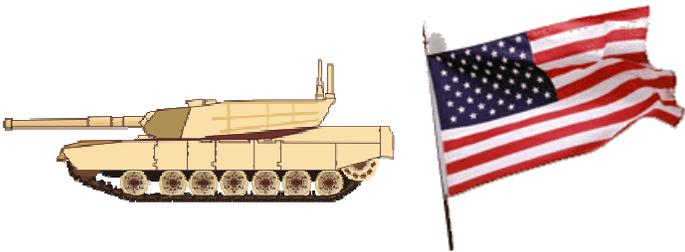




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From The Commander

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Special thanks goes to member George Body for his help with our Boys State and County Government programs. He was instrumental in locating funds to send four boys to Boys State. This is a program that is held at Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg. It is a week long experience learning about State government.

George with help from Dick Sanford and Carl Ireland led thirty students through several offices at the County Courthouse to learn about County Government. This program was followed by a lunch at our Post home provided by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Both of these programs are just two of the many programs that our Post participates in. If anyone is interested in helping with other programs please let it be known. We can always use help.

With warm weather here, people are getting out more. If you get a chance stop by the post for a little camaraderie. Who knows, somebody may even believe your fish story.

Norman L. Campbell
Commander



From The 1st Vice

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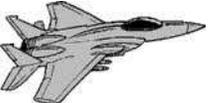
A huge **THANKS** to all members for paying your 2012 dues. Post 217 now has 101% and hoping to go higher. This proves that when members work together we can accomplish our goal.

We are now selling tickets to raffle a hog and two winners will be drawn, each receiving one-half hog, cut and wrapped to your specifications.

Proceeds from the raffle will help finish the Memorial Wall and complete more things around our Post home.

Get your raffle tickets at the Post Lounge or ask a member.

Glen Mais
1st Vice Commander



From The Second Vice

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We're having another dance, this time featuring The Fabulous Torque's, who play 50's music and won the Battle of Bands in Kansas City, in which Crazy Kats also participated. See enclosed flyer for details on this event happening Saturday, April 21, 2012. We hope to see more members at this event. Your support at these events supports your American Legion to help it stay open. I have volunteers



who are willing to donate their time and muscle to support our Legion, and I would welcome additional volunteers who feel the same way as my volunteers and myself do towards supporting our American Legion. Attending our events is one way of showing your support.

If you know anyone who is interested in renting the bingo hall for a function, they may call me at 438-8326 or 816-805-3237. If you have any ideas for fundraisers, please feel free to call me at the same numbers.

I want to say Thank You very much to Cheryl Beach for handling the St. Pat's Day Dinner. She graciously agreed to handle this dinner for me since I was in Texas. I understand that Artie and Region helped prepare and serve this dinner. I want to let you gals know that I really appreciate your stepping in to handle this dinner for the American Legion while I was gone.

Tim Nelson
2nd Vice Commander



From The Third Vice

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I wish to extend my thanks to Carl and Anita Ireland and Jared Reeves for volunteering their time to paint the lounge walls at no expense to the American Legion. I also want to thank our patrons for being patient during this painting process.

If you don't already know it, Tim and Vickie Nelson are back from Texas.

The Warsaw City-Wide Garage Sale will be taking place April 26 through April 29. If you would like to bring in some of your treasures to sell, the American Legion will be renting tables at \$10.00 each. You may reserve your table, and pay for this reservation in the American Legion Lounge on Wildcat Drive. We will be advertising in the Benton County Enterprise and placing flyers in various places in town to show that the Legion is participating in the City-wide sale.

We are adding some more Happy Hours to the Lounge. We will be having Happy Hour as follows:

- Sunday: All Day
- Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday: from Noon to 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: will remain from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

During these times there will be a \$0.50 reduction in our regular prices.

Ron Byers,
3rd Vice Commander





From The Adjutant

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Rumors, Rumors, Rumors! Well we certainly seem to be gaining on getting the word out, that is, the true word and not a rumor. Being factual is important at the Post and it does absolutely no good to have rumors flying around.

So, please, if you are concerned about something, visit with one of the Post Officers about the issue that you are concerned with. You will get straight answer.

Remember that our regular Post meeting is the third Monday of every month at 19:00 hours. Please attend so you can get the straight scoop.

Carl Ireland
Adjutant



From The Finance Officer

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From an operation standpoint, the Post is in good shape. Our fund accounts are reconciled. We do have a few adjustments to expense accounts on one account prior to handing everything off to our CPA for 990 preparation.

Bingo is down which is causing a slow drain on reserve post funds in order to pay utilities. So we are reviewing additional fund raisers to pickup the slack until Bingo returns to it's normal level. Rob Bidwell, Glenn Mais and Jim Breckon have had excellent suggestions to expand our fund raising efforts. My hat is off to these gentlemen for thinking outside the box.

The Shooting Sports Complex team is doing a fine job with their fund raising efforts. I am looking forward to attending their Banquet at the end of March and shooting with them when the range opens in April.

I will be at the Post on Tuesday and Friday from 08:30 hours to 13:00 hours. However, on Tuesday, it is possible that I could be in and out running Post errands. It's on the Calendar.

Terrence E. Crane
Finance Officer



From The Chaplain

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I want to wish all of you a safe and Happy Easter and let us not forget our service men and women, our fellow veterans and most of all our bedridden veterans and our wounded service men and women. Until next time may God Bless all of you and may God Bless America.

Harry Davis
Chaplain



From The Legion Riders

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In the month of April, we have one member with a birthday: A big Happy Birthday to Lynda Tracy!

Prior to the March meeting, our treasurer, Don Ferguson purchased \$200.00 worth of phone cards, for the residents of the Warrensburg Veterans Home. We will soon be picking a day with good weather for riding, and as many as can go, will be delivering the cards and visiting with the Vets. I am hoping this will be happening very soon.

The second annual Spring Poker Run is in the planning stages as this is being written. We will be adding a little twist to it, to hopefully make the event a little more attractive. The date for the Run is set for Sat., June 2.

Last week, we had the honor of sponsoring a young man from Warsaw High School to participate in The American Legions' "Boys State" program. We were able to cover the \$400.00 cost for participating, thanks to the fundraising efforts of all our fellow riders.

Our next meeting will be April 12, at 6:00. At the April meeting, we will be hearing nominations for new officers for the next term. We will be looking for a new secretary, as Janice has indicated she needs to step down. Also, I would like to see someone else as director. So be thinking about who you would like to see as new officers next year.

Until we meet again, be safe out there!

Mel Gargus
Director



Outside Post 217

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District 7 will meet at Post 623, Cross Timbers, on Sunday, April 15, at 14:-00 hours 2PM. It would be great to see more members of Post 217 in attendance.

Remember Department Convention is July 12-15 in Jefferson City.

Until next time, God Bless the American Legion Family, God Bless our troops and God Bless the United States of America.

Dick Sanford
District Vice Commander





Shooting Sports Complex

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The trap range will resume summer operations in April, opening each Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 and new hours each Saturday from noon to 3:00. Novice shooters are welcome along with experienced shooters. Legion members shoot at a reduced cost of \$3.50 per round; non-members are \$4.00 per round. Shells are available at cost or you can provide your own. Shotguns are available for loan or you can bring your own. Come enjoy some fun and fellowship at the trap range.

The youth shooting program will begin the first Sunday in June and continue for the next 6 Sundays. On Fathers Day, fathers will be invited to shoot with their youth. High school and middle school students are invited to participate. The program is free to the youth; with ammunition, targets, hearing and eye protection and trophies all provided at no cost.. The lounge screened deck is a great viewing location to watch these young shooters. No prior shooting experience is required.

Work continues on the expansion of the shooting sports complex to add a small arms range, a clubhouse with restrooms, and to make the range handicapped accessible. Tree clearing has almost been completed thanks to a mild winter. Light poles have been erected and lights will soon be installed to allow evening shooting. Sewer lines will be moved and installed next. When the project is completed, sporting activities are planned for wounded warriors, women, youth and, of course, all veterans.

George Boddy
SSC Board Member



Programs and Events

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County Government Day

30 Benton County high school students participated in County Government Day March 19th at the Benton County court house. Ten students each from Warsaw, Lincoln and Cole Camp High Schools and their government teachers toured the court house offices, the jail and sheriff's office, and the 911 center. They met the elected county officials and learned how each office works. The students were then treated to lunch by the Auxiliary at the post where they learned a little about the early history of Benton County.

Many thanks to Commander Norm Campbell, Adjutant Carl Ireland, Cole Camp Chairman Kathy Brunner and the Auxiliary for their contribution to this successful Americanism program.

Boys State News

Post 217 will send 4 Warsaw boys to Missouri Boys State this year. The boys selected are Ryan Gillham, Jordan Gresham, Justin Haynes, and Sterling Karr. A huge thank you is due to the SAL Squadron, the Legion Riders, Warsaw Lions Club and Hawthorne Bank for their financial sponsor

ship of this near-record crew of Boys Staters.

The American Legion has been offering this leadership and citizenship opportunity to Missouri boys for 71 years. It will be conducted June 11-18th at the University of Central Missouri campus. More than 40,000 Missouri high school students have participated in the program since 1938. The program gives these young citizens a better understanding of government and teaches them how to participate and take leadership roles. Boys campaign for every office found in the state and a complete mock government is elected and functions for the week-long experience. The boys meet and learn from many current leaders including the governor, attorney general, judges, legislators and prominent national leaders. The Boys State Who's Who includes many current and former legislators, governors, national business leaders and broadcasters.

Again, many thanks to those who stepped up and supported this fine program and these promising young men.

George Boddy and Dick Sanford
Committee Co-Chairs



From The Ladies Auxiliary

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WOW, I can't believe that it is already time to start thinking about elections again. Ladies Auxiliary nominating committee is Alice Lanning, Emma Campbell and Janis Arnett. If you would like to run for an office contact one of these ladies.

Our March meeting was lacking a lot of women, but we did have 2 new faces at the meeting, Lisa and Taryn Kohn. We also welcomed Alice Lanning back after her back surgery. Ladies you need to make the meetings so you know what is happening.

March was another sad month for the Auxiliary, we lost 3 members; Joyce Rutledge, Cindy Williams and Mary Taylor. The American Legion men had a successful St Patrick's Day Dinner thanks to Artie, Regina and I for preparing the meal. Thanks girls for giving me a hand on the dinner, I appreciate the help. Thanks to Ruth Howell for making bread for the dinner.

I am a firm believer in giving thanks to volunteers as it makes them feel appreciated. Without volunteers this or any other organization couldn't do the things we do. It seems as if it's the same volunteers all the time. It's your organization too and you need to think about helping them or yourselves out.

The Auxiliary is going to have a celebration of life for Joyce Rutledge on the 14th of April. This will be a luncheon; a covered dish will be appreciated. Details on this event will be posted in the lounge as it nears.

Happy Easter and remember to say a prayer for our troops overseas.

Cheryl Beach
President



Auxiliary Membership

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Same songb different verse! Ladies we still have not met our goal of 100%. If you have not paid your dues, you are in danger of losing your membership with the Auxiliary.

Whether or not you have physically taken part in our Unit activities, you have participated by your enrollment and payment of dues. This in itself contributed to the achievement of the Auxiliary during the past year.

Please renew NOW so that together we can build a stronger America by giving aid and comfort to those who have served and those that are serving now. Without our veterans we could not continue to enjoy the blessing of Freedom!!! **Freedom Is Not Free!!**

The dues for adult members is \$20.00 per year and for juniors only \$5.00 per year. Please remit to: American Legion Auxiliary, Attn: Lydia Bidwell, P O Box 1762, Warsaw, MO 65355. Thank you and God Bless.

This has been a sad year for our Unit. We have lost 6 members in the first three months. I would like to send our sincere condolences to the families of Joyce Rutledge, Mary Taylor and Cindy Williams. They will all be missed.

Auxiliary Birthdays for April

2nd Sandy Waters	19th Jessica Jones
2nd Susi Hale	19th Emma Thomas
8th Rockie K. Bartel	21st Lynn Turner
8th Virginia Betts	23rd Arlene Ambuehl
10th Lynda K. Tracy	26th Betty Crowdes
11th Vicki Nelson	26th Andrea Jones
14th Marjorie Dean	27th Wanda Sperry
17th Ellen Goosby	28th Hanna Harms

Happy Birthday Ladies

Lydia Bidwell
Auxiliary Membership



From The Sons

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Another month gone by and summer is approaching fast. We had a few snags last month and working with the Post Commander and the e-board members, I think we will have things back on track. Thank you for supporting the SAL and what we do. We are a program under the American Legion to work with them to help our veterans , children and the community. We could use any time or assistance that you can donate as a volunteer, there will be many events coming up. So please take a day or two to volunteer as so many do they too need a break so step up and give a hand in some way. Thank you to all members and Volunteers.

John H. Rodabaugh, jr.
SAL Commender

A Call To Re-Examine The Military Justice System

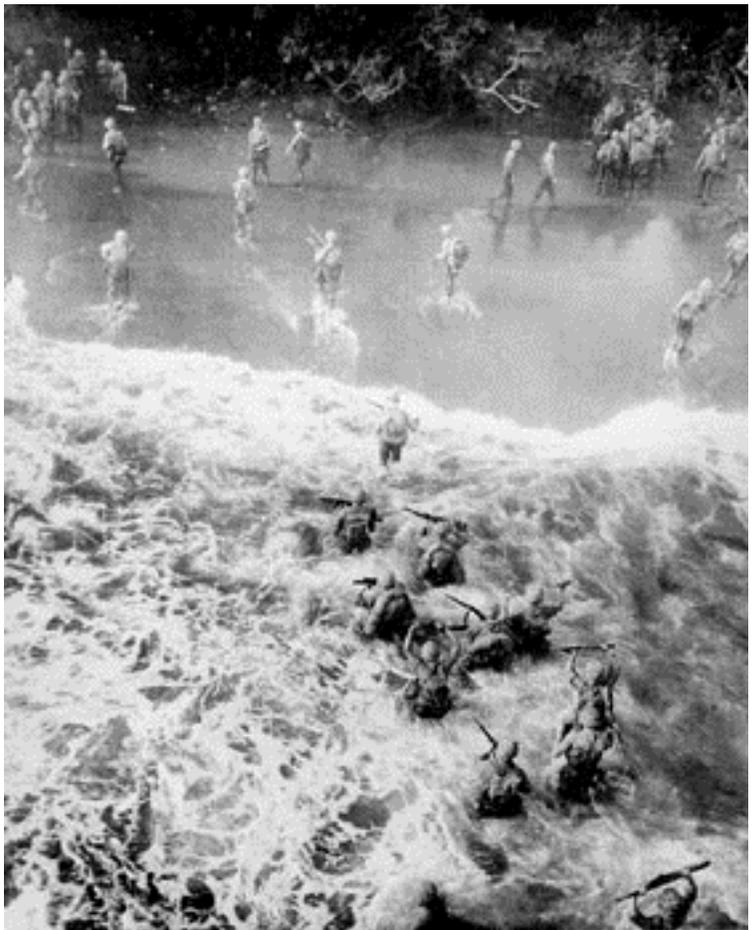
March 21, 2012

By Eugene R. Fidell

Any sexual assault in the military is one too many, and I applaud efforts to drive down the incidence of these crimes, which corrode unit cohesion. Contrary to "Sexual Violence and the Military" (editorial, March 9), however, no act of Congress is needed to increase penalties under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Maximum punishments under the code are generally prescribed by the Manual for Courts-Martial, an executive order the president can amend with a stroke of his pen. If commanders are reluctant to refer sexual assault charges to courts-martial, the answer may be to let military lawyers decide which cases should be prosecuted. Other countries have wisely moved in that direction.

The editorial refers to "the perils of civilian intrusion into the military justice system," but Congress has explicit responsibility under the Constitution to "make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces." Congress has not conducted significant hearings on military justice in 30 years. It's time for it to take a fresh look at the whole system, not just the way the military deals with sexual assault.



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