

AUG 2023 EDITION

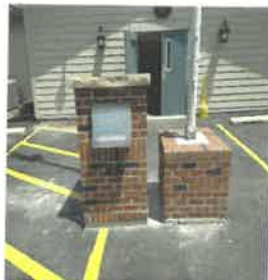
Commander's corner

Greetings to all, August is upon us. how time flies!

We had a few busy months with exciting things taking place at our Post. We had a Memorial Day service, Flag retirement ceremony with dedication of our new Flag retirement receptacle, Our annual Flag Day parade and our 4th of July celebration, ACW wrestling and so much more. I look forward to a busy fall and want to Thank all the volunteers that make these events a success.

Be sure to check out our activity calendar for events and upcoming meetings that you may be interested in. I encourage all members to attend Post/Aux meetings which are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 19:00 hours.

Eva Maloney



BIG RIVER VFW
POST 5331

WORDS FROM OUR QUARTERMASTER

Thanks to everyone for all their support and help over the last year. Our post has had a highly successful year. Together we were able to achieve recognition for being both an All State and All-American Post. From the bottom of my heart an extreme thank you too all.

We have several events coming up that we will need assistance with. The Chicken Dinners continue every second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month. If you have not been involved yet and would like to just give me a call. New help is always welcomed. The post does very well financially with the chicken dinners, and it gives us a lot of visibility in the community. If you have ideas for other things that we can do to support our Veterans and community. Please bring them forward. Our primary limitation on what we can do are the ideas we have and the support for the events.

Daniel Brown, Quartermaster, 636-677-2892



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UPCOMING
EVENTS

AUG 7 2023

HOUSE COMMITTEE
MEETING 6PM

AUG 14, 2023

POST/AUX MEETING
7PM

*CHICKEN DINNER

AUG 12 SAT 2-6

AUG 27 SUN 2-6

*MOVIE NIGHT

AUG 4 8PM

*POOL LEAGUE

AUG 5 5PM

LIVE MUSIC IN THE
CLUROOM

SATURDAY'S 8-11PM

BLUEGRASS JAM
SESSION

SUNDAY AUG 20

2PM

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FACEBOOK LINK





IMPORTANT INFO/PACT ACT

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From the Post Veterans Service Information Officer:

Throughout the State of Missouri and at the VA Regional Office in Saint Louis, VFW Service Officers that are Accredited and Certified by the VA fight for the rights of our Nations veterans on a daily basis. These highly trained professionals, specializing in all programs administered by the VA stand ready and willing to provide whatever VA benefits assistance is required! These services are available at **no cost** to veterans or their dependents! Nor does one have to be a member of the VFW to receive our services.

From a simple request of a discharge document to a case with complicated issues that may require extensive medical and Court Cases research, we will exhaust all means to obtain a favorable decision. In the event a claim is denied we will represent the case through the appellate process to the Board of Veterans Appeals (VBA) and if not successful to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) if warranted.

How VFW Service Officers Advocate for You:

- Help you identify issues and develop evidence
- Answer your requests for assistance
- File your claims with VA in a timely manner
- Review your rating decision for accuracy

What We Will Do:

- During your interview, **WE WILL** review your information and inform you of what benefits you should claim as well as any other benefits that may be available
- **WE ARE** trained VA benefits experts who have access to VA computer systems to provide you with the information you need for your claim to succeed
- **WE WILL** submit your claim to VA in a timely manner to ensure that you receive the maximum benefit to which you are entitled
- **WE WILL** conduct a thorough review of your decision before VA sends it to you. The VFW has a 90% success rate in correcting errors, helping you avoid the lengthy appeals process
- If you are unsatisfied with the outcome of your claim, **WE WILL** help you appeal VA's decision

Call the Post Service Officer, Mark Newton at 636-222-3521 to help make contact with the VFW Service Officers.

Presumptive cancers:

- Brain cancer.
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type.
- Glioblastoma.
- Head cancer of any type.
- Kidney cancer.
- Lymphatic cancer of any type.
- Lymphoma of any type.
- Melanoma.
- Neck cancer.
- Pancreatic cancer.
- Reproductive cancer of any type.
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type.

Presumptive illnesses:

- Asthma that was diagnosed after service.
- Chronic bronchitis.
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- Chronic rhinitis.
- Chronic sinusitis.
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis.
- Emphysema.
- Granulomatous disease.
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD).
- Pleuritis.
- Pulmonary fibrosis.
- Sarcoidosis.



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FROM OUR AUXILIARY

Greetings fellow auxiliary 5331 members! I would like to start out by saying I am truly humbled and honored to have been elected president for the upcoming 2023-2024 year. I have some big shoes to fill, and I would like to thank Pat Jansen and Alan Gendron for their diligence and hard work of this auxiliary not only last year, but for the past several years. I have no doubt that with the group of people who have chosen to call auxiliary 5331 home, we will continue to proudly and tirelessly serve not only our veterans, but those in the community as well.

Please remember that whatever level you choose to participate, we value your membership. If you can come to all the membership meetings, volunteer for events, or only come to a few things, you will always be welcomed, and we appreciate your support. I want you to feel welcome here because this is YOUR auxiliary, and you make it what it is.

A couple of things to be watching out for in the coming months. In September, the VFW will be hosting its traditional BackStoppers BBQ, October the auxiliary will be hosting Trunk or Treat and the Fall Festival, November we will honor our veterans with a veterans' day dinner, and of course we will round out the year with our Christmas store and visit from Santa for the children.

Again, if you have the time and inclination to get fully involved, we can always use your help. If not, we understand. Your continued support is appreciated, and I am looking forward to serving as auxiliary president to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,

Tami Newton

Auxiliary President

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