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**COMMANDER'S CORNER** *Jon Gohr Commander*

We will be putting in new windows into the boarded up old window openings next to the bar area. The trophy locations will be addressed in good fashion and the best option will be used for that. Look to see those changes. We can make changes to improve looks and still hold history and tradition which is part of our Post. American Legion Baseball is a very outstanding program throughout the country and New Ulm is proudly in that program. Over time we hope to make updates and improvements throughout the Legion. Our parking lot is done for the most part. I believe this was a great improvement. Also we have ongoing equipment repairs that need our attention. We have rounded up round tables also and placed them in the bar side for better seating and looks. My thanks to Mankato American Legion Post for these tables. I want to thank everyone for what they do for the Legion. Many people are doing things for us and I could make a list but we all know who you are and that's what counts. Actions speak louder than words. We are all very fortunate. Come on in, support, and enjoy some time at this great American Legion. It's the only one in town; you can't miss it, 13 S. Minnesota St. (Look for the OPEN flag.)

Would somebody slow things down already? Things have been busy around the Legion and time is slipping away at a fast clip. I received thank you letters and cards from the Boys State participants and the Legionville School crossing guard students. They all experienced a fun, learning hands on and I think something they will always remember as time goes on. For sure they will use what they learned in our town and in the future. Two great programs our Post is glad to sponsor. These and other programs are what the Bavarian Blast 5k/10 run has been funneling the proceeds to. Scholarships is another program. All great and I am very glad we have this. Our youth can always use help as they grow to become adults and future leaders.

Our Post 132 has also made a donation to the Red Bull Army Band that is playing a free concert. (It will be history by the time you read this.) See-- time is at a fast clip. Also the New Ulm Fire Department will receive our support for the 2017 Firefighters Dance on September 16th.

Help is needed at Vogel Arena to take down the equipment for the Red Cross blood drive. Please consider and help for an hour or so. Be there on FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST. 1:30 PM.

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

| CLUBROOM HOURS  | SUNDAY         | MONDAY         | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                               | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                                  | SATURDAY                               |
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**CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS** - Brian Gramentz

September brings some very interesting memories to my mind, when I was younger, first day of school, and when I was much older, as my birthday is on August 31, the odds of September 1 being good was a crap shoot... But those stories are for another time... What's happening down at the Legion in September? I thought you would never ask! To start with, we have a new "Happy Hour" system. You may have seen or used it before, but we plan on using a pull tab card for drink discounts from 1-6 pm, Tuesday thru Friday. Are you feeling Lucky, pull a tab and find out! NEW EVENT: The Legion Riders will put on a Steak Fry on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. One of the "new" monthly meals we hope the membership will want to continue! I can't write about the Tuesday, August 15 Sauerkraut meal, as this article needs to be sent in before the meal occurs, but I really expect it to be a success! Who doesn't like Sauerkraut and dumplings and maybe your Bucks number will be called! Broasted Chicken and Broasted Pork Chops are scheduled on the first Saturday and last Saturday (respectively) of the month. Thanks again to the many volunteers that make them possible! There are 5 Saturdays in September, aren't we lucky? School has started, or for some, will start, and we are heading into a more active time down at the Legion. Remember, you can rent out the Legion facility for birthdays, anniversaries, retirement party, you got a promotion party, or you just want to party-party, you get the drift... So, drift on down to the Legion and check out Heggie's Pizza, the new Happy Hour, play some cards, munch on peanuts or popcorn, and try out the different meals we are offering. And most importantly, let me know what you think about the changes! Bring on September!

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

With fall just around the corner, I hope everyone had a good summer and are ready to get back into our monthly meetings. Our first meeting is going to be this September 11th (2nd Monday) starting at 7:00p.m. so mark your calendars. We need a good turn-out for this meeting so we can conduct some business. It will be a full agenda, however, I will keep it to an hour. In July, we had the brat stand at Cash Wise and it was a very good 2 days and great weather. With donations, we made \$395.27 which we can use for projects and make donations within the community. A special Thanks goes out to the following volunteers: Jess Roiger, Don Grams, Kay Grams, Allen Lane, Jim Bartels, Vickie Lowrie, Dennis Leppla, Cory Gudmonson, Dick Scheid, Bob Schirlinger and Charles Bornoft. I was there both days. I will be scheduling this event for next year when the list comes out. October Fest will be the first weekend in October so I have jumped on this and will have a first ever for the squadron and will have a scrambled egg breakfast on Sunday, October 8th serving from 9 am to 1 pm. This should be a good fund raising event with October Fest going on and with good advertising in all the hotels and other business around town. Posters will be available at our September meeting so your help in distributing them would be very helpful. The eggs will be farm fresh eggs and sausage patties will be hand-made. Volunteers will be needed so please sign up on the sheet by the bar or say "YES" when asked. SAL member's wives and/or significant others are encouraged to help if they want to. Post members and auxiliary members may also volunteer. If you can only be there for part of the time, this would be very helpful in making this a successful fund-raising event. 2018 Membership Cards are out so when you get yours, please send in your dues. I would like to see a more active squadron and paying your dues now is a great starter in making this happen. I'm not asking you to be an officer; just be more active in attending meetings. I am asking each member to sign up a new member and help getting this squadron rolling in the right direction. See you at the meeting on Monday, September 12th.

**Legion Riders Activity**— Kris Schneeberg

It has been very busy for the Legion Riders. We wrapped up our annual Legacy Run raising money for the American Legion Legacy Fund. The Legion Riders in New Ulm donated \$5246 to the fund, as well as donations from the Legion, the Auxiliary, and a number of personal donations. 2nd District made their donation at New Ulm while we were here for a total reaching over \$15,000. Statewide we collected over \$163,000 to take to the National Convention in Reno (more donations coming in). It was a great ride, and when we

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

The executive committee met Monday night August 14 to review the budget 2017-2018 and also revised the standing rules. Our Next meeting will be September 11 at 7 PM at the legion. This will start our new year. Hope everyone can make it.

**BR. CO. VETERAN'S SERVICE NEWS** — Greg Peterson  
Brown County Courthouse 507-233-6636

Congratulations to Wil Burdorf who is retiring after driving the Veterans Hospital Shuttle for the past 17 years. In that time he carried over 2500 riders, drove over 117,000 miles and gave 4,390 hours of his personal time with to care for our valiant heroes. Volunteers who do not go south for the winter are sought to fill this vacancy. Drivers are paid \$70 per trip and will soon be driving a 2017 Ford van with heated seats. Drivers choose their schedules and travel as much as they want. Contact either Service Officer to apply.

Our office will be closed Sept 11-12-13 to attend the annual CVSO Convention in Nisswa. The van will run on the 11th & 13th and riders are always asked to call at least a week before traveling if possible. To reach the Service Officers while they are gone please leave a phone message at: 507-233-6636.

A BIG THANK YOU to the anonymous donor who contributed \$5,000 to help 10 New Ulm WWII Veterans and their escorts fly to Washington D.C. on Sept 30th.

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**BASEBALL** — Vern Kitzberger,

Well, the baseball season is over, it sure went fast! We concluded activities with our annual end-of-the-season team potluck. Thank you Commander Jon & Les Wiltscheck for making the delicious 300295710 chicken.

In post-season play, Legion Blue went 2-2 in Sub-state play, and Legion Gold finished 3rd. Mankato National was the champ and advanced to the State Tournament.

VFW Silver continued to improve all season, but was eliminated in Sub-district action. However, VFW Gold had an excellent and exciting post-season. They needed to defeat Farmington twice in the District finals, and did so, with the last game going extra innings. They then advanced to the State Tournament at Willmar and finished 4th in the state. Congratulations!

**Membership number for September**

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 September 1 & 20.

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