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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Brian Gramentz, Commander

And... we are off! It is 2022 by the time you read this. The annual, monthly and weekly Legion meals and activities are being scheduled, back by popular demand are the monthly Broasted Chicken, Pork chops, and Made Rights, weekly burger night and Bingo! We are hosting the 2nd District Annual Convention in June and plans for a July German Park music event are currently under way. Stay tuned and check out the calendar for your favorite events.

On a more serious note, as noted in the December 2021, MN Legionnaire, a MN American Legion Suicide Prevention Coalition was initiated by Andrea (Sandberg) Perry (She is the Minneapolis VA Suicide Prevention Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator). If you would like to participate in the formation of the coalition, you can contact Andrea at andrea.sandberg@va.gov or by contacting MN Legion Adjutant Mike Maxa at mmaxa@mnlegion.org. An initial video conference occurred in December, but this may take a while to set up, and as I have said many times, volunteers are always welcome to join. The purpose is to connect the veterans with the service that can help them.

Speaking of helping people, I received information from MN Valley Action Council (MNVAC) on their Energy Assistance Program (EAP). If you or someone you know has difficulty affording your energy (heat or electric) bills, they MNVAC help you. They can provide income-based grants direct to your heating vendor. If you are a homeowner, renter with a heat bill, or a renter with heat included in your rent. You can call 507-354-6822 (toll free 800-767-7139), stop by the local office at 1618 South Broadway, Suite 203, New Ulm, or go to www.mnvac.org for the application forms. Help yourself, your neighbor, your friends, your family, and fellow veterans by getting this information out to help them access the MNVAC EAP funds. While MN can get to +100 degrees in the summer, it still gets -30 degrees in the winter. We all need affordable heat in the winter. Pass it on.

It has been said that "Time flies like an arrow and Fruit flies like a banana"... so begins 2022!

CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS - Abby Dubois

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great holiday season and are all settled in for the next leg of winter. We love to see you down at the club and appreciate all of your support. Don't forget that we have many options for special events. Stay safe and do your penguin waddle.

Legion Riders Activity—Tim Nelson

We 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.

Membership Services—Roger Hoffmann

I have 465 paid members. Twelve new members. Be sure to put PO Box 471 on any mailings to the Legion. There is no mail delivered to 13 So. Minn. Street. Thank you.

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP – Lynae Flatau

Unit dues are \$30. If you have question and would like to contact me: 201337220

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

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 v1&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@newulmtnet.net



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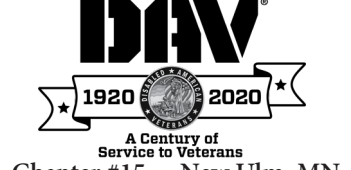
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DECEASED FOR 2021

- 1) Harvey J. Veit Sr., 97, born April 20th, 1923. Died January 31, 2021. 54 cont. yrs. Army
- 2) Gerald C Boyle 91, born June 12th, 1929. Died Feb. 1st, 2021. 27 cont. yrs. US Air Force
- 3) James H. Witt 88, born April 14th, 1933. Died Feb. 20th, 2021. 56 cont. yrs. USMC
- 4) Wilbert "Wij" Elmer Burdorf 79, born July 6th, 1941. Died Feb. 24th, 2021. 35 cont. yrs. US Air Force
- 5) Florian W. Altenburg 90, born Feb. 28th, 1930. Died Feb. 26th, 2021. 31 cont. yrs. Army
- 6) Lyle R. Stolze 91, born March 15th, 1930. Died April 28th, 2021. 10 cont. yrs. Army
- 7) Ronald L. Thompson 87, born Dec. 24th, 1933. Died May 21st, 2021. 46 cont. yrs. Navy.
- 8) Gregory J. Griebel 75, born March 13th, 1946. Died May 29th, 2021. 49 cont. yrs. Army
- 9) Elder "George" Schnobrich, Jr. 74, born April 25th, 1947. Died June 3rd, 2021. 10 cont. yrs. Navy
- 10) Thomas "Tom" H. Altmann 82, born July 19th, 1938. Died July 8th, 2021. 2 cont. yrs. Army
- 11) Rodney "Rod" Mueller 69, born Oct. 7th, 1951. Died July 10th, 2021. 12 cont. yrs. Army
- 12) George F. Wied 95, born May 2nd, 1926. Died July 20th, 2021. 34 cont. yrs. Honorary Life. Army
- 13) Carl "Red" L. Wyczawski 95, born January 26th, 1926. Died August 9th, 2021. 64 cont. yrs. Army
- 14) John J. Paulson 90, born Feb. 26th, 1931. Died Aug. 19th, 2021. 58 cont., yrs.
- 15) Raymond A. Siemer 86, born July 5th, 1935. Died Aug. 21st, 2021. 45 cont. yrs. Army
- 16) Donald C. Wilfahrt 96, born Dec. 23rd, 1924. Died Oct. 08th, 2021. 76 cont. yrs. Honorary Life. Navy
- 17) Willis W. Vorwerk 76, born March 6th, 1945. Died Oct. 15th, 2021. 31 cont. yrs. Army
- 18) Leo G. Traurig 90, born Dec. 14th, 1930. Died Oct. 18th, 2021. 52 cont. yrs. Honorary Life. Air Force
- 19) Leo Gulden 93, born Jan. 4th, 1928. Died Oct. 24, 2021. 21 cont. yrs. Honorary Life. Army
- 20) Edward F. Holm 95, born Aug. 9th, 1926. Died Oct. 17th, 2021. 37 cont. yrs. Army
- 21) Robert "Bob" Leo Roesch 81, born Sept. 23rd, 1940. Died Nov. 9th, 2021. 34 cont. yrs. Navy
- 22) Jerome "Jerry" R. Bentz 85, born Dec. 14th, 1935. Died Nov. 9th, 2021. 49 cont. yrs. Army
- 23) Michael E. Griebel 74, born March 31st, 1947. Died Nov. 19th, 2021. 31 cont. yrs. Army
- 24) Aloysius "Ollie" George Schroeffer 94, born April 5th, 1927. Died Nov. 20th, 2021. 58 cont. yrs. Honorary Life. Army
- 25) Allen W Altmann 78, born Dec. 26th, 1942. Died Nov. 25th, 2021. 30 cont. yrs. Army
- 26) Richard "Rocky" Denton Lane 88, born May 9th, 1933. Died Nov. 26th, 2021. 37 cont. yrs. Navy
- 27) Roger Lee Besemer 74, born July 22nd, 1947. Died Nov. 28th, 2021. 28 cont. yrs. Arm
- 28) Ernest "Ernie" Tauer 86, born Feb. 1st, 1935. Died Dec. 13th, 2021. Honorary Life member. 37 cont. yrs. Army
- 29) Thomas C. Herzog 95, born Sept. 28th, 1926. Died Dec. 7th, 2021. Honorary Life member. 77 cont. yrs. Army
- 30) Kenneth Laverne Kohlhepp 95, born Aug. 7th, 1928. Died Dec. 15th, 2021. Honorary Life member. 28 cont. yrs. Navy

AUXILIARY NOTES - Karhy Hempel - Unit #132 President

The holiday fair went well. If you brought something for the bake sale or the curiosity shop and didn't sign your name please let me know and I will add your name to the list. Remember anytime you volunteer or bring something your name will be added to the drawing that will be held in May.

The memorial service will be held the last Wednesday in January at the Legion at 6 pm. It is a very touching service. Please attend if you can.

Our next meeting will be January 10. Hope to see you there.

BR. CO. VETERAN'S SERVICE NEWS —

Greg Peterson Brown County Courthouse 507-233-6636

The 2022 Legislative Session begins on 31 January. This year your Department Commanders are requesting the following from our Legislators:

More funding for the Departments. Pay a Military Bonus to Post 9/11 Veterans. Give Posts 100% property tax relief. Reduce hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses for disabled Veterans.

Eliminate 2-year window for Widows receiving DIC to apply for property tax exclusions. Provide a percentage based property tax relieve starting with 50% disabled Veterans. Change the definition of a Veteran to include disabled Guard and Reservists. We expect a Veterans Day on the Hill rally to be in April, pending any Covid restrictions.

We need more van drivers; daily pay is now near \$100 depending on hours driven. Call John Schotzko if interested: 507-233-6636.

Greg & John

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

Greetings New Ulm Legion Family!

Our New Ulm Sons of American Legion is celebrating our 50th Anniversary year.

On January 26 at 6 pm two of our members will be remembered during the American Legion Family Memorial Service. All members are welcome.

A few other items, our SAL will be assisting with planning for the June District Legion Convention. And we look forward to honoring our 30 year members in May.. and we do have a few!.

Dues statements went out. Please send in renewals at your earliest convenience. And please join us for our meetings the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Legion!

New Ulm SAL-- it stands for the Flag and Patriotism

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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2 Club Closed	3 Club Closed	4 Burgers, Chicken or Fish 5-7 pm	5 Wings" 5-7 pm	6 Meal w/Dessert 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm	7	8 MADE RIGHTS 10-1 or until gone.
9 Club Closed	10 Club Closed Post. Unit. Squadron Meeting 7 pm	11 Burgers, Chicken or Fish 5-7pm Riders Mtg. 6:30 pm	12 Private Party	13 Meal w/Dessert 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm	14	15 Broasted Chicken 5-7 pm
16 Club Closed	17 Club Closed	18 Burgers, Chicken or Fish 5-7pm	19 Wings" 5-7 pm	20 Meal w/Dessert 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm	21	22 Beef Commercials 5-7 pm
23 Breakfast Buffet 10-1	24 Club Closed	25 Burgers, Chicken or Fish 5-7pm	26 Legion Family Joint Memorial Service 6 pm	27 Meal w/Dessert 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm	28	29 Broasted Pork Chops 5-7 pm
30 Club Closed	31 Club Closed					

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