



POST 208 NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS / SPECIAL INTEREST ITEMS



AL's NEARLY WORLD FAMOUS FISH FRIES

Our fish fries will continue at 4:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Fridays through February 14th and then every Friday from February 16th through Good Friday, March 30th. As always, we will also be serving chicken, shrimp, sides and dessert. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the food, drinks and camaraderie.



SUPERBOWL LII PARTY

We are going to have a Super Bowl LII party on Sunday, February 4th starting at 3:00 pm. You are invited to bring a snack to share, but that's not required. We plan on having lots of fun, arm chair coaching/quarterbacking, cheering and second-guessing.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MARTY HARDESTY MEMORIAL G.I. BREAKFAST JANUARY 14th, FEBRUARY 11TH and MARCH 11TH

8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

\$7.00 PER PERSON

SOS ON TOAST OR BISCUIT WITH PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS, HASH BROWNS,
BACON OR SAUSAGE

COFFEE AND ORANGE JUICE

DRINK SPECIAL: BLOODY MARYS & SCREW DRIVERS \$2.00

Walter Le Pere Post 208 History Book



See Frank Masotto for your copy of our history. Only \$20.00

LADIES LUNCHEONS

January 10, 2018 – P. F. Chang's - Chesterfield

February 14, 2018 – Olive Garden – Chesterfield Valley

March 14, 2018 – Schneidhorst - Ladue

If interested in joining us for lunch, please contact Dottie Hempel at 636-227-6019 or 314-560-2347 so I can provide the restaurant with a headcount. Thank you.

We meet at the Legion at 10:30 A.M. to carpool and we hope to see you there!



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Merry Christmas! As I look back at my previous newsletter postings I want to share some of my favorites from years past as I am reminded of the poem “Auld Lang Syne” written by Robert Burns that I loosely translated as “endings and or new beginnings”, this seemed to be an appropriate theme for the beginning to my then first year as your Post Commander in 2013, but today this brings new meaning to me as we, The American Legion, reach yet another milestone in our history and come nearer to ending our first one hundred years. As we prepare to draw an end to this year, 2017 and we prepare for the arrival of a new beginning in the year 2018 the words of this poem pose the question as to whether it is right that old times be forgotten. In retrospect historians will warn us that we should remember and learn from our past to avoid making the same mistakes that previously caused us a setback or might hamper our progress. As your Commander I want us to celebrate our past and remember our history because of the many great accomplishments we have been able to achieve. Because of our hard working and dedicated volunteers we have been able to continue many traditions unique to Post 208. With all of our accomplishments of the past, it is easy to understand why it is important to remember the old times, but we should not limit ourselves to the past, but also celebrate our new beginnings. Spring 1919 was when the American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris for the first American Legion caucus. Later that year Congress chartered The American Legion and we have been serving veterans ever since. As we prepare to finish our first one hundred years and continue our mission in to the future, let us remember we are part of the nation’s largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome programs in our community, we advocate patriotism and honor, while promoting national security, all while continuing a deep devotion to our fellow service members, veterans and families. We are members of an organization that was chartered by Congress as a patriotic veteran’s organization. The American Legion’s mission statement reminds us of how our success depends entirely on an active membership, participation and volunteerism, and furthermore the organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives. That is evident at Post 208 every day of the week. There is not a day goes by that one or more of our members can be seen working for the good of the Legion. This includes members of our Legion Family as well, for without the help of all we wouldn’t be able to enjoy the benefits our Post has to offer. We always have volunteer opportunities available to interested participants and I welcome you to continue to be an active member and enjoy your Post. Over the past several years The American Legion has seen a drop in membership due to a number of factors. This is why membership is critical to our mission and continues to be topic of conversation. Each leader takes the helm knowing that we must bring in new blood to take care of this great organization our predecessors have built over the past 99 years. We have been entrusted in continuing the legacy of The American Legion. It is everyone’s job to keep the lights on and attract new members to our Post and the Legion Family. Post 208 continues to be a gathering place for our members and the community, a place where friends and family gather to celebrate and enjoy each other’s company. So this New Year’s Eve, let us once again raise our cup of kindness as we remember our old times, our family and friends, and the good times and new beginnings we have to look forward to in 2018 and let us continue to build on the success of our past and prepare ourselves to continue our service in to the next 100 years and beyond. Here is to success and happiness and the many blessings God has to offer us!

**For God and Country, Michael D. Beasley, Commander
Walter LePere American Legion Post 208, Manchester MO**



ADJUTANT'S CORNER

MEMBERSHIP

Post 208, membership renewal is currently at 457 or 80% of our goal of 570. The American Legion Department of Missouri currently is reporting Post 208 with 6 new members and 20 transfers as of December 15, 2017. I encourage all members to submit their dues as soon as possible by either going online to www.legion.org/renew or sending a check for \$35.00 dollars payable to the American Legion Post 208.

RECRUITING

The recruiting efforts of Post 208 is the responsibility of all legion members. I challenge all members to participate in this effort. Since July 1, 2107, we have added, six new members to the American Legion and 32 new transfer members (Department of Missouri is currently reporting 20).

KEEPING CURRENT

Members can keep current by attending the general membership meetings held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7-pm. American Legion information, local, state and national can also be obtained as follows:

-**Facebook:** American Legion Post 208 Manchester, Mo

-**Post 208 Website:** www.legionpost208.org

-**Missouri Department of The American Legion:** www.missourilegion.org

-**National Headquarters:** www.legion.org

-**Membership Renewal:** www.legion.org/renew

Harold Isom, Adjutant



POST 208 RETIREES CLUB

Tuesday, January 23rd, 9:00 AM at Uncle Bill's Pancake House, 14195 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO

Tuesday, February 27th, 9:00 AM at Uncle Bill's Pancake House, 14195 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO

Tuesday, March 27th, 9:00 AM at Uncle Bill's Pancake House, 14195 Manchester Road, Manchester, MO

David Howard, President 314-210-5623

COLOR GUARD



Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Once again we had a very busy year. In August we posted the flags for Installation of Officers. In September we marched in Manchester homecoming parade, thanks to Steve Filepek and the color guard we had our first motorcycle. With heavy hearts we laid to rest three of our members Cliff Loehr, Charlie Penn and Tony Brady. And in November we posted the flags for bowling for Veterans. We would like to welcome one of our new members Henry Filepek. Thanks again to all that help us out.

Your Color Guard Captain, Jeffrey Stevens



AUXILIARY NEWS

HOLIDAY GREETINGS! What a great turn out we had at the Post Christmas Party. A big THANK YOU to everyone! The food was great and the entertainment was a hit as usual. Thanks to all of those who helped set up, served and cleaned up. We collected lots of household goods for the veterans at Jefferson Barracks. This is an on going project all through the year. They need personal care items, household cleaning products, clothing (new only), and non perishable food. We also collect for Birthday in a Bag, anything you would buy for a party, cake mix, frosting, decorations, invitations, goodies bags, small toy to put in goody bags, all are greatly appreciated. Congratulations to Irene Penn who received a pay up for life membership. Thank you Irene for all you do! See the newsletter calendar for upcoming events. I wish everyone a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!!
Janet Barton, Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NOTE:

We are almost midway through our 2018 membership year. This year we need 169 to make Goal; 8 more than last year. We now have 137 paid up members sent into Department; and I have 9 more ready to send in. We are at 81.07%. We still need 23 more. This includes 4 new members who are Amelia I. Schroeder, who we sent to Girls State this past year; and 3 of which who have transferred to our Unit; and they are Jeannette Dowling; Eileen T. Haas; and Mari Maureen Franchi; and we want to welcome all of them. We would love to welcome a lot more new members. If you know of anyone who is eligible, please pick up an application at the Post, or see me for one. Please, if you have not renewed your 2018 membership dues, please do so immediately so you don't lose your continuous membership; and because we cannot make goal without your help; and we don't want to lose you. Remember our Sr. Dues are \$25.00; and our Jr. Dues are \$3.00. You can mail your check to me, made out to ALA Unit 208, at: 308 Surf Court; Ballwin, MO 63021-5034. Again, it is indeed an honor to belong to the biggest woman's veteran's organization in the world.
Betty McCormick-Auxiliary Membership



SAL NEWS

A happy new year to all. Our breakfasts continue to be very successful thanks to our 2 hardworking crews. A big thank you goes out to all who have helped and to all who attend. You are the ones that make it possible for the S.A.L. to contribute to so many worthy charitable organizations. Please renew your membership if you have not done so already. You can put in the S.A.L mailbox or give it to Mark Klinkerfuss or Jenny or me. Dues are only \$7.00 and it is very important to meet our membership goals.
For God and Country, Dave Hallett-S.A.L. Commander



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AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN'S ARTICLE

....give us new life (Psalm 80:19) as we begin our 2018 New Year; let us remember to: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). The only thing that gets us through hard, terrible times is “prayer without ceasing”. This is not thanking God that this chaos is God’s will; but that we are not in it by ourselves. It means to be aware of God throughout our day/s. He is holding us in love.

Even though we know the world is full of need. We can become paralyzed in the face of so many needs. Jesus reminds us he is the path. As he says in John’s Gospel (14:1-7). “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.....”

God gives to each of us a way of opening a door for other people; especially our veterans, Active duty and Military families. Whether we voluntarily work in our Unit, District, Department of Missouri or all of these it is for God and Country. Amen

Muriel Christman, Auxiliary Chaplain Unit 208



AMERICAN LEGION TAPS

In Memory of Tony Brady, Sr.

October 20, 1932-October 24, 2017

In Memory of Herman Heitz

December 8, 1936-December 3, 2017

In Memory of Frank Piskos

August 25, 1924-December 18, 2017



BINGO

We have added new lighter tables upstairs this past year, and plan on changing the tables in the lower level to the lighter ones also over the next few months.

Any suggestions are encouraged to help bingo improve for our guests, and will help the legion. This is your legion home, please support when you can.

We want to thank all of the volunteers from the Post 208, the Ladies Auxiliary, SAL and the Marine Corps League. We appreciate all of you.

We still need a couple of volunteers that can help when there is an illness or for vacations. This would only amount to about 5 hours on Thursday. If you would be available to do that, please let me know.

I can be reached at 314-210-5623, or at the Post on Thursdays – I am usually there.

Thank you!

David Howard – Bingo Chairman



HISTORY TIDBITS

January

- 1: Emancipation Proclamation takes effect, 1863; Commonwealth of Australia proclaimed, 1901.
- 5: Nellie Tayloe Ross becomes first woman governor of a state, Wyoming, 1925.
- 7: First American presidential election, 1789; First transatlantic commercial telephone service begins, N.Y. to London, 1927.
- 8: General Andrew Jackson defeats the British in the last battle of the War of 1812 at New Orleans, 1815.
- 10: Thomas Paine publishes his *Common Sense*, 1776; League of Nations established, 1920.
- 15: AEF HQ in France organizes US 1st Corps, 1917.
- 16: Amendment 18 to US Constitution ratified, prohibits sale of alcoholic beverages, 1919.
- 20: **Inauguration Day** for the US President, every fourth year, beginning in January, 1937.
- 21: *USS Nautilus*, first nuclear-powered ship launched, 1954.
- 24: Gold discovered in California, 1848.
- 25: Transcontinental telephone service established in the US, 1915.
- 26: Cullinan diamond, world's largest diamond found, 1905.
- 27: Thomas Edison granted the first patent for his incandescent light, 1880.
- 28: US space shuttle *Challenger* explodes killing all 7 crew members aboard, 1986.
- 30: US Congress purchases Thomas Jefferson's library as nucleus of the Library of Congress, 1815; Adolph Hitler named Chancellor of Germany, 1933.
- 31: First US satellite launched, 1958.

February

- 1: US Supreme Court meets for the first time, 1790.
- 6: Spanish-American War ends, 1899.
- 8: College of William and Mary, 2nd oldest college in the US, chartered, 1693.
- 16: Bataan recaptured by US troops, 1945.
- 17: General Sherman sacks Columbia, SC, 1865.
- 19: Battle of Iwo Jima begins, 1945.
- 20: First US orbiting of Earth by John Glenn, 1962.
- 23: US Marines raise US Flag on Mt. Suribachi, 1945.
- 27: Desert Storm ground war ends after 100 hours, 1991.

March

- 2: Siege of Boston by the British, 1776; Texas declares independence from Mexico, 1836.
- 3: American Forces capture Manila, 1945.
- 4: The first Congress under the US Constitution meets, 1789.
- 5: British fire on mob in Boston Massacre, 1770.
- 6: Dred Scott decision, 1857.
- 7: Alexander Graham Bell patents the telephone, 1876.
- 8: US 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade lands at Da Nang, 1965.
- 9: Ironclads USS Monitor and CSS Virginia battle at Hampton Roads, VA, 1862.
- 12: Juliette Lowe founds the Girl Scouts of America, 1912.
- 13: Confederacy approves use of black soldiers, 1865.
- 14: Eli Whitney patents the cotton gin, 1794.
- 15: Julius Caesar assassinated in Rome, 44 BC.

16: US Military Academy at West Point, NY, founded, 1802.
17: British forces evacuate Boston, 1776.
19: Iraq War begins, 2003.
29: Vicksburg campaign begins, 1863.
30: US purchases Alaska from Russia, 1867.
31: Commodore Perry makes first US Treaty between US and Japan, 1854.
Frank Masotto, American Legion Post 208, Assistant Historian



HOME BOARD

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The Home Board members have worked diligently to make sure the facilities are maintained. Our resident plumber and electrician have kept the water flowing, and the lights on, while everyone else has assisted in some way with the rest of the maintenance and administrative duties.

DONATIONS

Thanks to all the volunteers who participated in collection “Shake the Can” at Wal-Mart over the Veterans Day weekend, November 11th and 12th. A special thanks to Grant Boyd for overseeing the successful collection event.

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

Thanks to kitchen manager Al Motz and all the volunteers for making the first half of this year’s fish fry’s a success. Just a reminder, we are only half way, as we have fish fry’s every Friday starting February 16, 2018 thru March 30, 2017.

HALL RENTALS

Thanks to Jennifer Bax for managing the successful hall rental events and Rich Klinkerfuss who makes sure the hall is cleaned before and after every event.

BAR

Thanks to Bar Manager Sharon Owen and all the bartenders for overseeing a successful bar operation, for members and guests.

Harold Isom, Home Board President

JEFFERSON BARRACKS FOOD PANTRY

Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry is in need of donations. The need for perishables and non-perishables are there for the reason of increase of the Military families that the Pantry serves on a regular basis. They need our help to keep the shelves stocked of canned goods, cleaning supplies, paper products, hygiene products for both men and women, and the like. Please remember to bring a donation as you make your stop at the post. The baskets are located at the top of the west stairs by the bookcase. The Food Pantry will also take the time and effort to help transition a soldier (and his family) to rebuild his life in the right direction when needed. The Auxiliary has taken on the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry as an ongoing project to help keep the pantry shelves strong and robust.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Sharon Yaeger or Ann Shadowens.

Ann Is the Lead volunteer for the Food Bank, 314-822-8292 Thanks for your generous donations!



ORZO, PINE NUT & FETA SALAD

1 pound orzo
½ cup toasted pine nuts
1-1/4 cup crumbled Feta*
1 cup green onions, thinly sliced
1 cup dressing (recipe below)
Boil orzo until tender, rinse and drain well. Cool. Mix in remaining ingredients. Toss with dressing.
*You can either leave the Feta in bigger chunks or use a small chopper or food processor to make the cheese finer.
Servings: 8

ORZO SALAD DRESSING

½ cup oil (I usually use olive oil)
¼ cup water
¼ cup vinegar (I usually use cider vinegar)
1/1/2 tablespoons (1 small package) Original Hidden Valley Ranch Buttermilk Salad Dressing Mix
Whisk all ingredients together.

Submitted by: Dottie Hempel

Pork Tenderloin

1 cup oil
1/4 cup honey
1/3 cup soy sauce
lots of pepper and garlic
Mix together and pour over meat.
Marinate 3 to 4 hours or overnight.
Cook on the Grill for 45 minutes or in oven at 350 for 1 to 1 1/2 hours

Dip for Meat

1 cup mayo
1/2 cup sour cream
2 tsp. dijon mustard
1/2 teas. garlic salt
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
little white pepper
Mix together and serve with meat.

Submitted by: Janet Barton

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