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### COMMANDER'S CORNER

*Jon Gohr Commander*

I am glad spring is finally almost here as I write this article. April was interestingly historic with the snowfall. One good snowstorm deserves another. Schells brewery comes to mind for some reason when I write that.

Anyway, this month we will have elections of new executive committee members and officers, and they will be installed in the June meeting. Please give them all your support and help as they serve our Post. It all takes a team effort and each of us can contribute. Speaking of contributing I would like to thank Thrivent Financial for giving us help to purchase needed food and supplies for several past events of Made Rights. This event is all volunteers supported and the profits are all donated for flooring updates in our Legion building at this time. This is a program that gives back to the community that we live and work in to make people's lives better. We do this at the Legion with our activities in support of veterans, their families, children and youth and many times to general public donations in support of various needs as we see where we can make a difference. We do need to take good care of our actual physical property to continue to operate in giving the support to all that takes place and have a nice place to do this.

With that in mind we are or have been thinking of new flooring options and other needed updates. We did have a open forum meeting and had a good discussion about this. If you want to make things better we would certainly welcome any

size donation towards these updates. We want to get to a goal we have mentioned at these meetings and past discussions of \$25,000. This would allow our Post to make good progress in completing some much needed improvements. It is long overdue for us to make updates.

You don't necessarily have to be a Legion family member either as we have many among ourselves who still help and support us everyday because they want to for many reasons. Please feel obligated and drop off any donation or mail it to the Legion. (Excuse me if I am too bold and obnoxious in this request.) You can fire me anytime. I thank those who have been giving generously and remembering the Legion as a recipient of your generosity already.

Shoe Sensation store in New Ulm generously donated 170 packages of socks to our Legion for us to distribute to area veterans. This is a good one time project to get all these given out. Contact the Legion with your contact information or come to next meeting if you want to help with this project. These socks were all donated by customers of Shoe Sensation during the past December campaign called Socks for Troops. They want us to get them to where they are needed and appreciated.

Enjoy the spring weather and I hope to see you at the Legion at some of our activities. Please bring a friend and remember we are always open to the public and a great asset to this community and nation.

For God and Country.

**CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS** - Brian Gramentz

On April 7 (first Saturday of the month) the Palmer's came down for the Legion's Broasted Chicken dinner! They are either laughing at me or with me... HA! Remind-er... Jerry and Rosie's Made Rights are on the second



Saturday, the Legion Riders Steak and Shrimp Fry is on third Saturday of the month. We have mixed drinks, cold beer, pizzas, pull tabs, and daily drink discounts. The first Tuesday, May 1st will be Sauerkraut and Dumplings (Sausage or Pork Hock), the remaining Tuesdays are Burger and Bucks, and on Wednesday, May 16 if you feel adventurous, we are trying out a new product, a Quesadilla Burger with homemade salsa! Please sign up at the bar by May 10 if you want to try one! We need 10 people to sign up and be guinea pigs... if it is good, we will add it to our menu. Rounding out our offerings is Thursday Bingo... We got something for everyone! We couldn't do it without the many volunteers working to generate funds for the flooring project and club operations! Stop in and support your New Ulm American Legion! If you see the OPEN flag, come on in, WEE BEE OHPEN!

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

Hello SAL members,  
 Couple quick updates for our Squadron.  
 Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 15th, as we honor our two of our long time SAL members, Earl LaPlante and Paul Rewitzer. We will meet at the Brown County Veterans Memorial by the Courthouse in New Ulm at 6 pm for a quick photo, then come to the Legion Club for the Burger Fry, and have our final SAL of the season at 7 pm. Hope you can make it. Earl and Paul are in their 30th consecutive year of membership, and we have made it a tradition to honor the 30 year members.  
 We will also have election of officers at our May 15th meeting, so we could really use your input. We are looking to elect a new Squadron Commander, and more that night. Dues statements will be sent out over the summer, and they will remain at \$20 for the year.  
 We will again be running the Brat stand at Cash Wise, with the Tentative dates as July 18-19. Be watching future newsletters for more info...but we would like some volunteers for this fund raiser.  
 If anyone would like to march with the Legion Color Guard in upcoming parades, let Les Wiltscheck know at the Legion. Parades coming up include Memorial Day, and Bavarian Blast.  
 We not have any meetings over the summer, with our next regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 10th at the Legion. We'll be working on plans for the Halloween Community Treat night at that time, and more.  
 Remember, the SAL stands for the Flat and patriotism!  
 Jim Bartels, SAL member

**A short History of the Memorial Day Program and Avenue of Flags -**

The Memorial Day Committee was formed sometime after World War 1 and prior to World War 2. The current committee consists of members from The American Legion, the VFW, the DAV and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The Avenue of Flags program was started in the 1970's and has continued to grow. Burial flags are donated by family members and there is a cost for the pole. The full-page article in the New Ulm Journal prior to Memorial Day lists the names of those veterans whose flag has been presented. Anyone who wishes to purchase a pole and donate their veteran's flag may contact Bert Marth, 507-359-2351, for more information.

AVENUE OF FLAGS WILL BE DISPLAYED (weather permitting). Set-up at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 26, 2017, & take-down at 4:00 P.M. Monday, May 28, 2017. Helpers are appreciated at both times. Again this is weather permitting.

BRONZE FLAG STAFFS AND FLAGS will be placed in the Veterans Section of City Cemetery on Thursday, May 24 at 9:00 AM. We cannot place the bronze staffs in other parts of the cemeteries – they must be placed by family members – but someone will be at the cemetery to assist with flags and staffs as follows: Saturday, May 26, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Sunday, May 27, 10:00 to Noon  
 Submitted by Bert Marth

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**AUXILIARY NOTES** - Kathy Hempel - Unit #132 President

Last month we heard from the three girls that will be going to American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. Their speeches were very good.

At our May meeting we will be having the election of officers.

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

Brown County Courthouse 507-233-6636

Attention Gray Area Guard & Reserves: Your military components are no longer mailing Retiree Application Packages prior to you reaching age 60. You are now responsible to call and request a Retirement application within this window of time: 9 months prior to, or 90 days after attaining age 60. The contact telephone for all branches of the military are: 651-268-4510 or 651-268-8188.

In addition to being responsible for your own Retirement package, the military no longer automatically enrolls you into Tricare and you should request this through the 8188 number above. If you have been on Tricare and have recently added a new spouse, or new children it is also your responsibility to notify Tricare that you want to enroll in their services. Their phone number is: 844-866-9378.

Watch for exciting news about our new Assistant Service Officer in the June issue of this newsletter!

Greg Peterson Veterans Service Officer  
O: 507-233-6636 • 269534931  
greg.peterson@co.brown.mn.us

**Legion Riders Activity**— Kris Schneeberg

Our riding season has been delayed by the weather, but we are anxiously awaiting summer to arrive (I hear it's going to be on a Wednesday this year). We are planning on our Pork Chop 130 Ride on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend (May 26). This is open to all who want to ride, so if you know of someone who has a motorcycle and would like to try a ride with us please let them know about us.

We also continue to sell tickets for our Raffle. This year we are offering a Remington 870 Combo, a Tablet with keyboard, and many chances for Chamber Dollars. See any Legion Riders for you \$10 Ticket.

When the weather does warm up there will no doubt be lots of motorcycles on the road, and we ask that you help us stay safe and watch for bikes on the road. Make it a game with children, instead of looking for VW bugs, look for motorcycles. This will help get the next generation looking for motorcycles on the road. Ride Safe.

**Membership number for May** Find the winning membership number somewhere in the newsletter.

If the number matches yours, a pair of Pork Chop dinners can be yours, if you claim your prize between May 1&20.

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	27 Club Closed	28 Memorial Day Parade/Program 9/Noon Lunch at the Legion	29 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Build your own Burgers and Bucks 5-7 pm Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	30 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm	31 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Food Available 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm FREE peanuts in the shell	1 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm	2 Broasted Chicken 5-7:30 pm
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	13 Club Closed	14 Clubrooms open @ 5pm Post. Unit., Squadron 132 Mtg @ 7 pm	15 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Burgers and Bucks 5-7 pm Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	16 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Legion Baseball Mtg. 6 pm	17 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm Food Available 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm FREE peanuts in the shell	18 Pull Tab Drink Discount 3-5 pm	19 Steak/Shrimp Fry 5-7:30 pm
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