

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



## Commander's Corner

*Greetings Comrades, Clients & Citizens!*

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Tis the beginning of a new year. Looking back at the year just past, it's not difficult to be optimistic for the future. The kind of Christmas celebrations we are accustomed to, didn't happen in '22 for the most part. Regardless, I'm sure we gave it a good shot and partied all the heartier on New Year's Eve!

2022 was a positive year for our Post, both for our service to our Veterans and community, and business-wise. My appreciation for the conduct of our Membership and the professionalism of our Staff is unwavering. Our priorities this coming year are:

1. Replace the east wall.
2. Install an emergency generator system.
3. Complete an extensive kitchen re-model.

Flooring border strips are being replaced guarding against potential tripping hazards. We are awaiting delivery of 10 refurbished ceremonial M-1 rifles which will replace our current M-1's which have served us well for over fifty years! Our new credit card usage fee system will begin this month.

Of course, this Post will continue to value our community and the service of all Veterans. We also remain committed to support of our nation's Servicemen and Women worldwide. Bless them all!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mike Bundy*  
Commander



## Auxiliary News

*Salutations!*

Well, Christmas and New Years are over... hope everyone got to enjoy time with family and friends, even with the incredible weather that rolled in. I unfortunately missed out on everything as I was down sick and didn't want to pass it on to any of our family. Hoping we can get together in 2023!

Legion Auxiliary dues of \$30 for 2023 were due starting September 1st and were supposed to be paid by December 31st. These can be made at the monthly meeting, or mailed to New London Legion Auxiliary, P.O. Box 26, New London, MN 56273. Please if you have not paid your dues yet get them to Mary K. or the Legion as soon as possible.

I would like to once again thank Shellie and the entire staff at our Legion, as Steve and I have been traveling around performing at different locations we always hear good things about the New London Legion, the staff, the food and our amazing salad bar. If you have not stopped in for a while you should really check it out!

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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. L. News

*Happy New Year Greetings.*

Trying to finish up the end of the year things after a great Christmas with family! I am truly blessed with everything I have! My family, friends, health, God & Country! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and please ring in the New Year safely!

We were able to complete the drawing on time with the Fall Raffle. Even thou, mother nature had other plans!

The following individuals were winners of this year's event. Ten prize winners were: Linda Sullivan, Tonya Uken, Dan Evans, Megan Johnson, Jason Gravely, Cory Lownsbury, Devin Ahrendt, Kelly Shimek, Karen Hagemeyer & Jane Hjelle. I would like to thank everyone that took a chance on our fund raiser! Without this support, we would have a hard time funding special requests and events in the New London, Spicer Community.

We will be having our Sons Christmas Party on January 14, 2023. Social hour begins at 6:30 and the meal will follow. Please notify me if you will be attending. This should be a fun event and Santa might even make an after Christmas appearance!

The Special Olympics Polar Plunge will be held on January 28, 2023, at 12:00pm on Green Lake. We have sponsored the Patriots Special Olympic Team in the past. As always—they have openings if anyone wants to take a plunge with these athletes! It's for a great cause, and its only cold water! I am challenging the Legion's Commander and Auxiliary President to take the Plunge with me and the Patriots! I am sure that Legion members and patrons will donate to see this happen!! The February newsletter will let you know how this plays out!

Let us all look forward to a great 2023. Take time to help others, take time to reflect on how good life has been to us, take time to thank God for our freedom. Please remember all those serving and those that have served. We owe them so much!

Our next meeting will be on January 2, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Fireside room.

Respectfully,

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



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## Service Officer Report

We had 2 funerals in the last month, Gary Peterson and Al DeRuyter. We were scheduled for a funeral at Little Falls last Thursday, but with the bad weather I handed it off to the Little Falls group. The Color Guard will be getting new rifles in the near future. We will have a color guard supper on January 9 at 5:30. I will be calling members for a head count. Hopefully we will have the new rifles by then.

Hope everyone had a good Christmas, and hope the New Year brings good health and prosperity. Keep our active duty people in your prayers. There are some from our local area that are serving our country, children and grandchildren of members of our Legion and nonmembers. We thank them for their service.

*Dean Rood* Service Officer

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

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**Monday:** Beef Commercial \$10.00

**Tuesday:** 2 pounds of Wings & A Domestic Pitcher of Beer \$25.00

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

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

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**JANUARY 2023**

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	Happy New Year! Legion Closed	2 SAL 6:30 Meat Raffle 5:30	3	4	5	6	7 Meat Raffle 5:30
8		9 Meat Raffle 5:30	10 BINGO 6:30pm	11	12 Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm	13	14 Meat Raffle 5:30 Jukebox Live with Dan, Jason & Colleen 6-10
15		16 Meat Raffle 5:30 Auxiliary 6:30 Legion Mtg 8:00	17 Meat Raffle 5:30	18	19	20	21 Meat Raffle 5:30 Gig Noonan 6 - 10pm
22		23	24 BINGO 6:30pm	25	26 Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm	27	28
29		30 Meat Raffle 5:30	31				