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COMMANDER'S CORNER *Jon Gohr Commander*

Welcome to another new year. What challenges will come to us this year and what will we be blessed with? As far as I can say, the sun will rise daily and set every evening. Make good use of your time because each day we are short another day here. What each new day brings is ours to put our best in.

We will be filling a kitchen supervisor position first challenge. A blessing that comes to mind is that we are financially stable in our Post general funds. Challenges remain and we need to see them and take action.

If you have noticed we now display a POW/MIA table thanks to the efforts of Vida Bacon. She was the driving wind behind that nice looking table of remembrance. Others were involved in other aspects of the completed task. Take a look at it closely and you will see a list of Brown County residents who were POWs. I thank those on that list for what they endured. They had many days of challenges and they put in their best.

Help is needed at Vogel Field House for the Red Cross Blood Drive. Our Legion is being asked to help take

down the equipment on Friday, January 13th at 1PM. If you have an hour or so to spare that is usually the most of the time needed if enough help is there. Ask a friend to come along and help you.

We will be hosting a memorial /remembrance service on Wednesday the 25th of January starting at 7:30 pm for those of our Legion Family who have passed away in the last year. All are welcome to attend and a lunch will follow. It is all held in the dining room and is a very nice service.

At our last Post meeting we approved funding for Christmas gifts for all the veterans in New Ulm who are in nursing homes, assisted living, or maybe shut in so to speak. Our service officer Andrew Achman has been seeing this gets done sometime either before or after the holidays.

Coming March 20th a motor coach trip to State Capitol for veterans. More information at Brown County Veterans Service Office and to sign up contact 233-6636. This is sponsored by the Brown County Veterans Council.

Have a happy New Year and give it your best each day.

JANUARY 2017

CLUBROOM HOURS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Tuesday-Saturday Open 1:00 pm Closed Sunday and Monday Beer Discount Days Wednesday & Friday 507-354-4016 www.americanlegion.com	1 Club Closed	2 Club Closed	3 Burgers and Bucks Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	4 All Grainbelt draft beer \$1.50	5 Bingo 7 pm	6 FREE peanuts All Schell's Tap beer \$1.50	7 Broasted Chicken 5-7:30 pm Or until gone
PULL TABS Available at the Club Gambling License No. A-00417 www.americanlegion.com	8 Club Closed	9 Post, Unit & Squadron 132 meetings 7pm Clubroom open @ 5:00 pm	10 Burgers and Bucks Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	11 All Grainbelt draft beer \$1.50 VFW mtg @ 7pm	12 Bingo 7 pm	13 FREE peanuts All Schell's Tap beer \$1.50	14 Table Tennis Tournament. Sign up @1pm. Starts @1:30pm
KARLA HAVEMEIER, LTD Karda Homeowners, CPA New Ulm www.kardahomeowners.com	15 Club Closed	16 Club Closed	17 Burgers and Bucks Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	18 All Grainbelt draft beer \$1.50	19 Bingo 7 pm	20 FREE peanuts All Schell's Tap beer \$1.50 All you can eat Taco Bar 5-7:30 pm	21 Broasted Pork Chops 5-7:30pm
State Farm SELECT AGENT	22 Club Closed	23 Club Closed	24 Burgers and Bucks Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	25 American Legion Family Memorial Service 7:30pm	26 Bingo 7 pm	27 FREE peanuts All Schell's Tap beer \$1.50	28 Broasted Chicken 5-7:30 pm Or until gone
Don Sanderson Agent 1600 N. Broadway St New Ulm, MN 56073-1252	29 Club Closed	30 Club Closed	31 Burgers and Bucks Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	Feb 1 Auxiliary Card Party	2 Bingo 7 pm	3 FREE peanuts All Schell's Tap beer \$1.50	
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S.A.L NEWS —S.A.L Squadron #132, Gene Olswold-S.A.L Commander

WELCOME THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY TO 2017!! I am sure even with the cold frigid temperatures we had and the snow, you all had a Great Christmas with family and friends and bringing 2017 in the proper manner.

Take note of the permanent display of THE POW-MIA display now in the Legion Home the next time you visit. I want to thank everyone involved in making this happen and it is truly a wonderful addition to our Post Home to honor those who are no longer with us.

Membership continues to come in but at a much slower pace. As of my last report of 12/14/16, our squadron stands at 87 new or renewed or 68.50%. The squadron met National's goal of 45% for that date so thank you for those that have renewed so far. Our next National cut-off date is January 19th for 60%, however I want our squadron to be at 75%. National is going to be mailing 2nd renewal notices to those who have yet to renew at the end of January so it is very important to get your renewals sent in so I can process them and mailed in before the Jan. 19th date so you don't have to get a second notice. PLEASE RENEW YOUR 2017 DUES NOW. I am still waiting for the individual who paid his 2017 dues with cash and left no name. Please let me know who you are so can get your new card sent to you.

Our squadron is growing. In December we had two members transfer in from other squadrons. They are: Bob Webb transferring in from squadron 294 in Lake Crystal and William Seemann transferring in from squadron 87 in Arizona. Please welcome them into our post home when you see them.

Our next SAL meeting is January 9, 2017 starting at 7:00pm. Mark your calendars for this meeting. I keep these meetings to one hour or less so I hope to see you there and bring your membership dues at this time.

Membership number for January

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 January 1&20.

CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS - Brian Gramentz

As some of you have heard, Kathy Hempel, Kitchen Supervisor will be leaving us on December 23, 2016 to pursue other employment opportunities. She has volunteered to stay on for the special events that have already been booked at the American Legion.

Unfortunately, her departure may disrupt the regularly scheduled food events like Tuesday's Burger Night or the short order food sales on Thursday night. Please check out the calendar on the

www.nuamericanlegion.com website, or call 354-4016 to verify if a food event is still scheduled.

We are advertising for a Kitchen Supervisor, so if you have an interest in the position, stop down to the American Legion and fill out an application! Although the deadline is December 23, 2016 the position will be open until filled. We hope to get someone in as soon as possible to minimize the food serving schedule.

Changes to the January Calendar: Jerry and Rosie's Made Rights has been cancelled for January 14, 2017. Scheduled on January 14 is a Table Tennis tournament, with sign-up starting at 1:00, tournament starting at 1:30 pm.

Sales at the kitchen and Bar have been picking up, so thanks for the business! All proceeds go back into the Club for operations, repairs and American Legion family programming.

On New Year's Eve we will be offering Broasted Pork Chops from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm and new this year, the Mike Lang show will start at 8:00 pm! Check out his web site at www.themikelangshow.com for a preview! I don't have to tell the people who attended, but for those that didn't, the Legion family potluck dinner on December 12 was GREAT! More food than we could eat and the variety was fantastic! Thanks for all that participated; I don't think anyone could have gone home hungry. Next year, I hope more will take advantage of this Legion family social event.

AUXILIARY NOTES - Kathy Hempel - Unit #132President

Our unit decided on sponsoring a veteran family for Christmas. Hopefully we can do this again next year. I would like to thank everyone that donated to our holiday fair. It was a great turn out.

Hope everyone had a great holiday season. In January we will have our memorial service on the last Wednesday of the month January 25th. It starts at 7:30 PM, there will be a light lunch afterwards. This is a very heartwarming service.

Our next meeting will be January 9th. Hope to see you then.

BASEBALL — Vern Kitzberger,

The Twins are coming, the Twins are coming! The Minnesota Twins winter caravan will be coming to New Ulm on Monday January 16 at noon at the Senior Center. There will be a baseball-themed meal for \$8.00. Our committee will again be participating by selling \$5.00 raffle tickets, available from 200454156 any of our members. The grand prize will be \$500.00.

We will be selecting our head coaches soon for the upcoming season, and player registration will also begin shortly. Happy New Year!

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

Brown County Courthouse 507-233-6636

Veterans Day on the Hill – 20 March 2017. The County Veterans Council is hosting a bus trip to visit our Legislators on Monday, March 20th. The bus will depart the Courthouse at 0625. We will attend the formal program and visit with Senator Gary Dahms and Representative Paul Torkelson. We will stop for lunch at the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Lakeville on the way back. Please wear your Post Service cap and any other clothing identifying you as a Veteran. No spouses please, this bus will also carry Vets from Springfield and Sleepy Eye. There's no cost to ride, but you must sign up by calling: 507-233-6636.

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