



American Legion Post 125

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Members Newsletter

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Update!!!!

This update as of June 9, 2020 reflects some unusual circumstances over the past 3 to 4 months, not just in Post 125 but in the general history of the United States. Our post missed a couple of months of meetings due to the COVID-19 Pandemic that is also known as the Wuhan or Chinese Coronavirus.

We started meetings again in May and we just had our June meeting last night. We are meeting at the newly opened Prehistoric Brewing Company at 1816 South Glenstone Ave (in The Tower Plaza Shopping Center). The Brewery just opened last Friday and the facility is amazing.



Commander's Desk:

The COVID-19 Pandemic has thrown a “monkey wrench” into a lot of our plans and activities, but now we are beginning to be able to implement some of those plans. I would like to ask all members to contact me with any questions about our planned activities and if you are willing and able to help us. All our members are very important and I would be happy to visit with you at anytime.

The website at www.post125.org is now up and going, so please check it out. If anyone has ideas or changes they would like to see, give me a call or email me (contact info is on the website).

I would also like to thank Mike Cook, owner

of Mike's Unique for giving Post 125 a booth at no cost to the post. We are asking that post members check out their attics, basements or garages for items that can be donated to our booth. Since the items are donated and there is no cost to us for the items we get the proceeds. If you know people that would like to make a donation of items for the booth or money for our projects, please direct them to the website; all the information is there. Donations may be made using almost any credit card through PayPal.

Also remember we do have a Facebook page which is linked to our website and the website has a link to Facebook, so stay in touch.

Unfortunately American Legion National and Department of Missouri have both cancelled their conventions in July which are usually the end of the year. So we and most other posts in the state are beginning our goals for 2021 a little sooner than normal, but we are still limited by some local rules on meetings. We will have our meetings, but if anyone is concerned about the virus, they can wear masks, social distance or stay at home; your choice.

Our June meeting was a success. We had a quorum of officers and transferred a new member to post 125. Welcome aboard Mary. We also had nominations for officers and it appears each of the existing officers are the only ones that are now running for 2021. Election will be at our July meeting on the 13th. At the end of the meeting we had a “beer tasting” that all those that wished could taste the 8 different

brews on tap. A good time was had by all. As always, Fly your Flag and be Proud!!!

Bill Roark, Commander



Membership:

Post 125 has had a fantastic year for membership. We started 2020 with 20 members with a goal for 100% at 21 members. By Departments rules on membership we will end with 26 members which gives us 123.81% for 2020 which leads District 17. In the entire state of Missouri we were the #2 post in the state as far as above goal for membership. The real membership numbers are 29 that are currently paid for 2020. The difference is that we had some transfers that were paid at another post and they got the credit. We also have at least 3 additional 3 members whose transfers will not be counted until after July 1, 2020. So the really good news is we will start 2021 with 29 members with a goal of 31 for 100%. We are trying to get to 40 members by the end of the year. We have other Legion members that are considering transfers and a number of veterans that are not members that are very interested in our post.

Mike Cook, First Vice Commander



Finance Report:

Our post finances are in good shape. We've had a little revenue since our last newsletter and our expenses have been minor. We have just gotten a small check from Mikes Unique for items sold in our booth number 125 at his store. Since he has been closed for the past 90 days that represents only a week or 10 days business where he was open. Our finances will always be open to all members that would like to see our books. If anyone has ideas for fund raising activities, let us know.

Ron Paluska, Finance/Adjutant

American Legion Four Pillars:

Since Post 125 has very little operational expenses we support with our funds and efforts fulfilling our 4 pillars guidelines. Here they are with a very brief description.

Pillar #1: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

This covers all aspects of VA health care and what to do when health care is denied for various reasons including long waiting lines, old outdated VA facilities, demographics of some veterans by distances. To lobby for all veterans rights including all 3 Government branches.

Pillar #2: National Security

Advocating for a Strong National Defense, including federal spending to keep pace with costs for salaries and equipment needs for our forces. Protecting all citizens through Homeland Security and other methods including border security to keep us all safe.

Pillar #3: Americanism

This Pillar includes protecting the US Flag, only Legal Immigration, Voter Registration, Boy Scouts, The Pledge of Allegiance, Religious Rights, all rights under The Bill of Rights in the Constitution (especially #2) and fighting all establishment-clause lawsuits (ACLU).

Pillar #4: Children and Youth

This covers our lobbying against Child Pornography and for Catastrophic Illness protection, Intellectual Disabilities protection, Immunizations for Needy Children, Family Integrity, Media Violence, Drug Abuse and Child Sexual Exploitation.



The Bill of Rights

The Bill of Rights, explained in brief and simple terms, is also known as the first 10 amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Many of these amendments seek to protect the rights of citizens by focusing on personal freedoms and the power of government. The amendments included in the Bill of Rights are:

1. Congress cannot make a law that affects the establishment of religion, restricts a person's right or the press's right to free speech, or restricts the right of people to gather together in a peaceful manner.
2. Citizens have the right to own guns.
3. During times of peace soldiers cannot take up residence in someone else's house without that owner's permission.
4. A person, his house and belongings cannot be searched or taken, and he cannot be given a warrant without good reason.
5. You cannot be tried for a serious crime without a Grand Jury deciding there is enough evidence for a trial.
6. A person should be given a speedy and public trial by a jury of his peers in the state

and district where he committed the crime.

7. A person has the right to a jury in a civil case where more than \$50 is being disputed.
8. Excessive bail and/or fines shall not be ordered, and cruel and unusual punishments can't be imposed.
9. You have rights beyond those listed in the Constitution.
10. Areas and laws that aren't governed or prohibited directly by the Constitution may be made by individual states.

The Bill of Rights are guaranteed; it protects all American Citizens and cannot be impinged by any person or group!!!!

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To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100-percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."