

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



## Commander's Corner

*Greetings Comrades, Clients & Citizens!*

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We have already received a full winter's worth of snow, ice, rain, fog, and cold and February and March are yet to come. It's comforting to know that our lack of moisture is no longer an issue. What a winter for all kinds of arctic fun though!

Our Post Club is proud to offer a warm and inviting place with delicious food and a grand variety of beverages on these cold and dark days. We welcome Harley and Jana to our excellent food and beverage order and delivery staff and wish Morgan a speedy recovery and return to work.

Several end-of-year expenses have been paid. We are still awaiting bids for our security system upgrade and continue to search for a workable emergency generator plan.

Our membership numbers are slowly growing and are nearing 90%. Our new, refurbished M-1 ceremonial rifles have arrived. The old rifles served our Post for more than 50 years. Our forever commitment remains unchanged to support all Veterans and active-duty Service Men and Women worldwide.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mike Bundy*  
Commander



## Auxiliary News

*Salutations!*

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Mary Kuperus

As I sit down to write this monthly newsletter, we are heading into a cold snap that is supposed to last a week or better. I hope that everyone is prepared and can embrace this blistery northland that we call home. This coming Saturday, January 28th is the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics in Spicer, as many of you are aware the SAL Commander challenged me last month to take the plunge and I accepted (not knowing the high that day was expected to be 3 degrees). As the day slowly approaches, I am wondering if I made the right decision, but come Saturday we will find out! I would like to thank the Auxiliary and the individual members that have shown their support through donations and encouraging words.

At the January meeting a vote was held and passed to increase membership dues to \$35 starting next year, to adjust for the increase made in District and National dues. Remember if you have not paid your dues for 2023, please get them remitted to Mary Kuperus.

Mary also asked if Unit #537 would be willing to resume having workdays and assemble poppies. She is going to get us a kit and we will go from there.

Remember, as always, our active and retired military and their families along with the members of our community who are in need of our prayers.

Thank you and God Bless!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sherry A. Wright,*  
Unit 537 President

**AUXILIARY COMING EVENTS (Subject to change)**  
February 9th – 9am Sewing Day at Peace Lutheran Church  
February 20th – Meat Raffle/Unit meeting 5:30/6:30  
Meat Raffle workers – Shelly P, Diane B. and Sandy W.

## S. A. L. News

*Winter Greetings.*

Bright sunlight comes through the window as I write this month's newsletter. Wishing it was warm sunlight! Winter has truly dumped on us this season. I hope everyone is staying warm and upright as you venture out and about.

I had the honor of doing the Pledge of Allegiance this morning at the New London-Spicer High school. I respect that the students and staff understand the meaning of this. That flag has flown proud and strong over this nation since 1777. So much has been sacrificed to keep that flag flying high over all of us. Speaking on behalf of the Commander, the Auxiliary President and myself—I want to thank the NL-S Administration for giving us the honor of doing the Pledge on Monday mornings!

On Saturday January 28, 2023, Auxiliary President Sherry, myself and eighteen Special Olympic Athlete & friends jumped in Green Lake for the 2023 Special Olympics Polar Plunge. It was fun for all! With support of the SAL, the Patriots Team raised over \$5,700.00 to help the Special Olympic Athlete events for our area and the state. This too, is an honor to participate with these athletes! Thank you to everyone that pledge towards the Special Olympics.

This month's meeting, we will be discussing the Spring Poultry Bingo event, looking at nomination of officers for 2023 and upcoming projects for the SAL.

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! 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. Please, be respectful and participate. Countless Americans have shed blood and tears for that flag. Remember that, Honor that, Respect that! The red, white, and blue will wave high and proud at the New London American Legion!

SAL Squadron 537's meeting will be February 6, 2023, at 6:30pm, in the Fireside room.

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



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## Service Officer Report

Not much to report. We have had no funerals in the last month, so good news there. The color guard had an appreciation supper on January 9, had 20 members present with 3 members absent. It was a very enjoyable evening. I really appreciate these guys for what they do, they are a great group to work with.

We will be getting refurbished rifles about the middle of February. The old ones are getting worn out, so kind of excited about that.

Keep our active military people in your prayers, to keep them safe.

*Dean Rood* Service Officer

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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

*Salad Bar can be added with specials for \$4.00*

**SALAD BAR: TUESDAY - SATURDAY 5-9**

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# FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Meat Raffle 5:30 Custom Made Band 6 - 10pm
5	6 SAL 6:30 Meat Raffle 5:30	7	8	9 Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm	10	11 Meat Raffle 5:30 Our Tyme with The Beaches 6-10pm
12	13 Meat Raffle 5:30	14	15	16	17	18 Meat Raffle 5:30 Paul Stewart 6-10pm
19	20 Meat Raffle 5:30 Auxiliary 6:30 Legion Mtg 8:00	21 BINGO 6:30pm	22	23 Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches	24	25 Meat Raffle 5:30 Merchants of Soul 6-10pm
26	27 Meat Raffle 5:30	28				

*Valentine's Day Specials on Saturday, Feb. 11th*  
*Book for your reservations!*