



**Department Commander – John Buckwalter**

I want to begin by thanking you, the members of the Department of Missouri for your confidence and support in electing me as your Department Commander for 2024-2025. Building the Future Today: that was my campaign slogan and is my philosophy for this year. We just completed a very successful year. We finished the year with 26,569 members, which was only 400 members less than we began with. 95% of our members renewed. Our goal for 2025 is 27,459. I am confident that this is the year we will exceed our goal.

What does building the future of the Department look like? We, the 26,569 members, are the Foundation. We are the base upon which we must grow-at the Post, Department, and National levels. We are the Legion. It is up to us, starting with those wearing blue caps, to grow our organization. We must each reach out and ask our fellow veterans to join the Legion. No one will join unless they are asked. I firmly believe that we need to grow to at least 30,000 members in the next 5 years if we are to continue the programs which define the American Legion.

Members are the foundation, and programs are the framework of our organization. We exist because of the four pillars of our organization: Americanism, Veterans, Defense, and Youth. We had many successes in our programs during 2024. We must support and grow our programs in 2025. Missouri Boys State had over 850 young men complete “A week to change a life” last year. Our goal for 2025 is 850 again. We held the first Cadet Patrol Class with the Missouri State Highway Patrol since COVID. We had 17 young men and women complete the class. Our goal for 2025 is a full class of 40 cadets. This program is so important to the Legion and to the State, that I have made it my Commander’s project for 2025. In this edition of the *Legionnaire* you will see articles about Baseball, Oratorical Contests, Boys State, and other youth and Americanism programs. The Legion is working hard to support our members and all veterans through the Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation programs. We have made a major investment in our Service Officer program and have recently added a service officer at the Columbia VA hospital. Along with the other members of MAVO (Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations) we will work with our State elected officials to advance legislation critical to Missouri’s veterans, and to insure continued and consistent funding of the Missouri Veterans Commission. Legislative Chair Charley Goodin provides a legislative update in this *Legionnaire* and publishes an update on the missourilegion.org website.

If membership is the foundation, and programs are the framework, then publicity is the roof or “cover” of our Department. We must tell our story; we must let the public and potential members know what we do and what we stand for. Post newsletters are a vital tool in keeping members informed. Every Post should have an active public relations campaign. The Consolidated Post Report or CPR is our way of gathering the activities and accomplishment of the Legion into a single report to let Congress and the Nation know what we do. I expect every Post to submit a CPR this year. The new CPR can be completed online and can be started now and updated through the year before being submitted in June. I encourage Posts to prepare an annual Post history.

I look forward to a great year as your Commander. I have spent the first two months on the road it seems, having attended the National Membership Workshop, and accompanying the National Commander on his visit to Zone II. I will join Senior Vice Commander Goolsby and National Vice Commander Jim Kellogg for a visit to Zone IV starting September 26<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many more posts in the next 10 months and meet as many of you as possible. We must build the future of our organization today. The Legion is too important to our communities, our state, and our nation to accept a continued decline. It is up to each of us to Build the Future of the Department of Missouri.

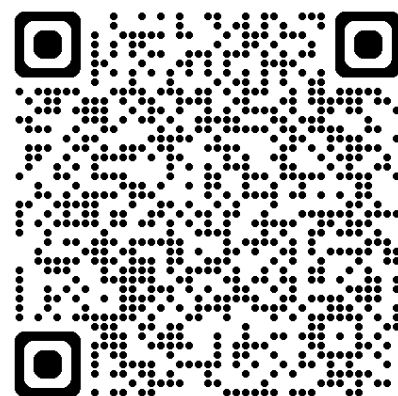


**Legislative Chair  
Charley Goodin**

First get out and vote!! Do your job for democracy. Know your candidates and issues. Next please sign up for the legislative updates and Legislative Alerts. We are including a QR code that will take you to the sign up. Do it and follow the instructions. It is simple as ABC. When you get an email asking you to contact your legislators click on the link and send your message.

Secondly, closer to home affecting our Veterans Homes, Cemeteries, and VSO Grant Program is Constitutional Amendment No. 2. It allows sports betting online. All the proceeds, if any, go to education ONLY. This could have an adverse effect on attendance at Missouri Casinos. The attendance is where we get funds for the Missouri Veterans Commission. At the September Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO) meeting it was voted to not to support Amendment No. 2 as written. MAVO will continue to advocate for a dedicated funding source (General Revenue) to support the Missouri Veterans Commission and all their priorities.

MAVO will once again gather at the capitol in January or February to present our legislative priorities to the General Assembly. Then in March or April we will have a rally with better weather and attendance which is necessary to show strong support for veteran’s needs. We are requesting as many as possible to attend. More information to follow.





**Congratulations to the 2024-2025  
Department Commander John Buckwalter  
and Auxiliary President Shanna Jelinek**

**Why can't I renew online?**

The American Legion approved a \$5.00 national dues increase at the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in 2023. That increase, which went into effect with the current, 2025 membership year, means that the per member fee which must be submitted with each renewal is \$37.50. That is the amount which must be submitted to the Department for mail in renewals by your Post, or which must be electronically transferred if your Post processes renewals online by MyLegion.org. Some Posts chose not to increase dues for 2025, either consciously to help members, or simply because they did not take action soon enough to meet the April deadline for adjusting dues. It is up to each Post to establish their dues, and if a Post chooses to use Post resources to cover the dues shortfall that is permitted. However, a member of a post whose dues are less than \$37.50 cannot renew online. New members cannot join an upside-down Post online either. The system cannot accept payment less than the billed amount. Any membership transactions by an upside-down Post must be done through the Post using paper transmittals, the old-fashioned way.

It is strongly recommended that upside-down Posts take action this year to increase their dues to at least \$37.50 plus any Post portion and any District per capita that may be assessed. It is suggested that the minimum dues for a Post in the Department of Missouri be set at \$40. Dues can be adjusted during the year by submitting a new Post Data Report adjusting the dues amount. National will update the Posts dues, and future dues notices will reflect the new amount. Alternatively, your Post can update the annual dues on the Post Data Report submitted in April 2025, adjusting the Dues for the 2026 membership year, knowing they must process the rest of the 2025 renewals by mail.



**James A. LaCoursiere Jr., National Commander of  
The American Legion**

James A. LaCoursiere Jr. (La coursey air) was elected national commander of The American Legion on August 29, 2024, in New Orleans, during the 105<sup>th</sup> National Convention.

An Air Force veteran, LaCoursiere has been a longtime field representative for the American Legion Department of Connecticut's Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, which financially assists veterans and their families in need.

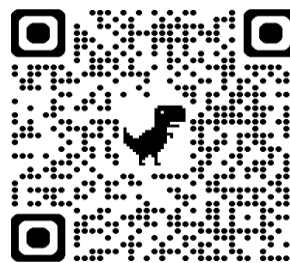
LaCoursiere has held many leadership positions at The American Legion post, department (state) and national levels. He is a member of American Legion Post 91 in Moosup, Conn. He has also served as a national vice commander, Connecticut state commander, and chairman of the national Legislative Commission.

LaCoursiere is married to his wife, Lisa, and has two children (Patrick and Meghan), and three stepchildren (Jason, Kaylene and the late Johnathan).

Born to a military family in Honolulu, Hawaii, LaCoursiere attended Montville High School where he played junior varsity football, varsity football and varsity track.

As national commander, LaCoursiere is strongly committed to raising awareness for The American Legion's Be the One mission to prevent veteran suicide.

**BE THE ONE**







### Scouting

Greetings from the BSA Committee.

Once again, I wish to congratulate the Department on winning The Frank N. Belgrano, Jr. Trophy for outstanding support of the Boy Scouts from August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024. This is the fourth consecutive year and the sixth time in the last eight years we have received this honor and the eighth time overall. This award is based on information we provide to National Headquarters. Please make sure to indicate on your CPR any support you or your members may give to Scouting and please let myself or a member of Boy Scouts Committee know of any special Scouting support you may do so we can give a full accounting of our efforts to support Scouting in Missouri. Again, congratulations on being recognized on your outstanding support of Scouting.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year Program for 2025 is underway. Information on applying for the award will soon be coming or will be out by the time you read this. **The deadline for getting applications in to Department HQ is MARCH 1, 2025.** Make sure Scouts that want to apply understand they have to have their application in by that date. Also remind them they need to take the same level of care for filling out the application that they did for their Eagle Scout application.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me, I will be glad to help you out.

The Committee would love to have at least one applicant from each of our BSA Councils in Missouri. We appreciate the hard work you've been putting in to not only to support Scouting in our Department but to make this program work. Please remember our Department gives out a \$750 scholarship to the winner of our contest but the winner at National gets a \$10,000 scholarship.

There is also a need for Religious Emblem Coordinators at District and Unit levels in our Councils. If you have Legionnaires who are looking for a way to help out Scouting, this is a very important job that needs support. Training is available for this vital position; please contact your local Boy Scout Council.

For those of you looking to expand your Americanism Programs, most Scouting Councils have a need for Merit Badge Counselors especially for the citizenship merit badges and for trades, professions and hobbies. A listing of merit badges is at <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/meritbadges.asp>. Training is available online at <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/> or through your Council.

Again, congratulations on receiving the Belgrano Trophy and for your continued support of Scouting.



### Senior Vice Commander Jerome Goolsby

I thank the Department for allowing me to serve as Senior Vice Commander.

Our membership campaign is off to a solid start. We already have several Posts reaching Goal and others very close to getting there.

I hope by now the District Commanders have gotten information on possible new members (Post 1000 and unpaid members) to all the Posts in their districts. If you have, the Posts now need to take action on getting those individuals into your Post. Having a strong membership base keeps your Post viable and strengthens the Legion's voice when advocating for veterans at both the state legislature and the Congress.

Membership is, however, more than just numbers. Belonging to a local Post helps that Post better serve their community as the dues help the Post. Being a Legionnaire is a privilege – only military members who honorably served can join. Being a member can give a Legionnaire a place to turn to in time of need with individuals who know what it's like to be a military veteran. Also, being a member of the Legion provides benefits for travel, insurance and medical costs. Legion membership also helps with travel by giving you a resource if you have a travel issue by contacting a Post along your travel route.

The National Commander has out his membership award program which can be found at <https://www.legion.org/commander/pin>. or on the department website under monthly mailings.



### PREVENTING SUICIDE AMONG SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES

#### New Suicide Prevention Training Webpage

The Missouri Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide among Service Members, Veterans, & their Families has launched a new webpage to connect Missouri's military community to in-person, suicide prevention training at no cost. The three programs listed: Missouri Veterans Suicide Prevention Team (MOVSP), the VA's S.A.V.E., and Conversations on Suicide Safer Homes. [www.mogovchallenge.com/training](http://www.mogovchallenge.com/training)

Jon Sabala  
Veterans Services Director  
Missouri Department of Mental Health  
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## Department Fall Conference

October 18-20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Capitol Plaza Hotel

Jefferson City, Missouri

Friday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>

**VA&R Meeting 4-5:00 pm**

also in Carnegies

**Post Service Officer Training**

**PANEL Presentation by ADSOs**

5-7:00 p.m. in Carnegies

### LEARN THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR POST SERVICE OFFICERS (PSO)

#### 1. Study and Learn about Veterans' Benefits Programs:

a. Read thoroughly VA's Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors.

[https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits\\_book/2021\\_Federal\\_Benefits\\_for\\_Veterans\\_Dependents\\_and\\_survivors.pdf](https://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book/2021_Federal_Benefits_for_Veterans_Dependents_and_survivors.pdf)

b. Attend local Veterans Service Seminars and Veterans events.

c. Attend and/or organize American Legion Veterans Service Seminars or events (training and presentations can be requested through the Department Service Officer - DSO).

d. Work with your closest accredited representatives to make connections for veteran/claimants.

e. Communicate with the Department Service Officers when veterans' benefits questions arise.

f. Read and share with Post members, information from Veterans Service Organizations articles.

g. Become a VA volunteer! <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/>

#### 2. Get Materials to Help Inform Claimants about VA benefits and Other Topics

a. Offer information about filing claims to your Post and/or District members.

b. Offer information about filing claims to other veterans in your communities.

c. Visit Post and District members when they are hospitalized and let them know if they might be entitled to Compensation or Pension benefits.

d. Help claimants obtain evidence to support their claims.

e. Let the County Veteran Service Officer know who you are and offer your assistance.

f. Always work with an accredited representative

g. Do NOT take "claim" paperwork on behalf of a veteran or claimant. Use the interview sheet.

h. Empower the claimant to work with accredited representative closest to them or by remote means, such as fax, phone and email.

#### 3. Help Develop and promote veterans' Legislative issues:

a. Listen to concerns about veteran's service / benefits issues and develop ideas for solutions.

b. Help Post develop veterans' benefits resolutions to present to their District and the Department.

c. Keep Post informed about the importance of "grass roots" legislative issues.

d. Communicate the Legion's mission and programs to elected public officials when necessary.

#### 4. Discuss the importance of membership at every gathering in which you attend and to veterans outside the Post you may assist or advise.







**Media and Communications**  
**Ted McCart – Chairman**

Thank you to all who submitted Post Newsletters and Toot our Horn Awards. The activities reported reflect the health of our Posts and positively advertise the Legion presence in each of their representative communities. The winners of the **Newsletter** competition by category are:

- Category 1 15-50 members Greenfield Post 47 - District 15
- Category 2 50-100 members No entry
- Category 3 101-200 members St. Louis Service Women’s Post 404 - District 11/12
- Category 4 201-500 members Pony Express Post 359 - District 4
- Category 5 500+ members Tirey J Ford Post 21 - District 5

The 9 **Toot our Horn** Winners were selected from 12 submissions:

Emmett J Shields Post 55	District 1	6 <sup>th</sup> Award
Matthews Crawford Post 131	District 6	14 <sup>th</sup> Award
Trent Sallee Post 230	District 6	10 <sup>th</sup> Award
St. Charles Post 312	District 9	6 <sup>th</sup> Award
Pony Express Post 359	District 4	18 <sup>th</sup> Award
Tieman-Blackburn Post 478	District 7	10 <sup>th</sup> Award
Malta-Bend Post 558	District 7	9 <sup>th</sup> Award
Heartland Owens Veterans Post 1107	District 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Award
Woman’s Veterans of SW MO Post 1214	District 17	9 <sup>th</sup> Award

Awards will be presented at the Fall Conference. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

I would again like to encourage Posts to submit articles for the *Missouri Legionnaire*. If your Post has completed a major project or program worthy of statewide recognition, share the good news. Articles should be submitted to Department Headquarters, preferably by email to [services@missourilegion.org](mailto:services@missourilegion.org). Text should be in Word format, and pictures submitted as JPG's.

**KEEP YOUR ADDRESS UPDATED**

The challenge to keep our Posts active and to get the word out to our members continues. We must get our members involved and enthused about the Legion. Your Post's public relations campaign is the tool to get things rolling.

*The American Legion Magazine* is one of the greatest benefits of Legion membership. The Legion's monthly publication remains the most read magazine in the United States. Every member receives a copy by USPS. Every Post receives three copies of each magazine, sent to the Post's mailing address of record. These copies are provided for the Post to use to publicize the Legion and share what we are all about. Give them to the local library, place a copy in your local veterans’ clinic or VSO's office, or share them with schools. Put a copy in your Post lounge or share with the Auxiliary members. Do not just trash them, they were sent for a purpose.

Finally, The American Legion has an ever-increasing pool of resources available on-line and in digital format for your use at Post level. The resource guide below is a quick reference to what is available today:



**Websites**

The primary American Legion website can be found at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). From there, visitors can learn more about the organization, its programs, become a member and visit our online store. Here are some other notable links:

- MEMBERSHIP:** Information for members, prospective members and recruiters. [www.legion.org/membership](http://www.legion.org/membership)
- NALPA:** The National American Legion Press Association is a group of communicators at the post level. Resources and other information, [www.legion.org/nalpa](http://www.legion.org/nalpa)
- GET PUBLISHED!** Share military stories, post histories and more, [www.legiontown.org](http://www.legiontown.org)
- CENTENNIAL:** Get updated on our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, [centennial.legion.org](http://centennial.legion.org)
- MEMORIALS:** We are building a digital archive of war memorials. Visit or add to the database here, [www.legion.org/memorials](http://www.legion.org/memorials)

**E-newsletters**

The American Legion produces and distributes a dozen free e-newsletters with news and information for veterans, servicemembers and others. Sign up for which ones you would like to receive, [www.legion.org/newsletters](http://www.legion.org/newsletters)

**Social media**

The American Legion is active on the primary social media platforms, including:

- FACEBOOK:** The Legion's main Facebook page has an active news feed and can be found here, [www.facebook.com/americanlegionhq](http://www.facebook.com/americanlegionhq). Other sanctioned Facebook pages can be found here, [www.legion.org/socialmedia](http://www.legion.org/socialmedia).
- TWITTER:** Timely news updates from the Legion and other sources for military and veterans news. [twitter.com/AmericanLegion](https://twitter.com/AmericanLegion)
- LINKEDIN:** Resource information, career advice and tips, and links to job fairs for veterans. [www.linkedin.com/company/the-american-legion/](http://www.linkedin.com/company/the-american-legion/)
- INSTAGRAM:** Photos from American Legion staffers. [www.instagram.com/theamericanlegion/](http://www.instagram.com/theamericanlegion/)

**Publications**

Download and print American Legion brochures. [www.legion.org/publications](http://www.legion.org/publications)

**Apps**

Download American Legion apps on your mobile devices, [www.legion.org/mobileapps](http://www.legion.org/mobileapps)

**Videos**

Our videos are published on the Legion website and YouTube (search for AmericanLegionHQ to subscribe). Additionally, downloadable videos and PSAs are available on our Vimeo channel, [vimeo.com/americanlegion](http://vimeo.com/americanlegion)

**Text alerts**

**Historian Notes**



The Department did well in the first year of having digital History Books. The Department book and the book from Post 359 both won their respective categories. The books can be seen at <https://legionhistoryshowcase.omeka.net/exhibits/show/2024contestries/2024-national-history-contest>.

Having a Historian and a History program at your Post can preserve the record of the activities you’re done and serve as a membership recruiting tool. A good History Book can easily show a potential member what you do and why they should be a member and be involved in your Post’s activities.

Photos when possible from events will be posted to the photo section of the Department’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/missourilegion/photos>.

The Department is looking for someone to serve as Historian. If interested please contact Department HQ to find out what is involved in doing the job.

**George Scarborough - National Executive Committee**



**National Convention** - National Executive Committee (NEC) meetings were held August 26 & 29 during the 105<sup>th</sup> National Convention at New Orleans, Louisiana. Items of particular interest include:

**National Commander**

- James A. LaCoursiere was elected our 2024-25 National Commander. As national commander, Commander LaCoursiere is strongly committed to continuing raising awareness for The American Legion’s “Be the One” mission to prevent veteran suicide.
- He earned his American Legion eligibility through service in the United States Air Force during the Grenada/Lebanon War era as a Patient Affairs Specialist and was honorably discharged in 1983.
- He is a 29-year member of American Legion and a member at Post 91 in Moosup, Connecticut. And, as you would expect, has served in numerous post, state and National positions including the Father of Connecticut’s American Legion Riders Program, as well as a 15-year member of the Sons of the American Legion, and served as our National Vice Commander 2008-09. He has done it all.
- National Commander LaCoursiere and his wife, Lisa, who is an active member of American Legion Auxiliary have five children Patrick, Meghan, Jason, Kaylene, and the late Johnathan.

**National Vice Commander**

- James C. Kellogg from the Department of Minnesota is our 2024-25 Midwest Region National Vice-Commander. He is visiting Zone 4 of our great Department, September 26-29, 2024.

**Leading Candidate for 2025-26 National Commander**

- Dan K. Wiley from the Department of Kansas is the leading candidate for National Commander. Wiley is the 2025-2026 leading candidate for American Legion National Commander. If elected, Be the One also will be his focus. “We will continue the mission of Be the One. It is the most significant issue facing veterans. It is the most significant issue of our time. It’s also an issue that galvanizes all of us. I know that we are all touched by someone who has taken their own life.”

**Endorsed Candidate for 2026-27 National Commander**

- John W. “Jay” Bowen from the Department of Colorado is an endorsed candidate for National Commander. Bowen will be a guest speaker at our Department Fall Conference October 18-20, at Jefferson City, MO. Please try to attend the Fall Conference to learn firsthand Bowen’s vision for The American Legion.

**General Items of Note**

- Nationally, seventy-seven (77) Posts were recommended for cancellation. ONLY Four (4) of which are from The Department of Missouri. (Posts 0070, 0289, 0307, 0785)
- The Department of Colorado per (Resolution 24) and Washington per (Resolution 25) charters remain suspended while reorganization and investigations continue. The hope is for their respective charters to be reinstated this 2024-25 year. The American Legion programs in these departments continue to function and are doing well.

**National Convention Locations**

- Approved National Convention Locations are:
  1. New Orleans, Louisiana August 23-29, 2024
  2. Tampa Bay, Florida August 22-28, 2025
  3. Louisville, Kentucky August 28-Sept 3, 2026
  4. Kansas City, Missouri August 27-Sept 2, 2027
  5. Columbus, Ohio August 25-31, 2028
  6. Indianapolis, Indiana August 24-30, 2029
  7. Salt Lake City, Utah August 25-31, 2030

**GET OUT AND VOTE**

November 5<sup>th</sup> is election day and **it is our duty and right to vote** and make our voice heard. Our American Legion is a nonpolitical, nonpartisan organization but advocates for all U.S. citizens to register and vote in all elections. The American Legion does not show preference for or against any candidate, or political party. Voting in our nations elections is our utmost demonstration of Americanism. **PLEASE, GO VOTE !**

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your National Executive Committee representative! God bless you, your families, and this great nation of ours.

**What is our American Legion about:**

**CHANGING LIVES & SAVING LIVES !  
BE THE ONE**







**Auxiliary President  
Shanna Jelinek**



Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary!!!

I am truly honored to have been elected as President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri, for the 2024-2025 year. I am deeply humbled by the trust the Auxiliary members have placed in me, and I am committed to giving my best in this role. Congratulations to Commander Buckwalter on his new administrative year, as well as to all the newly elected officers and chairpersons across the state. I look forward to serving alongside you this year. Together, as a family, we will achieve our goals.

My theme for the year is “Remember Your Why.” This theme encourages us to reflect on our reasons for becoming members of the American Legion Family and why we continue to belong. Personally, I joined because of my late father’s service, but I remain involved due to my dedication to veterans and the wonderful programs the Auxiliary offers, such as Children & Youth, Girls State, and Poppy. The red poppy, a powerful symbol of remembrance, honors the more than 600,000 Americans who have lost their lives in military service since World War I. I chose the red poppy to remind us of the purpose behind our efforts. I challenged each member of the Auxiliary to discover their own “why” as we uphold our mission: “to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.”

For my President’s Project, I have chosen the Veterans Community Project (VCP) in Kansas City and St. Louis, which has a remarkable mission. One of VCP's primary goals is to provide veterans with homes that restore dignity and to offer services that equip them with the tools necessary for stable, prosperous, and independent lives.

I am genuinely excited for this year! I have already completed two official visits, with many more scheduled. I wish Commander Buckwalter and the Legion much success in the coming year, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Conference!



**Legion Riders  
Bob Norris – ALR Director**



Greetings to the American Legion Family.

My first year as the ALR director has been a new learning experience for me. It was a challenge, but I survived it with the help of some of the greatest people in the Missouri American Legion and the rider program. We truly are one big family.

In June the ALR did the annual Legacy Ride and raised \$60,892. During last year's fall conference, the ALR program voted to keep some of the monies raised in Missouri to the Missouri Foundation (25%) and the rest donated to the National Foundation of Hope ( Veterans and Children’s Foundation)(75%). \$15,223 to Missouri and \$45.669 to National. During the National Legacy Ride , which started in Independence, MO and ended in New Orleans at the National Convention, an additional \$10,000 was given to the National Commander at the start of the ride. That was included in our donation to national and that brought our donation to \$55.669. Thank you to all Legion family members who supported this endeavor. (continues of page 8)



**Detachment Commander  
Tim Cudd**



Congratulations to the Sons Of The American Legion for passing the \$10,000,000.00 milestone for donations to the Child Welfare Foundation! I had the honor of attending the National Convention in New Orleans this year where one of the highlights was a special celebration reception for reaching that milestone. The SAL combined donated over \$400,000.00 this past year to surpass that \$10,000,000.00 mark. Great job and thank you to everyone who made this possible. Another highlight was the presentations from several of our youth programs like Baseball. Oratorical, Boys State, Girls State, Children and Youth, and Americanism to name a few. The young people that spoke to us were nothing short of amazing. The American Legion can be proud of the youth programs we promote. If these young people are any indication of the future, we are in good hands.

Congratulations to the new Commander of the Sons Of The American Legion, Joseph Navarrete from New Mexico and a special Congratulations and thank you to Past Commander J.R. Hall for a great 2023-2024. Commander Hall and his team accomplished more than we all realize in 2024-2025 and I look forward to Commander Navarrete’s leadership in 2024-2025.

On a local note, I want to remind everyone that renewals are due so if you are a Squadron Commander or Adjutant now is the time to get those renewals in. You can mail them in to the Department or members can do their renewals online if that is easier. I did receive a list of Squadrons that have not picked up or received their membership cards from the Department. That means that those Squadrons have not filed their Squadron Officer Report in order to receive the cards. Again, as a reminder those are due and should be completed as soon as possible and submitted. I will also be sending out individual emails to those Squadrons Commanders and Adjutants as well.

Overall, 2023-2024 was a good year for the Detachment of Missouri. While we fell short of our renewal goals, we did clean up our Squadron roster which should make it easier to communicate with everyone and keep everything on track. I look forward to working with everyone as we move forward and remember to BE THE ONE! If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to let me know. Your Detachment Officers are here to help where needed.

2025 Membership Year -100% Goal Post		
POST	Post Name	Commander
551	Norborne Memorial	John Moentmann
33	Elmer Ellis	Allen Reed
106	Donald Holden	Charles Bunch
319	Vogt - Keene - Mintert	Richard Simon
520	LaMonte	Melvin Ficken
545	St Elizabeth Memorial	Joshua Grass
514	Frank Diaz Memorial	Joseph Carretero
349	Dudley-Patton-Harvey	Patrick McGuire, Jr.

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At the Department of Missouri Convention in July the Chapters of the Year were announced. The following chapters were as follows. Small Chapter was Chapter 94, Troy, Medium Chapter was Chapter 202, Columbia, and the Large Chapter was 5, Jefferson City.

There was a change to the ALR Constitution and By-laws to conform to the National Resolution 5 and Missouri Vehicle Statues. It defines motorcycle, motor tricycles (trikes) and autocycles

Motorcycles and trikes are the only vehicles accepted for membership by the definition in Missouri Statutes. Autocycles are not motorcycles by the statues regardless if licensed by another state. Remember membership must conform to the state laws where the chapter is located.

During the past years, the Missouri ALR has recognized people who have supported the rider program. In the past Elizabeth "NINJA" Gonzales and Richard "BIRD" Heigert. These individuals were made Special Class members of the ALR. This year we made another person, for the support over the years of the ALR, a special class member , I proud to announce that the Department of Missouri Adjutant, Lowry Finley-Jackson was selected by a unanimous vote of the ALR membership. And her road name is "TATER" .

There were a lot of events this year and lots of miles ridden. We lost a few members to accidents, and a few were injured, please be safe out there. Take your time, be alert , don't ride tired, watch for critters and most of all watch for inattentive drivers. Give yourself room in traffic and don't get too close to those big hunks of steel we have to share the road with. Be safe and I hope to see everyone at conference in October.

**RIDE FOR THE CAUSE  
NOT THE APPLAUSE**



**2024-2025 Department Commander's Project  
Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy**

The principal responsibility of our law enforcement authority is to insure all the rights and freedoms of ALL members of our society and the purpose of The Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy is to provide firsthand experience of Law Enforcement in promoting and safeguarding American Freedom and Rights. During the academy the actives are classroom instructions, first aid, demonstrations of police skills such as personal defense and weapons firing.

For a student between the ages of 16 and 18 they must have a c average or higher (2.0+GPA), be of good moral character, present a neat appearance and be sponsored by a Legion Post. To help with the cost, please consider donating to the Cadet Patrol Academy.

**Methods for Donating**

Please make your donations to The Cadet Patrol Academy by sending a check to The American Legion Department of Missouri, Attention Cadet Patrol Academy, PO Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Your donations will help support The Cadet Patrol Academy.



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**American Legion Baseball**

Tom Rhoades -Chairman



Hello, Missouri American Legion Baseball enthusiasts.

I am Tom Rhoads, your Missouri American Legion Baseball State Chairman.

This baseball season in Missouri we had the following state league winners:

- D2 League – Atlanta Bullets, Zone 1 outside sponsor Nelson & Sons LLC
- A (Freshmen) League – Festus Zone 4 Post 253
- AA (Junior Varsity) League – Warrensburg Mules Zone 2, Post 131
- AAA (Varsity) League – Elsberry Zone 1 Post 226

Washington Post 218 hosted the Regional Tournament. Elsberry Post 226 and Washington Post 218 both played in this tournament but did not advance to the World Series.

The World Series was held in Shelby, North Carolina. I had the opportunity to attend the final game and witness the crowing of the National Champions from Louisiana. This team will also be recognized at the Major League World Series in a pregame show.

I also attended the National Legion Baseball meetings that were held after the World Series games in Shelby. Here are a few key points from the meetings:

- We are at a crossroads.
  - Travel baseball is expensive, and "watered down".
  - The landscape is changing. There is more interest in college players than high school players.
  - Legion ball has more interest for those that want to play for their city, post, area.

2025 is our centennial year! There will be several events throughout the season to commemorate 100 years of Legion Baseball. I will share these in our next quarterly newsletter.







**Leadership and Training  
Mark Clark - Chairman**

Good day my fellow Legionnaires!

As we begin a new legion year it is time once again to remind you that you have a Leadership and Training Committee committed to providing you the training you need to be successful as a member or leader within The American Legion. Our committee is made up of experienced Legionnaires who are eager to share their knowledge with you and your fellow members to help you sustain and grow your Post and your programs.

We recently completed training on Servant Leadership, Post Officer Responsibilities, and Be The One Suicide Prevention to leaders and members of Districts 10 and 11/12 at Post 111 in Shrewsbury, MO. The feedback we have received for this training has been very positive and we stand ready to provide it anyone who requests it.

This is just one example of the kinds of training we can provide. We can tailor a training program to your specific needs so even if you are not sure what you need, we can have a conversation and help you determine the best way forward. Our goal is always to help you develop leaders within your Posts and Districts that can sustain your programs for years to come.

I am a firm believer that training builds competence; competence builds confidence; and confidence fosters commitment. One of the great barriers to our members stepping into leadership positions is that they don't believe they have the skills to do so. Our committee can provide the knowledge needed to be an effective leader in our organization and I strongly encourage you to reach out to us and let us help you.

Our members come to us as accomplished leaders in their professional lives and if we take the time to teach them about the Legion, our programs, and our leadership structure, they will want to help lead our organization. Once they know who we are and what we do, they will be eager to step into leadership and that will make us stronger. If you are having difficulty in getting your members to volunteer to help you lead your programs and your posts, give us a try, and let us build the confidence they need to be comfortable enough to step up.

Our committee will be meeting during the fall conference to discuss future training to include the Missouri American Legion College we plan to begin in 2025. If you have training questions, or just want to learn more about who we are and what we can do for you, please feel free to attend our meeting. It would be great to have you there and hear what ideas you may have to make our training program better.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Conference or in your Posts/Districts as we ramp up our training program for this year.

Mark R. Clark  
Chairman, Leadership Training Committee

**2024 FALL CONFERENCE Schedule**

**October 18-20, 2024**

**Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 W. McCarty  
Jefferson City, MO 65101 800-338-8088**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS**

Friday, October 18

4:00 -5:00 p.m.	VA&R Committee	Carnegies
5:00 -7:00 p.m.	Service Officer Training	Carnegies
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Suicide Prevention	Truman A
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Membership Committee	Missouri/Capitol
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	ALR Exe Committee	Truman B
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Convention Committee (Dept. & Natl )	Truman A
8:15 - 9:00 p.m.	Dept. Commander's Meeting (Closed Meeting)	Joplin

Saturday, October 19

7:30 - 9:00 a.m.	ALR General Meeting	Lincoln
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Finance Commission	Joplin
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Leadership Training Com	Truman B
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	ROTC	Truman A
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Homeland Security Com	Carnegies
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Zone III Dist. Commanders	Truman A
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Zone I Dist. Commanders	Fountain Court
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Cadet Patrol	Lincoln
<b>9:00 -11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>SAL General Session</b>	<b>Truman C</b>
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Foundation	Joplin
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>LEGION GENERAL SESSION</b>	<b>Missouri/Capitol</b>
<b>12:00 -1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Distinguished Guest Luncheon</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Navy Club Meeting	Turman A
<b>1:00 -3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>SAL General Session</b>	<b>Truman C</b>
<b>1:30 - 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LEGION GENERAL SESSION</b>	<b>Missouri/Capitol</b>
<b>3:00 - 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Membership Workshop/MyLegion Training</b>	<b>Missouri/Capitol</b>
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Boy State Commission Meeting	Truman B
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Past Post Commanders Meeting	Truman B
5:00 p.m.	Catholic Services	TBA
	Protestant Services	Carnegies
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Oratorical Workshop	Missouri/Capitol
5:30 -7:30 p.m.	History Book Training	Joplin
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Economics Commission	Sedalia
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Media & Communication	Truman B
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Scholarship Committee	Truman B
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Children & Youth Commission	Truman C
	County Government Committee	Truman A
6:30 -7:00 p.m.	Distinguished Service Committee	Truman B
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Junior Shooting Sport	Sedalia

Sunday, October 20

<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Past District Cdr's Breakfast</b>	<b>Carnegies</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Final Session</b>	<b>MO/Capitol</b>
	<b>D.E.C. following Final Session</b>	<b>Truman Rooms</b>

**ALL MEETINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



# NATIONAL COMMANDER JAMES "Jim" LaCOURSIERE JR. VISITS THE SHOW-ME-STATE

National Commander of The American Legion, James A. LaCoursiere Jr. (Jim) made his official visit to the Department of Missouri from September 19<sup>th</sup> to September 22<sup>nd</sup>. During his visit Commander LaCoursiere and the official party visited 9 Posts in Zone II, Whiteman Air Force Base, Cameron Veterans Home, and the Pony Express Museum.

Commander LaCoursiere arrived at the Kansas City Airport directly from his visit to the Department of Wyoming. The commander and his aide, Harry "Butch" Hansen were met by National Executive Committeeman George Scarborough and Department Commander John Buckwalter and greeted by the rest of the official party at the delegation hotel in Liberty.

Commander LaCoursiere stated that he wanted to see first-hand what was going on in the Department. He has a strong interest in the quality of life of our veterans and active-duty service members and his visit was tailored to visit a variety of posts from a newly reorganized post 1 to one of the largest in the department, a stop and tour of the home of the B-2 bomber, and a tour, lunch, and one on one time with veterans at one of the MVC's seven veterans homes.

Throughout his visit, Commander LaCoursiere focused on personal, hands-on time with Legionnaires. He related a conversation he had when elected National Commander. When asked what he was going to change now that he was the Commander he replied: "Not a damn thing. When something is working, you do not change it just to change." He along with Commander Triola (2023) and Commander Seehafer(2024) laid out a plan for the Legion to sustain focus and to grow the organization. Be the One, the Legion's plan to eliminate veteran suicide, remains the number one mission of the American Legion. Commander LaCoursiere has added a strong focus on the quality of life of veterans, active-duty service members, and members of the Guard and Reserve forces. During his presentations at each Post visit he explained his underlying theme for this year: LUV. Loyalty, Unity, and Valor. After almost 1000 miles of travel through Zone II the Department Commander and Adjutant handed Commander LaCoursiere and Butch off to the Delegation from Kansas on Sunday afternoon for his next visit.

Here are a few photos from the National Commander's visit. Please visit the Department's Facebook page for more photos.



National Commander checking out a B2 Bike at Whiteman Airforce Base



Touring the schoolhouse at the Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph, MO



National Commander cheering with Girl State Staff during dinner at Post 287 in Savannah, MO



The handoff to the Department of Kansas. Pictured: L to R – National Commander's Aide Butch Hansen, Department Commander John Buckwalter, National Commander Jim LaCoursiere, Kansas' Department Adjutant PNC Jimmie Foster, Chapter 5 Legion Rider Cecil Goodin, Legion Riders from Post 58 Smithville.



National Commander and the traveling party in front of the B2 at Whiteman Airforce Base.



# National Vice Commander Kellogg visits Zone IV on membership caravan

National Vice Commander Jim Kellogg (MN) arrived at the St. Louis airport on Thursday, September 26, and traveled with Department Commander John Buckwalter to Sikeston where they joined the rest of the caravan: Senor Vice Commander Jerome Goolsby, Department Adjutant Lowry Finley-Jackson, Zone IV Vice Commander Duane DeClue, and 14<sup>th</sup> District Commander Jim Walton. Post 114 Legionnaire Blair Moran took Commander Buckwalter and NVC Kellogg on a tour of the Cotton Carnival fairgrounds and Post 114’s famous fish sandwich operation.



Friday morning brought driving rain, but undaunted the caravan traveled to Post 150, St. Genevieve for the first meet and greet, then visited the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial at Perryville. NVC Kellogg and the traveling party had lunch at Post 133 in Perryville and visited with members of the Post and Auxiliary. Friday afternoon included a meet and greet with members of Post 158, Jackson, and a tour of the Missouri Veterans Home at Cape Girardeau. Rain cancelled the carnival Friday night, but since no visit to Sikeston is complete without a stop at Lamberts, NVC Kellogg was barraged with thrown rolls.

On Saturday NVC Kellogg and party had breakfast at Post 114. Post Commander Frankie Adams welcomed the National Vice Commander, Department Commander, and Department Auxiliary President Shanna Jelinek. NVC Kellogg spoke about continuing the Be the One mission, the importance of early renewals, and never giving up on the members who did not renew last year. He emphasized the importance of finding out why they did not renew, and then fixing it.



NVC Kellogg served as Grand Marshall of the Cotton Carnival Parade, trooping the route in a WWII jeep. After the Parade the caravan visited the Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery and the Stars and Stripes Museum. The caravan traveled to Post 293 in Malden and met with Post leaders, the had a meet and greet at Post 595, New Madrid. On Saturday evening National Vice Commander Kellogg, Commander Buckwalter, and District Commander Walton attended the Miss Sikeston pageant.



On Sunday NVC Kellogg visited the Soldiers Memorial in St. Louis and spoke with the Leadership training class being conducted by Past Department Commander Mark Clark at Post 111 Shrewsbury. He returned to Minnesota on Sunday afternoon having enjoyed true Southern Missouri Hospitality. Addition photos taken during the NVC Kellogg’s trip can be found on the Department Facebook Page



## 2024 Reminders & Upcoming Events

### October 2024 (National Disability/Employment Awareness Month)

- 1 **Be The One Day**
- 7-10 National Fall Meetings, Indianapolis, IN
- 11 Missouri Boy State Casino Night
- 12 Eisenhower Pilgrimage – Abilene Kansas
- 13 Navy’s 230<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- 14 Columbus Day
- 18-20 Fall Conference -Capitol Plaza

### November 2024 (Membership Retention Month)

- 1 **Be The One Day**
- 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Clocks back an hour)
- 5 Election Day
- 10 Marine Corps’ 226<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- 11 Veterans Day – Department Headquarters Closed
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday

### December 2024

- 1 **Be The One Day**
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Day
- 20 Space Force’s 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- 31 Membership Cutoff for Lincoln Pilgrimage





# TAPS



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Brown, Jack, G,  
Matthews, Donald, E,  
Loesch, Erman, ,  
Lueckenotte, Raymond, ,  
Hall, Russell, S,  
Robinett, Jerry, L,  
Thompson, Michael, A,  
Nichols, Charles, L,  
Schepker, Robert, ,  
Smith, Harold, D,  
Kampeter, Gus, ,

**Post 0006- Bazan- Bailey - Moberly**

Nilges, Delmar, N,

**Post 0007 - Rucker-McAllister- Brunswick**

Parker, Ralph, W,

**Post 0011 - MacDonald-Dugger-Duncan- Petree- St. Joseph**

Marti, Cecil, L,

**Post 0013 - Robert S Thurman-Joplin**

Long, Albert, C,  
Kane, Walter, D,

**Post 0014 - Clem P. Dickens -Clinton**

Simonsen, Jeff, ,

**Post 0015 - Rollo-Calcaterra-St. Louis**

Milligan, Thomas, F,  
Garascia, Ernest, A,  
Canterbury, Harold, ,  
Steffen, Fred, ,  
Degregorio, Joseph, ,

**Post 0020 - MacDougall-Lowe-Kirksville**

Kelly, Myles, G,

**Post 0021 - Tirey J. Ford - Independence**

Yoakum, Larry, E,  
Gallagher, Harry, E,  
Mauer, William, L,  
Bahan, Robert, L,  
Stewart, Alfred, J,  
Crist, Don, D,  
Forbes, Kenneth, R,  
White, Gerald, W,  
Johnson, Paul, J,  
Hoeschele, Joseph, E,  
Winfield, John, E,  
Creonte, Augustine, A,

**Post 0025 - Vern R. Glick -Chillicothe**

Bellais, William, F,  
Timmons, Harold, R,  
Radcliff, Raymond, ,  
Garr, Donald, L,

**Post 0026 - James Bledsoe- Mexico**

Mayes, Charles, P,

**Post 0029 - Albion E. Robinson - Macon**

Nelson, Thomas, J,

**Post 0030 - Leonard Wood - Mountain Grove**

Ice, Howard, L,  
Wilson, Chris, ,

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Bratton, Harry, W,

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Smith, Robert, D,

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Humberd, Vernon, ,

**Post 0042 - Hurley Lee Spicer - Harrisonville**

Ullery, David, L,

**Post 0055 - Emmette J. Shields - Hannibal**

Bramblett, Dennis, L,  
Smith, Lawrence, E,  
Akrigh, Donald, C,

**Post 0057 - Green Hills -Bucklin**

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Post 0058 - Smithville-Smithville  
Croat, Edward, W,

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**Post 0063 - Louis K. Juden - Cape Girardeau**

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**Post 0065 - Ozark - Pierce City**

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Koenig, Raymond, E,

**Post 0067 - Craig - Wheeler - Duzan - Rich Hill**

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Droz, Frank, A,

Post 0077 -

Reed, William, M,

**Post 0082 - Windsor -Windsor**

Chancellor, Carroll, E,

**Post 91 - Hobbs-Anderson - Monnett**

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Arnold, Kelly, ,

Daniel, Clifford, W,

McClure, Thomas, A,

Sanders, Dick, ,

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Ridge, Lloyd, C,

**Post 0095 - Robert H. Baker - Liberty**

Beeks, Bobbie, D,

Carlson, David, E,

Graham, Vernon, D,

**Post 0099 Walker - Roney - Salem**

Ryder, Ralph, D,

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Garrett, Gordon, B,

Ross, Gary, W,

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McClenton, Sherman, L,

Ainsworth, William, D,

Brown, Larry, A,

Conaway, Thomas, L,

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Crane, Merle, ,

Goodhead, Charles, E,

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Billings, Bradley, W,

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Daniels, Lowell, D,

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Kaempfe, Kenneth, G,

Wills, Dale, R,

Paulus, Roger, L,

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Barnes, Steve, R,

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Oconnor, Pat, ,

**Post 0142 - Webster County -Marshfield**

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Strobel, John, E,

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Layne, Austin, A,

**Post 0149 - Wayne Miner - Kansas City**

Lindon, Kavin, J,

**Post 0150 - Buchholtz- Kiefer - Ste Genevieve**

Hoog, Donald, ,

Weiler, Gerald, M,

Roth, Paul, E,

Spraul, Francis, C,

Weiler, Irvin, J,

Govro, Eddie, L,

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Thomas, David, R,

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**Post 0174 - Boots-Dickson -Palmyra**

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Bunten, Gerald, G,

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Rhodes, Gaylord, ,

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Walruff, James, J,

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**Post 00218 - Washington -Washington**

Benne, Donald, F,

Conroy, William, R,

**Post 0221 - Monroe County - Paris**

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Hollingsworth, Dennis, A,

Carter, Gene, L,

**Post 0223 - Wrzeconia - Smith - Higginsville**

Hinton, Ronald, D,

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Cook, Walter, S,

**Post 0233 - Koca-Reeder-Giddens - El Dorado Springs**

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**Post 0236 - Clyde Gustine - Excelsior**

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Cloud, William, R,

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Swindler, Gordon, D,

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Strano, Vito, S,

Major, Don, ,

**Post 0293 - Willaim & Edward Phillips - Malden**

Thompson, Kenneth, K,



Faulkner, Mitchell, W,  
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 Switzer, Lawrence, H,  
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 Hammerschmidt, Walter, W,  
**Post 0304 - Edgar Cole - Tipton**  
 Martin, Robert, G,  
 Knipp, Harold, S,  
**Post 0305 - Abraham Lincoln - Cole Camp**  
 Heisterberg, Leonard, H,  
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 Boling, Allyn, ,  
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 Kelly, Michael, J,  
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 Romine, Billy, ,  
 Osborn, Robert, O,  
 Rosebrough, Charles, A,  
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 Baldwin, James, ,  
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 Thomas, Larry, H,  
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 McNeil, William, D,  
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 Hepperman, Norbert, ,  
 Adkison, Earl, ,  
 Reagan, Phillip, M,  
 Lehan, Donald, E,  
 Moorman, John, R,  
 Rothermich, Gilbert, ,  
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 Hernandez, Jesus, ,  
 Connors, John, D,  
**Post 0338 - Thoman - Boothe - Overland**  
 Bourn, Richard, G,  
**Post 0343 - Galloway - Martens - Stover**  
 Wilbanks, Jerral, D,  
**Post 0344 - Charles Burkett - Thayer**  
 Bradley, Carl, L,  
**Post 0347 - St. Clair Memorial - St. Clair**  
 Silvey, Timothy, W,  
 Buel, Clarence, A,  
**Post 0349 - Dudley-Patton-Harvey - Clarksville**  
 Gosnell, Dale, M,  
**Post 0358 - Knox City - Knox City**  
 Parsons, Paul, W,  
 Tonnie, Verlin, F,  
**Post 0359 - Pony Express - St. Joseph**  
 Lathrop, Ronald, E,  
 Pinion, Jack, R,  
 Hoffman, Norman, R,  
**Post 0365 - King - Walker - Custer - Green City**  
 Tharp, Edward, L,  
 Frazier, William, E,  
 Post 0370 - Haney Pennock - Louisiana  
 Hunter, David, R,  
 Penrod, Donald, E,  
 Gast, Robert, R,  
 Shotton, Charles, C,  
**Post 0376 - Techener - Shelbina**  
 Moss, William, E,  
 Dixon, Elmer, ,  
**Post 0379 - Oak Grove - Oak Grove**  
 Scott, Eddy, L,  
 Romanchuk, Steve, ,  
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 Richmond, C, L,  
**Post 0384 - Smith - Holloway - Willow Springs**  
 Cadanau, Richard, D,  
 Carroll, Charles, W,  
 Roberts, Clifford, J,  
**Post 0388 - O'Fallon - O'Fallon**  
 Mosley, Charles, D,  
**Post 0392 - Pineville - Jane - Pineville**  
 Landers, Arnold, E,  
 Leach, William, D,  
**Post 0397 - Creve Coeur Memorial - Creve Coeur**  
 Almonroeder, William, G,  
 Hillemeier, Thomas, P,  
**Post 0400 - Fenton Memorial - Fenton**

Dautenhahn, Richard, H,  
**Post 0404 - St. Louis Service Women's Post - St. Louis**  
 Jesse, Velma, M,  
**Post 0416 - LePere - McCalister - Farmington**  
 Clauser, Terry, L,  
 Weikart, Joseph, ,  
 Hampton, Thomas, L,  
 Dugal, Ronald, V,  
 Henry, William, E,  
 Kluver, Kenneth, J,  
 McKinney, Bob, ,  
 Raymer, David, L,  
 Yeager, Donald, R,  
 McFerron, Paul, ,  
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**Post 0444 - Florissant Valley Memorial - Florissant**  
 Grantham, Richard, G,  
 Schmidt, Kenneth, L,  
**Post 0445 - Daniel - Shafer - Edgerton**  
 Long, Chester, E,  
**Post 0464 - Tri - C Memorial - Conception Junction**  
 Nelson, Franz, ,  
 Bliley, Robert, L,  
 Parker, Donald, L,  
 Schabert, Ernest,  
 Logsdon, Larry, ,  
 Wolfer, Leonard, ,  
**Post 0467 - Kirby Stapelton - Lathrop**  
 Green, Merle, K,  
**Post 0477 - Ragan - Hickman - Mercer**  
 Trainer, Russell, N,  
**Post 0478 - Tieman - Blackburn - Blackburn**  
 Fiene, Gary, L,  
 Rolf, Donald, J,  
 Post 0488 - Belton - Belton  
 Keele, Charles, E,  
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**Post 0558 - Malta Bend Memorial - Malta Bend**  
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**Post 0626 - Bennett & Dennis Herrick Memorial - Gladstone**  
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**Post 0639 - Vietnam War Memorial - Springfield**  
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