

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



Commander's Corner

Greetings Comrades, Clients & Citizens!

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The angle of the sun is increasing daily and even if its not shining brightly, it has a good deal of power. A welcome melt is under way, although not as fast as we'd like. This should be the month that many of our snow birds come flying back ~ Welcome Home!

Our new and upgraded security/camera system is installed, much overdue. The flooring and carpet strips which were in shabby shape have been replaced except for the dance floor area. The food inspector stopped by to check our kitchen and storage areas for compliance. We passed. Our new bar dishwasher is installed and operates very well. St. Patrick's Day weekend was very well celebrated at the Club and profitable, too! Morgan is back at work following her serious illness ~ great to see her.

Thanks to all who lead the pledge for the middle and high school in March. Great Job! Our next month for the pledge will be May, the last for the school year.

Nominations for Post officer positions were solicited at our monthly meeting, which was well attended. A motion was made and seconded to employ the white ballot, the result of which re-instated all current officers for another term. The formal installation will be held this month. I believe we have a good working officer corps and I am looking forward to a fruitful and effective year!

In these uncertain and stressful world event times, we are reminded how important it is to realize our dependence on a well-supported and professional military. We remain committed to holding our Service Men and Women, as well as all Veterans, in highest regard. God bless, strengthen, and protect them all!

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Bundy
Commander



Auxiliary News

Salutations!

I do believe spring is on its way..... though the days will be warmer, don't forget to join us at the Legion for meat raffle, bingo, karaoke or stopping in for dinner, the staff is always ready to be there for you.

Nest month the Auxiliary will once again be distributing poppies, I will be looking for people willing to help for a couple hours that day...the more people we have the shorter the times and the better coverage we will have. Please donate and wear a poppy in remembrance or those that served.

If you have not yet paid your 2023 dues, please get them remitted to Mary Kuperus ASAP. If you know of someone eligible for membership in the Auxiliary, have a discussion with them about joining, or let an officer know so we may contact them and tell them all of the wonderful things about being an auxiliary member.

The new Auxiliary shirts from Rambow are here! Shirts are \$25 each, and we have various sizes available, let Sandy W. know if you are in need of a new shirt.

Mary Kuperus will be having her testimonial dinner at the Spicer Legion on April 22nd. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Bev Dresser by April 14th.

At the meeting in March, we had a special guest, Mary Hanson, Bethesda Volunteer Coordinator came and talked to us about volunteering at any of the Bethesda locations. They are very short of volunteers to come and spend time with their residents, doing everything from playing board games to helping plant flowers. If you are interested in helping out, please call Mary at 320-235-0240. All hours count toward auxiliary community service hours so please keep track and turn them into Bev.

As always, remember our active and retired military and their families along with the members of our community and country.

Thank you and God Bless!

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry A. Wright,
Unit 537 President

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S. A. L. News

Greetings to all!

I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter! I hope everyone can spend time with family and friends. Please keep the true meaning of this time of year at heart. An amazing sacrifice was made for all of us!

As you read this newsletter, our Spring Poultry Bingo event will have happened. Hams, turkeys, and a prime rib will have been taken home for the Easter weekend! I want to recognize the following donors to this event: Bernicks Pepsi/Chad Mithaugen, Bonnema Hardware, Teals Market, Magnifi Financial, Lake Region Bank, Mill Pond Liquor and Wine, Alley on Ash, Lucky Duck, Hemponix, M/S Bladeworks, Fagen Fighters, Country Stop and New London Legion.

I want to thank Shellie and her crew for making sure our guests had excellent food and beverages. Finally, a thank you to the SAL members that helped make this event happen. It takes a team and hard work to bring all this into place.

We will be installing the officers for the 2023 session. I am looking forward to a good year and accomplishing some tasks.

The New London Spicer Senior Scholarship applications will be on the table for us to select our recipients. We always look forward to participating in this event and reviewing the applicant's future plans.

As always, 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 be respectful when we ask you to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance. Countless Americans have shed blood and tears for that flag. Freedom is a privilege! I also ask that you pray for this nation, our country, and our community. Evil seems to be ever so present. With God, Family and Country—we shall overcome!

Our April meeting will be Monday evening, April 3, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Fireside room.

Respectfully,

Steve Marquardt
S.A.L. Squadron Commander

Service Officer Report

We haKeep all active duty personnel in your prayers to keep them safe.

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BAR HOURS

Monday - Thursdays: 3 to Closing
Fridays, Saturdays: 12 to Closing

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NEW DAILY DINNER SPECIALS

Hours: Mon-Thurs. 3 - 12, Fri. & Sat. 12 - 12

- Monday:** Homemade Sloppy Joe \$10.00
- 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 \$15.00
 With Choice of Side & Salad Bar
- Saturday:** Homemade Meatloaf With Choice of Side & Salad Bar

Salad Bar can be added with specials for \$4.00

SALAD BAR: TUESDAY - SATURDAY 5-9

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APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Benefit for Ricky Mendoza on Saturday, April 29th; 12 - 3pm						
Chicken Dinner, Silent Auction and Bake Sale						
Special Meat Raffle at 3:30 • Our Tyme with the Beaches 6 - 10pm						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	SAL 6:30			Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Legion Birthday Party 5:30 Social Program 6:30 Meal Meat Raffle 5:30	BINGO 6:30pm				Meat Raffle 5:30 Custom Made 6-10pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Meat Raffle 5:30 Auxiliary 6:30 Legion Mtg 8:00			Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm		Meat Raffle 5:30 Live Wire 6-10pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Meat Raffle 5:30	BINGO 6:30pm				Mendoza Benefit (see above) Our Tyme with the Beaches 6-10pm
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