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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Jon Gohr Commander

As the last month of the year is upon us I want to review some major projects of this year. In round figures we spent \$17,000 on parking lot replacement, new(bar side) windows, and air condition and heat unit repairs. This was funded by a round figure of \$14,800 in donations from our fish fry, VFW, Comrades of Valor, Auxiliary Unit 132, Sons of American Legion Squadron 132, Legion Baseball, and Legion Riders, donated funds from our Made-Rights crew and several private individuals who generously donated. Everyone should remember how this has been an effort by so many people and our organizations listed here doing what they can to support and move forward. This is a good example of how to keep together and work together. Please let us continue this together. I want to thank all of the listed sources above for what you have helped us accomplish together. Honestly, I don't think I can say it enough how much I am thankful to all.

For our students graduating area high schools and planning for college now is the time to fill out applications for scholarships. Our Post 132 Scholarships ; American Legion Memorial Scholarships; and American Legion Foundation Scholarships are all sources for our students at our high schools. If your student is a child or grandchild of veteran or auxiliary unit member of this Post or another Post this would be something to contact your high school counselor or principle about. The forms to apply are available at each area school. Follow the directions on the forms and be aware of the deadline dates.

Our Post has donated to several community organizations with funds from our gambling receipts. These have been for local veterans, children and youth organizations and for supporting the less fortunate around our area and community. We are making a positive contribution and impact with these donations as can be done with limited funds available. So remember to try your best at pull

tabs, meat raffles and bingo and at the same time together we help others. You can have fun and at the same time you know someone else is better off and sometimes it ends up being you. You can call it living generously. This does not include the donations that are made from Barvarian Blast 5/10 event. This event also plays a large part of what our Post does to support our local community in various ways.

Please notice the new painting on the rear door entrance area. (gray colors) It looks great. Thank you to Jerry Thompson for his assistance and efforts on this project. Also thanks to the Auxiliary Unit 132 for the new painted dining room. Fresh coat of paint and new color shade looks much better.

There are flyers at the Legion on the bulletin boards and on the counter as you come in the front that are for anyone with a need for a captioned telephone. Severe hearing loss may necessitate a need for one of these. They are free for anyone in need of one as this is a federal funded program. Pick up the information at the Legion. Once again we would encourage anyone to receive the newsletter by email. We are hoping to gather more members to sign up for this to reduce our expenses as best as we can. Look for this opportunity in the newsletter. Better use of available technology can be to our advantage so let's use it.

I invite all Legion family members to our next Post meetings (December 11) for a potluck dinner being held immediately following the meetings. This is our annual Christmas potluck for all of the Legion family. All the meetings start an hour early and we will make them short as possible and then enjoy a great potluck meal in the dining area. If all goes well we will be ready to eat by 6:30 pm or soon after. Please bring in your favorite dish to pass and join us at that time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Dec.11-- Post Executive committee meets at 5:15pm; membership meets at 6:00pm. Potluck at 6:30 or soon after.

MOVING? Error in Address?- Send Corrections to Editor, Newsletter, PO Box 471, New Ulm, MN 56073-0471

CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS - Brian Gramentz

If you have not looked yet, December has 5, count'em five Saturdays! That means more activity and a busy December. We had a GREAT November, and it's not even over yet (today is the 19th). The past activities: SAL Halloween party, Chicken, Made Rights, Steak/Shrimp Fry, Pork Chops, Teachers Tea, Burgers and Bucks, and the weekly favorite BINGO were fantastic! Our newest Saturday meal put on by the American Legion Riders, Steak and Shrimp had a great turnout! The Grasshopper ice cream drink was pretty good also! And now on to December... 2nd is Broasted Chicken, 9th is Jerry and Rosie's Made Rights, 16th is Steak and Shrimp, 23rd is private event for Baseball Hall of Fame banquet. We end the year with Broasted Pork Chops on December 30, 2018! We also have Heggie's great pizza just in case you need something to go with that beer in your hand!

The special events were fantastic this past month. The SAL Halloween party was great and the American Legion Auxiliary Teacher's Tea, which is the Tuesday night Burger menu used on Wednesday to recognize the teachers from the local schools in our community by offering them a free meal! My hat is off to these two Legion family organizations, giving back to the community, and in the process, making us all look good. I'm not pointing fingers, but some of us need all the help we can get!

We continue to fine tune the kitchen and club supplies and services. We have been tackling the jobs as time and money permits. Thanks to all the volunteers that cook, serve, and clean! We do need additional people to help put these food and entertainment events on. For example, we use three 6-7 person rotating crews to put on the Broasted Chicken meal. That is one Saturday every three months. So give me a call 507-304-2760 and maybe, just maybe, you are willing to consider starting out by filling in when needed to get the feel of how it all works. Thanks in advance for your consideration! No, really, give me a CALL and I will get your contact info to the right crew leaders. Seriously, no joking, I WILL do it if you call me. BEGGING is not beneath me as you can see. Ha! I await your call and hope to see you down at the Legion for fun, drink and food!

BASEBALL —John Fischer

I recently enjoyed the opportunity to preside over my first legion baseball committee meeting. I have been on the committee for a number of years and am attempting to fill some big shoes left after Vern Kitzberger stepped down as chairman after leading the committee in that position for over 10 years. Vern did a wonderful job during his term as chairman and has taken on additional responsibilities at the District and State level.

Four committee member positions opened up this year and 3 of those positions have been filled by new members Joey Keckeisen, Randy Cox and Heather Keckeisen respectively. We thank those individuals for volunteering their time to the baseball program. We continue in our attempts to identify one more member.

Committee members were delegated to the various sub-committees for the 2018 year, with the Coaches committee already starting the process of locating coaches for the 2018 season. We have 3 coaching position open at this time.

S.A.L NEWS — S.A.L Squadron #132, Gene Olsword- S.A.L Commander

Sons of the American Legion meeting December 11, 2017 – 7 PM

Editor's note:

Your S.A.L. Commander is sorry he isn't able to submit an article this month; he has had a couple of sessions in the Hospital in November. First nearly a week in the Minneapolis VA Medical Center then three days in the New Ulm hospital. Gene sounded better when I spoke with him this afternoon so we hope he's on the mend. ~Vida

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AUXILIARY NOTES - Kathy Hempel - Unit #132 President

Auxiliary meeting will be December 11, 2017, 7:00 PM

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

Brown County Courthouse 507-233-6636
See the Ken Burns 10-part Vietnam War Documentary starting this month at the New Ulm City Library. Sessions are approximately 2 hours in length and begin at 6pm and will be shown on the following dates: December 13, 14, 27, 28. January 10, 11, 24, 25. February 7, 8. For more information call April Ide at 507-359-8334. 102001212

The much anticipated addition of Bladder Cancer, and Parkinsonism to the Agent Orange Presumptive List has been delayed by the Secretary of the VA until further notice.

We wish to say a special "Thank You" to all of the Spouses of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airman, and Marines, and to their Widows who have done so much to keep the home fires burning while the Service persons are away this Christmas time and from times past. We too often use this article space without regard for the families serving on the home front. Both Dave Koester and myself would like to extend a Merry Christmas to Post 132, Unit 132, Squadron 132, and the Legion Riders. Thank you for keeping the home fires burning throughout New Ulm and greater Minnesota. Greg Peterson • Dave Koester • Veterans Service Officers
O: 507-233-6636 F: 507-233-6638

Legion Riders Activity— Kris Schneeberg

As the 2017 riding season comes to a close, I look back on the many accomplishments made by your Post 132 American Legion Riders. Our fund raising efforts allowed us to donate over \$5000 to the American Legion Legacy Fund, and \$2000 to the Veterans at the Luverne Veteran's Home. We also made contributions to the Legion Parking Lot and the SAL Halloween Children's bags. Not to mention, we continue to support our local Veterans and we take care of our own in time of need.

We also contributed our time for events like the Legion's Bavarian Blast 5K/10K Run, Breaking the Ice 5K/10K Run in Sleepy Eye, Lyon's Club Fly In Breakfast and the National Guard Christmas Party, to name a few. We recently completed our 2nd Steak and Shrimp Fry as we begin to build our checkbook for future needs. We will put on our Annual Omelet in a Bag in February. Look for us and our Fundraiser and please support us so we can support our Veterans.

**2017--2018
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Brown Co. Vet. Serv. Officer..... Greg Peterson

2nd DISTRICT OFFICERS

Commander..... Randy Olson
Auxiliary President..... Kristen Donnelly
SAL Commander..... Larry Helland

Membership number for December

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 December 1&20.

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| <p>KARLA HAVEMEIER, LTD Certified Public Accountant <i>Karla Havemeier, CPA</i></p> <p>New Ulm 187 N Broadway PO Box 249 New Ulm, MN 56073 Phone: (507) 354-5099 Fax: (507) 354-7046 email: karla@havemeiercpa.com www.havemeiercpa.com</p> | | | | Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm | | Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm | 1 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm 2 American Legion Auxiliary Holiday Fair 10-1-30 Broasted Chicken 5-7:30 pm |
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| <p>FAST TRACK</p> <p>Wilson <i>Hockey & Ski Conditioning</i></p> <p>121 South Broadway, New Ulm 507-354-5500</p> | 10 Club Closed | 11 Post, Unit & Squadron 132 meetings 6 pm Christmas Potluck 6:30 pm Clubroom open @ 5:00 pm | 12 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Burgers and Bucks 5-7 pm Legion LooT Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm A.L. Riders @ 6:30 pm | 13 Comrades of Valor 10 am ull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm VFW meeting 7 pm | 14 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Food Available 5-7 Bingo 7 pm FREE peanuts in the shell | 15 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm | 16 Shrimp/Steak Fry 5-7:30 pm |
| <p>MADAY MOTORS</p> <p>Chrysler Dodge Jeep Kawasaki Paul & Dennis Maday</p> | 17 Club Closed | 18 Club Closed | 19 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Burgers and Bucks 5-7 pm Legion LooT Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm | 20 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Legion Baseball Mtg: 6 pm New Ulm Baseball Mtg 7 pm | 21 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Food Available 5-7 Bingo 7 pm FREE peanuts in the shell | 22 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm | 23 Legion Baseball Hall of Fame 5 pm |
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