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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Jon Gohr Commander

We recently had to replace our ice maker. We were able to purchase a new unit that fit our existing ice bin.

This month we will be seeing the Super Bowl and the week after is the Legion Riders Omelet in a bag breakfast. For any of those who volunteer in our kitchen for the various meals, they can receive a free ticket to the Riders breakfast. Just ask at the bar for your free ticket and put your name down on the list so we can keep track to pay for this. This is one way we can show our appreciation to our volunteers.

I know that our membership is down and has been doing that every year. I wish this was not the case. There are various reasons for this trend. I just don't know the answers to what we can do. It seems like we have been trying everything but those are the facts. One of our issues is finding enough volunteers to fill all the needs of the Post.

Our made rights crew has been helping us out in a big way with their hard work and donations. What a good thing for us to have. We enjoy those Saturday made rights

at the Legion and everyone enjoying the event. The day includes meat raffles on sale which is way too much fun, but we always manage to get the meat out the door.

We are still going to have some Post history put together with plans to get put on our website. Also we hope to have a short history presentation coming to our Post. Look for that in March.

Our Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, March 2nd. I hope you will support us in that as it has been a good fundraising event for our general fund.

We made a donation to Minnesota Military Family Foundation last month. This supports families of those currently serving who need assistance when bills become a burden to the budget.

Next meetings of the Post is on February 12th at 7pm. Hope to see many attend.

CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS - Brian Gramentz

I've been hearing some good things lately! Mainly because I had ear surgery last week and my hearing is improving day by day. I no longer have any excuse to not hearing my wife... but enough about me. How is your hearing? Wait, let's start with, how is your eye sight? I have been periodically mentioning in this article that the Legion needs volunteers to put on the many activities and food offerings throughout the year. Throw in a bad flu outbreak, and the number of volunteers shrinks to the point of cancelling Tuesday burger night (which just happened) or any of our other food events.

We need a pool of volunteers large enough to be able to handle a few people going South for the winter, getting sick, or having family conflicts. Put bluntly... we need you. Yes, I mean you, the person reading this article. We need you to volunteer to help. I have noticed that the same people are working the Steak/Shrimp, Broasted Chicken, Broasted Pork Chops, etc... food events. A few people are working multiple events every month, almost every Saturday night.

We will have to find a solution to this problem before we start asking "Why don't we do that anymore?" "Can you hear me now?"...was a question from a popular cell phone commercial a few years back, and it applies to the Legion membership today. I am asking for volunteers to keep the Legion Club Room going. We have been holding our own financially, but we are losing the battle due to a lack of volunteer help. Seriously... can you hear me now? The Legion needs your help. Or sometime in the very near future, you can ask me "Why don't we do that

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

I hope everyone was able to stay warm during those fringed days last month. At least January is now behind us and maybe some warmer or at least seasonable temperatures are in these upcoming months. At least April is getting closer and we can enjoy some nice spring weather.

Membership is still trickling in but we still have a ways to go to meet what is expected from our squadron. We still need 33 total new & renewed membership to meet the 142 we are supposed to get. We need these numbers so we can continue to support the programs in the American Legion Family. If you have already renewed, I thank you for your continued support. I am starting to send out 2nd notices for those who have not renewed yet. If you have received a notice from me but have sent in your dues, it only means they crossed in the mail.

Our squadron will again be having a scrambled egg and pancake breakfast in April. Which Sunday is yet to be determined. Watch for more information on this in the March newsletter.

The squadron now has a squadron SAL polo shirt and ball cap we all can wear. For those that ordered them in December, they will be available for pick-up at our February 8th meeting. Come see us all decked out in our shirts and ball caps. The squadron is contributing to the cost so if you would like to have one, you can place your order at the meeting. There are many occasions you can wear them besides just at meetings. Continue to have a safe and warm winter and pray for all our troops now serving in Harm's Way for their safe return home.

BASEBALL —John Fischer

The legion baseball committee had their January meeting on Wednesday the 17th and filled the last committee position not filled at our November meeting. Brad Portner accepted to serve a 2 year term.

The January meeting historically has a significant agenda and this year was no different. At the legion level New Ulm will be hosting the 2019 Sub-State tournament. In addition all games going forward will be 7 innings, even playoffs. In the past, season games were 7 innings, but playoff games were 9. This change was directed from the national level. At the VFW level New Ulm will be hosting the 2018 District tournament in July.

We do not have a committee meeting in December, however we did host a couple of events. Our annual Christmas dinner was held at the legion. Thank you to the legion kitchen staff for a great pork chop meal. Also in December was the Legion Hall of Fame induction ceremony. This year's inductees were players Tyler Morgan, Brady Mosenden and Scott Knisley, and non-player Vern Kitzberger. Looking forward to another season.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On February 7, 2018, during her upcoming visitation and tour of the State of Minnesota, National American Legion Commander, Denise Rohan will be stopping at the John W. Roth Post 29 in Lake Crystal, Minnesota. There will be a full course dinner catered with all the trimmings. The cost will be \$20.00 per person.

Social hour will begin at 5:00 pm and dinner will be at 6:00 pm.

Please call for reservation: 507-726-6050 during business hours of 6:00 am to 1:00 pm or 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Then set your GPS for: 600 South Blue Earth County Road 20.

AUXILIARY NOTES - Kathy Hempel - Unit #132 President

On February 7th will be our card party. From 1:30-3:30. There will be a light lunch afterwards.

March 18th will be the legion birthday party at 1 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet at the bar. If you plan on coming please sign up by March 13th. You must sign up.

We still have some bracelet left please contact Connie Thompson or myself if you would like to purchase one.

Next meeting will be February 12th. Hope you can make it.

See you then

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

Brown County Courthouse 507-233-6636

Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID) is warning anyone who is involved in online dating to proceed with caution when corresponding with persons claiming to be U.S. Soldiers currently serving in Afghanistan or elsewhere. CID receives hundreds of allegations a month from victims who state they got involved in an online relationship with someone, on a legitimate dating website or other social media website, who claims to be a U.S. Soldier. The "Soldier" then begins asking for money for various false, service-related needs such as transportation costs, communication fees, marriage, processing and medical fees. Victims of these online scams have lost tens of thousands of dollars, with a very low possibility of recovery. These scammers are targeting unsuspecting women right here in New Ulm and surrounding areas. "Red Flags" Soldiers are not charged money to go on leave. Outside persons are not required to request leave for Soldiers. General Officers will not correspond by email with anyone, and they certainly are not using dating websites. Deployed Soldiers are not gifted gold bars or large sums of money that they need help to get out of the country. Where to get help: Report these solicitations to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at: www.ic3.gov or to your local law enforcement agency. ID Theft can be reported by anybody by calling: 1-877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338).

Greg Peterson • Dave Koester

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Membership number for February

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 February 1 & 20.

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	11 Legion Riders Omelette in a Bag 8 am-	12 Post, Unit & Squadron 132 meetings 7 pm Clubroom open 5:00 pm	13 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Burgers and Bucks 5-7 pm Legion Loo! Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm Legion Riders 6:30pm	14 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm VFW meeting 7 pm	15 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Food Available 5-7 Bingo 7 pm FREE peanuts in the shell	16 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Girls Fasptich Fish Fry 11am-7pm	17 Steak/Shrimp Fry 5-7:30 pm
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