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TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

A Monthly Insight into the DAV St Louis County Chapter 53

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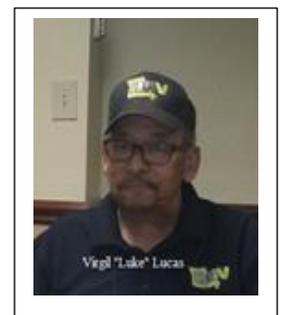
Commanders Corner

Chapter 53 Meeting Date Change

2018-2019 Chapter 53 Officers

Commander-Virgil "Luke" Lucas
Sr. Vice Commander-Andrew "Joe" Mulitsch
Junior Vice Commander-Tia Young
Treasurer – Tom Hrastich
Adjutant-Gerald "Gerry" Ganahl
Chapter Service Officer-Tom Redington
Judge Advocate- Jim Glenn
Chaplain-Eric Davis

Chapter 53 Officer Installation date has been changed to the 4th Tuesday of the Month of May. Rather than being on Tuesday 5/15/2018 it is now being held on **Tuesday 5/22/2018**. This change is for the month of May 2018 ONLY! I hope this doesn't prove to be a burden to anyone. We are all anxious to see everyone there. The date has been changed due to the fact that the Commander and other Officers had appointments that necessitated moving the installation date the following week. Please make the change to Tuesday May 22nd at 10:00 AM at the American Legion .Post 397 Building. The Officer Installation Meeting will be a catered Brunch by the American Legion kitchen. Menu has not been set as yet but I'm sure it will satisfy your taste buds. The Brunch is hosted by Chapter 53 so it is your turn to put on the feed bag, compliments of Chapter 53. As was mentioned at the April meeting, the Officer Installation Brunch is extended to members and their significant other or close friend. The Commander wants to have some special Awards to be presented to those who made Special Effort throughout this past year that made it possible for our Chapter to grow.



RSVP Please

Please give us some indication as to whether you think you will attend and if it will be you or you and your guest!

Call Luke at 314-216-0906 or Email to;
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Hope to see everyone at the 2018-2019 Officer Installation Brunch!

p.s. Food at American Legion is always delicious!

Scientists seek veterans to help treat CTE

Anxiety, irritability, memory loss, cognitive problems, profound depression ... often to the point of (considering) suicide.

Sound familiar? This combination of unwelcome symptoms have been ushering in the return home for thousands of veterans since 9/11. "In that time, more than 300,000 service members have been given a diagnosis of traumatic brain injury, but scientists are now learning that some of those injuries are much more severe than they initially thought.

As recently reported on 60 Minutes, some veterans' brains are affected by chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or GTE, caused by repeated blows to the head.

Veterans can help science advance research on this disease in two ways - by signing up to be part of an active research trial for those living with symptoms of GTE, or by pledging to donate their brains after death, similar to becoming an organ donor." To participate in the Mount Sinai GTE study, contact Dr. Sam Gandy: 212-774-1722 (24-hour pager) samuel.gandy@mssm.edu or samuel.gandy@va.gov

To seek care for GTE: US Department of Veterans Affairs 877-222-VETS

View the video and full article at: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/scientists-seek-veterans-for-final-act-of-service/>

Missouri Chapter 53 is Going and Growing

Last year as I began the Chapter Service Officer duties we were boasting a Chapter 53 membership of approximately 288. As the year progressed that number grew to 295. It is always a pleasure to see the membership growing as it gives way to the feeling that, we as a DAV Chapter must be doing something right. It is a very challenging endeavor to help the Chapter grow but little by little we see that progress.

I just received the latest DAV Chapter 53 Roster and it points out that once again our Membership has grown. We can now boast a strong 306 membership. Our goal that the Commander set for us was to hit the 300 plus membership mark by the Annual Missouri DAV State Convention. The Missouri DAV State Convention is scheduled for June 1st thru 3rd. Thanks to our friends at the National Level on Page Ave. along with our own personal efforts; Commander! We have arrived!



Forget-Me-Nots

Its that time of the year when Billie Bollinger says he can put his long underwear back in the chest of drawers and man his booth at the various grocery stores up in North St. Louis County. Billie has already held his first Forget-Me-Not fund raiser at the Save-A-Lot grocery store near Lindberg and New Halls Ferry Rd. Billie and his cohorts managed to sell over \$500.00 worth of Forget-Me-Nots at that location. That money as you all know goes to help various Veteran facilities in the St. Lois area. Help in the form of straight forward cash donations, Televisions,etc.

Billie could use your help in manning the booths this year. If you can help with just a few hrs let Billie know, he'd appreciate it.



