

The Beacon

Newsletter of American Legion Post 202
and Auxiliary Unit 202

January
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Edition



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Squadron Legion
202 Riders

Herbert Williams — U.S. Army, WWI, Boone County Missouri

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Board of Directors

Chairman Alan Wolfe
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Secretary Paul Hobbs
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Calendar of Events

Every Thursday though Saturday
The Bar Opens at 6:00 pm

Date	Event	Time
January 11	SAL meeting	7:00—8:00 PM
January 13	Legion Riders meeting	6:00—8:00PM
January 14	Quilts of Honor	10:00 AM-5:00 PM
January 18	Board Meeting	6:30-7:00 PM
January 20	American Legion Family Meeting	5:30-9:00 PM
February 7	Super Bowl Party	TBD
February 8	SAL meeting	7:00—8:00 PM
February 10	Legion Riders meeting	6:00—8:00PM
February 15	Board Meeting	6:30-7:00 PM
February 17	American Legion Family Meeting	5:30-9:00 PM

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Newsletter by Email

To sign up for the email Legion Beacon or to update your email address, send your name and email address to
Post202Beacon@gmail.com

Commander's Comments

Happy New Year!!

What year it has been. I know as I look back I wish there were things that could be done over, but as Grandpa would say, "you can't change what you have done, but you can change who you become." I am grateful for a new year.

So looking forward we have so many great things ahead of us. January 9th we will be hosting Zone training. We are going to talk about everything from Adjutant training to mylegion.org. We have different things in the works to raise awareness of the post and some funds. Gary Roberts will be teaching CCW on Jan. 16th and the 24th. The class is \$65 for post members. You can email him at robertsgary85@yahoo.com to reserve your space.

In February, we are going to have a Super Bowl party and on Valentine's Day we are going to host a dinner. At some point in March and April we are going to have a wedding gala and a job fair for veterans. There is going to be a few more dances. Melvin Bradley has a country band; he would like to have rehearsals at the post and open them to the public to come listen.

The new year brings a lot of excitement and new challenges. Are you up for the challenge?

Happy New Year
Tori Duncan
Commander



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Post 202 History

POST 202 HISTORY - This will be an ongoing series of articles by Paul Hobbs, Post 202 Commander 2013 and 2014, going back to the beginning of the Post and leading up to the present day.

The history of this post is impressive.

POST 202 HISTORY - ARTICLE 1 - Herbert Williams



Herbert Williams, son of W. P and J. A. Williams, was born September 18, 1895. His comrades in arms in WW I thought highly of him and his heroic actions as the inscription on his grave marker states: “Enlisted in the World War June 2, 1917. It is one’s privilege to say of this modest and unassuming youth, whose mortal remains rest here, that in his courageous sacrifice at the head of his Division in the Argonne, closed the service of a perfect soldier, bringing a never to be forgotten honor to his organization, those of his blood and to his community. A Comrade.”

“Herbert Williams, for whom the American Legion Post #202 of Columbia, Missouri, was named, was a Missouri National Guardsman. He was killed in action September 30, 1918. Williams was a member of Company F, of the 139th Infantry Regiment. He died a hero during the fourth day of the Argonne Offensive. Williams was killed in action while rushing a machine gun nest. This action took place near the French village of Exermont. The body of Herbert Williams was returned to Columbia, October 12, 1921. The interment of the body took place in the Goshen Cemetery, after an impressive military service at the University of Missouri, October 17, 1921. Some of the prominent people who participated in this memorial funeral were: Dr. J. C. Jones, Acting President of the University of Missouri; Rev. J. D. Randolph, Chaplain of the Herbert Williams Post #202; General Peter Traub, Commanding General of the 35th Infantry Division, of which Herbert Williams was a member at the time of his death; Governor Henry Allen of Kansas; and Governor Arthur M. Hyde of Missouri.” (*A Brief History of the American Legion Herbert Williams Post Number 202 compiled in 1969 by Buell B. Cramer, Post Historian.*)

“You can’t say too much for Herbert Williams when speaking of the boys who did their part. He will measure up with any of the boys in the A. E. F. [American Expeditionary Force], according to his comrades. He was no picture show here but a real one. His body now lies closest to the front at the Argonne. He died with his hand on his automatic peppering the Germans as fast as he could shoot.” (*Source unknown but possibly the Evening Missourian, Columbia, Missouri 1918*)

According to another article, probably also the Evening Missourian, the 139th Infantry Regiment of the 35th Division was originally made up entirely of volunteers from Boone County.

Note that his body was not returned to the United States until October 1921. His gravesite is in Goshen cemetery south west of Ashland. This is a beautiful site across from Goshen Primitive Baptist Church on a hillside above the Missouri River.

Directions: From Columbia Take US-63 South and take the Ashland exit. Turn right onto Broadway for 1 mile. Broadway will turn into Route M. Stay on Route M for 7 miles. Take a left at the bottom of the hill on West Cedar Tree Lane. Note: You will pass East Cedar Tree Lane before arriving in Wilton (do not take this road).

BIG THANK YOU'S

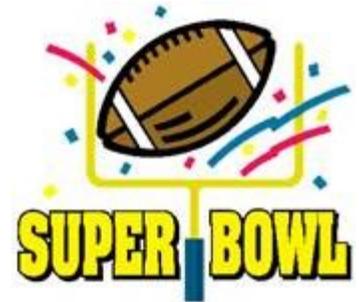
We sincerely thank Tom DeVincentis and Rob Smart of Archon Engineering, PC for their donation to purchase shirts and gear for our Shooting Team. Rob Davis brought up the need for nice Team shirts at the November meeting and Paul Hobbs contacted Archon, his former employer, and they generously donated the necessary funds.

We also thank Mary Hobbs for her donation to the Post. Our Legion Rider Honor Guard performed Military Honors at her husband William's Memorial Service. Most of us remember Hobbs for his memorable portrayals of General Douglas Mac Arthur.



Upcoming Events

Make plans to cheer your favorite team on at the Post Super Bowl Party Sunday, February 7, 2016. Kickoff is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The time the festivities will commence is to be determined.



And, let Post 202 take care of providing a fun date and dinner night for you and your Valentine. Details will follow.

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Chaplin's Comments

Happy New Year!

By now the ball has fallen and the champagne finished. The crowds have gone home and the New Year begun. People like to use this time for both reflection and contemplation. We reflect about the events of the past year and contemplate on what the New Year may bring. During this time of year some of us will make resolutions – promises made to ourselves to change some facet of our lives.

I don't know how many of us make such resolutions, I usually don't, but it is a fun tradition and if it works for you, that's great. I would like to make one request of you for the New Year which is to simply include God in the plans that we make. James 1:5 says "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

During the past year, the Post has undergone a tremendous amount of change. A result of change in an organization is always a type of chaos. Chaos in neither good nor bad, it just is. What you make of it is important. Chaos can lead to great things in an organization, or it can hinder the ability of the organization to fulfill its mission. As a result, each member of the organization has to determine how chaos will affect their lives.

As a veteran, I have seen much change, much chaos, in my life. I hope it has made me a better, stronger person. One thing I have learned is that you cannot deal with it on your own; you need your brothers and sisters (both family and in-arms) around you and most of all you need the wisdom that God can provide.

As we embark on this new year, I would ask all of us to seek God's wisdom; he will provide it, if we only ask. And then use His wisdom to make us stronger and better with the end result a stronger and more effective Post, so that we can better serve the community around us.

So, once again, let me wish you a Happy New Year!

Ed



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Unit 202 Calendar

January 10

- * District 8 Conference at Post 5, Jefferson City

January 14

- * QOV Patriot Piecers (10am—4pm) at Post

January 20

- * Monthly Meeting (7pm)

February 17

- * Monthly Meeting (7pm)

March 16

- * Tracking Forms are due at Auxiliary meeting.

Patriot Piecers award over 40 Quilts of Valor in 2015

The Patriot Piecers Quilts of Valor group was very busy during 2015. They had the extreme honor of awarding comforting and healing Quilts of Valor to more than 40 service members and veterans who have served in combat zones or were touched by war.

The Patriot Piecers look forward to continuing their efforts through the new year, and wish to thank Auxiliary Unit 202 for financially supporting their annual membership fees for 2015. If anyone would like to nominate a combat veteran or one who was touched by war, please contact Auxiliary member and Patriot Piecers Group Leader, Jan Hobbs at jehobbs@centurytel.net



Patriot Piecers held an award ceremony on December 6, 2015 at the Boone Electric Community Room for 14 veterans who served in WWII, Guantanamo Bay during the Cuban Missile Crisis, Vietnam, Kosovo, Kuwait, and Iraq.

Unit 202 Officers

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Pat Kirkpatrick

2nd Vice-President
Thelma Koester

Secretary/Historian
Georgina Coder

Chaplain
Barbara Wyatt

Sergeant-At-Arms
Leanna Guillory



On December 15, 2015 six amazing WWII heroes received their quilts at the Jefferson City American Legion Post 5 Christmas party. The quilt label on the left was for a veteran who served in both WWII and Korea and was awarded 7 Purple Hearts! Hence the embroidered purple heart.

Apply now for Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the **Ella Glascock-Minnie Brown \$800 Memorial Scholarship**. Applicants must be a Columbia, Missouri high school senior who is a direct descendant of a U. S. military veteran or service member.

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Scholarship

This scholarship is offered through the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 202 and may be used at an accredited school, apprenticeship, or trade program. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of character, leadership, essay, application, scholarship, and financial need of the applicant.

Click here on [Application/Rules](#) for complete details and an application form, or see your high school guidance counselor, or contact Cheryl Wolfe at 573-268-8353 or email at alaunit202@gmail.com

Application Deadline is April 1, 2016

*Operation
Warrior Mom*



Operation Warrior Mom Update

Thanks to the generous donations from our American Legion Family, we were able to deliver enough items to Truman VA Medical Center to supply Operation Warrior Mom gift bags to last through April. Our next collection will be in May.

District 8 Conference on Sunday, January 10

The quarterly District 8 Conference will be held in Jefferson City at Post 5. This is a great opportunity to see what the other Auxiliary Units are doing and share ideas for serving our veterans and their families. If you have a favorite inspirational poem or prayer you would like to include in the Prayer Book gift for our District 8 President, Cindy Newton, please bring a copy to this meeting.

Contact Unit 202 President, Pat Kirkpatrick (573-268-2988 or email at pak012@centurylink.net) if you plan to attend the conference and would like to carpool.

Save *“Best Choice” brand UPC labels for us!*

For every 1000 labels, our Unit receives \$30 with a bonus of \$30 with the first 1000 labels submitted each year. You may bring them to our meetings or mail them to:

Pat Kirkpatrick, 700 N Denninghoff Rd, Columbia, MO 65203

ALA: The world's largest women's patriotic service organization

For nearly a century, the American Legion Auxiliary has been serving, helping, and meeting the needs of our nation's veterans, military, and their families—both here and abroad.

(from ALA national website)

Your membership is important to us !

If you are already a member of Unit 202 and have forgotten to pay your \$20 membership renewal dues for 2016, please mail your dues now to our Membership Chairman or renew at our next meeting on January 20 at 7:00 pm.

If you would like to join our Auxiliary Unit, please contact our Membership Chairman.

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Attention Quilters and Quilter Helpers!

Patriot Piecers QOV quilting group meets every second Thursday at American Legion Post 202 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. *If you are a quilter or have an interest in assisting the quilters in making the patriotic Quilts of Valor for our combat troops, you are invited to join them. For more information, contact **Jan Hobbs** at 573-442-4945 or at jehobbs@centurytel.net*

Keep track of your volunteer hours and donations

Don't forget to **fill in your Tracking Forms** each month for the period of 04/01/15 to 03/31/16. The form is available on the National ALA website. Print off a copy or download a version you can fill in automatically.

Go to <https://www.alaforveterans.org/> and search for "member tracking form".

"Service to Veterans" volunteers are Auxiliary members who provide service to veterans outside a VA Medical Center, such as Truman VAMC in Columbia. Member volunteers are at the heart of the Auxiliary's Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Program structure. Find ideas for volunteering by checking out the Service to Veterans section of the "Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers" on the national website. A cumulative report is made of our service in April each year. **Your Tracking Forms are due at our March 16 meeting.**