

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



Commander's Corner

Greetings Comrades, Clients & Citizens!

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Well, it's official. Autumn has come and with it the soft and colorful landscape we truly treasure. As we well know, these precious days are few ~ enjoy every one!

In a few weeks our Post will be celebrating and commemorating Veterans everywhere. Our community schools will be honoring Veterans with a breakfast at the high school ag department on November 8th. On that same day, Legionnaires from our Post and our neighboring Post in Spicer will be present at the Prairie Woods Elementary School visiting classrooms and lunching with the kids. We will also treat Veterans to cake and coffee at GlenOaks and North Pointe senior living campuses closer to Veteran's Day. It's almost an overwhelming task to care for and commemorate our Comrades in these special ways but we relish the challenge.

Sheila has once again gone above and beyond decorating our Club festively for the up-and-coming holidays. A special and heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to Bambi Bratsch for generously supplying pumpkins, squash, grasses, cornstalks, and other items for the decorative theme!

October is our responsibility month for leading the high school/middle school students and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance on Monday mornings. Stand by for assignments. Our new east wall is completed. The remaining lane grade reduction and repaving should be done by the time you read this. Our membership numbers are slowly but steadily rising ~ very good news! Soon the ditches along CR 148 will be mowed and it will be time to do the fall garbage pickup.

American military Veterans have long been cornerstones of our democracy. There is no doubt that this will remain our standard as we support and defend each other and all proud Americans.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Bundy,
Commander pride in being an American!



Auxiliary News

Happy Autumn!

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Fall is definitely in the air, leaves are turning and pumpkins and mums are for sale.

Please pay your dues. \$35 for members and \$10 for Juniors. As of our meeting there are 31 members and 4 juniors. Our goal is 161.

2023/2024 Budget was discussed and approved.

Bloodmobile was successful. There were 50 units collected. Thank you Colleen for Team Lead and all other members who were able to help. Without you, we could not continue this important service project.

Please keep your community service hours up-to-date. It makes it much easier for the due date in February.

Mary and Sandy will contact the school and give them information on making Poppy Posters.

If you know of any Junior members, there is a Fun Day scheduled October 14 in Clinton, MN.

There was a lot of business to conduct at our September meeting and hopefully we can up-date volunteer contacts and review standing rules in our book at our October meeting.

Upcoming events:

Sewing Day at Peace October 12

Meat raffle and meeting October 16 with Naomi, Bev and Kathy

Remember everyone deployed, and thank you to all who served.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kessler

Service Officer Report

We haven't had to much going on with the Color Guard. We did do Honors at Redwood Falls Veterans Cemetery for one veteran.

Gene McNamara, a member of our Legion for 31 years, passed away September 7. He was living in Circle Pines I think. I think there are plans for a service here sometime.

Thank You to everyone that participated in the Fallen Heroes program at the NLS football game. It was a very good turnout, very impressive.

On September 17 they had groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Military Museum at Little Falls.

Keep all our current military personnel in your prayers to keep them safe.

Dean Rood, Service Officer

S. A. C. News

Greetings to all!

Writing the newsletter this morning, with October 1st a couple days away. We are supposed to have crisp fall morning and evenings—not this weekend! 80 degrees and humid—what the heck!

I want to thank the Legion Board for purchasing the Auxiliary and the SAL new American Flags. They are in the Fireside and Barn displayed. They are also used with the Color Guard events that we participate in. It is an amazing site when we have all these red, white, and blue colors flowing at the front of the line!

The SAL Color Guard will participate with the Legion Color Guard at the New London – Spicer football homecoming. Always an honor and privilege to present the colors of this great nation!

We are collecting items for the Plinko game for our November Poultry Bingo—November 18, 2023. Doors open at 10:00 and with bingo starting at 11:00am. It is going to be a fun day and the SAL is looking forward to having this event!

I have received the 2023 Amended Articles from the Minnesota SAL Detachment. We will be covering them at the October meeting.

Memberships dues are coming in and Miah will be getting the 2024 cards out soon.

If you know of any member that is not receiving the Legion newsletter at their residence. Please let me know and I will see their address is added to list.

Final construction will start on the parking lot this month. The new retaining wall is in place and the new pavement will be done. Please be careful while moving through the construction area.

The SAL will be conducting the Meat Raffle on October 2 and October 23, 2023. These are the Monday night raffles, which start at 5:30pm. Thank you everyone that comes in and supports these events!

Our monthly meeting will be held October 2, 2023, at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room.

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!

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Marquardt Commander Squadron #537



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BAR HOURS

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

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Saturday: Cuban Sandwich with Side \$15.00

Friday: Chef's Choice

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

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

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

Monday: BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich with Chips \$10.00

NEW DAILY
Sept. 5th
DINNER SPECIALS
 Hours: Mon-Thurs. 3 - 12, Fri. & Sat. 12 - 12



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OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	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 LIVE WIRE 6-10pm
15	16 Meat Raffle 5:30 Auxiliary 6:30 Legion Mtg 8:00	17	18	19	20	21 Meat Raffle 5:30 ROY HOLDEN 6-10pm
22	23 Meat Raffle 5:30	24 BINGO 6:30pm	25	26 Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with the Beaches 6-10pm	27	28 Meat Raffle 5:30 Halloween Party
29	30 Meat Raffle 5:30	31				
Halloween Party - Saturday, October 28th Custom Made 6-10 • Free Prizes All Night \$30 Gift Card to best dressed costume!						