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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Jon Gohr Commander

Here we are in September with school starting and seasonal change taking place. Our last meeting we reviewed the last fiscal year financials with our accounting expert. We are holding our own and bills are paid and it looks like things are doing okay. Everyone is a part of the total picture. By that I mean we can all do our part towards another successful year ahead. I thank all of our staff and volunteers for their work and commitment for the good of the Legion. Keep up the work you have been doing.

The Bavarian Blast 5/10k run is an example and great success which allows us to fund programs we historically have supported.

In September we will be resuming our normal hours of opening at 1:00 pm Tuesday- Saturday.

We will be having a 2nd District membership rally on Sunday, September 25th from 1:00 pm till 5:00pm.

Our Auxiliary Unit and Sons of the American Legion Squadron will resume meeting again this month. I wish them a good year ahead as part of our Legion Family.

Our website should be available after Labor Day, if not shortly thereafter. It will be found at www.nuamericanlegion.com check it out, I hope it will be a nice additional way for us to be found and information available and updated as time goes on.

I believe we will be getting a ping pong table soon at the Legion for use as a free something to do when there is nothing going on in the dining room. It will be folded up and on rollers when not used and should be placed along the north wall of the dance floor area. We hope it's something fun to do for anyone and maybe have an occasional fundraiser tournament. Our Auxiliary Unit and Legion Riders have approved funds towards the purchase price. I thank them for that support.

Keep our country and those who serve in the military in your thoughts and prayers. Next membership meeting is September 12 at 7:00 pm. Come and support our Post 132.

Legion Riders Activity—Kris Schneeberg

In August the Legion Riders held their annual Legacy Run to raise money for the American Legion Legacy Fund, which provides scholarships to children of servicemen and servicewomen who lost their lives in service to our nation since 9/11/2001. We stopped at Oak Hills and met with the residents and even gave some rides to a few of them. As a community we donated over \$3,000 to the Legacy Fund. A huge Thank You to all who participated and to those who donated. With our contribution the State of Minnesota was able to set another record this year. Ride safe,

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

I hope everyone had a great summer and as I see it, it is coming to a close fast; faster than I want it to. That being said, it is time to get back in the saddle and move forward in our new year.

I have appointed Brian Shropshire as our Membership Dir./Finance Officer for this year. Time to pay our 2017 dues which remain at \$20.00 again for this year. Please send your dues to the post and your card will be mailed to you.

Our first meeting for this new year will be on Sept. 12th (2nd Monday of the month) starting promptly at 7p.m in the meeting room downstairs. This is a very important meeting and we need a good attendance with many items to cover and this would also be a good time to pay your membership dues. Let's fill the room with our squad membership. Remember, your voice counts on any issue brought to the floor. See you all on Sept. 12th.

Some good news I have is the squadron, as of 30 June, went over our goal by 13 new members. Thanks goes to Jeff Wenninger for doing a fantastic job with membership over the past years. Our unadjusted goal for 2016-2017 is 134 members. I have the current membership cards for renewal and you can pay them to the post with your check for \$20.00 and the envelope marked "SAL Membership".

I will be attending the SAL National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio from 24 August to 01 September. Enjoy your summer!!

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES -- Brian Krosch

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. It seems to be just flying by. I have been working on membership for a little bit now; I think I'm getting it down. As of now our numbers for renewal are 372 and one transfer from Fairmont, 10 online. So we are doing really well so far. Thank you for putting your trust in me I will try to do my best. Enjoy the rest of your summer and also, if you're looking to volunteer, the bar and kitchen could use your help. Trust me, it is a very good place to help out so please if you can help out let the legion know thank you.

CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS -

We made it through the summer! As most are aware, I am new to the duties of the 2nd Vice Commander, and have had to learn the kitchen and bar processes from scratch. Thanks to Tom Edwards and Jon Gohr for all the assistance! The summer hours of operations were reduced to reflect a period of anticipated lower kitchen and bar sales. As originally approved by the membership, the Club opening hours have been restored back to 1:00 pm after Labor Day, starting on September 6. The Club will open at 1:00 pm Tuesday thru Saturday, and is closed on Sunday and Monday. REMINDER: The first Saturday of the month is broasted chicken, fourth Saturday is broasted pork chops. Each Friday at 5:00 pm is all you can eat Taco Bar. Tuesdays continues to be burger night! Come on down for \$1.50 Grain Belt Wednesdays and \$1.50 Schell's Fridays! Check out the calendar for more club activities.

RED CROSS HELP

Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday September 2nd Volunteers requested...... our Post 132 has been helping in this and we are again being asked to come and help take down and put tables and chairs away. Generally help them . If you can-- come to Vogel Arena at 1:30 pm, Friday Sept. 2.

Membership number for September

Find the winning membership number somewhere in 202655855the 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.



AUXILIARY NOTES - Kathy Hempel - Unit #132President

Summer went by way to fast. Hope everyone had a great one. Our meetings will start September 12th. The agenda for September will be going over the budget and the standing rules. Also, we will welcome the new members that have joined last year with their packet and a little program. We will also discuss the activities for the year.

Just a reminder; we have the new membership cards and you don't have to wait for the renewal notice to come. Please contact Beth Gohr for your new card. Hope to see you at the meeting.

BASEBALL — Vern Kitzberger,

Well, the baseball season is over, it seems like it just started! VFW Silver really impressed us with how much they improved as the season progressed, and played very well in their Sub-district.

Legion Gold had a late start to their season, and played 29 games in 33 days. For the first time in 6 years, they did not qualify for the State Tournament. However, they were a young team, and the future is bright.

VFW Gold had a fantastic season. They won a tournament, and followed that up by going undefeated in Sub-district and District play. That earned them a spot in the State VFW Tournament where they went 1-2, with one of the losses to the eventual champion.

I'd like to thank all the businesses and organizations that purchased ads from us, and all the fans who attended games.

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

Brown County Courthouse

507-233-6636

Service Office will be CLOSED on Sept. 12-13-14 for CVSO annual convention. Please call ahead for your hospital shuttle reservations for the 12th & 14th. Gary Penkert will be the driver both days and if you need a last minute reservation after Friday, Sept 9th, call Gary (he's in the book). Our telephones will record all voice messages and we will review them from the convention each night.

Recently a report was published that compared the amount of Federal and State Veterans benefits received in each county by the number of Veterans in those Counties. The ranking is from 1-87 with 1 receiving the greatest dollar to Veteran ratio and 87 being the least. We are very proud to report that Brown County is #10! Surrounding Counties ranked...Redwood: 25, Watonwan: 44, Nicollet: 46, Blue Earth: 62. Your CVSO's ROCK!

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