into the veteran's bill passed by the Senate on Wednesday night. The act would: double the "quiet time" before and after military funeral services to 120 minutes; increase the buffer zone around the funeral service from 300 to 500 feet and around the access point to funerals from 150

to 300 feet; and impose stiffer penalties on violators. "Our nation has a vested interest in honoring those who serve in our armed forces and this bill achieves that while respecting the intent of the First Amendment to our Constitution," Snowe said in a statement. The omnibus bill now heads to the House for consideration. [Source: Portland (Maine) Press Herald Kevin Miller article 19 Jul 2012]

**2012-2013 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES**

Early Bird/NEF Kickoff September 12, 2012 50%  
Fall Meetings October 17, 2012 55%  
Veterans Day November 15, 2012 65%  
Pearl Harbor Day \*December 14, 2012 75%  
Mid Winter January 16, 2013 80%  
President's Day \*February 13, 2013 85%  
Legion Birthday March 13, 2013 90%  
Children & Youth \*April 10, 2013 95%  
Armed Forces Day May 8, 2013 100%  
Delegate Strength 30 days prior to National Convention  
\*\*This date is also a renewal notice cutoff date.

**Post 95 Membership**

As of 10/19/2012 Post 95 paid up

membership is at 71.53% per 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commander Calvin Baumgarner.

Our goal this year is 299 paid members.

Post 95 is the largest post in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

If you have not paid your dues for 2013 please send them in now and help Post 95 meet their goal.

Membership is a very important part of the strength of a post, without members we do not exist.

A portion of your dues goes toward helping support our Post's programs as well as District, State and National programs.

You are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings and hear all the programs we support. We have a very active post and a lot of accomplishments.

Meetings are held the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the VFW/Legion building at the corner of HWY B and HWY H.

**Birthdays**

Lester Brown's birthday was 9/20/2012. He was 97 years young. He celebrated with friends at Perkins. Happy birthday Lester

Ira Hunter has a birthday coming up on November 28. He will be 89 years young.

Ray Merrill will be 90 on December 11.

Betty Shannon also has a birthday on December 11

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**House Action Aims to Protect TRICARE**

*Senate must now follow suit, says American Legion national commander.*

WASHINGTON (May 22, 2012) – The leader of the nation’s largest wartime veterans organization is pleased that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a Pentagon budget draft that includes protections for military retirees who use TRICARE, the military’s health-care insurance program.

“The American Legion has long resisted any move that would burden those who have served our nation and sacrificed on its behalf, by increasing their health-insurance costs,” American Legion National Commander Fang A. Wong said. “I am, therefore, very pleased that the U.S. House, in its treatment of the next National Defense Authorization Act, has chosen to protect military retirees from increased health-care costs.”

Over the past two years, The American Legion has adopted a pair of resolutions calling for protections against TRICARE cost increases to military retirees. The latest resolution calls for The American Legion to “prevail

upon this administration and the Department of Defense to reconsider any proposals to implement any increases in military retirees’ TRICARE enrollment fees, deductibles or premiums (and) that any increase must be directly tied to and not exceed the annual cost of living adjustment percentage provided to retirees.”

The House-passed draft of the Fiscal 2013 National Defense Authorization Act omits mention of military retirees’ health insurance. This absence of legislative language, by intent, has the effect of blocking most TRICARE cost increases that have been proposed by the current administration.

President Obama’s Fiscal 2013 health care budget for the Department of Defense proposes to shift billions in costs to retired military families over the next 10 years by increasing fees and co-payments. Included are hikes in prescription drug co-pays and health-care deductibles for military retirees, using a tiered approach based on their retired pay. Fee hikes on par with the rate of health-care cost inflation are also proposed by the administration. The House action

effectively dismisses these proposals. “However, passage in the House of a defense budget that helps shield TRICARE from cost increases wins a battle but not the war,” Wong said. “The Senate, with the same sense of moral obligation to those who have spent their careers protecting our freedoms, must act similarly.”

Aside from the Senate copy of the National Defense Authorization Act is a bill co-sponsored by Sens. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., and Marco Rubio, R-Fla., designed specifically to protect military retirees who use TRICARE against dramatic increases to co-pay, enrollment and other fees.

Provisions in the recently introduced Military Health Care Protection Act of 2012 echo American Legion resolutions in limiting deductibles, out-of-pocket medical expense cap and pharmacy copayment increases to a percentage no higher than the annual retiree cost of living adjustment.

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