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Membership Meetings

October 24th, January 23rd, & February 27th.
 Doors open at 6 Meetings start at 7 pm.
 Lunch is served

Awards Dinner is November 14th.
 Doors open at 5:30 and dinner at 6 pm.

Honor Guard Meetings 7 pm

Held on the 2nd Monday of the month

Executive Meetings 6:30 pm

Held on the Wednesday before the Membership Meets

Membership Cards

We save money by sending membership cards out with the news letters. Want it sooner? call the Adjutant at 636-688-9052.

Honorguard

The honorguard meeting scheduled for the 14th. of November, has been moved up to the 7th. Of November due to a conflict with the dinner meeting. Be sure to mark your calendar for this change. For any other changes, you will be notified by e-mail. No e-mail, call and let me know that you want to be notified by phone.

Let's Play Cards

Several of us meet at the Post Home Wednesday afternoon at 1 pm to play Hand and Foot. We never know who or how many will show up. Usually we have a table of four men and one of four women. Don't know how to play? We don't care, it doesn't take long to learn. It's an easy game. It is not uncommon to have a snack after the games. Come join us.

Dinner Tickets

The awards dinner night is to be held on November 14th. at Cornerstone Methodist Church located on Tom Ginnevier Bld. in O'Fallon.. The doors open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6 pm. The cost once again is \$12 per person If you are a member of Post 388, and have paid your dues, the honorguard will pick up one-half of the cost of your ticket and one-half for the best friend that you bring. If you bring extra family or friends, the cost would be \$12 per person, We need to know in advance by November 7th. how many will attend. Call Roger Hadley at "636-379-1615" for his answering machine or 636-233-2699 for his cell number to purchase your tickets. Do it as a p so you don't forget.

E-mail

If you have been receiving e-mails from the Post Adjutant, we have your e-mail. In order for the Adjutant to keep you up to date as to what is happening in the Post, he needs your e-mail address. Send a e-mail to "alpst388@gmail.com" and he will add you to our list. Once a month, we are going to send copies of our meeting minutes. That way you will have a better idea of what is transpiring at these meetings and maybe give the Post a little feed back, or you might have an idea of how we might support some of the American Legion programs that will be listed later in this news letter. There will be no jokes coming from this computer, just strictly business.

Post 388 Color Guard

The Color Guard participated in four ceremonies at Fort Zumwalt North High School football games. This tradition started back in 2002 when Al Poppy was Commander. There was also an impressive Flag retirement ceremony that took place at the Am Vets located in St Peters. This is a conservative estimate but there were well over 5000 battered and torn American Flags burnt in an honorable way. Post 388 had accumulated approximately 1500 used flags for the ceremony. We had also participated in ceremonies that took place at the Walk Memorial in O'Fallon

Post 388 Newly Elected Officers for the year 2016-2017

Commander	John Brumley
1st Vice Commander	Oliver McGuire
2nd Vice Commander	Jeannie Reek
Financial Secretary	Roger Hadley
Service Officer	Jim David
Chaplin	Paul Ludy
Sgt-at-Arms	Byron Utterback
Judge Advocate	Ted Richardson
Adjutant	Jim Griesenauer

These Officers were installed at the July dinner meeting

Post Web Site

Have you checked out the Post 388 web site. "www.alpost388mo.org" There is a wealth of information incorporated into this site. You can find information about your Post 388 leadership. You can obtain a copy of your DD 214. You can get on different government web sites to obtain information that might be useful to your well being. You can find out who supports the Legion. There is a calendar of events that list the meeting times and dates and hall rentals. There is information on what it would cost you as a member of Post 388 to reserve the home for a party that you might want to plan. Maybe your granddaughter wants to have a B-day party! You can rent the hall for her through your membership in the post for the same cost that you would pay. All of this and much, much more.

When you read the next article, see if you can find in your heart a soft spot that makes you feel that you can be beneficial to our youth and future leaders of this great country that we are all a part of. We feel that this program will be so beneficial, if we get the finances, to teach our youth what our government is about and how they can make a difference. Our web site, "www.alpost388mo.gov" for more details.

Our American Legion

The American Legion is about our Veterans, our community and our youth. It is also about camaraderie and friendship. The American Legion youth programs include, American Legion Baseball, Boys State/ Girls State, The Oratorical Contest, Scouting, Junior Shooting Sports, The Youth Law Enforcement Programs, Children and Youth, The Family Support Network, and Temporary Financial Assistance. Post 388 helps with some support for the Legion Baseball teams and we do send one junior student from FZN to Boys State which takes place in the Spring at Central Missouri State University located in Warrensburg Missouri. There are four high schools in the O'Fallon area. FZN, FZW, Christian High and St. Dominic. We would like to send one boy and one girl from each school to Boys State and Girls State.. The cost per student is \$400. We are asking the public and membership for a donation to support our youth through our web site We would post the family name, but not the amount. We would add a column titled, "Citizens that support the American Legion Youth and would keep the amount of donation open but similar to what we are asking the local business people. That amount is \$20.00, but any contribution would be appreciated. Ninety percent of the amount collected

would go to our youth programs and 10% to the Post for operational cost. We would like to help the Senior students that are planning to go to college. We would set up a program that would give our college bound Senior students an incentive to work for all youth through the American Legion. It needs to be transparent. We would approach the high schools and confer with the persons who are in charge of these type of school programs. We would have to convince them that we are interested in our youth and that we will return 90% of all money collected by students back to our youth through their schools. This is how we see it. Fifty percent of the amount collected by a student would go back to the student towards their college or trade school cost. 10% of the total collected would come back to the Post for operational cost. The remaining 40% would go towards the legion programs. This program would be open only to Seniors wanting to attend college. The Post along with the student would keep track of the amount collected by each student. This money collected by each student would be than transferred to the college that they chose to attend and would help them with there expenses. We can only change our country if we educate our youth and we hope you feel the same. If you wish to participate, mail your contribution to American Legion Post 388 in care of Adjutant. P.O. box 453 O'Fallon, Mo 63366

Message from Commander

The fall of 2016 is upon us and we are once again preparing for our annual Dinner in November. Please plan to attend and the cost is \$12.00 per Post member and this price includes their partner, or friend. The location is Cornerstone Methodist Church. The meals have been excellent. This is also the time to recognize those that have made this past year special. We will be honoring a member of our Post and also local First Responders again this year.

We are making changes at our Post Home, to increase size for meetings and aid in our Renting space. Thank you to Ted and Jim with help from a few others. Attend a meeting to see the new look inside.

The Honor/Color Guard is looking for a few to increase our numbers and complete our four Teams. Due to health some have had to step back and not attend as many functions as in the past. We are missing their support, and have put their health first.

Our area has many veterans that qualify for membership. Many may not know they can join the Legion and what benefits are offered to them as a member of the legion, or the friends and comrades that they can rely on for support. If you know such a veteran bring them to a meeting, let them learn who and what we are. I challenge each member to find a veteran and bring them to one of our meetings.

November is coming soon and I urge all to register to vote and support the person who they think will improve our great Nations. What we do in the polling booth, I believe, is private and we do not discuss these issues at our meetings or functions. May God Bless this great Nation of ours, and guide our newly elected representatives.

Honor/Color Guard

Once again, we had a successful year. We have had members step up and some that have stepped back on some of their trips due to health or other commitments. Our numbers are down, but we still answer the calls and perform at JB or at other events honoring our fallen comrades when requested.

The Post 388 Colorguard participated in raising the American Flag at Fort Zumwalt North High School for home football games. The Pride the students and their families display seeing the Flag rising over the field gives me hope that our Nation has another generation of Proud Americans.

If you wish to join the Honor Guard, attend a meeting of the Honor Guard or Post meeting. Qualifications are strict, you must be a Post member and want to honor our veterans.

Honor/Color Guard Captain

John L. Brumley