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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Jon Gohr Commander

Our Fish Fry was a very busy one again and we sold out all the fish we had. I need to say to the 45 or more people who volunteered to help when we made calls --- THANK YOU! It takes a lot of work that day from early morning set up, thru the day, and then clean up. Planning before, ordering, and taking down everything after the fish fry deserves many thanks to those who were involved. As you all are aware that we need the funds this produces. I thank everyone for their financial support. We work, we have fun, we raise some much needed funds. Let's do it again next year!

Our last meeting was well attended and we did pass a few donations out to various places. Denny Warta presented a nice history story about Joe Herbeck who served in WWII in Germany. Thank you Denny for this great story of one of our past Post 132 Commanders and a well known New Ulm resident.

Coming up in April we will have an open meeting for all to discuss a flooring project at the Legion. That will be on Monday, April 16 at 7 pm in the dining room. This has not been approved or anything but we have been raising funds and we have a plan and a mission in place. It is up to all of our members to give us support and direction moving forward if we are to be successful in this. I believe this is very much a good thing for us to do and we can do it. The support of those who have been working and contributed already is a testament.

George Glotzbach has and still is working on documenting our Post 132 history and getting it put on our website. It is a work in progress and changes and such occur regularly. Visit our website often for this and newsletters, calendar and links to other veteran organizations. From our website you can find links to many connected websites and information that is helpful to our veterans and families.

Bingo has been moving along real nice for us. Thank you to all who help out and also to the many players each week. Thank you to the kitchen help on those nights for providing various meal options.

As you can see our Legion takes a team to succeed. Everyone working together for the good of our Post is what makes things go good. Thank you to all who do all this and more.

Being a Legion family member (Legionnaire, Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, Legion Riders) supports the nations veterans and current active military. We are a voice for these in state and national government. We are a community involved veteran family serving many worthy activities in the local area. One Nation Under God. May God continue to bring us His Blessings! Thanks to all who serve our country, communities, and veterans organizations to uphold the many purposes we associate together for.

CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS - Brian Gramentz

Wow! There were 5 weekends in March, and it was really busy. As you are now aware, Broasted Pork Chops had to be moved off the 5th Saturday due to Easter, to the open-nothing going on-unscheduled... 4rth Saturday. I am hopeful that this change was caught by our members and the public in time! We are implementing a long-range calendar to hopefully catch these types of issues before the calendar goes to print in the future. It caught me by surprise. Some would say I'm surprised a lot... Hey, I'm always up for a good surprise! (Not so much for bad surprises.)

February was less than stellar as the monthly accounting report reflected reduced sales, which result in reduced revenue. We are working to find solutions by trying new things to increase sales activity. When there are community events such as OktoberFest, BockFest or St. Patrick's Day to name a few, we do pretty well. Other weekends, even with Legion Broasted Chicken+Pork Chops and the Legion Riders Steak/Shrimp Fry increased sales would help. The ever popular Made Rights continue to pull customers in, even when they do it two weekends in a row!

As I write about where we are financially every so often (monthly), I thought maybe you might want to know how the primary Kitchen funds are generated and accounted for. Revenue from the Broasted Chicken+Pork Chop meals, Tuesday night Burger and Bucks and Bingo night food sales go into the Legion Bar/Kitchen account. The American Legion Riders Steak/Shrimp Fry revenue goes to the Legion Riders with about half being donated to the Legion for the Club flooring replacement project. The Made Right revenue is donated to the Legion for the Club flooring replacement project. We also have other once-a-year events such as the Legion Riders Omelet in a Bag, the Legion Independence Day-Music in Riverside Park, and a few others that add to the annual revenue stream. So, the kitchen is busy, and funds are now accumulating for the Club flooring project! Check out the April Calendar for a meeting scheduled to discuss our flooring options for the club room. See you there!

Tonight (Tuesday), I was down at the Legion for Tuesday Burger and Bucks night, and my taste buds are letting me know that the volunteers in the kitchen make darn good burgers and fries! A big THANK YOU goes out to the crews that work the Tuesday food event!

BASEBALL —John Fischer

The legion baseball committee had their February meeting on Wednesday the 21st.

Head coaching positions for all 4 of the teams were selected. Chris Peters is replacing Jeremy Drexler at the Legion Gold level and Mike Munce is returning to take the helm of the VFW gold team again this year after a state tournament appearance last year. Ed Tietel returns again as the Legion blue coach. And Bob Weier will have the VFW silver team. A thank you to each of these coaches for offering their time and experience to our program.

The process of compiling our annual baseball program with the many local advertisers was started. This is our largest fundraiser and takes considerable planning and organization by committee chairman Dave Brown.

Spring training has already started and high school practice is right around the corner.

Membership Services— Brian Krosch

Membership report, we are at 507 paid members at this time. We're doing really good on membership. If you know someone who has not paid let me know so I can talk to them. Maybe you know someone who is eligible for the legion but has not joined. Pass their name to me I can talk with them. Also remember, we need helpers at the legion, maybe help out in the kitchen at a meal time or help with bingo. So please think about that and have a very safe March going into April. Thank you – proud to serve post 132.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to all who have provided an email address to receive the newsletter electronically.

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AUXILIARY NOTES - Kathy Hempel - Unit #132 President

The legion birthday party was a great time. The unit decided to send four high school girls to American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. They will be speaking to us at our April meeting, which will be April 9th. At our April meeting we will be working on the Poppy posters. We will also be talking about the brat-stand dates. Have a wonderful Easter and see you at the next meeting.

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

Brown County Courthouse 507-233-6636

Women Veterans Gala—May 24th.
Attention Women Veterans—NO MEN ALLOWED! Consider attending the Women Veterans of SE Minnesota's annual Gala where you can celebrate, laugh, learn, and enjoy the company of other women Veterans. YOU have earned a night like this and it's all FREE! Where: Canadian Honker Event Center at the Kahler Apache Hotel in Rochester, MN. The event includes: Information booths, Hors d'oevres, a Full Dinner, cash bar, and very good music & entertainment. Guest speaker will be Dajon Farrell a fellow Minnesota Woman Veteran, author (The Invisible Thread), and a non-profit business owner featuring Women Veterans Apparel. To register please call Jennifer Shumaker at: 507-328-6324 or email: Shumaker.jennifer@co.olmstead.mn.us. Contact these New Ulm Women to learn about carpooling: Mona Widmer (766-3277) or Lisa Klenk (766-1893). Must be registered by April 26th.

Are you thinking about filing a claim for VA benefits or think you deserve more from the VA? I strongly encourage you to seek the assistance of your CVSO. Don't challenge the federal government without someone on your side. Would you get divorced without an attorney? Would you do estate planning without an attorney? Would you represent yourself in a murder trial? Of course not. VA law is complicated and Minnesota's CVSOs are "accredited" by the VA General Counsel. This means CVSOs are experts in VA law and know how to obtain evidence and win your claim. State-wide CVSO directory: www.macvso.org

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Legion Riders Activity— Kris Schneeberg

Our Omelet in a Bag Breakfast on February 11 was a huge success again this year. A big "Thank You" to our sponsors and all the volunteers for making this annual event happen.

Riding season is soon upon us. Please take care and look for those motorcycles as they will be on the roads again. Safety is always on our minds as we ride, and we ask that all pay special attention and share the road accordingly. Our Spring Raffle is currently underway. This year we are offering a Remington 870 12ga combo, an RCA Tablet with keyboard, and a nice selection of Chamber Dollars as our prizes. Please see any Legion Rider member to purchase a \$10 ticket.

Our first organized ride will be on May 26, our annual Pork Chop Ride. The Minnesota House of Representatives has recognized August 6, 2018, as American Legion Riders Day in Minnesota. Thank you to our Legislators for this recognition.

Membership number for April

Find the winning membership number somewhere in the newsletter. If the number 102001099 matches yours, a pair of Pork Chop dinners can be yours can be yours, if you claim your prize between April 1 & 20.

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 15 Club Closed	16 Club Closed Open Meeting Flooring Project 7	17 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Burgers and Bucks 5-7 pm Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	18 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Legion Baseball Mtg. 6 pm	19 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Food Available 5-7 Bingo 7 pm FREE peanuts in the shell	20 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm	21 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm	21 Steak/Shrimp Fry 5-7:30 pm
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