



## AMERICAN LEGION POST 297 NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

Hope everyone is having a good and safe summer.

Check out our website at [www.post297.com](http://www.post297.com) . Each group also has their own Facebook page.

July 3, 2023	Fireworks Show-Veterans Memorial Park
July 4, 2023	Independence Day-Bar will be closed
July 13, 2023	Post and Auxiliary regular meeting
July 13-16, 2023	Missouri Legion Convention-Springfield Mo
July 18, 2023	Sons regular meeting 7p
August 10, 2023	Post and Auxiliary regular meeting
August 10, 2023	Installation of Officers/Awards dinner; 5:30 cocktails, 5:45 dinner
August 15, 2023	Sons regular meeting 7p
September 3-4, 2023	Labor Day-Bar will be closed
September 6, 2023	American Legion/Rotary blood drive at the legion hall, times not known
September 10, 2023	District 9 meeting at St Charles 9am
September 14, 2023	Post and Auxiliary regular meeting
September 19, 2023	Sons regular meeting 7p

\*\*\*we need volunteers to work the beer booth at the Fireworks show, contact Pete if you are able to help. You can be a member of any group. \*\*\*\*\*

Have you paid your dues for 2023? If not, your keycards will be deactivated.  
We are getting a new security card system, if you are having problems with your card, contact Judy Grainger at [Judy.grainger@yahoo.com](mailto:Judy.grainger@yahoo.com).

If you feel you have paid your dues and have not received your card, contact your adjutant or membership coordinator

The Sons of the American Legion annual gun raffle is in progress, you can still get tickets, they are \$100.00 each, 52 weeks of drawings, \$550 toward a gun. Contact Pete at 314-422-5212 or email [pete51@charter.net](mailto:pete51@charter.net)

This is also a raffle for a shotgun, tickets for that are \$10, contact Roger for more information.

Keep checking the webpage for updates.

The Memorial Day Parade was a huge success. Thanks to all who participated in the parade and to the public for the great turnout.

We would like to give a huge shout out to Lippert Powersports for providing vehicles for our veterans who were unable to march in the Memorial Day Parade.

The 2023 Wreathes Across America kicks off June 25.

We are exploring the idea of having an afternoon weekend meeting once a year to try to get some of the older Veterans that don't drive at night to be able to attend. Let us know your opinion at [Adjutant@post297.com](mailto:Adjutant@post297.com)

We are having an Installation of Officers along with an Awards dinner on August 10. Cocktails will be available at 5:30pm with Dinner starting at 6pm. Awards will be for Legionnaire of the year, Son of the year, Auxiliary member of the year and awards of Longevity. Any nominations for awards should be turned in no later than the July 13 meeting.

This would be an event involving all of our groups; Legion, Sons and Auxiliary. Suggestions are always welcome at [Adjutant@post297.com](mailto:Adjutant@post297.com).

We are now active members of the Union Chamber of Commerce. We have included a link on our website for Chamber activities. Please support local businesses.

We have venues for parties/events for rent. There is a discounted rate for members. For information email [barmanager@post297.com](mailto:barmanager@post297.com)

Save the date: October 1, 2023 The Legion along with the City of Union will be hosting a Veterans Fishing day at Veterans Memorial Park. This event will start at 10am. We will provide lunch and will have limited fishing equipment to lend out. Come on out for a relaxing day of fishing and comradery.

Save the date: October 28, 2023 The Auxiliary will be hosting another Black Light Bingo.... The theme will be Zombie Prom. Follow our Facebook page for details.

Did you know...If you are a member of the Legion, you can also be a member of the Sons of the American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary free of charge? Contact the adjutant or membership coordinator for your organization.

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**News for the Shipyards Bar**  
**Queen of Hearts drawing every Saturday afternoon at 3:00**

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5

If your ticket is drawn, you may pick a card from the deck. Jokers pay 10% of the pot; queens - except for the queen of hearts - pay 5% of the pot; queen of hearts pays 60% of the pot if you are present and 40% of the pot if you are not.

We are trying to use email, the website and our Facebook page as much as possible for the newsletter in order to cut costs. **Please let us know if you would like to receive your newsletter by regular mail.** Visit us on the Post 297 website to view or print the newsletter. Copies are also always available on the glass case in the lobby.

You can always find dates and information for meetings and events at our website. Please visit us at [www.post297.com](http://www.post297.com) for more information.

Questions, comments, suggestions or wanting to put something in the newsletter should be sent to [Adjutant@post297.com](mailto:Adjutant@post297.com).



**PLEASE KEEP OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.**