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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Brian Gramentz, Commander

I attended the American Legion Second District conference on January 8 where Bert Marth-Wohlfeil was presented the 2nd District Legionnaire of the Year Award for 2021-2022. A great article on Bert was also found on the front page of the January MN Legionnaire. (If you look on Page 10, you will also see Bert.) Well-deserved recognition!

The conference morning was largely updates from the various programs that the 2nd District operates. We could be involved in more of the programs, it just takes interested members to get it started and keep it going! We already participate in American Legion Baseball, Law and Order, Boys State, School Safety Patrol and Legionville, with additional opportunities in the Suicide Prevention Coalition (just starting), American Education Week, Fast Pitch Softball (just starting), Blood Program, Scouting, Employment, Jr. Shooting Sports, and Oratorical. There are opportunities to participate in areas that might interest you. The afternoon consisted of the 2nd District Oratorical contest, where participants were scored and awarded scholarships. The state American Legion Oratorical contest is on Feb 26, where they will select the state oratorical winner. The largest scholarship of \$25,000 is given to the top national winner. Please pass the word for next year's contest to high school students under the age of 20.

The Legion team of Bingo volunteers needs some replacement members. The team needs 7 members (a Team leader and 6 more people) to operate efficiently. The team duties are the Bingo caller and the card sellers. The more sellers present, the faster Bingo goes! A few team members will continue but we need at least 4 new team members. Each of the 6 teams work a Thursday night Bingo once every 6 weeks. We need you to volunteer!

Fun Fact: The Army (1775) is 1 year older than the United States (1776)
Check out the February Calendar for club activities and food events!

CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS - Abby Dubois

Greetings, Legion Family! February is all about Love and Freedom. This month in 1865, the 13th Amendment was born, setting into motion, the end of slavery in America. That is why February is also Black History Month. There are a lot of fun days packed into this short month; Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Super Bowl 56!

As you all know, the COVID pandemic has been a financial strain to all corners of our economy. The Legion is making adjustments to the price of the food and beverages we serve. We do our best to keep prices low for our patrons, and we need your help to do that. Frequent the club and send your family and friends down, To keep costs down, The Legion operates with the hard work of volunteers, and we always are in need of substitutes.

All month long, grab your valentine and enjoy a Love Martini for only \$4. Every Friday night in February, we will watch a movie on the big screen in the dining room with food and drink specials.

Membership Services—Roger Hoffmann

46 didn't pay their dues yet for 2022. 30599233
Roger

AUXILARY MEMBERSHIP - Lynae Flatau
Unit dues are \$30. If you have question and would like to contact me:

Lynae Flatau
1724 Southridge Rd
New Ulm MN 56073
My cell number is: 507-276-6993

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.

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

Legion Riders Activity—Tim Nelson

Wee are currently getting organized for our Omelet in a Bag Breakfast, which will be on February 20th, 2022. Tickets for the breakfast are \$9.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the time of the event, contact a Legion Rider member for tickets. We are also selling tickets for our Spring Raffle, the drawing for the Raffle will be on May 28th, 2022, along with the Memorial Ride. These tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from a Legion Rider member, or at the Bar in the Club. We are currently at 20 members and are always looking for more to join. Have a safe 2022.

LEGION BASEBALL-John Fischer

Boy how time flies by. Seems like the 2021 season just ended and now we are already planning for the next season. On the field for 2021 we once again fielded three teams; Legion Gold, Jr. Legion Gold and VFW Silver, with success in win and losses and on overall player development. For 2022 our numbers look strong and we anticipate continued success.

At the committee level we have added some new committee members in the last couple of years who have brought to us new ideas in technology and website design and also on policy development. Those additions, along with the vast level of experience from the returning committee members provides the committee a very nice balance.

Off the field a past committee member and a current committee member received state-wide recognition and the baseball committee couldn't be prouder of these two individuals. Richard "Dick" Mueller was inducted into the Minnesota Legion Baseball Hall of Fame in 2020. However due to all the complications with COVID last year, recognition of the induction was delayed. In December, our local committee was able to recognize Dick's achievement at the New Ulm Legion bi-annual Hall of Fame event. In 2021, current New Ulm committee member and State of Minnesota legion board member Vern Kitzberger was selected for induction into the Minnesota Legion Baseball Hall of Fame. What a well-deserved honor and achievement for both of these individuals and also just another example of the importance New Ulm Legion Baseball still holds at the state level. Congratulations to both individuals, we all are very proud.

The season will be here soon, see ya at the park.

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AUXILIARY NOTES - Karhy Hempel - Unit #132 President

The card party will be on February 2 at 1:30 pm. A small lunch will be served after cards are finished.

On March 20 the auxiliary will be hosting the Legion birthday party. The meal is at 1 pm at the Legion Club. There will be a sign-up sheet at the bar. The last day to sign up is March 14. You need to sign up for this if your name is not on the sheet you will not be able to eat. No exceptions.

April will be election for officers for next year. If anyone who would like to hold an office please contact Kathy Hempel or Dorothy Weller. The auxiliary will not have a meeting in February.

Hope to see you at our March meeting On the 14.

BR. CO. VETERAN'S SERVICE NEWS —

Greg Peterson Brown County Courthouse 507-233-6636

Attention Widow's/Survivors on DIC.

Widow's or Widower's who receive the VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) can now ask for an "Earlier Effective Date," if the Widow applied for Social Security benefits on or after January 1, 1957. Under this obscure VA law, those individuals receiving DIC will be paid based on the date they applied for Social Security even if the Veteran was alive at the time of the application for Social Security. For example: Spouse applies for SSA on 1 May 2006 and the Veteran passes on 1 May 2009 from a Service Connected condition (agent orange for example). Under normal circumstances the widow's payment would have been calculated from 1 May 2009. But! The widow can, at any time ask for her effective date to be made earlier, May 2009 in this example. When the VA grants the new effective date the widow will get a very large retro-active payment equal to two years of the benefit. This would roughly be: \$32,000 in tax-free money. The key idea to remember is that the widow had to have applied for SSA before applying for DIC. The application is a simple statement asking for the benefit and we are standing by to assist. If you have any documentation from SSA showing the date you applied, we would need that. You can also call SSA at: 800-772-1213 and ask them to send you documentation of when you applied for SSA. Don't hesitate to apply, the VA cannot deny you or take away what you have already. Greg & John

If you hear of someone not getting their newsletter, please have them contact me at: vbpig@newulmtel.net I can't make corrections if I don't know they need to be made.

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- 1st Vice Commander..... Roger Hoffmann
- 2nd Vice Commander..... Ron Wendinger
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Jon Gohr • John Fritsche

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- Comrads of Valor..... Jerry Thompson
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- Legion Riders..... Tim Nelson
- Baseball Chairman..... John Fischer
- Baseball Team Manager..... Kevin Fischer
- Club Manager..... Abby Dubois

2021-2022 AUXILIARY OFFICERS

- President..... Kathy Hemple
- 1st Vice..... Dorothy Weller
- 2nd Vice..... Kathy Grausam
- Treasurer..... Brenda Fox
- Secretary & Historian..... Connie Thompson
- Chaplain..... Tina Krosch
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- Exec. Committee..... Janet Mielke, Janet Steffl

Brown Co. Vet. Serv. Officer..... Greg Peterson

2nd DISTRICT OFFICERS

- Commander..... Steve Fosness
- Auxiliary President..... Tricia Pagel
- S.A.L. Commander..... Tom Winter

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6 Club Closed	7 Club Closed	8 Burgers, Chicken or Fish 5-7 pm Riders Mtg. 6:30 pm	9	10 Meal w/Dessert \$10 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm	11 Little Shop of Horrors 8 pm	12 MADE RIGHTS 10-1 or until gone.
13 Club Closed	14 Club Closed Post & Squadron Meeting 7 pm	15 Burgers, Chicken or Fish 5-7pm	16	17 Meal w/Dessert \$10 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm	18 Young Guns 8 pm	19 Beef Commercials 5-7 pm
20 Club Closed	21 Club Closed	22 Burgers, Chicken or Fish 5-7pm	23	24 Meal w/Dessert \$10 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm	25 Old School 8 pm	26 Broasted Pork Chops 5-7 pm
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