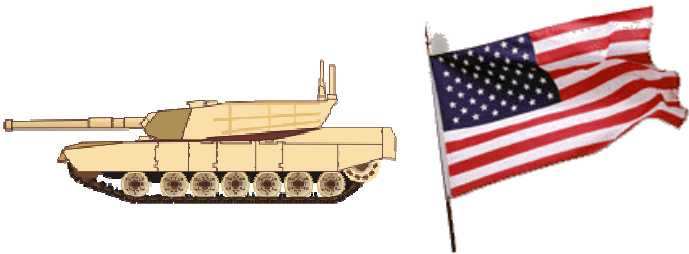




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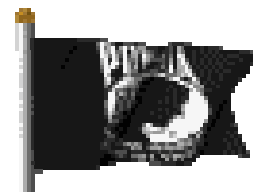
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2nd Vice:	Tim Nelson
3rd Vice:	Ron Byers
Adjutant:	Carl Ireland
Judge Advocate:	Les Rhodes
Finance Officer:	Terrence E. Crane
Chaplain:	Harry Davis
Service Officer:	Mel Gargus
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From The Commander

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Our annual election of officers will take place at our next meeting on the 21st of May. A nominating committee has been selected to look for quality members to hold office. These three members are Glen Mais, Carl Ireland and Ron Byers. If you are interested in running for office, please contact one of these men. Also, there is a list in our Lounge where you can place your name and office you wish to obtain. We are always looking for "new blood" so don't let your inexperience keep you from running. Our Officers Guide will tell you everything you need to know about every office. We have a great Post and I'm sure with your support we can keep it that way.

David Gray, our Honor Guard Captain, has decided to resign do to personal reasons and one of our newest members Mark Mills has been appointed as the new Captain. Thank you David for your dedication and good luck to Mark.

Norman L. Campbell



From The Third Vice

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The Lounge is raffling off a very large bottle, full of Tequila, shaped like a rifle, with 2 shot glasses, and a smaller bottle, full, shaped like a pistol with 2 shot glasses. Come in and check them out and purchase your tickets: 1 ticket \$1.00, 6 tickets \$5.00 or 25 tickets for \$20.00.

Don't forget: **FREE POOL ALL DAY SATURDAY.**

We still have tables available for the City-Wide Garage Sale. They are \$10.00 per table, per day, and the dates are: Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. We've already advertised this in the Benton County Enterprise, and we have flyers posted in town.

Happy Hour Schedule: Sunday, ALL DAY, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, Noon to 3:00 PM. And Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. 50 cents off the regular prices.

Ron Byers
3rd Vice Commander



From The 1st Vice

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Our membership is now at 102%! Thanks to all members for making this possible. Don't forget, election of officers will be held at the May meeting. See you election night.

Glen Mais
1st Vice Commander



From The Second Vice

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We're having another dance, on Saturday, May 26, 2012 featuring Sweet Water Band. Vickie and I were invited to the Moose Lodge in Sedalia to hear them, and we were very impressed. So hope you can come and enjoy this band, which is new to The American Legion, Post 217. One of the singers sings like Marty Robbins, but they also play Classic Rock, in addition to Traditional Country, so come with your requests. They play at many Legion Posts, Eagle and Moose Lodges. See enclosed flyer for details. We will again have sandwiches for sale for those who wish to eat during the evening. If you are having guests over the weekend, please bring them with you to enjoy this evening.

This Scuttlebutt went to press before our dance on April 21, so I cannot fill you in on this event.

Tim Nelson
2nd Vice Commander



From The Adjutant

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Bingo needs your support.

The Post utilizes Bingo revenues to pay Post utilities as well as other operating expenses. So come up and join us for Bingo, every Wednesday.

Carl Ireland
Adjutant



From The Finance Officer

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On Friday, April 20th, Dr. James Brown and I journeyed to Sedalia, MO, on a mission, to pickup our first order of Memorial Wall Bricks. They are now in and I am working with David Gray on scheduling a time when they can be set on the Post Memorial Wall.

My compliments to Harry Hoffert of Stone Laser Imaging for a job well done. They are all, absolutely incredible.

As you know, we are required to order these granite bricks in lots of Fifty. This is due to a requirement put on Stone Laser Imaging from the granite company who cuts and polishes the bricks. I only have a few orders for our second run of bricks. Hopefully, once these are set on the Memorial Wall, and members and relatives see the wall at it's beginning, we will have more orders for this excellent way to honor our Veterans, living and deceased.



The Legion and the SAL have been working together on a June, Bus trip, to a Isle of Capri Casino in Boonville, MO. It has been some time since the Post has organized a trip of this type and all the details are not completely worked out at this point it time. As soon as they are, look for "Trip Flyers in the Lounge and on the post website. This will be an awesome get-a-way.

UMB Bank has statements available for download by the 4th of each month. This allows reconciliation of accounts by the 5th or 6th of each month. I am providing reconciled bank statements, to include reconciliation reports and a printed check register of each account. They will be put in your respective in-boxes. So be sure to stop by and pick them up.

I am still requesting someone to step-up and assist your Finance Officer. I am in need of someone that understands the basics of accounting and is comfortable with using a computer. It's is not necessary to be an expert for I will provide training on QuickBooks and how our Department Finance Officer likes fund accounts handled. Believe me, it's not a job, it's an adventure.

If you have a computer at home and have an internet connection of DSL or greater, I need your email address. I would much rather email the Scuttlebutt and Calendar than send it via Snail Mail. Of course, we will still be mailing a printed Scuttlebutt to those who have dial-in or do not have a computer. Emailing the Scuttlebutt saves the Post an incredible amount of money. So, please, read this paragraph twice. I sincerely need someone to step up to help with this.

Terrence E. Crane
Finance Officer



From The Chaplain

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All members and anybody else who reads the Scuttlebutt, God Bless you all.

Our post needs your help by offering your assistance around the post with maintenance, grounds work or even helping keeping the post clean. I am sure we would not turn down any kind of financial assistance. Members could come to the meetings and at least offer your support to and for our efforts in keeping the post operating. You could come to the dances and enjoy listening to good live music and even dancing, in fact dancing is a very good healthy exercise.

Until next time please keep our service men and women our veterans and our country in your prayers. God Bless, smooth sailing and good health.

Harry Davis
Chaplain



From The Legion Riders

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We had a good ride the 25th of April to Lebanon, MO. It was just on the wrong date. Next time we ride to Lebanon, we will do it on the proper date of May 23rd. At that time we will properly escort the Iraqi Veterans Memorial to the Sunrise Beach Legion. This time bill we will meet at 0645 with kick stands up at 0700.

There are several rides coming up for other groups that we may want to ride with. May 12th the Combat vets out of Lincoln, who meet at the Lincoln VFW are having a poker run. Details will be sent by e-mail to all contacts that Doc Brown has on riders. This is a close ride with entertainment, food etc.

Our AL poker run will be on June the 2nd. It will leave from The Warsaw Leathernecks Marine Corps League Headquarters, and return there for the last stop. It is located at 607 east Jefferson. Turn at daylight donuts, go to the first street and turn right, go one block and you are there.

Pete Nash will be our new director starting next month but we as yet have no secretary. We all suggested Pete's wife (who was not at the last meeting), and he could volunteer her. He was a chicken and said he better not without her consent. Smart fellow there Pete, and congratulations for the new position.

Don't forget the wedding reception for Pete's daughter at the Elks Lodge coming up in May It is either the 12th or 19th. Ask Pete because he has invited the World to help him celebrate.

Ya know, I have a lazy finger, and every time I spell "Pete" I have a tendency to leave out the "T" and come up with "Pee" Well Pete I just want you to know it is not intentional.

Check the Calendar for Ride Dates! Have a good safe ride.

THE RATTLER



Shooting Sports Complex

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The trap range resumed summer operations April 5th, and will be open each Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 and new hours each Saturday from noon to 3:00. Both novice and experienced shooters are welcome. Legion members shoot at a reduced cost of \$3.00 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 first annual shooting sports banquet was held March 31 and was a sold-out event. Hundreds of donated items were auctioned off as a fund raiser for the shooting sports building project. Many attendees commented on the outstanding meal that was catered by Rick's Lincoln Inn. Most

attendees went home with door and raffle prizes. A fun time was had by all.

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 rest-rooms, and to make the range handicapped accessible. Sewer lines have now been installed. Dirt work will be next in preparation for the pouring of a new concrete retaining wall , a sidewalk and building foundation. When the project is completed, shooting activities are planned for wounded warriors, women, youth and, of course, all veterans.

George Boddy
Board Member



From The Sons

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Welcome to our new members and we have several of them that have joined these last few months, welcome and thank you for joining the Sons of the American Legion.

It is that time of year again to nominate our officers. So far the following members have been nominated: Tim Fink, Judge Advocate/Membership, Nathan Branham, Chaplain, Terry Guillory, Sgt. At Arms, Rob Bidwell, Adjutant, Stan Schierhotz, Finance, Jared Reaves, 1st Vice Commander and John Rodabaugh, Commander. We will vote at our next meeting. If you would like run for an office, please let us know and be at the meeting.

We are planning for our Mid New Years Eve Dinner and Dance, more details in next months scuttlebutt. There is also a scheduled bus trip to Isle of Capri Casino, Boonville, in June. We voted on and passed to give the American Legion a \$1,000.00 to assist them with their needs. Thanks to all our members for their support.

The SAL meetings are on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 pm, we always have plenty to talk about and things to plan. We always need volunteers to help with many projects they could be for the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, or the SAL. No one can do it all but many can more so please take time to volunteer in some way to help our veterans and children.

John Rodabaugh
SAL Commander



From The Ladies Auxiliary

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Our Memorial Service for Joyce Rutledge went rather well. Thanks to all the ladies that fixed food, and big thanks to Kathy King, Moe Trafton, and Lori Quatrocky, who worked in the kitchen. Our Auxiliary has lost 6 members since January. The loss of our members is sad enough, but the lack of support from our current membership, who did not attend the memorials, is sad and not a good message to send to their families.

May 6th is the Whiteman Air Force picnic to welcome home 500 Airmen. A few of the members are going to attend the picnic and the Auxiliary is going to prepare welcome home bags for the Airmen.

May 24th we will be placing flags at the local cemeteries for Memorial Day. We will meet at the Legion at 9:00am. Bring a long screwdriver and good walking shoes. American Legion, The Riders and SAL Members are encouraged to help put flags on Military graves. They gave **all** that we could continue to be free.

May is also Election month; please attend the meeting Monday, May 21st so your vote will be counted. Nominations are as follows;

President	Cheryl Beach
1st Vice	Carolyn Sanford
	Emma Campbell
2 nd Vice	Lydia Bidwell
Chaplain	Lou Lumsden
Treasurer	Kathy King
Secretary	Artie Hardison
Historian	Regina Bidwell
Sgt. at Arms	Alice Lanning
Mbr at Large	Vickie Nelson
	Janis Arnett
	Jo Dowty.

If you would like to run for any of the above offices, please contact Emma Campbell, Janis Arnett or Alice Lanning.

Have a Safe Memorial Day Weekend and remember our Military that are away from home fighting for our Freedom.

Cheryl Beach
President

Last month, I mailed out several notices to ladies who have not yet paid their dues. I am happy to say that I did receive a few responses. Thank you to the ladies who did respond. If you have not paid your dues, your membership will be dropped after the Department Conference in June. Please renew NOW so that together we may build a stronger America and give 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.

Auxiliary Birthdays for May

5th, Linda Obara	20th, Emily Hankins
5th, Shirley Lowe	21st, Rozella Holm
7th, Zelma Davis	24th, Mary Ruth Frisch
7th, Laura Williams	26th, Sara Bunch
17th, Regina Bidwell	28th, Anita Ireland
17th, Darcus Dunnington	30th, Janis Arnett
20th, Judith Gillham	30th, Dorothy Hopper

Happy Birthday Ladies

Lydia Bidwell
1st Vice



Outside Post 217

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HB1731 was heard on Thursday by Sen. Crowell's Senate Veterans Committee and the hearing lasted nearly two hours. Sen. Crowell had several budget people from Departments that are affected by the bill testify as to what the bill would do to their budgets. Of prime concern was that all of the Early Childhood Development money could not come from the Lottery because a large portion is funded through the Health and Social Services Departments, not Education and that money must come from another source. Be sure that all parties concerned are working to adjust the Appropriation Bills currently in the Senate to accomplish these issues. All testimony heard on Thursday was in favor of the bill, including a couple of folks from the ECD. We feel confident that the bill (or a Senate Substitute) will be approved in the next few weeks. We do not anticipate this happening until the Appropriations bills are passed which must occur by statute by May 11 of this year. That will leave one week to finalize HB1731 and get it to the Governor. The legislative session for this year ends at 6:00 p.m. on May 18th. My personal thanks goes to Dewey Riehn for all the work he has put in at the Capitol in support of this legislation and for his explanations to me on the behind-the-scenes work that is being done for us.

A couple of other bills were passed by the House this week and now go to the Senate. There are now 23 bills that have been passed by the House and are awaiting Senate action along with 4 Senate bills that are awaiting House approval. One of the bills passed on Thursday is HJR85 sponsored by Rep. Solon that would allow electronic pull-tab machines in any place that has regular lottery sales. The proceeds from the electronic pull-tabs would be designated for the Veterans Commission Capital Improvements Trust Fund and would help restore some of the reserve funds that have been used the last few years to keep the veterans homes solvent.

Another bill is HCS HB 1574 & 1097 sponsored by Rep. Meadows that would authorize veterans who provide proper documentation to have their veteran status placed on their drivers license.

Also passed by the House this week was HCS HB 2019 which is a Supplementary Appropriations bills that includes \$5 million for the design and construction of a new veterans home in Kansas City. We do not expect that part of the bill to survive the Senate hearings on the bill.

There are two hearings scheduled for Tuesday of next week: the House Veterans Committee will hear testimony on SCS SB 715, which raises the age limit for service in the state militia; and the Senate Rules Committee will hear HCR 12 which concerns the authorization for the Honor and Remember Flag.

We also want to welcome the 40&8 Society, a statewide and national veterans organization, to membership in MAVO. Their application for membership was approved at the MAVO meeting on Tuesday. With their addition, MAVO now has 24 veterans organizations as members along with 4 Associate member organizations. The next MAVO meeting will be on 19 September at DAV Chapter 17 home in Jefferson City at 1:30 p.m.

Dick Sandford
District 1st Vice Commander



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