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Legionnaire
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We served our Country
Still serving our
Community

Chili Dinner
Fundraiser Planned

It's time again for the annual Chili and Hot Dog Dinner.

The menu will include Chili, Hot Dogs and buns, veggies, dessert and drinks. The normal "fixings" and crackers will also be provided. A donation of \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 children for all you can eat.

The date is set for Saturday, October 29th from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. Raffle items are:

- \$100 Hy-Vee gift card*
- \$100 Price Chopper gift card,*
- \$25 Quick Trip gas card,*
- \$25 Lowe's gift card*
- \$25 Culver's gift card,*
- 25 Pizza Ranch gift card,*
- \$25 IHop Gift card and*
- \$25 Dollar Tree gift card.*

Door Prizes will be provided by our Newsletter Advertisers.

Bring the family, enjoy some good food and help support your Post 95 charities.

Plan to come for some great food, fellowship, door prizes and raffle items.

Birthdays

October 13, 1775 U.S.Navy
November 28, 1923 Ira Hunter

December 11, 1922 Ray Merrell

Dates to Remember

October 26 – 40&8 – 6:00 PM
October 27 – Bingo @ Cedars – 6:30 PM
October 29 – Chili Dinner @ Post 95 - 4:30 – 7:00 PM
October 31 – Halloween
November 3 – Honor Flight – Jerry Pate & Vern Mattocks are on this flight.
November 3 – Flag Etiquette @ Warren Hills @ 9:00 AM
November 6 – Daylight Savings Time Ends – 2:00 AM
November 7 Flag Etiquette @ Dogwood (Kearney) @ 1:00 PM
November 8 – Election Day – Polls open 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM Be sure to vote!!
November 10 – Flag Etiquette @ Kelly Brook @ 11:00 AM
November 10 – Bingo @ Cedars – 6:30 PM
November 11 – Veteran's Day
November 11 – Veterans Recognition Breakfast @ Discovery Middle School – 8:00- 9:00 AM
November 11 – Veterans Appreciation @ Liberty Community Center – 12:00 PM
November 15 – Legion Mtg. – 7:00 PM
November 23 – 40&8 – 6:00 PM
November 21 – Flag Etiquette @ Lillian Schumaker @ 1:00 PM
November 25 – Thanksgiving Day
December 12 – County Oratorical Contest - 7:00 PM @ Liberty North High School
December 20 – Legion Mtg. 7:00 PM
December 22 - Bingo @ Cedars – 6:30 PM
December 25 – Christmas
January 8 – District Mtg. in Bethany – 2:00 PM

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Commander's Corner

Judi Samborski, Commander

It's almost fall, one of my favorite seasons, with warm days and cool evenings and not the stifling heat of summer. This year's Department was in Kansas City and hosted by the 3rd District. Third District Commander R.E. Holtz and Vice Commander Calvin Bumgarner spearheaded the whole thing. I would like to thank Jim Elliott, Sam Leonard, Robert Beatty, and Ray Cresswell who helped with our table with the caps and pins. It was a bit disappointing in attendance in both the Department participation and those from Post 95. It was in our backyard, as it were, this year. Enough said.

It's a New Year for the American Legion. The theme this year is, of course, membership. I'm not going to drone on how important membership is to our Post and the American Legion. We've heard it all before. End of sermon.

This year our Post had a rifle raffle for a 10-22 Takedown rifle and 500 rounds of ammo. We joked that we were raffling off the ammo and through the rifle in. The winner was our own Adjutant Robert Emery! Congratulations! Thanks to everyone who participated.

Our officers for the 2016-2017 year are: Judi Samborski, Commander; Jim Roberts, 1st Vice Commander; Jake Samborski, 2nd Vice Commander; Don Happy, Finance Officer; Robert Emery, Adjutant; Jim Elliott, Sergeant-At-Arms; and Robert Beatty, Chaplain.

Beginning this year Chris Vedder, one of our

newest members, set up a Face Book page for our Post. It's a great way to get the word out about our Post and what we are doing and events. So be sure to check it out. Thanks to Chris for doing that!

Coming up is our Annual Chili Dinner. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2016, from 4:30 PM – 7 PM or until we run out of food. We ran out of food during our Spaghetti Dinner this year. Larry Allen is once again organizing the event but, as always, he needs a lot of help to pull it off. He will have a sign-up sheet for the various duties. Both our Spaghetti and Chili Dinners are always a big hit. And the food is delicious!!

Veterans Day Appreciation Event is November 11, 2016, at noon. Again this year, it will be inside at the Liberty Performing Arts Center. This year Post 95 will provide the Color Guard present the colors, inside. VFW Post 4043 will provide the 21 Gun Salute outside. There will be the Echo TAPS again. It is very moving. This year the honorees will be LeRoy Coe and Les Vanbibber, both Vietnam Veterans.

We said goodbye to several members of our Post this year. They will be missed.

Please keep the men and women in uniform serving our Great Country in your thoughts and prayers, also those veterans who are in need.

God Bless you and God Bless America.

Quote

"If you don't read the newspaper, you're uninformed. If you read the newspaper, you're misinformed." ~ Mark Twain

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New Members

Introduced at our October Post meeting were:
 Gary Rinehart, Frank Anderson and Tom Rash.

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Doreen Scarri
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 to remember
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 unselfish way
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 freedoms ~
 For our safety you
 secured
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 time away ~
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 bought.
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 men who died.
 The battles fought, the
 tears we cried,
 We honor and respect
 you,
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 Saluting you as our
 heroes,
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 blessed
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 admire you...
 You're our nation's
 very best!

District 3 Meeting Dates & Locations

3rd District of Missouri, American Legion
 2017 meeting dates and places as follows:
 January 08, 2017, Bethany, MO, Post 216
 April 09, 2017, Liberty, MO, Post 95
 June 11, 2017, King City, MO, Post 132
 October 08, 2017, Kansas City, Post 61

Honor Flight

The last Honor Flight (Honor Flight Network
 of Kansas City) for the year will be on
 November 3rd and two Post 95 members will be
 on this one. Jerry Pate and Vern Mattocks will
 be going on this flight.

Robert Beaty has volunteered to take them to
 the airport at 4:00 AM and pick them up around
 10:30 PM.

Veterans' Appreciation at Wicklunds

The date for this year is November 8. If you
 have never attended you should go. There is lots
 of food, door prizes and entertainment.

Wicklund's Car Star is the sponsor. It is held
 at their place of business located at:

941 Sutton Place
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The VFW will provide the color guard and
 Post 95 will fire the three volleys of seven rifles
 at 5:00 PM in front of the building. Then they
 go inside and have the entertainment, food,
 drinks and door prizes.

Post 95, with LeRoy Coe in charge, will have
 placed flags along Sutton Place and then remove
 them afterwards.

Wicklunds work hard to do this annually to
 show appreciation for veterans and active
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History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

A photo of Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent

resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and:

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and:

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word

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"Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

President Eisenhower signed HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. Present were: Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nation, Edward Rees, Richard L. Trombla, Howard W. Watts

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary

of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

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P-38 can opener

The P-38, developed in 1942, is a small can opener that was issued in the canned field rations of the United States Armed Forces from World War II to the 1980s. Originally designed for and distributed in the K-ration, it was later included in the C-ration. As of 2013, it is still in production and sold on a worldwide market.

The P-38 is known as a "John Wayne" by the United States Marine Corps, either because of its toughness and dependability, or because of an unsubstantiated story that the actor had been shown in an as-yet-unidentified training film opening a can of K-Rations. The can opener is pocket-sized, approximately 1.5 inches (38 mm) long, and consists of a short metal blade that serves as a handle, with a small, hinged metal tooth that folds out to pierce the can lid. A notch just under the hinge point keeps the opener hooked around the rim of the can as the device is "walked" around to cut the lid out. A larger version called the P-51 is somewhat easier to operate. The handle portion can also double as a makeshift flat-blade screwdriver, with limited ability because of the rather soft sheet metal used.

Official military designations for the P-38 include "US ARMY POCKET CAN OPENER" and "OPENER, CAN, HAND, FOLDING, TYPE I". As with some other military terms, *e.g.*, "jeep", the origin of the term is not known with certainty; the P-38 opener coincidentally shares a designation with the Lockheed P-38 Lightning fighter plane, which could allude to its fast performance. The P-51 can opener, while larger and easier to use than the P-38 can opener, *also* has a fighter plane namesake in the North American P-51 Mustang. One technical explanation for the origin of the name is that the P-38 is approximately 38 millimeters long. This explanation also holds for the P-51, which measures approximately 51 mm (2.0 in) in length. However, use of the metric system in the US was not widespread at this point, and United States Army sources indicate that the origin of the name is rooted in the

38 punctures around the circumference of a C-ration can required for opening.

P-38s are no longer used for individual rations by the United States Armed Forces, as canned C-rations were replaced by MRE rations in the 1980s, packed in plastic pouches. The larger P-51s are included with United States military "Tray Rations" (canned bulk meals). They are also still seen in disaster recovery efforts and have been handed out alongside canned food by rescue organizations, both in America and abroad in Afghanistan. The original U.S.-contract P-38 can openers were manufactured by J.W. Speaker Corporation (stamped "US Speaker") and by Washburn Corporation (marked "US Androck"); they were later made by Mallin Hardware (now defunct) of Shelby, Ohio and were variously stamped "US Mallin Shelby O." or "U.S. Shelby Co."

The P-38 is easily used. First, the cutting point is pivoted to its 95-degree position, from its stowed, folded position. Then, for a right-handed user, the P-38 is held in the right hand by the flat long section, with the cutting point pointing downward and away from the user, while also hooking the edge of the can through the circular notch located on the flat long section next to the cutting edge. The can is held in the left hand, and the right hand is rotated slightly clockwise, causing the can lid to be punctured. The can is then rotated counter clockwise in the left hand, while the right hand rotates alternatively slightly counterclockwise and slightly clockwise, until the can has been rotated nearly 360 degrees and the lid is nearly free. The lid of the now opened can is lifted, most often with the P-38 cutting edge, and the P-38 is wiped clean, and the cutting point is rotated back to its stowed, folded position; then, the P-38 is returned to its stored location, whether that is dangling on a dog tag chain around one's neck, or in one's pocket if the P-38 is attached to a key ring. Left-handed users simply hold the P-38 in their left hand, with the cutting point aimed towards them, while holding the can to be opened in their right hand, while also reversing the sense of the cutting hand movements just described. By tradition, 38 cuts as just described were supposedly required to open a can of C-Rations.

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Thank you for your \$800 donation to sponsor the participation of young men at The American Legion Boys State of Missouri 2016 program. Without sponsors such as you, many young men would not have the opportunity to participate in this outstanding program. Because of your commitment, these young men gained invaluable leadership and citizenship experience and knowledge about government – skills they will utilize in their school, community, and adult life.

In recognition of your donation and our gratitude, we are enclosing a Certificate of Appreciation representing each young man sponsored. The certificates acknowledge your contribution and highlight the accomplishments the young men achieved during the program. As you will note,

these young men excelled while participating in **A Week to Shape a Lifetime – Missouri Boys State.**

Again we thank you for sponsoring 2016 Missouri Boys State citizens and look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

Matt Dameron, Director Missouri Boys State, Inc.

Boys State Certificates

Post 95 sponsored to the following young men:

Nicholas Bailey Schoen was a citizen of Were City, member of the Federalist Party, and a student in the Public Administration School and is recognized for providing "Democracy Depends on Me" by holding the position and earning the award of City Council.

Carter Nicholas Abbott was a citizen of Whitfield City, member of the Federalist Party and a student in the Legislative School. He provided "Democracy Depends on Me" by holding the positions and earning the awards – House of Representative Delegate to State Convention, Ward 1; Citizen of the Model County.

VOTE!!!

On November 8 we will elect a new President and Vice President of The Unite States. There are also local and congressional elections on the ballots. One of our rights we have fought for and are defending is the right to vote. **GET OUT AND VOTE.**

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Navy Turns 241

The U.S. Navy traces its roots back to the privateers that were employed to attack British commerce in the early days of the revolution. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet would be able to offset the uncontested exercise of British sea power.

The early Continental navy was not expected to take on the British navy for control of the seas. This small naval force was designed to work with privateers to wage tactical raids against the transports that supplied British forces in North America. To accomplish this mission the Continental Congress purchased, converted, and constructed a fleet of small ships--frigates, brigs, sloops, and schooners. These navy ships sailed independently or in pairs hunting British commerce ships and transports like prey, avoiding whenever possible fights with Royal Navy men-of-war.

The Continental navy faced several obstacles both during and after the revolution – mostly political and economic. Two years after the end of the war, the money-poor Congress sold off the last ship of the Continental navy, the frigate Alliance.

In the 1790's Europe began to relax many mercantile commercial restrictions and the U.S. trade and the shipping industry expanded accordingly. However, as the number of U.S. ships increased so did the possibility increased attacks by the European powers and pirates. In March 1794 Congress responded by calling for the construction of a half-dozen frigates. And, once again, the United States had a navy.

Although the Continental navy was later dismantled, October 13, 1775, remains the U.S.

Navy's official birthday.

From these humble beginnings, the world's most powerful naval force was born. With thousands of ships and aircraft serving worldwide, the U.S. Navy is a force to be reckoned with. To learn more about the early years of the U.S. Navy, visit the U.S. Naval Historical Center website.

Some important firsts in Naval history:

First use of Submarines: While the Navy's first commissioned designs for a submarine were handed over in 1875, it wasn't until 1898 that the first Holland submarine launched successfully.

First use of modern battleships: While America had battleships before the 1908 South Carolina class dreadnought, which started with the USS Michigan and was based on British ships, these were the first in the new era of battleships.

First use of Naval aircraft: In 1911, the U.S. Navy bought its first airplane, the Curtiss A-1 Triad.

First aircraft carrier: The first flight from the deck of a U.S. Navy cruiser in 1910 led to the 1927 Lexington-class aircraft carriers, the first operational aircraft carriers in the U.S. Navy.

First use of Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat: Introduced in 1992, these rubber boats were originally meant for life boats in the 1960s, but the Navy now uses them for SEALs due to their lightweight, high speed, all-weather specifications

Chaplin's Corner

Robert Beatty, Chaplin Post 95

Food For Thought.

Love has come back for the Soldier.

To carry him home from the fight.

Cause that old flag it flies with more than blue and white.

So many tears fill out eyes. When the Eagle cries.

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