

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



## Commander's Corner

*Greetings Comrades, Clients & Citizens!*

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The mosquitoes have begun to lay down some, finally. Several other signs of a waning summer and waxing fall are coming into view. It seems as though our summers pass more rapidly every year.

This has been a remarkable season for our Post and in no small measure because of our loyal and valued customers and visitors. Our excellent staff's work is evident consistently which also speaks volumes for our operations. We enjoy an enviable team working relationship with our Sons and Auxiliary, too. School has begun and with it our responsibility for leading high school and middle school students and staff in our Pledge of Allegiance. We have the duty for the month of September, assignments forthcoming. Our brother Post in Spicer has the duty in October and so we go, every other month. Spicer's Adjutant, Loren, and I met with Bonnie Spohn, our new high school Principal. We talked about several veteran's concerns and our continuing mutual support in the new school year.

At our last monthly meeting, well attended, we welcomed a new member, Rudy Hernandez, and had a presentation by Rick and Tracy Clark about a planned dedication event which will occur at the end of the month.

I have been thanked several times in the past month by folks appreciative of our activities and community involvement. My answer to these thank-you's is always the same: "You are Worth It!"

The cost of food stuffs continues to be stupidly high. Shelly and the food service staff are working hard to come up with some innovative menu items to help with this unfortunate issue.

As always, keep our Service Members in your thoughts and prayers especially now during these stressful times. Be a Proud American!

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Bundy*  
Commander



## Auxiliary News

*Salutations!*

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Carol Jackson

The Minnesota weather has been beautiful this year in my opinion, I hope that everyone has had a chance to enjoy it somehow, somewhere, someway. Whereas, July was a busy month for the Legion family here in New London, August was pretty laid back.

The Auxiliary Board met on August 15, to prepare a 2023 budget to bring before the membership at the September meeting.

Legion Auxiliary dues of \$30 for 2023 are due starting September 1st and must be paid by December 31st. These can be made at the September meeting, or mailed to New London Legion Auxiliary, P.O. Box 26, New London, MN 56273.

Remember, Auxiliary meetings will resume starting on September 19th. 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

## Service Officer Report

Since the last meeting the Color Guard has done 5 funerals, we had 4 in 4 days. On July 27, we did Honors for Glen Stulen, on July 29 we were Honor Guard for Galen Koll, he was interred at the Minnesota Veterans Cemetery at Little Falls, so full Military Honors were done there. On July 30 we did Honors for Doug Glesne, he was a member for 31 years. Also on July 30 we did Honors for Nuvillo Bjork, his was in the afternoon, Doug's was in the morning and both were at the same church. On August 10 we did Honors for Harley Johnson he was a 12 year member, so we had three nonmember and two member funerals.

We had three members march in the parade at Belgrade on August 13, for Belgrade's celebration.

The Color Guard continues to do an **Excellent** job of Honoring our Veterans.

*Dean Rood* Service Officer

## S. A. C. News

*Greetings to all!*

Sitting down this morning to write the September newsletter, I look back at the past months, wondering what happen to those days. Summer seems like it flew by and now we approach Fall, and I cannot wait to have the windows open and enjoy cool evenings and a good fire with friends and family.

2023 membership dues are up, if you have not paid them, please stop in or send them into the Legion—attention Miah. The dues are \$20.00 this year. \$15.00 for Junior memberships. We have been advised that the membership cards are being sent to us. There was a hold up at the State Office, so hopefully all that is cleared up and we able to get them out to you.

We have received the final numbers for the Omelet Breakfast from July. This was one of the best years we have had! Thank you again to all that helped with this event. It takes a group, and I am very proud of the SAL & the Auxiliary for their hard work!

Poultry Bingo is set for November 19, 2022. We will be finalizing the Plinko prizes, and the Fall Raffle tickets should be coming out in September. Once again, the fundraiser raffle will be a \$10.00 ticket and we will have a limited number for sale. As always--Shellie and her staff will have some great food and beverages ready for that morning!

The SAL honor guard will be participating in a couple events with the Legion this fall. It is a great honor for our crew to be represented and for us to be able to stand with these Veterans!

We will be doing the Legion Meat Raffle on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022, the Legion will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022.

Our SAL meeting will be on September 12, 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. Freedom has a price, and these veterans understand the cost and sacrifice!

Each one of us can make a difference in our community, state and nation. Take a moment and reflect on what each one of us have in our lives. Be kind to each other and take nothing for granted. We will make a difference and will rise above all that tries to break us apart. The New London Legion POST 537 lives and breathes patriotism, respect and allegiance to what is right, just and the bedrock of this great nation!

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 can be added with specials for \$4.00*

**Saturday: Chef's Choice**

**Friday: Roasted Half Chicken With Choice of Side & Salad Bar \$15.00**

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

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

**Tuesday: Sandwich Special Varies Weekly**

**Monday: Beef Commercial \$10.00**

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

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**SEPTEMBER 2022**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Thirsty Thursday Beachs' SNS Entertainment 6-10pm	2	3
4	5 CLOSED HAPPY LABOR DAY	6 SPECIAL Meat Raffle 5:30	7	8	9	10 Meat Raffle 5:30 Mark Stone 6 - 10pm
11	12 SAL 6:30 Meat Raffle 5:30	13 BINGO 6:30pm	14	15 Thirsty Thursday Beachs' SNS Entertainment 6-10pm	16	17 Meat Raffle 5:30 Merchants of Soul 6 - 10pm
18	19 Meat Raffle 5:30 Auxiliary 5:30 Legion Mtg 8:00	20	21	22	23	24 Meat Raffle 5:30 Beachs' SNS Entertainment 6-10pm
25	26 Meat Raffle 5:30	27 BINGO 6:30pm	28	29 Thirsty Thursday Beachs' SNS Entertainment 6-10pm	30	