

# Robert Ihlant American Legion Post 537, Auxiliary & Sons of The American Legion



## Commander's Corner

*Greetings Comrades, Clients & Citizens!*

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I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly nominated Commander, Marwin Schiltz. It is an honor to follow in Mike Bundy's footsteps and continue to lean on his wisdom and leadership skills. On that note... Congratulations! to our new and re-elected Legion Officers for the 24/25 year! We look forward to continuing the excellence in leadership and service expected at New London American Legion Post 537!

After an uncertain and mostly warm winter, father snow surprised us with a last minute snowstorm! With the start of spring around the corner we'll only see what is in store for us. Warmer weather is definitely always welcome! April is not only the start of a new season but also the new beginning of our restaurant/ kitchen/bar remodel! We're currently meeting with contractors/salesmen to get the kitchen started first. Big plans for the future of our club. Congratulations to the opening of the New London food co-op! Great thanks to all the prize donators, customers, S.A.L. members and Legion staff that participated in the Easter S.A.L. Poultry Bingo! Another great and successful event.

This month's local and country's Military/ Veteran observances involve; Veterans Day on the Hill, National Former POW Recognition Day, Gold Star Spouses Day, Birthday's for the Army Reserve and Air Force Reserve.

As always, please keep our Servicemen/women and Veterans in your thoughts and prayers. Especially our local family and friends currently serving and/or deployed. It is a dangerous world out there and our guardians and protectors stand ready to do their best to ensure our freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marwin Schiltz, Commander*



## Auxiliary News

*Greetings to All!*

Happy Belated Easter. I am hoping everyone braved our winter storm ok. I am definitely looking forward to spring.

The Auxiliary Post 537 held our meeting Monday, March 18 at 6:30 pm.

Information to share from our meeting:

- There were 11 members present
- Service hours are due March 31. Please submit to Bev.

Due to the American Legion Commander speaking in Willmar, our meeting has been changed to Monday, April 8 at 6:30 pm. Our Unit will still be responsible for Meat Raffle on our regular meeting date.

Prairie Woods 4th graders participated in the Auxiliary Essay Contest.

Sid Rood would like to get a bus trip planned to go to Granite Falls Legion for lunch (approx. 12:00-12:30) and touring Fagen Air Museum. Estimated time to arrive back in New London would be 4:30. This will be tentatively Saturday on April 13. Contact him with interest.

We are still looking for someone to log and keep track on fishing raffle tickets be June 14-15. Tickets will remain at \$2.

Sewing Day will be Thursday, April 11 at 9:00. There is a need to help tie quilts

Poppy Distribution will be Saturday, May 11. There is no lead on this, so it will be a collaborative effort. Poppy Day will be discussed at our April meeting.

April 24 will be Work day at 8:30 to get crosses and wreaths ready for Memorial Day and possibly making poppies.

### Coming events:

- Meeting: Monday April 8, 6:30 pm
- Sewing Day: Thursday April 11, 9:00 am
- Meat Raffle: Monday April 15 with Carol J, Shelly, Kathy
- Work Day: Wednesday April 24, 8:30 am

Remember Freedom isn't Free. Thank you all who gave the ultimate sacrifice and all who have served and is currently serving.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy Kessler*

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## S.A.L. News

*Greetings to all!*

Well, Spring was here! Hopefully, mother nature starts turning things around!

As you receive this newsletter, you will have celebrated Easter Sunday. I hope that everyone was able to spend time with family and friends and have time to reflect on the true meaning of this day.

Our Spring Bingo event was a huge success! I want to thank all that came and participated in this fund raiser event. I also want to list the businesses that donated to our event: Magnify Financial, Teals Market, Bernick's Pepsi, Country Stop, Alley on Ash, M/S Bladeworks, Bonnema Hardware, Annie & TJ Philips, Spicer Super Stop, Mother's Cupboard, Brian Gieske, Brian Ninfeldt, Belgrade Meat Center & Alpha Sales. If you stop in to one of these businesses, please thank them for helping the New London Legion SAL with our fundraiser!

This event would not go as smoothly as it did without a great crew. A big thanks to the men of the Squadron 537 & Shellie and her Legion staff—THANK YOU!

April's meeting will have a few things on the agenda. Nominations of officers for the Squadron will take place. We will also discuss the NL-S Seniors scholarships. We also be looking at the Spring ditch clean up and doing the Pledge at the NL-S high school in April.

We will be conducting the Legion's Meat Raffle on April 1, 2024, Monday at 5:30pm. We will also cover April 22nd.

Please keep those currently deployed, their families and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers. Freedom has a price, and these veterans understand the cost and sacrifice! Please say a prayer for those that have given the ultimate sacrifice to this nation to keep our freedom and the red, white, and blue flying high above us!

Our April meeting will be April 1, 2024, at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. May's meeting will be May 6th, 2024.

*Steve Marquardt, Commander, Squadron #537*

## Service Officer Report

Not much going on.. We did fold the flag for Daniel Sweep. Werner Reining. Sid Rood and I did the folding and presented the flag to his widow. That was on March 3. On March 19, Jim George, Bill Kuperus and I attended the MRS Quarterly meeting in Little Falls. March 29 was Vietnam Veterans Day. If you know one welcome them home. The planned trip to the Fagen Museum will not be happening. Another unit of the National Guard has been deployed again, I know three that are deployed. So please keep all our military in your prayers for there safe return wherever they are.

*Dean Rood, Service Officer*



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*Salad Bar can be added with specials for \$5.00*

**Saturday:** Roasted Half Chicken with Side & Salad Bar \$16

**Friday:** Chef's Choice

**Thursday:** Grilled or Battered WALLEYE with Choice of Side

**Wednesday:** 8 oz. SIRLOIN STEAK With Choice of Side

**Tuesday:** Sandwich or Burger of the Week with Side \$12

**Monday:** Steak, Chicken or Shrimp FAJITAS with Side \$14

**NEW DAILY DINNER SPECIALS**  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Meat Raffle 5:30 JEFF JAMES 6-10pm
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Meat Raffle 5:30 ROY HOLDREN 6-10pm
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Meat Raffle 5:30 CUSTOM MADE 6-10pm
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Meat Raffle 5:30 OUR TYME 6-10pm
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				