

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



## Commander's Corner

*Greetings Comrades, Clients & Citizens!*

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How wonderful to bask in the long, warm days of summer! I know we appreciate this season as we begin the slow but certain slide toward the ones "on deck."

The last financial reporting period showed positive gain, although moderate in size. The next period will be a challenge as three payrolls will go out.

One team from our Post participated in the Firemen's Backdraft Golf Tournament in June. This was a rewarding experience for all involved. We will continue to support this event in coming years.

The damage to the east wall has been repaired. We will recover well, financially, from the foodstuffs lost from the May storm. We have received a cost/labor estimate for removal and replacement of the asphalt and grade reduction on the east side of the building. We will vote on whether to accept the estimate or not at our next regular meeting. It is recommended that this road work be done before work can be scheduled on "the wall."

After some inquiries, a vote was taken on whether or not to make a uniform change for our Honor Guard. The vote came out in favor of "no change." We look forward to representing our Post in Spicer's 4th of July parade and our own New London WaterDays parade later this month. Legionnaires, Legion's Sons, and our Auxiliary will all participate with pride and enthusiasm! Celebrations nationwide will grace our country this month and first and foremost will be our glorious flag. Let us all revere and respect it as proud Americans should. Please take a few moments out of your busy day to think of, pray for, and admire our Servicemen and Women worldwide.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Bundy* Commander



## Auxiliary News

*Salutations!*

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Summer is here!! Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather, I am hoping that it holds out and isn't too crazy hot on the 4th of July. I am looking forward to seeing everyone that comes out for the parade in Spicer on the 4th, it is fabulous to see all of the American spirit that lines the streets. With the mention of the parade please keep in mind that New London WaterDays is fast approaching as well. The Legion, SAL and the Auxiliary are working together to create an event in the WaterDays parade. Last year our WWII Veterans were included on the float, this year along with the WWII Veterans we are looking to add those who served in the time frame of 1939 – 1959. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of the entry in the parade, please contact myself, Steve Marquardt or Commander Mike Bundy.

The omelet breakfast is coming! Also, during WaterDays we will once again be serving the omelet breakfast on Sunday July 17th 8am – Noon. Omelet breakfast will be \$15, and there will be a children's option of French toast sticks for \$5. We are still in great need of people that would like to help, please get ahold of us if you are willing.

Congratulations to our June 11th Fishing Raffle winners – Colleen Barber, Brett Chesness, Mr. Madden, Jane Lindemann and Tim Barber. Thank you everyone for your participation!

At the meeting on June 20th, we held a memorial service for those we lost in the last year – Deloris Fundingsland, Marlys Renner and Pat Sorenson. Recognitions pins were handed out for continuous years of service – 25 years – Rachels Bendickson, Patricia Johnson, Shelia Purkat, Jackie Wersal and Sandy Wersal. 40 years – Lonna Erickson, Illa Hengel, Fern Johnson, Heather Noeker and Jennifer Stai. 45 years – Elizabeth Lindgren. 50 years – Annie Monson.

We also inducted 5 new members – Colleen Barber, Marion Bloom, Katherine Hanson, Joyce Rudningen and Vikki Zoller-Neilson. Welcome to all new members and thank to those who have served for many years, it takes all perspectives to keep an organization running smoothly.

Also, at the June meeting we had the installation for this year's officers, we are all here to help, and to answer any questions you may have. Or seek us out and just say HI!

The Auxiliary does not meet again until September, and workdays and sewing days cease during the summer as well. We will continue to run the meat raffle the third Monday of the month at 5:30pm.

As always, remember our active and retired military and their families, along with the members of our community and country, and all of those in need of our prayers. Thank you and God Bless!

Respectfully submitted

*Sherry A. Wright* Unit 537 Auxiliary President

## S. A. C. News

*Greetings to all!*

Summer is in full swing, and I hope everyone is getting out and enjoying what Minnesota has to offer!

We have a busy agenda for the SAL this month. We will be taking part at the Spicer 4th of July Parade. SAL members will participate with the Legion's Honor Guard. I am very glad that we have been able to be part of this. The new uniforms look sharp and really make us feel part of the guard!

We will be running meat raffle on Tuesday, the 5th of July this month. So please stop in and help the cause!

WaterDays will be here before you know it. With that--we will be working on a Veterans Float for the Legion. The SAL is working with the Auxiliary on this item. It was well received, and we were honored to have four World War II veterans on the float last year. Sherry Wright has been tracking down WWII, Korean & Vietnam Vets to ride in this year's parade. It's going to be great having these Vet's on the float and representing the Legion POST!

On Sunday, July 17, 2022, the Legion Auxiliary and the SAL will be putting on the Omelet Breakfast. It will run from 8:00 am to noon. The price for adults will be \$15.00 each. The cost for the children's french toast sticks will be \$5.00 each. We are also looking for volunteers to help with setup, servicing, meal preparation and clean up. Please contact Andy Pirrotta, Sherry Wright or Tomi Pirrotta if you can help with this great event!

At our July meeting we will continue to work on the items for the Fall Poultry Bingo event. We have been throwing around some great ideas and hope we can make it all come together in November!

Our July meeting will be on July 11, 2022, at 6:30pm in the fireside room. As always, please keep those currently deployed, their families and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers. We have a great nation and the New London Legion POST 537 lives and breathes patriotism, respect and allegiance to it and that beautiful flag! Let it wave high and proud every day!

God Bless the USA!

Respectfully,

*Steve Marquardt*  
S.A.L. Squadron Commander



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

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**SALAD BAR: TUESDAY - SATURDAY 5-9**  
*Salad Bar can be added with specials for \$4.00*

**Saturday:** Chicken and Ribs, Choice of Side & Salad Bar \$18

**Friday:** Chef's Choice

**Thursday:** Grilled or Battered Walleye with Choice of Side \$12

**Wednesday:** Burger/Sandwich with Choice of Side \$12 (special varies weekly)

**Tuesday:** Totchos Supreme \$9

**Monday:** Homemade Sloppy Joe with Choice of Side \$8

**Hours: Mon-Thurs. 3 - 12, Fri. & Sat. 12 - 12**  
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**JULY 2022**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>WaterDays Weekend: Friday: Beachs' SNS 6-10pm</b>						
<b>Saturday: Lions Pancake Feed 8-10am; Lions Bingo 1-3pm; Meat Raffle 5:30pm; Merchants of Soul 6 - 10pm • Sunday Omelette 8-12</b>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	HAPPY 4 <sup>th</sup> OF JULY Legion Closed!	Special Meat Raffle 5:30		Thirsty Thursday with Dan Burns 6 - 10pm	Beachs' SNS 6-10pm	Meat Raffle 5:30 Jason & Colleen 6 - 10pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	SAL 6:30pm Meat Raffle 5:30	BINGO 6:30pm				Pancake Feed 8-10am; Bingo 1-3 Meat Raffle 5:30 Merchants of Soul 6-10pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
WaterDays Omelette Feed 8 - 12	Aux. 6:30 Legion Meeting 8pm Meat Raffle 5:30			Thirsty Thursday with Dan Burns 6 - 10pm		Meat Raffle 5:30 Paul Stewart 6 - 10pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Meat Raffle 5:30	BINGO 6:30pm				Meat Raffle 5:30 Live Wire 6-10pm
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