

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



Commander's Corner

Greetings Comrades, Clients & Citizens!

Summer has come in the wake of winter; spring was pretty much missing this year. Of course, rapid warm weather gave ammunition for violent storms as those we experienced a few weeks ago. The electrical service in New London was "out" for more than half a day. Consequently, our managerial and food service staff were very busy caring for and temperature testing our food inventory during that event. This was demanding and stressful work. Hats off to those folks for seeing the problem and trying hard to lesson the loss ~ which was considerable with the meat stock. Our insurance coverage was adequate to redeem our losses. Many thanks also to our food supplier, Sysco, which helped us to re-supply very quickly. We only lost two menu items for a short period after the storm. We are grateful, too, for our loyal customers who paid their tabs promptly once the power returned. All told, it was a profitable month.

As a reminder, every Friday during Happy Hour, anyone wearing a Red shirt or blouse receives one dollar off their first beverage ~ if they know why. R.E.D. stands for Remember Everyone Deployed.

At our regular monthly meeting, which was very well attended, we were visited by our newest member, Robert Holmquist, on leave from the Navy and one of our Country's newest Navy Seals.

The grizzled Soldier knelt at the gravesite, hat in hand on Memorial Day and said "This Day is for you, Brother, Veteran's Day is for me." As you read these lines, our most solemn day of remembrance and awe, May 30th, will have passed. Memorial Day observation with appropriate rites and ceremonies mean so much to not only Veterans but true and proud Americans. It is with great pride and dedication that our New London Legion Honor Guard performs essential rites for our fallen heroes not only on Memorial Day but all year long.

On Flag Day, June 14th, our Post along with our brother Post in Spicer will conduct ceremonies to officially dispose of worn, faded, torn, U.S. Flags that have been given to the Legion Posts for retirement. The ceremony will take place at Rodvik Park at 6:00 p.m. with the able assistance of the NLS Boy Scout Troop.

Our lives have become most anxious and stressful what with a major war raging and the world economy in upheaval. We tire of "biting the bullet" but, unfortunately, we must. Keep our Service Men and Women in your daily prayers please. Be a Proud American!

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Bundy Commander

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Auxiliary News

Salutations!

Well, we have finally made it to spring! Many of us are preparing for the warmer months to come and being outside to enjoy the summer that Minnesota has to offer.

The MIA/POW shirts arrived a week early, and they look great! If you have not yet received and/or have not paid for your shirt yet, please see Frank Peralta or myself and we will get them to you, I know there are two auxiliary members shirts left to be picked up.

Poppy Day Saturday, May 14th was a success, thank you to all that helped in the process.

Nominations for offices for the coming year as of now are, President-Sherry W., 1st Vice-Kathy K., 2nd Vice-Naomi J., Secretary-Harley F. (not elected) Installation of officers, as well as induction of new members will be held at the June meeting. In addition, there will be a Memorial Service, and dinner (everyone buys their own). We will not meet again then until September, I hope everyone has a great summer.

The fishing raffle tickets are being sold, please see Megan S. or Hope P. to grab a book or two. The raffle will be held during the fishing tournament on June 11th.

Planning for the omelet breakfast is in the works, if you can help in any way, please let an officer know so we can get you signed up.

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

Thank you and God Bless!

Respectfully submitted

Sherry A. Wright

Unit 537 Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY COMING EVENTS

June 9 – Sewing Day at Peace 9 am (I am told they need help tying quilts)

June 20 – Meat Raffle 5:30pm – Shelly P., Megan S. and Hope P.?

June 20 – Unit meeting 6:30pm – Induction of new members, installation of officers, memorial service and dinner

S. A. C. News

Greetings to all!

I hope everyone is getting out during the sunny days and enjoying a Minnesota Spring! I hope everyone made it through the May storm with little or no damage. I do not want to see a repeat of that anytime soon!

When you receive this newsletter, we will have done the Memorial Day Honor Guard events. The SAL has Jeff Wersal, T.J. Philips and myself participating with the Legion Guard. We are truly honored and looking forward to showing our respect and standing next to these veterans.

We will be discussing the summer upcoming events and our fall Poultry Bingo at the June meeting. We will also be looking at working with the Auxiliary to get a parade float put together and the game plan for the Omelet Breakfast for New London's Water Days.

If June is like the past five months—we will have to work fast to make things come together. Time seems to fly by way to fast!

Remember Everyone Deployed (RED) Fridays. You wear a red shirt to the legion and know what it stands for—you will receive \$1.00 off your first beverage! Please take part and make it a RED wave on Fridays!

As always, please keep those that are currently on active duty and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Take a moment and remember those that have given the ultimate sacrifice to this country! Say thank you to a veteran. Because of their service we are a free nation! Our safety and security as a nation does not stop anytime.

God Bless America!

We will be meeting on June 6, 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. We did Honors for Warren Pelkey, Vern Porter, Jim Nelson, and Jesse Black III. There were three members and one nonmember. I had one funeral at Little Falls last month.

Memorial Day is coming up on Monday, May 30. I would like to have all Color Guard members along if you can make it. We start with breakfast at 7, then we are on the road to our cemeteries that we fire at. The Auxiliary serves the breakfast, it is very good and very much appreciated by the Color Guard members. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. Looking ahead Flag Day is June 14. Flag Day is when we retire the unserviceable flags. Our post will host that event at Rodvik Park. The Spicer Post will also be there, with assistance from the Boy Scouts. Hopefully the weather will be warmer by that time.

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

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Salad Bar can be added with specials for \$4.00

NEW DAILY DINNER SPECIALS
 Hours: Mon-Thurs. 3 - 12, Fri. & Sat. 12 - 12

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

Tuesday: Totchos Supreme \$9

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

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

Friday: Chef's Choice

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

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		1	2	3	4	Meat Raffle 5:30 Gig Noonan 6 - 10pm
5	6 SAL Meeting 6:30pm Meat Raffle 5:30	7	8	9 Thirsty Thursday with Dan Burns 6 - 10pm	10 Calcutta Fishing Tourney sign up night 7:00	11 Meat Raffle 5:30 Paul Stewart 6 - 10pm
12	13 Meat Raffle 5:30	14 BINGO 6:30pm	15	16	17	18 Meat Raffle 5:30 Live Wire 6 - 10pm
19	20 Aux. 6:30 Legion Meeting 8pm Meat Raffle 5:30	21	22	23 Thirsty Thursday with Dan Burns 6 - 10pm	24	25 Meat Raffle 5:30 Custom Made 6 - 10pm
26	27 Meat Raffle 5:30	28 BINGO 6:30pm	29	30		