



# O'Brien POST #177

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Post meetings held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.  
All members are invited to attend.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>JULY 3</b>	<b>Post Meeting, Community Center</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>JULY 4</b>	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	
<b>JULY 20</b>	Post Bar-B-Que, Community Center	3:00 p.m.
<b>AUGUST 1</b>	<b>Post Meeting, Community Center</b>	7:00 p.m.
<b>AUGUST 8</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting, Post 162 Lemay	7:30 p.m.



### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

If you have not renewed your 2013 membership dues please pay them as soon as possible. Officially, you are delinquent and will be dropped from the rolls of our Post. We would like to keep you as a member. **REMEMBER: The American Legion year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, not January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Our current membership stands at 123. We need just 1 more to obtain our 100% goal.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m. we conducted a flag retirement ceremony at Eureka City Hall. Thank you for all who participated in this ceremony.



As you all know, it has been approved by the membership for our Color Guard to act as the Honors Rifle Squad one day per week at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. With eight (8) members no single member will have to tie up every Tuesday. Each member will be required every other week. The Post will receive \$100 per burial for this service. Obviously this would be a great help financially to the Post. **We are down to needing just one more member to start this program.** If any member would like to join this team, the Post will provide a complete uniform, training, etc. **If you can commit to just one day per month, we may be able to obtain another to take the opposing week.** Please contact the Captain of the Guard, Ken Allison, or the Adjutant, Gregg Kitson, of your desires to join this vital team. It is an honor to provide this service to our deceased comrades. **We need your help to make this program a success!!!** Let's not pass this opportunity to obtain funds for our other programs as well as the honor of providing this service to our fallen comrades!

### JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 7/2      Allen Nessel
- 7/3      Joshua Hamelin
- 7/8      Martin O'Fallon
- 7/15     David Helms
- 7/17     Gregg Kitson
- 7/22     Harold "Bud" Lowe
- 8/1      Ronald Coleman
- 8/6      Timothy Hodge
- 8/17     Jerry Ponder
- 8/18     Mark Schmiedeskamp
- 8/28     Jeffrey Schilling
- 8/31     Gary Leaders



Please submit any announcements or items for the newsletter to Ken Allison, Editor.  
Requests must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> to be in the current newsletter.

## FROM THE ADJUTANT

Those of you that responded to the post's request for email address will save the post \$65.00 per year just is the mailing. Another way to save the American Legion money is pay your dues promptly. If you don't pay your dues until the last minute, the Legion will send you 3 or 4 requests for the dues. The cost of postage and materials for these requests and your email address could save O'Brien Post 177 and the American Legion money better used for veterans' programs. If you have an email please send your address to [kallison@appliedcoding.com](mailto:kallison@appliedcoding.com) Remember, the Legion 2014 membership year begins in JULY.

The Post currently has seven (7) Honorary Life Members. They are, by seniority of election:

Stanley E. Wallach  
David W. Jeffries  
Wesley A. Becker  
Kenneth O. Allison, Sr.  
Harold E. Lowe  
Gregg P. Kitson  
Joseph L. Olson

A point system was revised and approved by the membership in 2000 to award an Honorary Life Membership to deserving individuals of the Post. A member must be in the top 10% of the point totals for all members. The point system is for eligibility only. Life membership must be recommended by the Honorary Life Membership Committee, voted on at a Post meeting, and passed by a majority vote. The Post provides a Life Card and pays the dues for life of the member. The Post is limited to one Life Member for every 20 members on the rolls.

A listing of point totals is provided at the September meeting each year. Also a listing of all members holding any office since the beginning of our Post is provided the membership. Plan to attend the September's meeting to receive these interesting documents.

## POST WEBSITE

If you have any content to add, i.e. pictures, articles, etc., please forward to Don at [Don.bette@yahoo.com](mailto:Don.bette@yahoo.com).

## MIA STATISTICS

### Summary Statistics

Unaccounted for from Past Conflicts						
	WWII	Korean War	Cold War	Vietnam War	Iraq & Other Conflicts	Total
Total MIA	*73,661	*7,911	126	1,645	6	83,349

Data Updated 21 June 2013

\* Reflects actual number still unaccounted-for. PMKOR database count is slightly higher due to several entries pending administrative review.

\* The number represents those missing from World War II as determined from the congressionally-mandated "World War II Return of the Dead Program," (which ended Dec. 31, 1951), and the final 1956 Army Graves Registration Service (AGRS) roster which listed all WWII individuals considered unresolved by AGRS at that point (it contained 80,871 names but included 6,299 men officially buried at sea who are not considered missing). The present total reflects those numbers as well as those recovered and identified since 1956 and will continue to be updated as ongoing identifications are made or as research supports adjustments to the list.

## HISTORY

**50 Years Ago** – 169 paid members.

**20 Years Ago** – 136 paid members. John E. Davis and Woodrow W. Gudermuth were elected Honorary Life Members. Jerry Griffin transferred from Post 117 Braymer, MO. Donation made to the YMCS Teen Drop-In Center.

**10 Years Ago** – 136 paid members. Nathan Green and Dennis Diem joined the post. Frank Bachmann transferred from Post 1000.

## A FEW TIDBITS

You only have the rights you are willing to fight for.

Gun control is not about guns; it's about control.

Know guns, know peace, know safety.  
No guns, no peace, no safety.

You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.

Assault is a behavior, not a device.

64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.

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