

POST 27 ADVISOR

VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

SHELTON TUCKER CRAFT, AMERICAN LEGION POST 27

FEBRUARY 2019

COMMANDER'S CORNER

COMMANDER MARK FOSTER

Legionnaires,

Certainly hope everyone's new year has started with a bang!

I'm looking for suggestions to get more of you to come to the Post and get involved. Anything... games, coffee, donuts, etc. Your thoughts?

As always, we invite each of you to come participate with us.

Our thanks to you for your service.

For God and Country!



Musicians play at the Post's new "Open Mic Night" scheduled for the second Thursday of each month.

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ELECTED OFFICERS

Commander	Mark Foster
1 st Vice Commander	David Benson
2 nd Vice Commander	Gary McGhee
Chaplain	Lance Turner
Sergeant at Arms	Solomon Jones

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Adjutant	Dan Meek
Finance Office	Susan Dearing
Child Welfare	Gary McGhee
Service Officer	Bill Hansberry

*How can we help
in 2019?*

Veterans United For Veterans



YOUR POST. YOUR LEGION.
For God, Country, Community

NEWS FROM THE ADJUTANT

ADJUTANT DAN MEEK

February is here already. It's amazing to see how much has been done at the Post and for our community of veterans. We're moving right along and our name is out there for the community to see.

I was told the other day that I was famous because my picture was in the paper. While I can't say that "famous" is an accurate word I would use, it was neat to be recognized and provided a great conduit for my introduction to what we're about.

I'm happy to say they did end up joining up, however, even though at their local post in Bella Vista. I'm glad we've been able to reach out and be a part of someone else's lives.

In part, that's what the American Legion is about. Veterans serving Veterans. I'm proud to call myself a member and affiliated with you all.

Happy Valentine's Day!

**REMEMBER YOUR 2019
MEMBERSHIP DUES!**



AUXILIARY

DEANA M. CENTER

Happy Valentine's Day!

Girls State registration deadline is approaching. If you know of a high school junior female who is interested in going or if you would like to help sponsor a young woman, please contact Lanae Taylor at 479-236-4237.

The Auxiliary will be holding fundraisers to help raise money as well. Keep a look out for upcoming events.

What is ALA Girls State?

The American Legion Auxiliary's marquee Girls State program, first presented in 1937, is one of the most respected and coveted experiential learning programs presented in the United States.

The program epitomizes the ALA's mission to honor those who have brought us our freedom through our enduring commitment to develop young women as future leaders grounded in patriotism and Americanism. The young women become knowledgeable of the democratic process and how our republic form of government works at the state and national levels.

Each summer, approximately 16,000 young women participate in week long ALA Girls State programs across the nation. Every American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program operates with the same patriotic values through a nonpartisan curriculum where students assume the roles of government leaders, campaigning in mock parties (often called "Federalists" and "Nationalists") to become mayors and county and state officials of their ALA Girls State. The program is a week-long immersive learning experience, often held on a college campus where girls live in "cities" within a dormitory-like setting. The learning, experience, memories, and friendships last a lifetime.

Our next meeting is February 28th at 7 pm. Look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday, January 13, 2019, Post 27 member Chuck Blouin was recognized during a gathering held in his honor at the Legion. He was recognized for receiving the 2018 Veterans Administration National Gold Medal for Oil Painting.

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 TRIVIA, 7 p.m. Kitchen Open, 5-8 pm	2
3 SUPER BOWL 5 p.m.	4 CLOSED	5 eBoard Meeting NWADA DART NIGHT Kitchen Open, 5-8 pm	6 Legion Luncheon, 11-1 Beans & Cornbread Country Dance / Lessons -6-9 pm	7 Legion Membership Monthly Meeting, 7 pm Dinner provided.	8 KARAOKE, 7 p.m. Kitchen Open, 5-8 pm	9 RNCIC, 10-12
10 Crosstalk Noon - 1 pm	11 CLOSED	12 NWADA DART NIGHT Kitchen Open, 5-8 pm	13 Legion Luncheon, 11-1 Beans & Cornbread Country Dance / Lessons -6-9 pm	14 Open Mic	15	16 Pancake Breakfast 8 - 11 a.m. East 16 Band 7-10 pm
17	18 CLOSED	19 NWADA DART NIGHT Kitchen Open, 5-8 pm	20 Legion Luncheon, 11-1 Beans & Cornbread Country Dance / Lessons -6-9 pm	21	22 Eclectic Soul - 7-10 pm	23 Last Saturday Variety Show, 7 p.m.
24	25 CLOSED	26 NWADA DART NIGHT Kitchen Open, 5-8 pm	27 Legion Luncheon, 11-1 Beans & Cornbread Country Dance / Lessons -6-9 pm	28 Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7 pm		
<p>CANTEEN IS OPEN 4-10 PM, TUES – SAT, Closes Sunday at 9 pm (check above for possible changes)</p> <p>Live music, free dance lessons – EVERY WEDNESDAY – KITCHEN OPEN</p>						

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN LANCE TURNER

We live in a nation with a “wall of separation between church and state.” These words, first attributed to Thomas Jefferson and strongly supported by James Madison, are drawn from their experiences in the colony and State of Virginia.

Many early immigrants came to America to escape religious persecution and establish new colonies where they could worship freely. The original colonies included a religious mix of puritans, protestants, separatists, calvinists, anglicans, quakers, catholics, congregationalists, and adherents of the official church of England. After the Revolution, some of the new states adopted official state religions while some states did not.

Article Six of the U.S. Constitution provides that “no religious test shall ever be required as qualification to public office or public trust under the United States.” This was the only mention of religion in the Constitution until the First Amendment was ratified in 1791.

The First Amendment to the Constitution states that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” This is America’s official basis for church-state separation, for no coercion in religious matters, and for religious liberty encompassing all religions. It is a privilege to live in a nation where we believe that religion is a matter between man and his God and where we owe no other for our faith or worship.



Post Service Officer Bill Hansberry (left) and Post Commander Mark Foster (right) listen as Ozark Regional Transit Public Information Officer Jeff Hadley explains transit routes to those who attended a recent meeting of the Veterans Community Reintegration Network (VCRN), the aim of which is to develop a network of community-based resources for veterans participating in the VA Medical Center’s Residential Rehab Treatment Program. The VCRN is relatively new, having been organized a little over six months ago.



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