

Post 323 Legionnaires

First, let me introduce myself as your newly elected Commander Rick Anselm. I would like to thank all who have put your trust in electing me to this position. I hope to see all of you and invite you to attend all of our meetings. Our meetings are on the first Thursday of every month. Happy hour starts at 7:00 PM with the meeting starting at 7:30 PM. There are a lot of things going on and a lot of help is needed. There are Job Openings at all of them and NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED. This is your post. Please come and join the team.

UNCLE SAM NEEDS YOU AGAIN

Post 323 needs more **NEW** members! We fell short by 29 members from the 2016 membership goal. Our current Post membership consists of veterans from the following:

War Era	Members Total	Youngest Age
WWII	45	89
Korea	68	80
Vietnam	219	60
Grenada/Lebanon	26	51
Panama	5	45
Gulf War/War of Terrorism	22	18

As you can see, we need younger members so the American Legion can continue on in force. Please carry in your wallet/purse your 2018 Membership Card and the American Legion Membership application. Ask a Veteran who served during any qualifying War Era to join our post. We really need the younger veterans to carry on with the post's jobs and responsibilities.

I know that our dues notices for 2018 have already been sent out in July but dues for 2017 do not expire until 31 Dec 2017. However, our fiscal year starts 1 July and by paying before December 1st our Post could be at 100% by year's end. Late payees after 1 Jan 2018 lose their subscription to the American Legion Magazine and free insurance. So, PLEASE, PAY YOUR DUES EARLY. We'd like to be 100% by 1 Dec. I would like to thank the 225 members who have already paid their 2018 dues.

A list of all Officers, Bingo Chairman, and Hall Rental Officer is on our website at: <http://wentzvilleamericanlegion.org>. Check us out.

Our e-mail address is: wentzvilleamericanlegion@yahoo.com.

Following is a list of activities we conduct during the year:

Bingo: Every Friday Night and the First Sunday of each month

Birthday Supper: Mar

Buddy Supper: Nov

Car Show: First Saturday after Labor Day

Fish Fry: Beginning the Friday after Ash Wednesday through Good Friday

Food Sale at Flea Market: Jul

Memorial Day Activities: May

Military Honors: On-going

Parades: Jul, Dec

Swap Meets: Apr and Oct

Valentine's Dance: Feb

Veteran's Day Activities: Nov

JOB OPENINGS

Missouri Military Funeral Honors; Assist with the Firing Squad and Flag Detail

BINGO: This is what funds our post. BINGO is held every Friday night. The smoking section is upstairs while non-smoking is downstairs. Doors open and pull-tab and Horserace sales start at 5:00PM. Bingo paper sales starts at 5:45 PM with Bingo starting at 7:00 PM. Calling back pull-tab winners generally begins prior to Bingo and goes to closing. Bingo winner call-backs start with the first bingo game and also end at closing with game 20. It would be great if a few volunteers would commit to working one Friday night per month so we could schedule who works what Friday during a month.

Thank you for being a member of Post 323.

Rick Anselm, Commander