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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Jon Gohr Commander

First I would like to review that last month our Made Right Crew had an exceptional turn out and therefore the results to our Post are good and definitely helpful. The same is said regarding the SOS Veterans Day Crew. The early morning breakfast is really appreciated by our veterans. Both of these crews are up early morning and do good work for the benefit of veterans and our Post. So many thanks to Jerry and Rosie and Dick and Nettie including all those who serve on their work crews to make this happen!

On Wednesday- December 7th is the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day. Our post will be having a ceremony for a permanent POW/MIA table at 6:30 pm. We will also be serving great food for the evening from 5-7:30. This is a special day for all of us to come on in and enjoy as we remember and honor. We are always open to the public, so please let others know that this is a special day and anyone is welcome.

Another special potluck meal will be held for all of the Legion Family membership. On December 12th Monday evening we hold our Post meetings. We will be meeting early. Executive meeting at 5:15, membership meeting at 5:45. We will plan on being done with meetings at 6:30 and then all can gather for our Potluck Meal in the dining room. Everyone is encouraged to attend your meetings, bring a potluck item to share and enjoy the evening for our Christmas gathering. Come early to be sure you are on time and get things ready. This is one event where we need all to work together and be flexible in the event that

timing is not the usual for us. Please bring your spouse, friends, new members.

I am happy to see things are working and all of our volunteers help so much in this in many ways. Also all of our employees, bartenders, kitchen, janitorial, all of the officers and club committee members who work and help make decisions, do inventory every month, I thank you for what you do. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Each member of the Legion Family has .25 cents of their dues go to the American Legion Family Hospital Association. This is available to apply for help in paying hospital and doctor bills up to \$3000. Contact the Minnesota Department of the American Legion, our Post 132 commander if you need assistance in getting an application or want more information. This is usually for those times where you may have exhausted all of your other assets and are in need to use some additional help.

If you are ever at the main terminal at Minneapolis airport remember to stop by and check out the Armed Forces Center. Its there in support of our military members and families.

Also check out Legionville located by Brainerd, Mn. This is owned by our American Legion Department of Minnesota. School Patrol Camps for your children to attend are there. Make use of those for educational tools for your children for next summer. Contact Dept. of Mn. American Legion @ (866) 259-9163 for any questions and reservations.

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DECEMBER 2016

CLUBROOM HOURS	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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S.A.L NEWS —S.A.L Squadron #132, Gene Olswold-S.A.L Commander
Thanksgiving is now over as well as the harvest and I hope you had time with family and friends and thanking God for the bountiful harvest as well as all our good health and family.

Our Halloween party we had at the post on October 31st was again a huge success. We had 470 ghosts and goblins along with other great costumes walk through our doors that night. We even had some parents dressed for the occasion. Attendance was down from previous years, but it was also a Monday football night. I want to thank all our sponsors for their contributions and all the volunteers from the Legion Family that helped out in the bagging of the candy on Sunday before and on Halloween Night. Without you, this Community Event would not be possible. Membership is coming in strong and I want to thank all those that have renewed so far for this 2016-2017 Membership Year. Your membership counts for the decisions made for our Veteran Programs in Congress. Strength comes in numbers and this is where your membership renewals count. Our voice is heard. Someone paid their dues to the bar with cash for this year's renewal. It was left with no name attached to the cash. I am still holding the cash so if you are the one who paid cash and have not yet received your new card, please call me at (507) 273-3500 so I can give you credit for renewing and send you your new card.

On October 27th, our Squadron presented a 5'x7' American flag to St. Anthony's Elementary School. Linda Weisner accepted the flag for the school. This is just one of the many things our Squadron can do for the Community and we welcome all requests for consideration and help out when we can. You can see the photo of this presentation as well as other photos on our post's web page at www.nuamericanlegion.com.

Our next SAL meeting will be held at the Legion on December 12th at 6:00 p.m. It was decided at the November meeting that the Legion, Auxiliary and the SAL would try a potluck supper after our meetings. This would allow social time in the Legion Family. We hope we can have our meetings over by 6:30. Please join us and bring something to pass. Spouses and families are all welcome. Come join us and learn more what we do. All are welcome.

I want to wish everyone A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Service Officer • Andrew Achman

Our website continues to evolve and will hopefully be a nice place for our members and the public to get all their information about the Legion that they need. For those that have access to the internet I ask that you please visit the site and let me know what you think of it. I am very open to changes or improvements. One of the big things I am looking for is pictures, so if you have any past or present pictures that you want added pass them along for all to see.

I do plan on adding a section to the website soon that will include useful links and information regarding all the benefits our outstanding members have earned.

www.nuamericanlegion.com

Andrew Achman - andrew.achman@hotmail.com – 507-276-6463

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 -

Can you believe it, December is already here! Unseasonably warm weather this Fall, are making the HOT deals down at the Legion so much HOTTER! December meals will be smokin' HOT! December meal activities start out with Broasted Chicken on Saturday, December 3, and then on Wednesday, December 7, will be the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day, and is a fund raiser for the American Legion. A Roast Beef meal will be served from 5:00 to 7:30 pm, come on down and enjoy a "Grrreat" meal (as Tony the Tiger would say). We will be having meat raffles, and... CAN YOU BELIEVE IT... the bar will be open! Remember to check out WWW.NUAMERICANLEGION.COM for the most current calendar of Legion events and look for December events posted in the weekly Shopper and New Ulm Journal. December 10th is Jerry and Rosie's Made Rights, starting at 10:30 am. On the other Wednesday nights in December, we will host the Legion Riders serving Parmesan Chicken on the 14th, Sister Cities serving Pork Roast (Schweinebraten) on the 21st and the AL Scholarship Committee is scheduled for December 28, for a spaghetti dinner. Come on down and show your support for these community organizations. Tuesday Burger Nights sales are robust, and the Thursday BINGO night is doing well, based on the numbers... attending and called! Christmas Eve, December 24, the Kitchen and Bar will be closed. The facility continues to be rented out for special functions, so keep us in mind for your future events! Call the Club Room at 354-4016 to schedule an event. SPECIAL NOTE: I want to acknowledge the efforts of all the volunteers that help out in the Kitchen and Bar. The Broasted Chicken, the Broasted Pork Chops, and the Made Rights meal, they all would not happen if it wasn't for the efforts of our own volunteer, unpaid, American Legion members and their friends. The funds generated from these events are very much appreciated by the New Ulm American Legion organization. So... Thank you! You all are making a BIG difference. If you are reading this and have some free time, and want to volunteer to help out a little, or a lot, just call the club number and leave your contact information and I will schedule you in. NOTE TO AL, AUX, ALR and SAL MEMBERS: We can always use more volunteer help!

AUXILIARY NOTES - Kathy Hempel - Unit #132 President

At our November meeting we discussed ordering the military bracelets again. They should be here before Christmas. This would be a great gift for anyone in your family or give to a friend. If you would like to purchase one contact Connie Thompson or myself.

In December we will have a pot luck with the post and the other legion family so our meeting will start at 6 pm and we would eat around 6:30. Hope you can make it. Our holiday fair will be December 3rd. Members will be calling for donations, either baked goods or items for the curiosity shop. You could also donate cash. You can drop this off at the Legion on Friday night December 2nd from 1pm to 9pm or Saturday the 3rd from 8am to 9:30am

Have a happy thanksgiving and see you next month.

BASEBALL — Vern Kitzberger,

We had our annual meeting in late October. Al Felber retired at the completion of his term. Dave Buegler also has retired, after serving on our committee for 10 years. Dave was a head coach for two years, and then served seven years as our manager. A big thank you to both of them. We welcome Brian Krosch and Brady Ranweiler as newly elected members to the committee. All of our officers were re-elected, and Kevin Fischer has been elected to the manager position.

Here's wishing everyone a very happy holidays!

Membership number for December

Find the winning membership number somewhere in the newsletter. If the number matches yours, 300804316, a pair of Pork Chop dinners can be yours can be yours, if you claim your prize between December 1&20.

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

Brown County Courthouse 507-233-6636

The Veterans Service Office is looking for a handy-man (lady) who would be willing to remove old batteries from powered scooters and replace with new. The batteries will be purchased through another organization, we just don't have time to do the service & trouble shooting work. If interested please call Greg or Dave: 507-233-6636.

Greg Peterson • Dave Koester • Veterans Service Officers
O: 507-233-6636 F: 507-233-6638 • greg.peterson@co.brown.mn.us

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES -- Brian Krosch

Thank you for renewing memberships. The 2nd district 1st vice commander called me to let us know 2nd district had won the membership race something we can all be proud of. Also, it is still not too late to renewal as of now we are at 509 memberships 4 transfers and 2 new memberships so we are doing very good in this category. Thank you and have a great thanksgiving

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