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### **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

*Brian Gramentz, Commander*

As membership renewals are currently ongoing, I am going to point out a few benefits that you can access through your Legion membership! If you travel, Motel 6, Wyndham Motels & Resorts and Gov Vacation rewards discounts are available. Avis and Budget car rentals provide special savings. Dell provides 10% off select computers. Check out the other offers in your renewal materials!

We have a new Club Manager! Stop on down and meet Abby Dubois. We are looking forward to working with Abby as we transition into the fall when the Legion activities will pick up again. There has been some new staff added to the bar and kitchen. We are looking to increase our entertainment activities and food offerings in the near future. A Thank You goes to Denise Palmer for all her efforts in getting the Legion Club through the past years. We wish her well on her new project!

Kris Schneeberg has accepted the Adjutant position duties and we thank Kim Williams for performing the position duties in the past! As I write this, the Department Convention is occurring in Morton (Jackpot Junction), hosted by the Redwood Falls Post 38, with Mark Dvorak, Department Commander (New Prague) presiding.

This month's Pun for fun: Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

**CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS** - Abby Dubois

Happy August, Legion Family!  
I am very excited to have taken on the role of Club Manager. I want to thank everyone for being supportive and helpful during this transition. I couldn't do this without all the people who believe in me. Denise has been a great role model to learn from, and we will all miss seeing her regularly.

There are lots of changes around here. We welcomed Hallie Weber and Carol Demars to our bartending team. Another new face is Mitch Dummer. He will be helping me in the kitchen and behind the bar.

Let's all get together and make some memories! See you soon!

**Membership Services**—Roger Hoffmann

A couple of people have contacted me about not getting a certificate for being a 50 year member of the Legion. If there is anybody else in this position, let me know. 359.3065. I have been waiting since April 14th for somebody to help me 202327729 get into their new system on line w/ National. It is now made out for me to contact a person on July 19th. If anybody paid their dues on line for 2021, I don't who you are until I can get into their new system. Thank you.

*Newsletter deadline is the 18th of each month. Get information to Vida Bacon by that date for the following month. Bring your article to the club, or e-mail it to [vbpic@newulmtel.net](mailto:vbpic@newulmtel.net)*

**S.A.L NEWS** *S.A.L Squadron #132, Scott Ries, Commander*

Greetings to the New Ulm Legion family!

Our SAL had our Brat Stand fund raiser in July at Cash Wise. Thanks to Tim Rathman for chairing that event. We also participated in marching with the color guard at the Bavarian Blast parade, as Jim Bartels and Cory Gudmonson enjoyed being a part of the group!

We are just hitting our 50th anniversary, as our Squadron was chartered in the summer of 1971. We were given recognition before the start of the New Ulm Gold Legion game on July 2nd. Thanks to Vern Kitzberger for arranging that!!

No meetings until our Sept. 13th 7 pm meeting at the Legion. We will also have a Halloween Community Treat night planning meeting on Sept. 23rd--tentatively at 7pm at the Legion. The Halloween event is our biggest project of the year!

Membership forms for our SAL are at the bar at the Legion. We are always looking for new members. SAL, stands for the flag and patriotism!

**Legion Riders Activity**—Tim Nelson

Upcoming events for the Legion Riders are, Officer elections at our next meeting August 10, 2021. We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the New Ulm Post #132 basement at 6:30pm. The Legacy Ride will be in New Ulm on Friday August 13th, 2021. They are making New Ulm an overnight stop this year. If you are interested in joining the New Ulm Legion Riders, please join us at our next meeting, or give me a call. Ride Safe.

**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.

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Ron Wendinger  
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Your CVSO staff is committed to ensure you receive all of the VA & State benefits for which you, or your widow is entitled. Vietnam Vets should call our office to get the 2021 update to over 50 diseases that the VA concedes as deriving from herbicide exposure. The Vietnam Vet need not have knowingly been exposed to Agent Orange but merely served on the [soil between Nov 1, 1955 to May 7, 1975]; or [in the brown & blue waters Aug 5, 1962 to May 7, 1975] to make their claim for monetary compensation. If you are ill, don't wait to file your claim. Benefits include a monthly compensation payment, and may even include zero property taxes. Exposure is also extended to certain Veterans who served in Korea between April 1, 1968 and Aug 31, 1971. Certain Thailand Vets also qualify.

Gulf War Vets: Veterans who served in Southwest Asia, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War and after September 11, 2001. After a thorough review of the scientific evidence around toxic exposures, including the report from the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, VA Secretary McDonough is directing initiation of rulemaking to consider creating presumptions of service connection for chronic respiratory conditions associated with exposure to airborne hazards during military service in Southwest Asia, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan during the covered periods of conflict, which may include ASTHMA, SINUSITIS, AND RHINITIS. While the rules are not yet released by the VA, we encourage anyone serving in these areas, on or after 9/11/2001 to file a claim. More information can be found here: [www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/index.asp](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/index.asp)

The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs will mark the 20th anniversary of 9/11 this September with an event on the Minnesota State Capitol grounds. The official "9/11 Day of Remembrance" is scheduled in-person for Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021. In addition to memorializing the events of that day and honoring those impacted, this event is focused on bringing the community together through a message of hope, unity and resilience. Featured participation includes the national Tolling of the Bells, a reading of names of those killed on 9/11 and in-action during the Global War on Terrorism, along with a commemorative ceremony including aircraft flyovers, guest speakers, musical performances, and military honors. Speakers will include Gov. Tim Walz, retired Army Gen. Joseph Votel, MDVA Commissioner Larry Herke, Gold Star Mother Jill Stephenson and Mariah Jacobson, daughter of Flight 93 hero Tom Burnett.

Do you have a Service Connected disability? If yes, you may obtain Free State & National Park Passes. Take a copy of your Summary of Benefits letter that you just received this summer to any State Park and ask for your annual vehicle sticker.

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