

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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