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COMMANDER'S CORNER *Jon Gohr Commander*

First Sunday in October we are going to clean the kitchen. This is going to be a twice a year occurrence. We need your help. Sunday, October, 2nd at 10am. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

We have scheduled our annual Early Bird dinner for Sunday October 16 at 1pm. A sign up list will be at the bar for this to help plans for the meal. Pay your dues on or before that time and your Post will offer you a free meal. We will be accepting any free will offering anyone wishes to donate to cover our costs. Completely up to you to do as you chose. This includes all of the Legion Family members. Non-members are welcome also and they will pay \$5 for the meal.

My thanks to Dave Borchert and committee for a successful Bavarian Blast 5/10k event. We now have budgeted the profit from that day to fund our community support for education scholarships, Boys State, School Crossing Guard training at Legionville. Great community involvement all around.

We have a limited number historic veteran grave markers that have not been used for anything for years. They are not used anymore as the VA provides current grave markers in use now. We have provided some to the Brown

County Museum, Veterans Service Office, and offered area Legion Posts any they would like. Now the rest are available to members of our Post. We have some of them estimated value at \$45-\$85 each. What you decide to donate for any you would like is your choice. Contact me by phone 276-4747 or in person if you are interested in any.

If you have not been to our website it is handy to check our events calendar, newsletter, room rentals for example. Over time the information will help. Links to various things are on the website so check it out. Improvements will come with time. Suggestions are always welcome. We can do what we can with it. www.nuamericanlegion.com

We have a ping pong table for use when there is nothing else going on. Free to use and it is a fun game. I hope to see a tournament sometime soon.

A note of parking restrictions to all that park in the empty lot to the south of our parking lot. Do not park in that area. This is not our lot to park on and the new owners have asked us to not park there.

Check our calendar for things happening at the Legion and hope to see you there. Next Post meeting October 10th at 7pm. Please join us.

OCTOBER 2016

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Open @ 1pm Broasted Chicken 5-7:30 or until gone.	2 Club Closed 10 AM Kitchen Cleaning GI Party	3 Club Closed	4 Clubrooms open @ 1pm Burgers and Bucks Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	5 Auxiliary Card Party 6:30pm All Grainbelt draft beer \$1.50	6 Short Order Menu 5-7:30pm Bingo 7 pm	7 FREE peanuts All Schell's Tap beer \$1.50 All you can eat Taco Bar 5-7:30 pm	8 Jerry & Rosie's Made Rights 10:30 am-1 pm or until gone
9 Club Closed	10 Post, Unit & Squadron 132 Exec. 6:15pm Membership 7 pm Clubroom open @ 6:00 pm	11 Burgers and Bucks Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	12 All Grainbelt draft beer \$1.50 VFW Mtg. 7pm	13 Clubrooms open @ 1 pm Short Order Menu 5-7:30 pm Bingo 7 pm	14 FREE peanuts All Schell's Tap beer \$1.50 All you can eat Taco Bar 5-7:30 pm	15 Open @ 1pm	16 Early Bird Dinner 1:00 pm
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25 Burgers and Bucks Legion Loot Jackpot drawing at 6:30 pm	26 All Grainbelt draft beer \$1.50 5pm Legion Riders Parmesan Chicken Dinner	27 Clubrooms open @ 1 pm Short Order Menu 5-7:30 pm Bingo 7 pm	28 FREE peanuts All Schell's Tap beer \$1.50 All you can eat Taco Bar 5-7:30 pm	29 Open @ 1pm Broasted Pork Chops 5-7:30 pm	30 Club Closed	31 Club Closed	31 Club Closed

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Legion Riders Activity— Kris Schneeberg

The Legion Riders have been quite busy as the summer closes out. We rode to the MN Veteran's Home in Luverne and gave a donation of \$2000 for residents to use for items not covered by the VA. We assisted the Lion's Club at their Fly-In Breakfast on 9/11. We have also participated in other runs while the weather is still good. The final number is in and the Legion Riders of Minnesota contributed \$148,367.70. This is a new record. Thank you to all the hard work by all to give the children of fallen Veterans the opportunity to attend college. As the summer draws to a close, please keep a close eye out for the motorcycles, especially on those nice days when we will be taking our final opportunity to do what we love, ride.

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

How is it possible we are in the early fall season? The leaves on the trees are starting to turn and it won't be long till the farmers will be harvesting their crops. Here is hoping the farmers have a good crop this fall. We had our first squadron meeting in September and those present met our new Membership Director Brian Shropshire and we did have a few memberships to process for 2017. Dues are still \$20.00 this year, so either drop your dues off at the post or mail them in. National sent out a renewal notice the end of September so if you have renewed your dues, please disregard. Their notice only means they have not processed your renewal yet. Our kiddies Halloween Party is set for October 31st which is a Monday evening from 5-8 p.m. We will be decorating the hall and filling bags on Sunday Oct. 30th at 3:30. This only takes a couple of hours if we have a lot of baggers. We are in need of volunteers from our Legion Family (12 or so) to bag and decorate and 10 or so Halloween night. There is a sign-up sheet at the bar or email Jim Bartels, jim@knuj.net if you can help at either or both times. All Gave Some, Some Gave All.

Service Officer • Andrew Achman

We are now proud to have our very own website! Please share and visit: <http://www.nuamericanlegion.com>

This is a work in progress type of thing and hopefully will be a quick and easy way to keep people informed about what is going on at the Legion. I would love to hear from people about ideas of what they would like to see added or if something should be changed on the website. I would really like to add pictures so if anyone has any please get them to me and I'll see if I can get them added. Feel free to contact me at: andrew.achman@hotmail.com

A special thank you to Adam Towles and Kemske for all the help setting up and running the website and to our sponsors that make this possible.

A veteran - whether Active Duty, Retired, National Guard or Reserve - is someone who at one point in his or her life wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount of 'up to and including my life' – Author Unknown

CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS -

Great news! The hours of the bar are now back to the regular hours of 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm Tuesday-Thursday, and on Friday and Saturday, the hours are 1:00 pm to closing. If there is bar business, the bar will stay open past 8:00 pm, and by law, must close at 1:00 am.

We are continuing the Wednesday community organization meal program. Community organizations provide 4-5 people to clean tables, clean the dishes and equipment used in preparing the meals and the legion provides the food, and in the end, share in the proceeds. Watch the October calendar for which organization is scheduled on Wednesday night, and what meal is being served! This program was started a few years back to open our doors to the community while also assisting local organizations raise funds. Come on down for a fantastic meal and help out the legion and our community's organizations!

Whaaat? GI Party? Yes, the kitchen is in need of cleaning, and all who can attend on October 2 at 10:00 am are invited! If we can get enough helpers, it should be over by noon. We are considering having a twice a year kitchen cleaning event, as it seems the annual GI Party is too long a period of time between cleaning events. The kitchen is a driving force in funding our American Legion operation, so please consider helping out on October 2! I hope to see you there! No, really, I don't want to be the only one there...

REMINDER: Come on down... Broasted Chicken (1st Sat.), Jerry and Rosie Made Rights (2nd Sat.), and Broasted Pork Chops (5th Sat.) are on the menu! Check the October calendar for all the upcoming week and week-end events and don't miss out!

Membership number for October

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 October 1 & 20.

AUXILIARY NOTES - Kathy Hempel - Unit #132 President

On October 5th we will be having our card party from 6:30 pm to 9 pm. Come and join us for a night of fun. Lunch will be served after. The girls from Girl State will be giving a presentation on their experience at our next meeting. Sunday, October 16th will be our early bird meal at the legion starting at 1pm. Anyone who has paid their dues will be able to get a free meal. You also can pay your dues that day and be able to join the meal. Free will donations are welcome. sign-up sheet will be at the bar next week. Our next meeting will be Monday October 10th at 7pm. Hope to see you then.

BASEBALL — Vern Kitzberger,

October is our annual meeting. The 3-year terms of six members expire, and at this time it appears that there will be at least one opening. If anyone wishes to be considered for election, please let me know at 276-6827 or "vernkitz@yahoo.com" by October 11. We normally meet the third Wednesday of the month, but because that Wednesday in October is the night before MEA (football games), we may be changing that date. We will also be electing officers that night for the coming year. Speaking of elections, November 8 is local, state, and national Election Day. One of the issues on the ballot for New Ulm voters only is the renewal of the existing 1/2 percent local sales tax. This would only be a continuation of the sales tax already in place, NOT an increase. One of the facilities that would benefit from the passage of this question is Johnson Park. Our Baseball Committee agrees that the park needs to be brought into accordance with the American Disabilities Act, along with some other improvements. There is only a very small area where fans that are wheel chair bound may watch a game, and that area is very congested. Some of those wheel chair occupants are Veterans.300349701. Even though New Ulm residents are the only ones that may vote on this, non-residents making purchases in New Ulm also help pay for those projects.

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

Brown County Courthouse 507-233-6636

Welcome new Blue Earth CVSO Mike McLaughlin who served with the USMC 1st Bn with two tours in Iraq. He's an MSU graduate and former Program Manager for MACV (Minn Assistance Council for Veterans). At MACV Mike oversaw programs to reduce Veteran homelessness in 37 counties. Mike will soon hire an Assistant CVSO and we wish their County well.

Get out and VOTE! on Tuesday, 1 November. Every military family has sacrificed to give us the right to vote. Decisions must be made from Presidential to City Counselor. New table-top US & MN flags at your polling stations have been provided by Beyond The Yellow Ribbon of Brown County.

Mankato VA Clinic Flu Shots: October 24, 25, 26, 27. Call 387-2939.

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MEMBERSHIP SERVICES -- Brian Krosch

Membership is at 444 members 3 transfers and 109 life members. Just a reminder, 2017 dues are 45 dollars this year. Also, the bar and kitchen are in need of help.

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