

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



Commander's Corner

Greetings Comrades, Clients & Citizens!

Ahhh, summer in Minnesota ~ especially here in our fabulous neck-of-the-woods. Our July activities, festivities, parades, and promotions have ended and what a memorable month it was! I believe our Post has served our community, loyal and new customers, and fellow service organizations well. I say this with abundant pride in our Members, Officers, and Management and Service Staff.

Of course, our normal midsummer comes with weather challenges. A vicious storm landed on New London early in the morning of July 26th causing significant structural and environmental damage about town. Thankfully, no damage occurred to our building. However, electrical power was lost for over 14 hours. The quick thinking and hard work of our staff saved all of our inventory during this time. A special "Thank You" goes out to Lisa and Phil at McKale's who graciously supplied us with refrigerator space for much of our perishable items.

Yet another good month for our Post and our troublesome accounting woes have been solved. Our wall contractor, Eli Anderson, is hard at work sub-contracting and purchasing materials in preparation for installation of the new wall project. As a result of the recent State Legion Convention, we have a brand-new set of State and District Officers. Congratulations to them all. We look forward to their leadership.

As we have celebrated our country and displayed our Americanism, we must remember that freedom comes at a dear cost ~ it is not free and requires constant vigilance to maintain. We all have a connection with a person or persons who have interrupted their normal lives to serve their country and, ultimately, guard and protect us all. Throughout this world, these Servicemen and Women hold our freedom's light. We'll be alright!

Respectfully submitted,

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Auxiliary News

Greetings!

I hope everyone is surviving the storms from last week. Hopefully clean-up is going well. Thank you to "Team Rubicon" for all their assistance in helping with trees and damage in New London and Brooten/Belgrade. Thankfully no one was hurt! PTL.

WaterDays parade was fun and good to see so many people. Omelet breakfast went very well. Thank you to all who helped. Also thank you to the S.A.L. for such great team work. It is nice to collaborate on events.

Auxiliary will be doing meat raffle on August 21.

Just a reminder that the American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, September 7 at Peace Church from 12-6. If any are able and willing to donate, please go to: Redcrossblood.org to sign up.

Our next meeting will be September 18 at 6:30

Enjoy the beautiful Minnesota Summer (hopefully NO big storms).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Kessler

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Service Officer Report

This is a busy time of the year, so busy I forgot to write the June article. On Flag Day Spicer hosted the flag retirement ceremonies. On June 20th, Werner, Bill and I went to the MRS Quarterly meeting in Little Falls. We brought a bid to host the MRS picnic. Waite Park got the bid. That will be on August 12. I will need a count by August 7th. I will call a few days before to see who can go.

The groundbreaking for the new Museum at Little Falls will be on September 17. They would like to have units bring the American Flag unit flag for the ground breaking.

On June 22 we did 3 funerals at Little Falls. On June 29th Mike and I went to a meeting in Redwood Falls at the new Veterans Cemetery. They are looking for Posts to do the Military Honors like we do at Little Falls. We will help them get up and running. The dedication ceremony will be August 19 at 2:00. We will have 2 Legion members and 2 Auxiliary members going. And they may want to have a few rifles to fire but that remains to be determined. Had a good turnout from our post for the 4th parade in Spicer, had 13 members participate. At the WaterDays parade we had 17 members. I can't say enough good continued after S.A.L. news

S. A. L. News

Happy Independence day to all!

Where is Summer going? Already the start of August and setting plans for the Fall!

The July events have come and passed for the SAL and Legion. Parades, hometown events, and more. I hope everyone had a chance to get out and enjoy our community!

Color Guard for the SAL participated in the New London WaterDays parade and the Spicer's fourth of July parade. Always an honor and privilege to take part in events with the Legion members! The SAL assisted the Auxiliary with the Omelet Breakfast. They served close to 300 and the food was excellent as always.

Reminder to all SAL members. 2024 Membership dues are due currently. Please stop in or mail your dues in at this time.

We will be discussing the Fall Poultry Bingo event at the meeting next week. We are set for November 18, 2023, for this event. Plinko game, Prime Rib raffle, Bingo and more!

The SAL will be conducting the Meat Raffle on August 7th and August 28th. Mondays are \$1.00 raffles and Saturdays are \$2.00 per ticket. Meat packages were excellent last month, and I am sure this month will be the same.

Our meeting this month will be Monday at 6:30pm, August 7, 2023—in the Fireside room.

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!

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

Service Officer Report continued . . .

about these guys on the Color Guard. They do such an excellent job of whatever we are doing, I am so glad to be a part of such a fantastic group.

THANK YOU Guys!

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Fridays, Saturdays: 12 to Closing

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Tuesday: 2 pounds of Bone-in or Boneless Wings for \$20 & Add a Pitcher of Domestic Beer for \$5

Wednesday: 8 oz. Sirloin Steak With Choice of Side \$10.00

Thursday: Grilled or Battered Walleye with Choice of Side \$12.00

Friday: Chef's Choice With Choice of Side & Salad Bar \$15.00

Saturday: Homemade Meatloaf With Choice of Side & Salad Bar \$16.00

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	1	2	3	4	5	
				Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm		Meat Raffle 5:30 Merchants of Soul 6-10pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	SAL 6:30				Antique Car Run Ribs & Chicken Buffet 4-8 No open Menu	Meat Raffle 5:30 Music with Roy Holdren 6-10pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm		Meat Raffle 5:30 Paul Stewart 6-10pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Meat Raffle 5:30 Auxiliary 6:30 Legion Mtg 8:00	BINGO 6:30pm			Waterdays Weekend Music with Jim Medar 6-10	
27	28	29	30	31		
				Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm		