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DISTRICT 3 MEETING

The next District 3 Meeting will be hosted by the Wilson-Axline Post 216, 32932 W. State Hwy. 13 in Bethany MO on Sunday, September 14, 2008. As normal, dinner will begin at noon followed by the meeting at 1300 Hrs. Bring a covered dish, meat is provided by hosting post. District 3 Commander, Gary Nichols, has several awards to present and urges all posts to send at least one representative.

During the District 3 meeting held at the Tweedle-Murray Post 117, in Braymer MO on June 8, 2008 several items of interest were brought up:

Legionnaire Ray Nichols, Commander of Post 95 in Liberty, was appointed chairman of the District 3 Committee on Americanism.

Member present voted to donate \$100 to the USO at Fort Leonard Wood.

Northern Vice-Commander, Gary Reno, reported on the progress of the POW/MIA Scholarship Fund. Commander Ray Nichols, Post 95 of Liberty, stated he would ask Post 95 to donate \$100 and challenged all the other posts in the district to do the same.

*** VOTE ***

We are in the midst of an election year, as if anyone needs to be told. The District 3 Judge Advocate wishes to remind everyone that if we are to participate in ANY activity for ANY particular political party or candidate we MUST NOT wear our American Legion cover or anything else which may be taken as the Legion supporting that particular party or candidate. This is very important and is mandated by our Federal Charter as the Legion being non-political in nature.

But, most importantly, make sure you are **registered** and **vote** in November

THE OLDEN DAYS

By
REV Donna Warren, Chaplain

How many of us can remember our parents liking to remind us kids about how rough it used to be back in the 'olden days'. "Why, when I was your age, I mowed lawns, or shoveled snow, or ran errands all day long and was lucky to get a glass of milk and maybe even a cookie." This was a way in which families naturally tied themselves in with their own traditions. And if there were grandparents present, the kids really can say, "Grandma, tell us how it used to be in olden times."

We talk about a generation gap today. And we talk about the great concerns we have for our children, especially for young people who find themselves no longer belonging to the church of their ancestors.

Perhaps, what we're really trying to do is to give them the impression that we've got the answers to everything. AND WE HAVEN'T. Jesus has the answers. God, through Jesus, can give us the answers. The fact is, our children are asking questions now that have never been asked before.

Margaret Mead, anthropologist, wrote about the

generation gap. And, parents today, she says, are concerned about their children and training them in the Christian faith.....She goes on to say that we adults have been acting as if we have all the answers for young people, all the answers that religion gives. We don't have all the answers! Jesus has the answers.

Our mission is to find the answers,. Perhaps if we can establish a relationship of trust, then we will be successful in working with the younger generations in finding the answers

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What are the following men noted for:
Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
George S. White
William J. Donovan
Eric Fisher Wood

Answer on Page 4.

EMBLEM USE

Any post who's building and/or land is NOT directly owned by the post, e.g., a veterans' association, or other type of organization or association other than the post, MUST obtain a letter in writing from Department of Missouri stating the specific usage for the emblem, prior to placing the emblem on the building or other such usages. This letter can be obtain from the Department of Missouri, 1-800-846-9023. For further information contact the District JUDGE ADVOCATE Gary Reno (816) 628-5773

ORATORICAL CONTEST

School has already begun. My how time flies when you are having fun. With the beginning of the new school year it is a good time for the Oratorical Contest Chairperson from each post to begin contacting their appropriate high school personnel and begin selling The American Legion Oratorical Contest to them. If your school has not participated in the contest in the past or has not participated in some years, now might be a good year to restart the program.

From the Desk of Gary Nichols, District 3 Commander

As my first year as Commander of District 3 comes to a close, I wish to thank all of you for your past and present service to our country and to the Legion.

I also wish to thank all of District 3 Officers for all the support and help rendered me over the past year.

Thanks for all the hard work accomplished on last year's membership drive. There were five posts over the top. Congratulations on a job well done.

We wish to thank Robert Allee for all his time and work he provided to the District as Finance Officer. All the best of luck, Robert, in Texas.

During our meeting, Sept. 14, 2008, in Bethany, we will be conducting our annual Post Everlasting Ceremony. All posts that have lost a member or members during the past year are requested to send the NAMES and MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS of the deceased members to either Commander Gary Nichols, (816) 455-2648 or to Northern Vice Commander Gary Reno (816) 628-5773, e-mail: greno@kc.rr.com

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What makes our Legion the Best?

Even though The American Legion was thought up and formed overseas, the organizers realized that members of the armed services had no choice whether they served in the United States or overseas..

Accordingly, it was decided that membership in The American Legion should be open to ALL who served honorably in the armed services in World War I. Obviously, the requirements, over the years, have been altered to include those who served honorably during World War II, Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon and Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf, including those serving today.

BOYS STATE

Speaking of school starting, it is also a good time to talk to the schools about Boys State for next year. At least we can put a bug in their ears.

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Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.:

“The American Legion is composed of men who intended to justify in time of peace the title of servicemen earned in time of war.”

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We all know that The American Legion is the oldest federally chartered Veterans' Organization in the country. **What is interesting is that the proposal for a federal charter was introduced on June 2, 1919 and it became law on September 16, 1919. Knowing how “fast” congress tends to move, this is absolutely fantastic.**

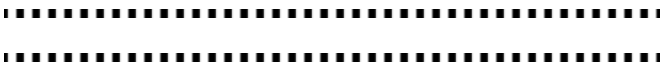
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I would ask the adjutants and commanders of the posts in our district to relay to their legionnaires that if they wish to receive the District 3 Newsletter personally, via e-mail, just sent a request to :

district3news@kc.rr.com

and their address will be added to the present list. It doesn't cost the district anything to send it out via e-mail.

Answer to question on page 2:

Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Lt. Col. George S. White, Lt. Col. William J. Donovan, and Maj. Eric Fisher Wood got together in Paris France in 1919 and worked together to form The American Legion.



COME ONE * COME ALL**

WE ARE HAVING

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WHERE:

HOSTED BY:

Wallace State Park
Cameron MO
I-35 to exit 48
Follow the green
information signs.

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Neuf Comtes Voiture 1379
A Non-Profit Veterans Org.
Affiliated with the
American Legion

**All You Can Eat BBQ Chicken and Beef
Brisket With
All the fixings**

**DONATIONS: \$10.00 Adults
\$6.00 Children 13 and under**

**PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS NURSES
TRAINING!!!**

FROM THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The delegates meeting at this years Department Convention in Jefferson City voted to amend the Department of Missouri Constitution to read as thus:

All newly elected officers must have current paid up membership for his/her entire term of office.

For more information on this feel free to contact District 3 Judge Advocate Gary Reno at (816) 628-5773



On the following page is a list of the 2008-2009 National Membership Target Dates. Already nineteen (19) posts have surpassed the first date of 50%:

Post 33	57.04%
Post 68	66.67%
Post 95	58.27%
Post 106	60.56%
Post 117	59.35%
Post 132	62.16%
Post 169	54.84%
Post 216	61.57%
Post 237	52.53%
Post 260	53.26%
Post 393	51.85%
Post 467	60.71%
Post 478	60.61%
Post 557	58.58%

Well done. Keep up the good work. As you can see, ten posts have already surpassed the October 8th target date and one post has surpassed the November 14th date.

2008 - 2009 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES

EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF	*SEPTEMBER 10, 2008	50%
FALL MEETINGS	OCTOBER 8, 2008	55%
VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 14, 2008	65%
PEARL HARBOR DAY	*DECEMBER 10, 2008	75%
MID-WINTER	JANUARY 14, 2009	80%
PRESIDENT'S DAY	*FEBRUARY 11, 2009	85%
LEGION BIRTHDAY	MARCH 11, 2009	90%
CHILDREN & YOUTH	*APRIL 8, 2009	95%
ARMED FORCES DAY	MAY 13, 2009	100%
DELEGATE STRENGTH	30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION	

Target dates fall on the second Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday on that day or at the beginning of that week. The November Target date will be on a Friday.

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

Membership should be at Department Headquarters 1 day prior to cut off date.

Membership will be sent "Over Night" to National.


MATT BLUNT
Governor



HAL J. DULLE
Executive Director

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DATE: July 23, 2008
TO: Lynn Dorrell, Adjutant
 American legion
FROM: Hal J. Dulle, Executive Director 
 Missouri Veterans Commission
RE: Veterans' Memorials

The Missouri Veterans Commission is collecting data on Veterans' and War memorials and markers in Missouri. We initially contacted the Presiding Commissioners of all Missouri Counties and we would like to request assistance from your posts on the location and a brief description any memorials that your posts may be aware of. We are primarily interested in county memorials, city memorials, cemetery memorials (not headstones), and post memorials.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Daniel Bell, Public Information Officer at (573)522-1421. Any information you can provide can be emailed to Daniel.bell@mvc.dps.mo.gov or mailed to the Missouri Veterans Commission, attention Daniel Bell P.O. Drawer 147 Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.