

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



Commander's Corner

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Late Easter, Late Spring ~ old adage, very appropriate for this year. We may very well slide right into summer ~ I'll go for that! Many of our snowbirds have returned. Surely some may have wondered if they showed up too soon. Let's hope we don't have an early winter!

At our monthly meeting, awards were given to two of our outstanding members. Sig Holme was designated Legionnaire of the Year for 2020-2021 and Dean Rood was designated Legionnaire of the Year for 2021-2022. These awards are so richly deserved! I also had the honor this month to present to Hal Meder a certificate congratulating him for 75 years of continuous membership in the American Legion. You'd hardly believe Hal would qualify for that ~ he doesn't look a day over 65!

James [Jimmie] Miller is a talented and energetic NLS High Schooler and is our Boy's State Delegate. Not only that, we have supported him along with our brother Legion Post in Spicer providing funds to him for his Eagle Scout project. Good Luck, Jimmie!

On one of the rare nice days in April, a large group of Legion volunteers accomplished our springtime County Road 148 ditch pick-up. A big pile of orange bags showed the result!

Our Post Officers for 2022/23 have been sworn in and installed. We look forward to a dedicated and energetic year of service. Another good month for our Club and its going to get better each week and month as many reservations for parties, reunions, and other gatherings have been received. We have new LED lighting on the outside of our building now.

On May 4th we will present our successful scholarship applicants with their awards. A total of 18 scholarships will be given from the Legion, Sons of the Legion, and our Auxiliary. We presented six American flags to the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center for their use at several locations within the campus.

As always, I am sure we all have the thoughts and prayers for support of our men and women in uniform. As a small reminder of this, it's a nice idea to wear RED on Friday's ~ Remember Everyone Deployed. Be a Proud American!

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Bundy
Commander



Auxiliary News

Salutations!

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The weather is getting better, the weather is getting better, the weather IS getting better! I feel if I keep repeating the mantra to myself it will come to fruition. The days are getting longer, and the air is somewhat warmer, now if the wind would just cut us a break!

I would like to thank everyone that was able to attend the Legion birthday party on March 7. There were a few missing faces, but in all we had good attendance, a nice program, and a wonderful meal. Thank you again to Shellie and our servers for taking such good care of us.

The Sons of the American Legion will once again be hosting their Spring Poultry Bingo on April 9th, doors open at 10am and Bingo starts at 11am. Perfect time to get your turkey or ham for Easter dinner. There will also be a Prime Rib drawing and the Plinko board will once again be in full swing. Please come out and show support for our fellow Legion family members.

At the meeting on March 21st, there was discussion about ordering t-shirts that would have the POW/MIA logo on the front breast with Unit 537, New London MN 56273, and on the back is a kneeling soldier and the words Honor the Brave. Many Auxiliary members placed an order at that time, and I spoke with the Legion Commander who brought it to the attention of their meeting as well. The SAL will be taking orders at their meeting on April 4th. I must have the order in by April 7th, therefore I plan to place it on the 6th, if there is anyone that would like to order a shirt that has not had the chance, please contact myself or Steve Marquardt with your name, phone number and size and we will get you added to the list. The base price of the shirt is \$9.95, with an upcharge of \$3 for 2xl and \$4 for 3X, 4X, or 5X. Plus a small shipping fee.

April 15th is military kids' day - wear purple to remember our countries military kids.

Poppy Day is coming up May 14th. If you would like to help in any way (setting up baskets, collecting business donations or distributing poppies) please contact me. I will also be asking for volunteers at the next meeting as well as making phone calls to ask for volunteers so we can make this the BEST Poppy Day ever!

We will also be conducting the Fishing Raffle during the Crow River Fishing Tournament on June 11th this year. We need people to sell tickets. Megan S. and Hope P. will be asking members to take a book or two.

Mary Kuperus will be installed as the new Department of Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary President, should she be elected, on July 16th! Good luck, Mary, we know you will be a great President!

As always, remember our active and retired military and their families along with the members of our community, country, and those in the Ukraine, in need of our prayers.

Thank you and God Bless!

Respectfully submitted

Sherry A. Wright

Unit 537 Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY COMING EVENTS (Not available)

S. A. C. News

Greetings to all!

Still waiting on the warmer days!! Oh well, we will see them soon! Positive note—we had a warm evening for the annual ditch cleanup that we did on the 21st of April with the Legion. Amazing how careless, clueless and lazy some individuals are on throwing their trash into the road ditch.

We had a great turnout for our Poultry Bingo that was held on the 9th. I want to thank everyone that came out and took part in this event. On behalf of the SAL and myself, I want you to know we greatly appreciate your support!

We need to thank the following business for the Plinko game donations: Country Stop, Teals Market, Magnifi Financial, Green Lake Liquor, Bernicks Pepsi, Alpha Training, M/S Bladeworks, Zero Tolerance. If you happen to stop in and do some business at one of these—please tell them thank you for supporting the SAL and POST 537.

We have selected our New London-Spicer Senior Scholarship winners for this year. They are Peter Hughnesdon, Caitlin Wileman, Hayden Larson & Ashauria Ann Garcia. Congratulations and best wishes to your future!

We will be installing the 2022 Officers at the May meeting. Commander Bundy will be doing the Initiation Ceremony. Historian is Jeff Wersal, Chaplain is Carl Fiskness, Finance Officer is Andy Pirrotta, Sgt. At Arms is Bob Szeremeta, 2nd Vice is Chad Mithaugen, 1st Vice is Matt Lief, Commander is Steve Marquardt and Adjutant is Miah Lund. We are all looking forward to an excellent year of service to the Legion.

Sherry Wright from the Auxiliary has the MIA/POW Never Forgotten—Memorial Day T-shirt. If you have not picked it up from her, she will have them available at our meeting.

Donations have gone out to the NL-S Trap Team and the LINK at the April meeting. As always, please keep those that are currently on active duty and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Our safety and security as a nation does not stop anytime. God Bless America!

We will be meeting on May 2, 2022, at 6:30pm, in the Fireside room

Respectfully Submitted, *Steve Marquardt* S.A.L. Squadron Commander

Service Officer Report

The Color Guard has been fairly busy lately. Our Post went to Willmar VFW Post for Memorial service for Travis Larsen, active duty, passed away at Camp Riley. We had 7 members attend to pay our respects. On April 13 two members went to Little Falls to the Veterans Cemetery for a funeral for a Memorial Rifle Squad member that was being interred at the Cemetery. On April 30 we will do Military Honors for Warren Pelkey. This will be a private family service.

The Veterans Cemetery at Little Falls received the Operational Excellence Award. That means they were the best in the whole nation. That is quite an Honor. They are very good to work with. The Cemetery was started in 1994, since then there have been over 9000 Veterans and spouses interred at the Cemetery.

On Thursday April 28 we will be going to Little Falls for a burial. We will be doing Honors for Vern Porter on May 4, at Lebanon Cemetery.

Memorial Day is coming fast, so I will be working on getting that all lined up. We will have a meeting before that and we can finish the plans then.

Dean Rood Service Officer



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Tuesday: Totchos Supreme \$9

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MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 SAL Meeting 6:30pm Meat Raffle 5:30	3	4	5	6	7 Meat Raffle 5:30 Dan, Jason & Colene 6-10pm
8	9 Meat Raffle 5:30	10 BINGO 6:30pm	11	12 Thirsty Thursday with Dan Burns 6 - 10pm	13	14 Meat Raffle 5:30 Gig Noonan 6 - 10pm
15	16 Aux. 6:30 Legion Meeting 8pm Meat Raffle 5:30	17	18	19	20	21 Meat Raffle 5:30 Merchants of Soul 6-10pm
22	23	24 BINGO 6:30pm	25	26 Thirsty Thursday with Dan Burns 6 - 10pm	27	28 Meat Raffle 5:30 Gig Noonan 6 - 10pm
29	30 CLOSED HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY	31				