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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Jon Gohr Commander

I want to thank those who have been working as volunteers in our kitchen recently. Burger nights every week, Thursday night bingo crew, made rights crew, and those crews who support the pork chop and chicken event meals. Very nice to see the good support and willingness to work to benefit our post.

As we enter the March Madness month we will be very busy at the Legion. Check the calendar online at our website and also in the newsletter. Something is always happening during this month and we would like to see many of you and friends come in and enjoy the events. Thank you again to all who volunteer.

I'm very glad to have a new Club Manager on staff again. Please welcome her and show her your support. I'm looking forward to good things with time to learn many of the day to day things that happen and need attention. Welcome Sheila!

One of the big events this month is on March 24th. Friday is the day of our annual Fish Fry. We will do our best to make it another good event to support our Post general funds. It has been a very good source of fundraising in the past so please support it generously again and come in to enjoy the food.

We did give sweatshirts for Christmas gifts to the veterans in assisted living, nursing homes, and shut-ins. This is a very good and enjoyable time spent visiting with our veterans. We did this after the

holidays were over and this seems to work well as the season is not so busy for all of us.

Attention all WWII veterans you may be contacted about a flight out to Washington D.C. Names from our current membership list have been sent to our county service officer. You can call the office (233-6636) to get more information for this trip sponsored by a generous benefactor. This is a Sun Country Honor Flight leaving very early morning and returning at midnight on Sept. 30th. Limited number of veterans of WWII is 10 for this special day.

Reminder also there is a bus trip on March 20th to the state capitol sponsored by Brown County Veterans Council. There are 56 seats available and only for veterans. You will be able to see the capitol of your state and visit with your state legislators. This is a very enjoyable day as I attended one a few years back. Call our Veterans Service Office (233-6636) for information and reserve your free ride on the bus.

Last news item there are 3 more Thursdays at 7pm WWI Speaker Series scheduled. These are free and open to the public. Thursday at 7pm – March 30 Community Center / April 20 and May 11 are at the New Ulm Public Library, also at 7pm. Interesting history for those who want to hear and learn of this time in the past.

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

While traveling around the state in January attending many District Mid-Winter Conferences, the SALs asked many questions. Some of these questions were: How do we find out what is going on?, Why are we not kept informed?, How can we find out what is going on in our district or state?

I will try and give you a few answers to these questions. For District news, you can find it on the District's web site: mnlegion2nddistric.com, on the state level you can go to mnsal.org for much information and programs offered. I will keep you posted on the up-coming events on the Department level the best I can but I am limited on how long my articles can be on the post paper. Your attendance to squad meetings would keep you more informed. Start attending our monthly meetings you will enjoy them.

We still need your renewals for 2017. I have sent out 36 Second Notices on renewals and I know National has sent out notices also and probably to the same 36. If you get a notice from National and have renewed, just ignore and let me know so I can check my records. They are sometimes behind abit.

Our next monthly meeting will be on March 13th starting at 7:00p.m. so mark your calendars and let's have a good turnout. See you then.

BASEBALL — Vern Kitzberger.

Our committee is just getting started selling ads for our tournament booklet. This and the tournaments we host are our largest fundraisers. If you are a business owner or part of an organization and have purchased an ad from us in the past, we thank you. If not, please consider doing so when a committee person approaches you.

Speaking of tournaments, besides the two we put on in mid-summer, we have been awarded one of this year's VFW Sub-district Tournaments for late July.

Our player registration continues through March.

CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS - Brian Gramentz

On February 15, we brought Sheila Johnson on board as the new Club Manager! The next time you are in the Legion, please introduce yourself, if you have not done so vet.

Hang onto your hat, March is here! The activities are listed in the in the newsletter and on the American Legion web site at www.nuamericanlegion.com but here is a brief recap! March 3-Gilrs Softball fish fry 10-8 pm, March 4 is Bockfest, and the legion will be part of a pub crawl and Jerry and Rosie's Made Rights will be available from 5-9 pm. The following week, regular activities plus on March 11, Jerry and Rosie's Made Rights from 10:30-1 pm. March 17, we have Corned Beef and Cabbage on St. Patrick's day from 4-7:30 pm, followed by the George Sveine Cribbage Tournament from 12-4:30 pm on March 18. The Legion Post 132 fish fry will be on March 24 from 11-8 pm, and on March 25, we have the fantastic Broasted Pork Chop dinner! Busy month, and I hope you can partake of some or all of the activities!

We have had a few facility rentals this past month, and future reservations continue to role in for summer time events. Keep us in mind should you have need of a meeting place or a large group gathering location for birthdays, anniversaries, wedding receptions, etc... we have changed the policy and are now allowing catered in meals for private functions.

REMINDER: The American legion Kitchen and Bar business plan has changed to reflect more volunteer effort. This isn't really something new, we have had volunteers putting on the Broasted chicken and Pork Chops, Jerry and Rosie's Made Rights, Fish fry, and numerous special events throughout the year. If you have an interest in helping out on Tuesday Burger Night, or Thursday kitchen or Bingo activities, Please contact me and I will get you on the volunteer list of



AUXILIARY NOTES - Kathy Hempel - Unit #132President

The legion birthday party will be March 12 at 1 PM. There is a sign-up sheet at the legion at the bar. Our unit is selling the military bracelets again this year. They make a great gift and 102001557 by buying them you are also helping the veterans. Contact Connie Thompson or myself. Our next meeting will be March 14 at 7 PM. Hope to see you

Legion Riders Activity—Kris Schneeberg

The next meeting of the American Legion Riders will be March 14, 2017 @6:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES -- Brian Krosch If you haven't paid your dues yet for 2017. Please do it now!

Membership number for March

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 March 1&20.

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

Brown County Courthouse

507-233-6636

Seeking WWII Veterans for Washington D.C. Honor Flight in Late September. A generous benefactor will fly 10 New Ulm WWII Veterans and 10 Escorts to see the World War II Memorial on Saturday, September 30th, 2017. I have sent out about 35 letters to known WWII Veterans of our area. If you did not get a letter and would like to attend please call Greg at the Veterans Service Office: 507-233-6636.

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