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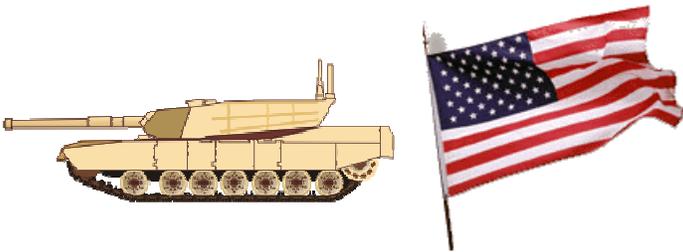
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From The Commander

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No report at this time.

Norman Campbell
Commander



From The 1st Vice

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Our membership is now at 413 paid members, making our percent at 103.5. We are 3rd in the District for membership. Thanks again for being a member of Post 217 and making this possible. Again we have several new members, and we welcome each of you to our Post.

As most of you know, Commander Norm Campbell has had back surgery and is recovering at this time. We're looking forward to seeing Norm soon! I would like to say thanks to the members of the Legion, Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion for helping me keep the ball rolling while Norm has been absent.

Glen Mais
1st Vice Commander



From The Second Vice

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I have scheduled two bands for the future events. We had so many great comments and back by popular demand, I have scheduled the Sweet Water Band to return on August 18, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The Crazy Kats are back in business, so they will be playing on September 8 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Come out and see them.

Please tell your friends about these two dances, and make sure they know that the Public is Welcome at all of our dances, along with other functions here at the American Legion Post 217. We will be selling dinners separately from the dance tickets at both dances.

If you have any bands that you would like to hear at a Post event, please let me know when and where they will be, and I will be glad to go to listen to them. We found Sweet Water Band from our member, John Smith, who invited us to be his guest to listen to them. Thank you John. You can reach me at home at (660) 438-8326 or on my cell at (816) 805-3237. If I am not available, please leave a message, and I will return your call. If you don't hear from me right away and haven't tried my cell, please do so, as I am occasionally out of town.

If you know of anyone who wants to rent the Hall, please have him or her call me at one of the numbers listed above.

Tim Nelson
2nd Vice Commander



From The Third Vice

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For those of you who don't know yet, we have Deb's Karaoke on Mondays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please come out and sing your favorite tunes. And please tell all your friends. The Public is always welcome.

This was written before our actual Fish Fry on June 30, but I want to Thank all of you who came out to support our American Legion and enjoyed the fish. Thank you to Andrea Larimer for coordinating this event for us, and for pulling together the many people who donated fish and side dishes, and for finding us our volunteers who fried the fish and fries. THANK YOU to all our great volunteers.

Don't forget our 4th of July festivities, including the wonderful fireworks that the Sons pull together for our enjoyment. There will be Karaoke and food for sale starting at 4:00 p.m. and then the fireworks display. Please come out and enjoy.

Ron Byers
3rd Vice Commander



From The Adjutant

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I would like to thank Rob Bidwell, Mark Mills for doing the Flag and parking lot lights. Thank you, Don Bradshaw for the sidewalk work at the Monument wall.

A special thanks to the SAL for loaning the post a \$1,000 for fixing the wall in the lounge. A hardy thank you to the great volunteers that help with the bingo and other events, thank you.

We do always need volunteers to help with these things without them we could not hold bingo or dance & dinners. So please take a few hours and help your post, veterans, children and our community.

Adjutant
Carl Ireland



From The Finance Officer

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The installation of Post Officers is happening this month. My highest regards to those men and women would are being installed.

This economy is definitely hurting our Post financially. We need help from our membership. This last year, we were able to attain 103%, which is quite an accomplishment. We are the largest Post in District 7. With that being said, the Post needs it's 400 plus members to step up to the plate. We have dinner dances and various other events that our membership does not participate in and I am one of the biggest offenders.

This is due to the fact that I am a PTSD, 100%, Disabled Veteran. So I have problems dealing with crowds. In lieu of this medical issue. When we have an event, even though I will not be able to participate, I will buy a ticket to that event. Thus, I am able to support our Post. I want to see every member, even though you will not attend, send a check to American Legion Post 217, Attn: Tim Nelson, 2nd Vice Commander, for events that our Post is hosting. I know that each of our 400+ members can afford the \$7.00 or \$8.00 price of an event ticket or \$14.00 to \$16.00 if you are married, and support the Post.

This would generate enough revenue to help cover Post expenses for a 60 day period. You need to do this at least Six (6) times a year. Believe me, when I say, the cost of keeping our Post open is going up, utilities, insurance, etc. So, if Politicians can ask for financial support to run their campaigns, your Finance Officer can ask you for financial support for our Post. "I've Never Met A Veteran Who Fought For Socialism". Please, step up and help your Post.

Terrence E. Crane
Finance Officer



From The Chaplain

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No report at this time.

Harry Davis
Chaplin



From The Legion Riders

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Well, here we are again with another month of good riding gone. We had a good poker run, and it was profitable with a good turnout.

Would like to have seen more attendance at our last meeting. Don't forget this is where your voice can be heard on decisions and ideas for what we do.

We need for all members to verify your name, address, phone, and e-mail address with Vickie Nash at (417) 998-6376. This is how we contact you and get you information quickly. EMail is especially important as it costs us nothing to inform you of events and activities.

At this time we do not have any scheduled Legion runs or events other than our Wednesday breakfast runs which have been well attended. We receive info from the network of other riders as we get it and pass it on so you may participate if interested. We have been having around 10 or more bikes and trikes plus additional riders show up for these runs, and have added a few new members because of this.

Another request is please wear your American Legion colors to the monthly meetings and all of our rides.

We are requested to report these rides, approximate miles

ridden, and numbers of riders to the Department level. Have a good ride.

Doc Brown
The Rattler



Shooting Sports Complex

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No report at this time.

Member at Large
George Boddy



From The Ladies Auxiliary

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Wow, half way through the year - it doesn't seem possible. There will be no meeting in July, but please come out and attend the Installation of Officers and support Your Post. Social hour will be a 6:00 p.m. and Installation at 7:00 p.m. We are happy to have Kathy Petterson installing the Ladies again this year. There will be sandwiches served following Installation.

The American Legion Auxiliary of Missouri has challenged each district to make "Buddy Baskets". *What is a buddy basket?* It is a welcome basket to welcome homeless veterans to their new homes. We will fill a laundry basket or a wastebasket with items to get the veterans started in their new home. What can I do to help? Bring in the following items.

- ◆ 2 rolls paper towels
- ◆ 4 rolls toilet paper
- ◆ 1 bottle window cleaner
- ◆ 1 can scrubbing cleanser
- ◆ 1 pair rubber gloves
- ◆ 1 pkt sponges or wipes
- ◆ 1 small dustpan with hand broom
- ◆ 1 pkg light bulbs
- ◆ 1 set - plate, bowl and cup
- ◆ 1 shower curtain with rings

Plus any other supplies you want to Welcome a Veteran to their new home.

We have 4 laundry baskets so far that have been donated. Deadline for the items to fill the baskets is Sunday, July 8th. **Come on Ladies let's see what we can do!!** See you all at Installation of Officers July 16th. Have a safe Fourth of July.

Auxiliary President
Cheryl Beach





Auxiliary Membership

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I am happy to report that as of the June 18th Department Report, we are now at **101.64%** !! THANK YOU LADIES!! Now we can start on the 2013 dues! :) You will be receiving your notices in August, I believe. I will not have any membership cards to send out until that time, as they will be picked up in Jeff City at the Convention in July.

On the 20th, we received some terrible news about one of our members, Lynda Tracy and her husband, Bill who is a SAL member. Also, they are both members of the Legion Riders. They were in Nebraska and were T-boned on their motorcycle. The last report we received is that Lynda lost one of her legs, but the other is not broken. She also has a broken shoulder which may require surgery.

Bill has a broken shoulder, but it will have to heal on its own. He also has several other broken bones, but is up and walking. If you would like to send a card, their address at this time is: Bill & Lynda Tracy, Nebraska Medical Center, Room 8820, Clarkson Tower, P O Box 6159, Omaha, NB 68198. Please keep them in your prayers.

We also received news today (June 22nd) that Norm Campbell is out of Intensive Care. Get well soon, Norm!! And to any other members of our Legion Family that are not feeling up to par, you have our love and best wishes for a better tomorrow.

AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS for JULY

2 nd Mary Schell	13 th Terry Greenfeather	26 th Ann Peters
10 th Susan Kellner	15 th Gloria Eshleman	26 th Martha Eshnaur
10 th Kathy King	18 th Darlene Evans	27 th Deborah Creasy
11 th Lydia Bidwell	22 nd Melanie Estes	31 st Lynda Reiff-Severa
11 th Elvera Fant	24 th Patricia Wade	31 st Teresa Williams

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES

Membership Chairman

Lydia Bidwell



Outside Post 217

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As Summer arrives the Legion has much going on. Besides events at your Post like the Fish Fry, the Fourth of July festivities, dances and other events we have conventions coming up.

The Department of Missouri Convention will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City July 12-15. National Convention will be August 24-30 in Indianapolis, IN. If you need additional information on either of these check your Legionnaire or call me at 438-0401.

Please support your post. There are many activities that are both fun and inexpensive going on. When you support your post you are supporting our veterans and our current military. Until next month God bless our American Legion

Family, God bless our troops and God bless The United States of America.

Dick Sanford

2nd Vice District Commander



From The Sons

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It's been a good year and a somewhat busy one with many things to do. We have several new members so please take time to welcome them. Don't forget the Detachment convention coming up July 13th-15th in Jefferson City and hope to see you there.

I would like to thank the ladies auxiliary most of all for the donations and volunteering of help with our events. They help in so many ways, so lets tell them thank you for what they do.

Let's not forget why we joined the SAL. We have many members but only a hand full of these members volunteer to help with our projects. Why? If everyone could give a day or night to help in one event then it would give someone a break from doing every event. We are wearing down these members and some do need a break sometimes. I joined to help the American Legion, our children and our community to help show my support for what these men and women did for us. So let ask ourselves, "What have I done to help show my thanks to our great Veterans?"

I have enjoyed this year as commander and look forward to next year as your commander again and thank you everyone that has allowed me this chance. I will do my best to represent us and to help in anyway I can to serve my members, my post, our community and our veterans.

John H. Rodabaugh, JR

Squadron 217 Commander

Information About the Upcoming Museum on WWII Veterans at the National Churchill Museum

Article from Carolyn Sanford for District 7 ALA

Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the exhibit is called "Our Lives, Our Stories: America's Greatest Generation. This very interactive exhibit will be on display at the Museum June 16 through August 11. Here is a description of the exhibit:

Our Lives, Our Stories explores the life arc of a single generation—the stories of their lives, told in their words—from birth to old age. Born in the 1910s and 1920s, this generation of people were decisively shaped by their experiences during the Depression and World War II. They went on to make the "baby boom" and shape the economic boom of the postwar era, and to become some of the twentieth century's most influential figures. Today—well into the 21st century—we are all living with their legacy. This exhibition from the Minnesota Historical Society draws on the stories and memories gathered together to help us begin to understand not only who they were, but who we are.

World War II has never been far from the center of American popular memory—in books, movies, television, museums, and memorials. But in the last decade, attention has shifted from the events and the outsized personalities of the war to the men and women who were on the war's front lines, at home and abroad, ordinary people who made an extraordinary difference. The focus on the war—which for Americans lasted less than four years—has led us, perhaps, to overlook the experiences of lifetimes. This exhibition seeks to restore a wholeness to these histories, to listen to our elders along the entire arc of their lives. Here is information about the Museum itself with hour, admission, history, etc.

The National Churchill Museum on the campus of Westminster College in Fulton, MO is the only North American institution fully devoted to immortalizing the life and work of Churchill. The heart of the Museum is the magnificent Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury, a 17th century Christopher Wren church left in ruin from German bombings during World War II. This beautiful house of worship was brought stone by stone from England to Westminster and restored on campus in 1969.

Beneath the Church is a state-of-the-art Museum that combines interactive technology to tell Churchill's story through sight, sound and touch. In 2006, Chris Matthews, MSNBC commentator, was present at the opening of this new \$4 million exhibition and said its ability to bring history to life in a dynamic, stimulating fashion was incredible and that it rivaled that of the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Adjacent to the National Churchill Museum stands a sculpture by Edwina Sandys, Churchill's granddaughter, entitled "Breakthrough," which was constructed from eight sections of the Berlin Wall to commemorate the demise of the "Iron Curtain" that Sir Winston had predicted. Visitors may also enjoy the historic gymnasium where Churchill delivered his world famous "Iron Curtain Speech" in 1946 on another part of campus.

The National Churchill Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Regular admission prices are Adults-\$6,

Seniors-\$5, College Students and Youth-\$4, Children (6-11) -\$3, and Children (5 and under)-free. For more information about the National Churchill Museum, visit www.nationalchurchillmuseum.org.

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Heroes at Home: LA Veteran Facility Caters Its Care to Women

Diabetes and high-blood pressure are among the conditions most often reported by female veterans, and one in five of them screen positive for military sexual trauma (MST).

By [Lolita Lopez](#)

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Women are the fastest growing population among veterans, making up 8-percent of veterans in 2011, according to statistics from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care facility on Wilshire Boulevard is working to eliminate the gender gap in veteran care.

Former Marine Carolyn Williams works as a clerk at the women's clinic at the VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care facility on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles, which is more than just her job.

"This is my clinic, too," Williams said. "I am a patient here." A veteran since the late 1980s, Williams admits it took her some time to take advantage of benefits from the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Williams, 54, implores current female vets not to follow her lead.

"There is opportunity," Williams said. "There is people in place to help you."

Officials at the women's clinic in LA said the facility, which opened in the early '90s, has been growing, making it able to meet the needs of more heroes returning home.

"This clinic, when it started it was two half a days a week. Now, it's four or five days from 8 to 4:30," said Dr. Fatma Batuman, medical director of the Comprehensive Women's Health Program of the VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System.

Batuman said the women's clinic has a full staff – from a mammogram provider to a pharmacist in one place.

"The whole team is involved and we can all sit down together in the room and she feels better," Batuman added. Diabetes and high-blood pressure are among the conditions most often reported by female veterans.

"Of course on top of that, especially those who have been in combat, they have PTSD [post traumatic stress disorder]; they have depression," Batuman said.

One in five women veterans who use the VA for healthcare screen positive for military sexual trauma, or MST, said Naomi Himmelfarb, staff psychologist at the VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care women's clinic.

Himmelfarb said that 17 percent of veterans, women and

men, from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars have reported being sexually abused or harassed during military service.

"What is unique to a VA facility is that we also see a large percentage of patients here with sexual trauma in matriculated military sexual trauma," Himmelfarb said. Asking colleagues out and unwanted sexual advances are some of the scenarios that fall under MST. Himmelfarb said there exists a culture within the military where MST occur.

"There are some really excellent commanding officers who do not take this at all and make sure the problem is taken care of but in a lot of cases that doesn't happen," Himmelfarb said.

Earlier this year, several former and current military men and women filed a federal lawsuit against Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta among others. It alleges the government has turned a blind eye against alleged victims of MST, not allowing transfers to alleged victims and failing to punish alleged abusers.

While the Department of Defense would not comment on current litigation, a spokesperson tells NBC4 that a new female director has been appointed to the department's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office.

Policies created last December will allow for victims to transfer out of units and reports of sexual assaults will be provided to law enforcement and kept up to 50 years, the spokesperson said.

In the early '90s, Congress mandated the VA provide physical and mental health services free of charge for victims of MST.

Locally, there are MST coordinators in every clinic, adding to an open door policy where the needs of all vets will be taken into account. According to doctors, an environment that welcomes veterans helps make the transition to civilian life easier.

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