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**COMMANDER'S CORNER** *Jon Gohr Commander*

top on in and try a pizza with a cold beverage. We have a new pizza supplier. Sheila has been busy and doing a great job in learning and managing our club operations. Seems like there is always something new to learn or new ideas and your support of our club is appreciated.

The July 3rd music, food, and New Ulm battery firing event was successful and well attended. Thanks to all who volunteered and worked for that day's event. Also again the Bavarian Blast 5K/10 K run or walk event was a very nice day for a morning run or walk in conjunction with the week-end event. Thank you to all who participated, and all the volunteers on the committee, the Legion Riders, Marines, sponsors and many individuals who help it all go smoothly.

Our next meeting will be August 14th at 7pm. We have been getting short on meeting attendance numbers and I would like to see more members attend our meetings. Help our Post 132 move ahead and we have our 2018 annual dues now mailed out so send in your dues for all of your fellow veterans benefits and supporting the American Legion. It is an outstanding veterans organization for all of us. Be proud that you are a member!

I hope everyone is having a good summer. The month of July is past and now August is here. We are past the Dept. of Minnesota convention and now the National American Legion convention is being held in Reno, Nevada on August 18-24. You can follow this event by checking 102001401 online at (www.legion.org ) There you will find a whole bunch of stuff to read about that is going on in the American Legion. It's all good information.

Our parking lot is being worked on ( replacement) as I write this article and by the time you read this it will probably be done. It was nice to see that all the property owners adjacent to our property also agreed to go ahead and replace their paved lots. Needless to say there has been a lot of road and building construction in the area this summer. It will be really nice to see it all finished and looking good. A big thank you to our Made Rights crew, Legion Riders, VFW, Comrades of Valor , SAL, Auxiliary, Legion baseball and a few private individuals for monetary donations to help pay for this.

Bingo held each week on Thursday 7pm has been going good for us. Each week a small group of volunteers goes to work to make our bingo customers all supplied with game cards and ready for each game. It is a fun night and really fun when you are the one that gets to say BINGO! Good food available before bingo also starting at 5pm. Once again thank our volunteers.

**AUGUST 2017**

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**CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS** - Brian Gramentz

The month of July started out with a bang! July 1 was Broasted Chicken, followed by the Monday, Fourth of July Celebration down in Riverside Park. The New Ulm Battery added emphasis to the Municipal Band's music with many big BANGS! I want to thank the New Ulm Foundation for helping fund the event through the New Ulm Battery grant. I also want to thank all those people that donate funds to the New Ulm Foundation, for without them... there would be no foundation... and, there would be no grants. I hope those that attended enjoyed the event. The nine people that helped out that Monday put in over 81 volunteer hours to help the American Legion put over \$1,100 profit towards our operating expenses. A THANK YOU goes out to those that volunteered to help! On to August! Check out the third Tuesday evening meal... Sauerkraut and Dumplings! Count me in! We will be trying some new food offerings in the future, so come on down and try them out, what do you think about a Saturday steak night? Let us know what works and what doesn't. Chicken and Pork Chops continue on their scheduled Saturday nights. We have a new pizza supplier, Heggies, (hint: look for an upcoming August pizza special!). Feel like getting a little nuts this summer? Come on down Thursday afternoons have a drink and some free peanuts in the shell, stay for the Cook's Choice meal and play some BINGO!!! Whenever I hear B-52 called out, I run outside and look up into the sky. I fall for it every time... I hope your summer has been good so far.

**BASEBALL** — Vern Kitzberger,

As I write this, the Legion Sub-state #2 play-offs are beginning. New Ulm Gold is the #2 seed. New Ulm Blue is the #9 seed, but defeated #8 seed Fairmont to earn a spot in the 8-team double elimination tournament hosted by Sleep Eye. The champion of that tournament will play in the State Tournament, and will play the first day at the new CHS Field in St. Paul. Both VFW Gold & Silver are in sub-district play, with hopes they will advance to the District Tournament in Mankato. The winner of that tournament will advance to the State VFW Tournament at Willmar August 9-13.

**MEMBERSHIP SERVICES** -- Brian Krosch

So July is here and it is very warm outside. Once again dues are now due for 2018 membership. The cost is still 45 dollars. So, I wish you all the best and let's have another great year.

**Membership number for August**

Find the winning membership number somewhere in the newsletter.

If the number matches yours, a pair of Pork Chop dinners can be yours can be yours, if you claim your prize between August 1 & 20.

**AUXILIARY NOTES** - Kathy Hempel - Unit #132 President

On July 16th the Auxiliary officers were in the Bavarian Blast parade. Also, we had the 2 girls that went to Girls State riding in the parade.

Mark on your calendar that August 12th the Auxiliary will be working the brat stand at Cashwise. Come out and have a brat and help support our unit.

Remember to write down the volunteer hours that you did this summer. I will need all the hours next March. Hope everyone is having a great summer see you September.

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

Brown County Courthouse 507-233-6636

Free State Park Passes for Disabled Veterans.

Governor Mark Dayton signed into law a provision that allows Veterans who have "any level" of VA disability to receive an annual State Park Pass. Veterans with ratings as low as 0% may go to any State Park with proof of their disability level and request the pass. State Parks will accept your VA Hospital ID card with the words "Service Connected" under your picture as proof of being disabled. You can also call the CVSOs and they can mail you proof of your rating.

2nd CVSO now full-time. Mr. Dave Koester, the Assistant CVSO has been promoted to full time status by the Brown County Board of Commissioners. CVSO Peterson made the case to the Board at their June 27th Board Meeting. Peterson cited data showing claims taken have steadily increased over the past two years as has homeless intervention cases. The Board voted 5-0 for the increase to begin on 1 July.

CVSOs working with NU Library on Vietnam War Series. The NU Public Library and your CVSOs are working together to bring a 10-part (18 hour) documentary film by Ken Burns as a means to develop a national conversation about one of the most consequential, divisive and controversial events in American history. More to come.

DAV Takes Vets Fishing.

The New Ulm DAV is taking Veterans fishing this summer on Sleepy Eye Lake with all expenses paid. Here's the schedule: July 26, Aug 1st, 10th, 15th, 24th, and Sept 8th. Those interested should call Mona Widmer, 766-3277 and ask to be included on the excursion of your choice.

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