



# DISTRICT THREE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

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## DISTRICT THREE SUMMER MEETING

By  
John F. Kopp, Commander

The District Three Meeting for June 12, 2011 will be held at Post 58 in Smithville MO. The post is located at 2607 E. 92 Highway/ (816) 532-8115. This is our Annual District Convention, and we will have the election of officer for the coming two years. If any one is interested in serving the district as an officer, contact either Gary Reno (816) 628-5773 or Robert Box (816) 453-1180. The elective offices for the District are as follows: Commander, Two Vice Commanders, Sergeant-at-Arms. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to serve, just willingness. The Commander cannot succeed himself as Commander.

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## Missouri Boys State

By  
John F. Kopp, Chairman

This has really been some year, hasn't it? The economy seems to have hit every aspect of our society. Our sponsorships seem to have been down and the number of boys is fewer than last year. We did send sixty-five boys, which includes only one alternate. While, yes the numbers are down, we can still pat ourselves on the back for a job well done.

For one reason or another this year's registration and information had been plagued by numerous road blocks and challenges, yet you all did a fantastic job, and we didn't lose one boy.

Thanks to all of you. And, while we are thanking ourselves for a job well done, let us not forget to be sure and thank all of the sponsors. If you haven't already done so, why not send the sponsors a thank you note, or, a certificate of appreciation. They will appreciate it and it will help in having them return next year as sponsors and maybe even sponsor more boys.

Date: June 12, 2011  
 Place: Smithville Post 56  
 2607 E. 92 Highway  
 Smithville MO 64089  
 Time: 1200 PM Lunch  
 1300 PM Meeting

Date: Sept. 11, 2011  
 Gower Memorial Post 393  
 91 N. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Gower MO 64454  
 Time: 1200 PM Lunch  
 1300 PM Meeting

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**WE ARE FAMILY**

By  
**John F. Kopp, Commander**  
**District Three**

District Three is very fortunate to have at least one of every member of The American Legion Family. Most of our posts have an auxiliary unit assisting and supporting them, we also have three active squadrons of the Sons of The American Legion and we also have one Chapter of The American Legion Riders.

Do you realize that you do NOT have to be a member of the post that has a SAL Squadron or Legion Rider Chapter to join? You can belong to one post and have a son or grandson that can join the SAL Squadron at another post.

And like any family, communications is vital. When some one needs help that member needs to inform the others. That is like the Legion holding a fundraiser. The post should ask the Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders if they would like to participate, and the other ways also. None of the four members should go off on its own without at least informing the others as to what is going on.

Four times a year the District holds a meeting. The Legion and Auxiliary both hold their respective district meetings at the same time and same place. The times and locations are published in this letter and also sent to the post officers prior to the meeting. The Commander of that post should invite the SAL and Riders to attend. Think of all the ideas that could come from such a gathering.

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**COMMANDER'S CORNER**

By  
**John F. Kopp, Commander**  
**District Three**

The Department of Missouri Annual Convention is right around the corner. It would really be nice if each post in the district could send at least one representative. This will be my third convention, and each one that I have attended the knowledge attained and the people I have met are invaluable. That isn't even counting all the fun that goes on, also.

As a legion member you have the right to vote on many issues and the only way to have your voice heard is through attending functions like this, the convention, department conferences, district meetings, etc.

At the same time, the Sons of The American Legion will also have their annual convention. Both conventions are open to the respective members. You DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN OFFICER to attend the convention and/or the various committee meetings. The schedule for all the committee meetings will be on the department web site [www.missourilegion.org/](http://www.missourilegion.org/) and printed the in "THE MISSOURI LEGIONNAIRE" The Legion Convention will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 McCarty, Jefferson City MO (800) 338-8088. The cut off date for housing is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

The SAL convention will be held at Baymont Inn and Suites, 319 West Miller, Jefferson City MO (800) 392-3366. This includes free breakfast as well as shuttle to and from the Capital Plaza Hotel,

**2010-2011 NATIONAL  
 MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES**

<b>Legion Birthday</b>	<b>March 9, 2011</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Children &amp; Youth</b>	<b>*April 13, 2011</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Armed Forces Day</b>	<b>May 12, 2011</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Delegate Strength</b>	<b>30 days prior to National Convention</b>	

**\*\*This date is also a renewal notice cutoff date.**





## **CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT**

It is getting close to that time again, time for EVERY POST to submit their annual Consolidated Post Report. They are not that difficult to fill out and get them sent in to Department. It only takes a few minutes. Let's see if District Three can attain a 100% this year. These reports are very important for our District, Department and the Legion as a whole. Do it now.

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