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Bloomfield, Missouri - The American Legion sure knows how to throw a fish fry. With well over 100 people in attendance, it was the largest showing of the annual veterans fishing event in its history.

Commander Darryl LaPierre was on hand along with many volunteers from the American Legion and the Lady's Auxiliary who host this event each year. Veterans from as far away as Cape Girardeau dipped their fishing poles into the beautiful blue water and caught some really nice catfish.

A huge thank you to the Missouri Department of Conservationists who gutted and cleaned the Veterans' catches of the day!

Once cleans and breaded, the volunteers deep fried the wonderful fillets. There was a multitude of fresh baked pies and cakes lining the dessert table along with the freshly fried french fries, hushpuppies, slaw, pickles, onions and beans.

What a delicious spread after working up an appetite of fishing all morning!

The Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post #59 holds two Veteran Fishing Days. One in May and one in September. Other volunteers who made this event possible were from

the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Missouri State Veterans Home, Missouri Department of Conservation, and American Legion Lady's Auxiliary. Without the tremendous help from these volunteers, this event could not have been such a success! A enormous thank you to everyone who volunteered their time. A few people even took off work from their regular job to donate their time.

If you would like more information about the bi-annual fishing day or to join the American Legion contact Darryl LaPierre at 573-931-1506. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. each first Thursday of the month.

Perhaps you would like to volunteer, just give him a call. It's truly worthwhile event and so enjoyed seeing the many smiles upon the faces of those who sacrificed for out country. An inspirational day!

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