

**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> HERD NEWS**

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**DISTRICT THREE SUMMER  
MEETING**

Our summer meeting will be on Sunday June 14, 2009 at Gower Memorial Post 393, Gower MO. Lunch at 12:00 Noon with meeting following at 1:00 PM Please bring a covered dish, The meat will be provided by the post. We will conduct our election of officers during this meeting. Please plan to attend or send a representative.

**FROM THE JUDGE ADVOCATE**

It has come to the attention of the District that some posts are giving their rifles to other posts without proper authorization. Pages 160 to 163 of the current OFFICERS GUIDE spells out the procedure for all firearms. Please keep in mind that these rifles are "LOANED" to the post and are not yours to do with as you please. Your Post rifles were issued to your post by serial number and nomenclature, even if they were issued 80 years ago. Transfer of weapons MUST be done on a "Lateral Transfer Request" thru the U.S. Army TACOM in Warren Michigan. If your post no longer wants it's rifles and wants to turn them in, then there is a procedure for that as well. This is also spelled out in the OFFICERS GUIDE. Each Post Commander is responsible for a full accounting of the post rifles. Giving rifles to anyone or improper storage is a Federal Offense. Since this law is spelled out in your officers guide ignorance is not a defense. Each Post Commander is sent a Officers Guide EVERY YEAR. If you do not have one then see your Post Adjutant, as he is the one who receives it. For questions concerning this issue please contact your District Judge Advocate, Gary Reno, at (816) 628-5773. I will be happy to assist.

## DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

Mark you calendars for the next district meetings:

Date: **June 14, 2009**

Place: Gower Memorial Post 393  
Gower, MO

Time: 1200 Hrs for Lunch  
1300 Hrs for Meeting

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Date: **September 14, 2009**

Place: Tweedie-Murray Post 117  
Braymer, MO.

Time: 1200PM Lunch  
1300PM Meeting

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## OVER THE TOP

**Congratulations to the four posts who have gone over the top in membership so far this year. The posts that have achieved at least 100% in membership are:**

<b>Post 61</b>	<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>100.68%</b>
<b>Post 176</b>	<b>Ridgeway</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Post 260</b>	<b>Stanberry</b>	<b>102.17%</b>
<b>Post 460</b>	<b>Lathrop</b>	<b>100 %</b>

**Good job.**

## CRUISE DAY

On Saturday afternoon, May 16, 2009, American Legion Post 61 and Chapter 61 of the Legion Riders of Kansas City MO hosted their first Cruise Day.

It was a fun day for all, There were show cars, arts and crafts tables, food and drink, and music. But, the main feature was the amount of bikes and riders present. Several chapters of the Legion Riders were present to support Chapter 61.

Chapter 61 is the dream child of District Three Commander Gary Nichols. Gary had been working on his dream for over four years and this past year he saw his hard work and wishes come together. With the assistance of Calvin Bumgarner, and several other legionnaires, some who are not even eligible to be member, the chapter slowly came together. And, Saturday, everywhere you look you could see someone wearing a black leather vest with the Legion Riders patch on the back with the words, CHAPTER 61 CHARTER MEMBER.

To Gary and everyone else who had this dream, DREAMS DO COME TRUE. Well done!

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## BOYS STATE

On June 13, 2009, Department of Missouri of the American Legion will begin its 70<sup>th</sup> session of Missouri Boys State. Thanks to the hard work of so many of our district posts and their Boys State chairs, and the counselors at so many of our high schools, District Three will be represented by 70 citizens this year.

Two posts are sending six boys, two are sending five, several are sending four and so forth. For some posts this is their first year,

Our district has a new high school this year, Staley, and we are sending six boys from there.

THANKS TO ALL WHO WORKED SO HARD THIS YEAR.

# UP COMING EVENTS

**KRUISIN KEARNEY  
PRESENTS**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Veterans  
Recognition Day Power Tour  
SUNDAY JUNE 21, 2009**



**A 165 mile tour to benefit the MISSOURI  
POW/MIA SCHOLARSHIP  
FOUNDATION.**

**The tour will leave Kearney; travel through  
several Rural Communities, with a stop in  
Cameron Mo. at the Cameron Veterans  
Home where a tribute to Missouri Veterans  
will be held.**

**Registration Fee is only \$20.00 starting at  
8:00 A.M. at Jesse James Park in Kearney  
MO. Media coverage and festivities will  
follow upon return to Jesse James Park.**

**For more information call (816) 903-3603 or  
toll free at: 866-462-6316 or visit us at  
[www.a1wheelsandmore.com](http://www.a1wheelsandmore.com)**

**WE ARE HAVING A CHICNIC**



**Where:**

Wallace State Park  
Cameron MO  
I-35 to Exit 48  
Follow the green information  
Signs

**Hosted By:**

40et8 Nuef Comtes Voiture 1379  
A Non-Profit Fun and Honor Society  
Of Veterans

All you can eat BBQ Chicken and Beef Brisket With all  
the fixings

Donation: \$10.00 Adults  
\$ 6.00 Children 13 and under  
Door Prizes and a Raffle

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD NURSES  
TRAINING**

# DEPARTMENT AND NATIONAL EVENTS TO REMEMBER

## **Department Convention**

2009 - July 16-19, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City

## **National Convention**

2009 - August 21 - 27, Louisville, Kentucky

2010 - Aug 27 -Sept 2, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2011 - Aug 26 - Sept 1, Minneapolis, Minnesota

2012 - August 24-30, Indianapolis, Indiana

2013 - August 23-29, Houston, Texas

## **Fall Conference**

2008 - October 24-26, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City

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