

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



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April was a month full a crazy mixture of weather! Ranging from hot sunny days, thunderstorms, high winds to snow and frost. Hopefully May brings us closer to that warm spring weather!

Started off the month with our first official meeting to view/approve the new layout and design for the kitchen and bar area. A lot of great expectations and excitement for the future of our Legion. We also had a enormously successful turnout for bingo both Tuesdays! If you haven't attended swing by... early! The weekends have also been very busy and successful with live music and patrons. Once again thanks to our hardworking Legion staff for keeping it going! Don't forget to thank and show your appreciation to our moms on Mothers Day.

May also starts the beginning of the busy season for our Legion members, starting at the end of the month with Memorial Day. Many hours and days of commitment will be given for our country and its men and women who serve/served. Thanks again to all our Legion members who give their time and personal lives up to support our cause for a better community and America! Please join us in support during these events!

This month's local and country's Military/Veteran observances involve; Memorial Day, Loyalty Day, National Military Appreciation Month, VE Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Armed Forces Week and Day, Month of Military Caregiver, and Children of Fallen Patriots Day.

As always, please keep our Servicemen/women and Veterans in your thoughts and prayers. Especially our local family and friends currently serving and/or deployed. It is a dangerous world out there and our guardians and protectors stand ready to do their best to ensure our freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

Marwin Schiltz, Commander



Auxiliary News

Greetings to All!

Auxiliary Members and All Happy Spring!! I think it is safe to say "Spring has Sprung!" It is nice to think of planting flowers, planters and gardens. Unfortunately the wood ticks have also woken up and are active.

The Auxiliary Post 537 held out meeting April 8 with 11 members present. We have a very busy May, June and July coming up.

Things to share:

- May Meeting: Committee for Officer Nominations will be presenting the Ballot for 2024-2025 Officers and then election. Installation will be in June
- May Meeting: Memorial Service
- Charlotte DeLong has done a wonderful job sewing Auxiliary Vests. She is ready to turn this task over to someone else. Please let me or Charlotte know if you are willing. This will also be on the May Agenda
- Shelly and Tomi will help with Fishing Raffle (THANK YOU)
- Poppy Distribution will be May 11. We have a few opportunities for volunteers. I will be calling for help. I will have baskets ready Friday and on the bottom of the donation canister there will be a label for the site you will be at. This will help aid in accounting. I appreciate your willingness to help serve our veterans
- Memorial Day May 27. We have 3 volunteers to make egg bake. Thank you Tomi and Shelly. Final plans will also be on the May agenda

I am hoping I didn't forget anything. Enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather

Upcoming Events:

Poppy Day - May 11 • Meeting and Meat Raffle - May 20
Work Day - May 29 • Memorial Day - May 27

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S. A. L. News



Greetings to all!

April has been interesting to say the least! Mother Nature is finally bringing Spring to us!

The S.A.L. assisted with the Legion on our ditch clean up this week. Amazing what you find on this outing; and yes—the wood ticks were also busy!

We elected our officers for this year at the April meeting. Commander Schultz will be installing the officers at the May meeting.

The first week of May I will have the honor of presenting the S.A.L. Scholarships at the New London- Spicer High School Honors event. This year's recipients are Carter Herman, Sofia Lien, Gage Dahl and Madison Tarning. Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients this year!

The S.A.L. Color Guard will also be taking part in the Memorial Day program with the Legion. It is always a humble feeling to be able to take part in this event and honor our Veterans that have served and now have been laid to rest.

We will be conducting the Legion's Meat Faffle on May 6, 2024, Monday at 5:30pm.

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!

Our May meeting will be May 6th, 2024, at 6:30pm in the Fireside room.

Respectfully,

Steve Marquardt,
Commander, Squadron #537

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Service Officer Report

On March 30 we did Military Honors for Judd Bonham, at Fairview Cemetery. Member Roy Pedersen passed away April 1, 2024, Willmar did the Honors for him.

On March 19, the MRS had their quarterly meeting, Jim George, Bill Kuperus and Dean Rood attended. Since opening the Veterans Cemetery at Little Falls, in 1994, they have had 10,000 burials of Veterans.

The Commander and Vice Commander positions are open for the MRS squad. If anyone is interested that is a member of the MRS and would like to be nominated let me know and I will forward it to the Adjutant.

We will not have a summer picnic or Christmas party this year.

When we do Honors at Little Falls, after firing and taps, maintain silence until

the Flag has been presented and the active duty people come back in the ready room. The wall is thin between the ready room and the Rotunda where they do the presentation.

Veterans should be aware there are claim sharks that say they can get more or better benefits for you if you sign up with them. but they charge you for it so do not do it. The Legion has a brochure that explains it better. Best bet is to use the County Veterans Service Officer handle it. They don't charge anything

Continue to keep our service members in your prayers, for a safe return home.

Dean Rood, Service Officer

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Thursday: Grilled or Battered WALLEYE with Choice of Side

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Monday: Steak, Chicken or Shrimp FAJITAS with Side \$14

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Meat Raffle 5:30		1 1	2 Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm	3	4 Meat Raffle 5:30 GIG NOONAN 6-10pm
5	6 S.A.L. Meeting 6:20pm Meat Raffle 5:30	7	8	9	10	11 Meat Raffle 5:30 OUR TYME 6-10pm
12	13 Meat Raffle 5:30	14 BINGO 6:30pm	15	16 Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm	17	18 Meat Raffle 5:30 JUKE BOX LIVE 6-10pm
19	20 Auxiliary 6:30pm Meat Raffle 5:30 Legion 8pm	21 BINGO 6:30pm	22	23	24	25 Meat Raffle 5:30
26	27 HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY Legion Closed	28	29	30	31	