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The Post  
Home is  
changing; The  
wall between the meeting room and garage now has a opening  
connecting the two allowing the home to accompany 20 more  
people. Not completed but functional till completed. A big thank  
you to Jim, Ted, Ralph, Kurt and Byron Four great tradesmen and  
one always willing helper!



*Special Projects this Year*  
*Boys State/Girls State, Missouri Patrol Academy*

Post 388 to sponsor two students per four local high schools. No one thought this to be achievable in the beginning including the person in charge of the project. Jim has spearheaded the challenge and we have successfully obtained funds for all students through sponsorship by companies and families. No Post funds have been used. Sponsors list can be seen on our Web Site. A thank you to Jim for this great accomplishment and a thank you to the members that joined up with and supported him. We had no student apply for the Patrol Academy and only one student from the 9<sup>th</sup>. District applied. We will do this again in the years following.



## Poppy Days

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We have approval for two weekends in May for Poppy Days. May 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>. and 7<sup>th</sup>. at Texas Road house. Hours are 4 - 8 pm and we need two people per 2 hour shift. May 11<sup>th</sup>.12<sup>th</sup>. and 13<sup>th</sup>.at Shop & Save North and South in O'Fallon locations with at least one person per location.

### *Elections of Officers*

It is that time of the year again. If you want to serve please let us know. Most offices are open and we need people interested in making the Post great for all. We need names by April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Elections are in June.

### *Memorial Day at the*

*O' Fallon Walk* Service is our responsibility. Post 388 is responsible for this program and invites all members and their families to join us at eleven am. We also have a service at Assumption cemetery at 8 am and Mount Zion cemetery at 9:30 am.

Post 388 had a raffle for a "Shotgun" or "Rifle". The goal is to raise funds to support our Legion Baseball Teams. The first raffle was closed at the January meeting with 83 tickets paid for. Winner was Amy from Baue; she selected a shotgun for \$400.00, leaving the post with \$430.00 for our Baseball funds. Tickets were provided by Bank of Old Monroe. We started a new raffle on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10.00 each with only 100 available per raffle. If you would like a ticket, send a \$10 check to AL Post 388, P.O. Box 453, O'Fallon, Mo. 63366 and we will send you a copy of the completed ticket by e-mail and if you do not have e-mail, we will mail the stub back to you.

Members Passing: Since our News Letter and Dinner in November we have lost three long time active members that have served the Post with great dedication. Wayne Leech, member of the Executive committee, advisor, and member at large helping were he could as his health permitted. George Mason, Long time Chaplain, member of the Honor Guard, advisor, wealth of knowledge. Cornell Peeper, Long time member, member of Honor Guard Team 4 (others as requested), membership drive leader many years. One of my mentors, and honored friend, Cornell had one driving goal his last few years that our Post had a home that was paid for. He challenged others to contribute to remember the Post in their passing. Cornell did just that and his family donated \$1000.00 toward Post building funds and in lieu of flowers request donations to same fund. Total funds collected were \$1700. Those funds were put toward the principle of the loan, in review with

membership numbers the amount left is a \$143.00 per member to pay off the loan. Just food for thought!

Color/Honor Guard: We still raise the Flag at North home football games, Military Honors at JB on Tuesday and local services on request. New members are all ways welcome and needed. Meeting night is second Monday every month at 7:00 pm. all are welcome.

Membership dues: Members are confused as to when their dues are to be paid. Most organizations start their year on January 1<sup>st</sup>. and end it on December 31<sup>st</sup>. but not the American Legion. The Legion starts their year on July 1<sup>st</sup>. and ends it on June 30<sup>th</sup>. In July, you will receive your first notice for 2018 dues and at that time, the renewal notices will stop coming to you if you pay your dues. Your 2018 card will come to you in the November news letter unless requested otherwise. Just saving postage!

Reflections of my time as Commander: Membership is close to 337 paying dues yet we only have 20 to 30 attend meeting on a good night. Dinner meeting is better but still less than 50. What are we doing wrong? We can't make the Post work for all members if you don't let us know what you want. I will try one more time to have an all family get-together at a local park, if we can get more than 30 people, this is to include your family not just members, call me and let me know if you can attend one Saturday in June. (636-240-6374).

A Reminder All membership meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Monday of the month. Doors open at 6 pm with refreshments and food. Honor Guard meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month starting at 7 pm. The Executive members meet on the Wednesday before the regular meeting and they meet at 6:30 pm.

Commander John Brumley