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# **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Jon Gohr Commander

Hello and welcome to summer in good ole' Minnesota. Time to spend outdoors enjoying the wonderful world. Many take off for the lake, or road trips to see our land. We are fortunate to have so many things to see and enjoy. I want to remind everyone to stop at our Post for a meal and beverage from time to time. If it has been awhile please re-visit your Legion post. With all the needs we have your support is our life blood and also your membership is very important for sustaining our efforts of keeping things going. It is the same for most organizations and similar groups that rely on volunteers and membership.

Our Made-Rights on June 3rd is the last one until this fall again. This event will be a fundraiser for updates we are hoping to do in the bar area. We are looking into opening up the closed boarded up windows to brighten up with some natural lighting. Prices will go up for this fundraiser, but it is still a very reasonable priced food item. Please support the hard work the crew voluntarily puts in for our Post. Meat raffles will be in action again and takeout orders are also an option if you don't have time to stay and eat in.

We should be getting our parking lot in back of the Legion replaced with new blacktop, repaint and parking bumpers sometime later this month. Any donations toward this or to our Post in general are also welcome and appreciated. It helps us carry out our needed maintenance and updates.

Just taking one item for all of us to think about is to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Very much to defend, and many in other parts of the globe see this as an obstacle to them. Our freedoms and our way of life we enjoy are a blessing no one

should take for granted. Just imagine if it were taken away from us and we were forced to live under other rules and circumstances. That is one purpose the American Legion states that we associate ourselves together for. I think of the future for our grandchildren and why this is not something to take lightly. Please stop and support your local Legion in our Post home location which is for all of us.

Our last Post meeting included officers and executive committee members annual elections. All of the current positions were elected for another term. We all hope for our Post to be well maintained, profitable, and well positioned to serve our veterans and their families. It is not always as we wish things to be but we all do our best.

Our Post has made commitments to the Boy Scouts Troop 25 for transportation costs to Philmont Scout Camp in New Mexico next summer for a two week backpacking endeavor that is a lifelong positive experience for our youth as they grow up. We also will support the costs of hotel rooms for our veteran WWII members of Brown County that are going to be on the Honor Flight in September to Washington D.C. We have also again paid for 2 students to attend Legionville for School Crossing Guard training. Also we supported the 4-H with a donation to help purchase cages. So as we see with these areas of local support of veterans and youth in our community our Post is actively fullfilling two of the four pillars of the American Legion. Americanism and National Security are the other two pillars. Let us always be grateful to our active duty service men and women and may they be especially watched over and protected by our Heavenly Father. May He continue to bless America.

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

## **CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS** - Brian Gramentz

June is here and we have a new activity scheduled. Karaoke! Friday, June 16 from 7:00 pm-11:00 pm we are scheduling Karaoke for your singing and listening pleasure. Form a line and loosen up those vocal cords for some fun! We have been doing some work around the club, new lights above the stage, volunteers cleaned the grease collection system, possibly reinstalling windows in the bar area, and we have numerous small paint and clean-up activities planned. The parking lot in the rear of the property has been authorized and scheduled for replacement. Adjustments will be made to the parking stall paint stripes, so larger vehicles can get in and out easier.

All the regular activities such as Thursday BINGO, Saturday broasted chicken (1st Sat.) and pork chops (last Sat.), and the weekly Tuesday Hamburger Night continue to be popular events at the Legion. We do have Cook's Choice on Thursday's for Bingo, NEWS FLASH-you don't have to play Bingo to enjoy the food! Compliments to the workers and cooks! Don't forget, first Saturday is also Made Rights!

Starting in June, we have moved FREE peanuts from Friday to Thursday, same time period. Come on down, grab some peanuts, we need to support all the veterans running peanut farms down south in Georgia (42% of peanut production). Are you thirsty after eating a few peanuts? I have a solution for that... you can support our local Schell's brewery and quench that thirst with any of their fine beverages! Maybe you could make Thursday Happy Hour, your "Made in America" event of the week! Who can argue with that...

By the time you read this, Memorial Day will be over, and I want to thank the American Legion Auxiliary for volunteering to prepare the lunch after the Memorial Day program. I am confident that it was very good. Legion members, be sure to thank the Auxiliary members for taking on the meal event. If it wasn't for them, you would have had to eat my cooking... REMINDER, the July 3 Music in the Park is coming up, we will have food and beverage available down at Riverside Park prior to and during the music event. Always a popular event, I hope to see you down there. The Club needs your continued support throughout the summer, so stop in and you will find the drinks are cold and the food is a tasty!

## BASEBALL — Vern Kitzberger,

It's summer! June means our teams are in full swing (pun intended). We'll be hosting our two annual tournaments this month. The Jr. Classic will be June 22-25, and the Upper Midwest Classic will be June 29-July 2. Tournament passes can be purchased from any of our players, and will also be available at the gate. Admission prices remain the same as the past few years.

Come on down to the parks and enjoy some great baseball games!

# Legion Riders Activity—Kris Schneeberg

The next meeting of the American Legion Riders will be June 13th, 2017 @6:30 PM

## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES -- Brian Krosch

Check you American Legion membership card. Does it have 2017 on it? If not, renew your membership now! Every member is important.

# Membership number for June

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 June 1&20.



## AUXILIARY NOTES - Kathy Hempel - Unit #132President Our next meeting will be June 12th at 7:00 PM.

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

How fast this year has gone. It seems like just yesterday, we were starting our 2016-2017 Membership year and now we are getting ready for our 2017-2018 Year. Our squadron will not be meeting June thru August again this year. Our first meeting night will be September 11th (the 2nd Monday of the month) starting at 7:00 p.m. This will be an informational and hopefully a reorganizational meeting so we all know where our squadron is going for this coming year. All opinions and suggestions will be heard and discussion will be welcome. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this important meeting. Membership renewals will also be taken at this meeting also.

Membership for this past year has been outstanding again as I had expected it to be. We had a goal of 127 and with turn-in and new members, we now have a membership of 135 membership or 106.30%. As of this writing, I am still receiving renewals, which is good, and shows the strength of what our squadron wants to be.

During the summer months, I will be using our post's web page to keep you with the current information I receive from all sources so please go to

www.nuamericanlegion.com. To get the latest even on the local level. There will also be printable forms of upcoming events within the district and department if you are wanting to attend.

Enjoy your summer and I will see you all in September.

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

**Brown County Courthouse** 

507-233-6636

Happy Birthday to Marion Fiebiger on June 7th. She would appreciate you calling to wish her a best birthday: 233-0923.

Beware of Phone Line Imposter for Veterans Choice Program. It has come to VA's attention that a phone line has been set up by an unknown party to potentially "mimic" the Vets Choice phone line. This imposter phone line may be intended to reach Veterans who inadvertently dial the Vets Choice number incorrectly. The VA is taking this seriously and to keep you aware of the steps we are taking. The CORRECT NUMBER IS: 1-888-606-8198. The IMPOSTER IS: 1-800-606-8198 and when called offers a \$100 rebate if the caller will provide a credit card number. The IMPOSTER does not state that you have reached the VA.

Flags may remain on cemetery graves until the day after Flag Day (June 14).

Greg Peterson Dave Koester Veterans Service Officers O: 507-233-6636 F: 507-233-6638

#### 2016-2017 **POST 132** OFFICERS and CHAIRMEN **POST OFFICERS**

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| Commander               | Jon Gohr          |  |  |
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|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
|   | Historian             | Norm Warta             |
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|   | Baseball Team Manager | Kevin Fische           |
|   | Club Manager          | Sheila Johnson         |
|   |                       |                        |

#### 2016-2017 AUXILIARY OFFICERS

| President               | Kathy Hempel                   |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
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| Commander               | Mark Cone    |  |  |
|-------------------------|--------------|--|--|
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|                         |              |  |  |
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