

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



## Commander's Corner

*Greetings Comrades, Clients & Citizens!*

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I believe we're coming out of the long, dark winter at last. Activities, events, and projects will accelerate as we get busy once more. So much to look forward to!

Business has been good, thanks to well thought-out and innovative managerial skills by Shellie, Jeremiah, and our excellent food prep and service staff. Pride in your work really shows!

Nominations for post officer positions are being considered this month and elections will take place in April. Applications for academic scholarships will be received soon from graduating seniors.

We look forward to the process of choosing the successful entrants. This is a major event for our Post. I was one of the judges for the District Oratorical Contest a few weeks ago. The successful young lady will now go on to State competition. She will represent our District very well!

Our new ceremonial rifles have been received, oiled, re-strapped, and tested. Ready for many years of service. We will celebrate the birthday of the American Legion on Monday, March 13th. Happy hour at 6:00, program and meal to follow. Come in early and play the meat raffle at 5:30.

Congratulations to Jimmie Miller who became our newest Eagle Scout on February 19th. We have been honored to support him and all of the Scouts of our Troop.

I'm sure Sheila will be decorating for St. Paddy's Day ~ really appreciate her talents! As you do the "wearing of the green" that day, don't forget to wear some red, too, for it will be on a Friday.

Our constant thoughts are with our Service Men and Women as they do their duty throughout the world for the benefit and protection of us all. Bless them all!

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Bundy*, Commander



## Auxiliary News

*Salutations!*

Whew! Another round of immense snow and extreme cold, but here we are on the other side, counting down the days to spring.

Due to the weather, our February meeting was a **SHORT ONE**. With only 10 members in attendance, and everyone trying to beat the worst of the weather home, we condensed everything and were in and out in approximately 20 minutes!

If you have not yet paid your 2023 dues, please get them remitted to Mary Kuperus ASAP. If you know of someone eligible for membership in the Auxiliary, have a discussion with them about joining, or let an officer know so we may contact them and tell them all of the wonderful things about being an Auxiliary member.

The new Auxiliary shirts from Rambow are here! Shirts are \$25 each, and we have various sizes available, let Sandy W. know if you are in need of a new shirt.

Mary received the poppy kit and the first work day to start on them has been set. March 15 at 10 am the ladies will be meeting at Mary's home for fellowship, coffee (maybe a snack) and learning to put together poppies. Mary says it is super easy, and hopefully we will get a good turn out and get lots of poppies made. Contact Mary for address or directions if needed.

*Sherry A. Wright,*  
Unit 537 President

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## Service Officer Report

We had one funeral in the last month, for Edward Hatlestad. Just one funeral in almost two months is good. but now we have three in one week all three are members. We lost Graden West, Peter "Pete" Hille, and Dale Peterson. Our prayers to the families in their time of lose. We didn't have any funerals at Little Falls this month either. February is almost done, spring is getting closer, I am ready for nicer weather. March 13 is the Legion birthday party. So something good to look forward to.

Keep all active duty personnel in your prayers to keep them safe.

*Dean Rood* Service Officer

## S. A. L. News

### Spring Greetings

I believe we will be seeing green grass and warmer days and nights soon! Days are getting longer, and the sun is getting stronger!

We are only a month away from our Spring Poultry Bingo. It will be on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Doors open at 10:00 am and we will start Bongo at 11:00 am.

We will be working on the Prizes for the Plinko board this month. At our March meeting we will finalize the meats for the bingo games. Shellie and the crew will have some great food and beverages for all to partake in! Please mark your calendar and we will see you there!

Also, at the March meeting we will be nominating officers for the 2023 term. If you are interested, please contact me, and let me know. Part two of that is be at the meeting!

We will be discussing the S.A.L. Honor Guard activity for this spring/summer. We currently have 3 members set to go with the Legion for the upcoming and future events.

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! Please be respectful if you are at the Legion when we have a meat raffle or special event and we finish the event with the Pledge of Allegiance. Countless Americans have shed blood and tears for that flag. Freedom is a privilege!

Also, please keep Bob Szeremeta, our Sgt. At Arms, in your thoughts and prayers. He is currently working through some medical issues and is doing better. We all hope to see him back at the Legion soon!

S.A.L. Squadron 537's meeting will be March 6, 2023, at 6:30pm, in the Fireside room.

Respectfully,

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



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**BAR HOURS**

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

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

**Monday:** Beef Commercial \$10.00

**Tuesday:** 2 pounds of Bone-in or Boneless Wings for \$20 & Add a Pitcher of Domestic Beer for \$5

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

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

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

**Saturday:** Chef's Choice

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**MARCH 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	SAL 6:30 Meat Raffle 5:30			Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm		Meat Raffle 5:30 GIG NOONAN 6-10pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Legion Birthday Party 5:30 Social Program 6:30 Meal Meat Raffle 5:30	BINGO 6:30pm			Happy St. Patty's Day	Meat Raffle 5:30
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Meat Raffle 5:30 Auxiliary 6:30 Legion Mtg 8:00			Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm		Meat Raffle 5:30 MARK STONE 6-10pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Meat Raffle 5:30					

*Happy St. Patty's Day!*  
**Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner  
with Jeff James 6-10pm**