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Post 217

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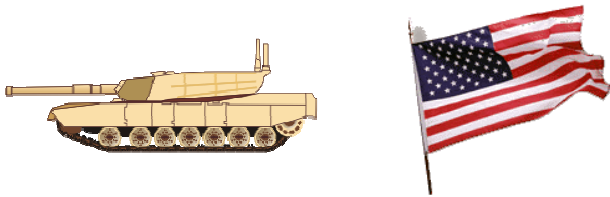
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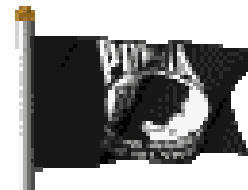
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## From The Commander

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For those of you who haven't heard, there is an insurance company endorsed by The American Legion. It is called the Legion Insurance Trust Program (LIT). This program offers \$5,000 in accidental death coverage for covered accidents that occur if you are traveling on official Legion business. It also offers \$1,000 for all other covered accidents. Both of these offers are free to all Legion members. This is 24/7 protection that covers Legionnaires at home, at work, and while they are travelling.

When we receive our membership packets in May, there will be registration cards included for mailing to post members. The LIT is having an enrollment incentive program to make this available to as many Legionnaires as possible and money awards will be presented to posts who reach certain goals. I signed for this free insurance many years ago and have not been overly pressed to purchase other insurance from them. If you don't want to wait for the cards, you may activate this protection by going online at [www.theLIT.com](http://www.theLIT.com). A little extra insurance doesn't hurt.

**Norman L. Campbell**  
Commander



## From The 1st Vice

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Last call for 2012 dues!! As you know, the deadline for payment was changed to March 15, 2012. So, there are still a few days before you are delinquent.

This is the way we stand at the Post, Membership percentage is 98.2%, 30 members Not paid, Payment of dues by 7 more will make our 100%. Your help is needed.

Thanks for being a member at Post 217.

**Glen Mais**  
1st Vice Commander



## From The Second Vice

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**No Report**

**Tim Nelson**  
2nd Vice Commander



## From The Third Vice

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**No Report**

**Ron Byers**  
3rd Vice Commander



## From The Adjutant

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Rumors, Rumors, Rumors! It is amazing how rumors get started around our Post.

The latest rumor that has come to my attention is "The Post, it self, is funding the Shooting Sports Complex Expansion", causing various Post Members to be upset about spending General Fund money on this project. This is totally incorrect. The Post is not funding this project.

Post Members, on the Shooting Sports Complex Board and Committee, are putting forth a 100% fund raising effort, and doing a great job I might add, to raise funds for this project. When complete, it will be a tremendous asset for this Post. My hat is off to these fine members, for their resolve and dedication with this project. Currently a NRA Grant is in progress to help with this funding.

Once completed, the Shooting Sports Complex will focus on our community and community youth with respect to their training in Shooting Sports Disciplines, including the American Legion Air Rifle Program.

Please, if you are concerned with any Post Project, check with one of your elected Officers or Committee Members and get the information straight. Better yet, attend our Post meeting on the 3rd Monday of every month at 19:00 Hours. As a Member, you are entitled the privilege of a vote.

**Carl Ireland**  
Adjutant



## From The Chaplain

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**No Report**

**Harry Davis**  
Chaplain



## From The Finance Officer

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The time has come for me to request, from the membership, an individual with a little computer and accounting savvy, to step forward and volunteer for the Finance Committee. Your Finance Officer is in need of some help.

From a Fund Accounting aspect, all ten American Legion Post 217 accounts are high and tight. Everything is in balance and reconciled, our CPA is happy with the condition of our books and we were ready to file the 990 by the 21st of January (even though it is not due till May 15th). The only area we are lacking in is Post Fund Raising efforts to provide money for Legion Programs and base expenses. Bingo has been down the last few months and we do need a supplemental revenue stream to cover utilities and general expenses.

Being Finance officer is not a difficult job, now everything is in balance. So, the majority of the hard work is done and all we have to do is maintain and balance the Post Fund Accounts.

I plan on running for Finance Officer for 2012-2013 year. But I want someone to step up so that I am able to train him or her in the fine art of fund accounting. Another issue is when I travel out of State to visit my grandchildren. Generally, I am away fifteen days and payroll needs to be done every Friday.

Well, enough said. I hope we have a Member who will step up.

**Terrence E. Crane**  
**Finance Officer**



**From The Service Officer**  
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**No Report**

**Mel Gargus**  
**Service Officer**



**From The Legion Riders**  
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**No Report**

**Mel Gargus**  
**Director**



**Outside Post 217**  
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The Missouri House and Senate have identical bills before them that will take care of the funding problems for our Veterans Homes. These new bills will solve that problem without taking any money from Child Welfare or raising the admission cost to the gambling boats. The money will come from adjustments to the distribution of Lottery funds.

There will be a Veterans Rally at the Capitol on Thursday, March 22 in support of this legislation. Your presence at this rally will reinforce to the Legislature that we as veterans and veteran's families are serious about this issue. Even if you can't attend the rally, please contact your Representative and Senator in support of HB 1731 and SB 793.

The next District Meeting will be Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> at Cross Timbers, a short drive south of here. It will start at 2 PM. It would be great to have members of Post 217 present.

God Bless the American Legion Family, God Bless our Troops, and God Bless the United States of America.

**Dick Sandford**  
**1st Vice District Commander**



**Shooting Sports Complex**  
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**No Report**

**George Boddy**  
**SSC Board Member**



**From The Ladies Auxiliary**  
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February was a busy month, and the weather has been wonderful.

Emily Hankins brought a purple flower to bingo on Feb.19th, first flower of the season. WOW!!

Earl Rutledge's memorial service went very well. I want to Thank Artie and Kathy for their hard work at the luncheon afterward.

Tiffany's Fire Shower was a success, Tiffany received many gifts and she said everything she received she needed. I would like to thank the guys and gals that took time out of their busy schedules to come and play music.

March 17th is Corned Beef and Cabbage at the Legion from 2 to 5pm, \$5.00 per person. There will NOT be music. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

God Bless our Troops and the USA!

**Cheryl Beach**  
**President**



**Auxiliary Membership**  
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Well the good news is we are at 88.5% membership for 2012. The bad news is we haven't reached our goal. There are several ladies out there who have been members for quite a few years, that still have not paid their dues. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please try to do so as soon as possible. We value your membership. To all Auxiliary members, if you know of someone who is eligible, please ask them to join our organization.

I would like to send our condolences to the families of two of our departed members. Betty Welborn and Glorai Cain. They will be missed.

#### **Auxiliary Birthdays for March**

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 2nd-Janet C. Cheatham   | 3rd-Carol R. Pagaran   |
| 5th-Patricia Harris     | 8th-Alice Lanning      |
| 9th-Velma Roney         | 10th-Joan Dowty        |
| 12th-Lorraine Quatrocky | 13th-Maxine Conder     |
| 13th-Cathy A. Mueller   | 16th-Wanda Kiefer      |
| 16th-Diane McCoy        | 17th-Vera Garvin       |
| 18th-Rosemary Beaty     | 18th- Mary Campbell    |
| 19th-Sandra Miller      | 20th-Marguerette Kruse |

24th-Carole Peterson  
25th-Jyl Goin

24th-Wilma Richter-George  
31st-Linda Keeton

### Happy Birthday Ladies

SICKNESS-Two of our members, Darlene Evans and Marisa Lamont, will be going through major surgery within the next few weeks. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. I spoke with Alice Lanning and she is recovering well from recent back surgery.

**Lydia Bidwell**  
**2nd VP/Membership Chairman**



## MAVO Legislative Update

Attached is the latest Update of legislation in Missouri. There are a few bills scheduled for hearings by the House Veterans Committee on Tuesday morning and are listed at the end of the report.

HB1731, which we are following closely, has been reported out of the House Rules Committee and now is on the House Calendar for floor debate, hopefully when the House reconvenes on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. Keep pushing this bill with your Representative and hopefully it will be passed and sent to the Senate for their action. SB973, the Senate version, has been assigned to a committee but has not been scheduled for a hearing as yet. Also, when you are talking to your Representative or Senator, keep pushing the other legislation that has been filed. HB1731 may solve most of the funding problem, but until it is passed and signed by the governor, we cannot ignore any of the other legislation.

Don't forget the Veterans Rally on 22 March and make plans now to attend. I have attached the agenda for the day and as new details become available, I will report them in this weekly report. We need a huge turnout at the Capitol on that day.

Thanks for all you do.

**Rich Heigert**  
**MAVO Legislative Chairman**



## From The Sons

**[jrpost217@earthlink.net](mailto:jrpost217@earthlink.net)**

I am happy to report that our squadron has donated \$405.00 to the Children's Welfare Foundation so far this year. I presented this at the Detachment Conference back in February. Great job and thank you everyone. At the February Conference we had a special speaker which was our SAL National Commander Jim Roberts.

Don't forget many more things to come this year we need always need volunteers, so if you have the time come on out. Everyone has a great time.

**John H. Rodabaugh, jr.**  
**SAL Squadron Commander**



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