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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 Club Closed	24 Club Closed	25 Burgers and Bucks Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	26 All Grainbelt draft beer \$1.50	27 Food Available 5-7 Bingo 7 pm	28 FREE peanuts All Schell's Tap beer \$1.50	29 Broasted Pork Chops 5-7:30pm	1 Broasted Chicken 5-7:30 pm
16 Club Closed	17 Club Closed	18 Burgers and Bucks Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	19 Legion Baseball Mtg. 6:00 p.m. All Grainbelt draft beer \$1.50	20 Food Available 5-7 Bingo 7 pm	21 FREE peanuts All Schell's Tap beer \$1.50	22	8 Jerry & Rosie's Made Rights 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 or until gone
9 Club Closed	10 Post, Unit & Squadron 132 meetings 7pm Clubroom open @ 5:00 pm	11 Burgers and Bucks Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	12 All Grainbelt draft beer \$1.50 VFW mtg @ 7pm	13 Food Available 5-7 Bingo 7 pm	14 FREE peanuts All Schell's Tap beer \$1.50	15	7 FREE peanuts All Schell's Tap beer \$1.50
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Jon Gohr Commander

Let's look at the good side. Our Post has been sailing along with the wind. Our challenges are what make us stand up and take action. I see that on a regular or almost daily basis with the work of our volunteers. Maybe some of you don't realize the potential of what our volunteers create. It is a force in itself and they are getting stronger. That is a good thing.

The month ahead will be time for our nominating committee who were just formed and appointed to review our current slate of officers. They will fill in the openings with candidates for upcoming elections at our May meeting. Those new officers elected will be installed at the end of our June meeting.

Our membership dues are a source of direct income into our general fund. This is also sources of income to the National, Department of Minnesota, and our 2nd District. All of these work to the benefit of watching out for the best interest and honor of our veterans' needs, supporting a strong national defense, supporting and advocating for children and youth, and promoting patriotism in American towns and communities that we live in. Our American Legion is an amazing machine of many parts that all are depending on you to provide the fuel and oil to run.

We have a new adjutant for our Post. Roger Hoffmann is now on duty for that important position. I want to thank our past adjutant Lyle Zobel for his service to our Post. This is a very much needed person

to support our Post and be sure to thank those two people for that if you happen to see them. They do a lot of things that are behind the view of us but it is noticed when we are not so lucky to have one. I am glad to have our Post in good supply of funding as we move forward. Some of this may and will be needed for property updates, veteran assistance, youth programs, and community support in money for scholarships, Boys State, school patrol, oratorical, and other needs as they are addressed at our monthly meetings.

At our Legion Birthday party we had 6 members who were honored with 50 and 60 year continuous membership in the Legion. Not many were in attendance so we will see to it that they receive their certificates. Along with our meal and such the Auxiliary gave the Legion a birthday present. They are going to have the dining room painted and install a new light bar above the front stage that lights up the American Flag. The old one there now has seen its better days. Thank you Auxiliary Unit 132 for your help in sprucing up our dining room.

Please join us at the meetings of your various memberships in the American Legion family. Remember we have a great beverage and food operation for your enjoyment along with bingo, pull tabs, cards are being played and friends being made. The popcorn isn't too bad either. Our club manager has been doing a great job. Come in, support and thank Sheila for her work on the business operations. Check our website often and we will see you at the Legion --- nuamericanlegion.com

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American Legion Scholarship Committee Update

A big THANK YOU goes out to the American Legion Seifert-Bianchi Post 132 members, Auxiliary, SAL, American Legion Riders, along with a private donation for providing financial assistance to fund three \$750 American Legion Scholarships this year. The committee received 13 scholarship applications, with three students being selected to receive an American Legion scholarship. I wish I could tell you right now, but you will have to wait until their awards ceremony to find out who they are! The Scholarship fund is made possible by the generous donations received from the American Legion Seifert-Bianchi Post 132 family, its individual members, and others interested in supporting the veteran family.

Brian Gramentz
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

Membership number for April

Find the winning membership number somewhere in the newsletter. If the number 200459371 matches yours, a pair of Pork Chop dinners can be yours can be yours, if you claim your prize between April 1&20.

BASEBALL — Vern Kitzberger,

As I write this, there is still about 2 weeks remaining before our player registration period ends, but its looking like we'll have two VFW teams, and a fair chance of having a second Legion team.

We have been selected to host the VFW Northwest Sub-district Tournament July 20-23. That's the one that will have VFW Gold in it. VFW Silver will play in the Southwest Sub-district, and that tournament will be in Fairmont.

The Legion Sub-state 2 tournament will be hosted by Sleepy Eye July 19-22.

CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS - Brian Gramentz

As I write this, March is half over, and as predicted, has turned out to be a very busy month! The volunteers in the kitchen were OUTSTANDING! I am looking forward to April with the Broasted Chicken, Jerry and Rosie's Made Rights, Broasted Pork Chops, and Burger Tuesdays. We also have food available on Thursday from 5:00-7:00 pm before BINGO! And I have heard nothing but good comments from those in attendance. Bingo is pretty fun too!

The Legion Auxiliary has stepped up to the plate and are going to repaint the dining area walls and replace the spot lights on the stage. Continued maintenance and upkeep is still required in the dining area and bar, and as funds become available in the future, projects will be scheduled.

We are looking at the bar facility operations, and Sheila has a few ideas for the Club Committee to consider next time we meet. If anyone has an idea for the betterment of the kitchen or bar operations, please contact me, or leave a note for me down at the Legion. I am interested in what the Legion Family members want to see for improvements.

I don't want to become a broken record on this topic, but... the Legion exist for its members. It takes lots of dedicated members to assist in helping to put on the meal events we have become accustomed to attending. If you want to help out your Legion Family, please consider volunteering for any of the meal events scheduled during the month. Please let me know when you are available to help out!

AUXILIARY NOTES - Kathy Hempel - Unit #132President

Our next meeting will be April 10th at 7:00 PM. Be sure to bring the information for annual reports.

Legion Riders Activity—Kris Schneeberg

The next meeting of the American Legion Riders will be April 11, 2017 @6:30 PM
Kris Schneeberg

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES -- Brian Krosch

April is here, soon the snow will melt and spring will be here. Warmer weather will be welcome. I have enjoyed my job as 1st vice-commander and meeting new people and working with them. I believe when it comes to the members and post 132 we all are very lucky. We have great members and an outstanding post. Thank you all for volunteering for the kitchen, bar and other programs. We are always looking for more help so let's all keep up the great work. As of now we have 564 renewed members or goal is 605 so please if you have not already renewed for 2017 please do so. Every member counts and matters. We have one new transfer into the post and one new member. We are always looking for new ideas and new faces. So enjoy spring and come to the legion for a meal, beer or to help out thank you very much.

BR. CO. VETERAN'S SERVICE NEWS —Greg Peterson

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