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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Brian Gramentz, Commander

The annual December Club/Aux./SAL meeting will again be Pot-Luck. The Executive Boards will meet at 5:00 pm, the main meeting will be at 6:00 pm and the meal will be held at 7:00 pm. I hope to see you there. The variety of foods is always tasty!

In 2020, the American Legion membership criteria was changed. The old criteria where specific dates of service qualified you for membership has been eliminated. If you served in the military for one (1) day and were honorably discharged, you are eligible for American Legion membership. This law opened the door to hundreds of thousands MN veterans to become members. We all know of someone that is a veteran and is now eligible to be an American Legion member. Please invite them to be a member of POST 132. Get them in touch with us and we will get them a membership form. Planning continues on the June 3-4 District 2 Convention being held in New Ulm in 2022. It will begin in earnest after the first of the year. It is an opportunity to showcase our post facilities!

I want to end by again thanking the many volunteers that help the Legion succeed in providing the many veteran (and their family) support programs. Please volunteer and assist where you can, it is much appreciated!

CLUBROOM HAPPENINGS - Abby Dubois

Seasons Greetings! I hope your Thanksgiving was blessed with family, friends, and fun. Do you need Christmas gift ideas? We have t-shirts and hats for sale at the bar. What about buying a membership for your younger family members who have been in the military? Or, for your grandkids to be a member of SAL or the Auxiliary, if they weren't in the military? Being a continuous member of an organization like ours can boost potential at colleges and jobs, and give them an opportunity to get involved with positive community service.

Keep us in mind to host your family reunions and work parties. We have three spaces available and can open at special times and on special days to accommodate you. We can do the cooking, so you can enjoy yourself.

We are in need of volunteers to help with breakfast, beef commercials, and ribs. Call the bar, if you are available. Volunteer spots are short shifts and you get to eat free and take home a few drink chips. Drive safe and enjoy your Holidays!

LEGION BASEBALL-John Fischer

Happy Holidays! The New Ulm American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame will be hosting our bi-annual induction ceremony on Saturday December 18. It will be held at 2:00 PM at the Post. We will be inducting seven people this year. Former coaches Paul Ellwein and Greg Kraus will be honored in the non-player category. Also being inducted will be former players Garrett Fischer, Kyle E. Fischer, Kyle M. Fischer, Aaron Pfaff, and Craig Spelbrink. We also intend to have a special ceremony to present Dick Mueller with his plaque representing his induction into the Minnesota American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame! The public is invited, and we encourage members of our Legion Family to join us as we celebrate the tradition and success of our baseball program.

Vern Kitzberger, Chairman, NU Legion Baseball Hall of Fame

Membership Services—Roger Hoffmann

I have 450 paid members to date. There are 77 members left to pay their dues. It would be nice if everybody would have their dues paid by Dec. 31st. Thank you.

We have 70% paid members in the Auxiliary. If you didn't receive your notice, please send payment of \$30 for membership as soon as possible to:

Lynae Flatau, 1724 Southridge Rd, ew Ulm MN 56073

Newsletter deadline is the 18th of each month. Get information to Vida Bacon by that date for the following month. Bring your article to the club, or e-mail it to vbpic@newulmtel.net

S.A.L NEWS S.A.L Squadron #132, Scott Ries, Commander Greetings New Ulm Legion Family!

As our New Ulm Sons of American Legion is celebrating our 50th Anniversary year, it's very important that we* thank the many volunteers workers and businesses that helped us with our successful Halloween Community Treat night! (We had about 450 Trick and Treaters come through, and the extra bags that we had left over were distributed to Assisted Living Housing locations in New Ulm.)

Volunteers included: Paul Maday, Lynae Flatau, Burt Marth, Jim Bartels, Vickie Lowrie, Vern and Pam Kitzberger, Randy Jacobs, Babriella Kamenov, Diane Lieble, Scot Ries, John Fritsche, Don and Kay Grams, Dave Borchert, Emma Grams, Vayda Melzer, Caleb Grams, Dawson Schaefer, Chris Grams, Cole Fortwengler, Gary and Candy Roiger, Joe Slan-der, and Konnie Bartels.

Businesses and Organizations that donated include: 3M, Runnings, AMPI, Kraft, Hy-Vee, New Ulm Legion, Legion Riders, Legion Auxiliary, Thrivent, Frito-Lay, Happy Joes, Taco Johns, and Dairy Queen, also the Minnesota Pork Producers and American Dairy Assn--thanks also to them for Coloring Books, crayons, and more.

And a major Thank You to the Optimist club for a large donation that helps us each year!! Finally, to those that donated gently used Stuffed animals...thank you! And we will need more stuffed animals for next year's Halloween event, so please drop them off as it works out...but make sure they are not damaged or torn, and are in good condition!

A few other items, our SAL will be assisting with planning for the June District Legion Convention. And we look forward to honoring our 30 year members in May..and we do have a few!

We will be updating our membership board in the Legion Entry before Years end!

Dues statements went otr a few weeks back. Please send in renewals at your earliest convenience. And please join us for our meetings the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Legion!

New Ulm SAL-- it stands for the Flag and Patriotism

Membership number for December 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 December 1&20.

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AUXILIARY NOTES - Karhy Hempel - Unit #132 President

The holiday fair will be the first Saturday in December. Members will be calling for donations. Bake sale, curiosity shop or cash donations. You can drop the donations off at the legion Friday 1-7 dr Saturday morning before 10 AM.

Remember every time you volunteer for an auxiliary event or help in the kitchen or come to the meeting your name will be put in a box and a drawing will be held in April for a meal at the legion.

Hope to see you at the next meeting

December 13. After our meeting we will be having a potluck. Meeting will start at 6 that night so we will be eating at 7.

BR. CO. VETERAN'S SERVICE NEWS —

Greg Peterson Brown County Courthouse 507-233-6636

Companionship Volunteers Sought. We have a few Veterans in the New Ulm area who are lonely. They are also home bound and can't get out for socialization. If you would be willing to volunteer an hour a week to visit, play cards, or get a milk shake please contact our office at: 507-233-6636.

Do you need a ramp to access your home? Ask your VA Doctor to "write an order" for ramps. The VA will provide safe sloped aluminum ramps at no cost. The VA will also install stairway chair lifts too; ask your provider for these things.

We are seeking any Veteran, or a widow who is in assisted living or a nursing home to contact us.

There are federal funds to help pay for these long-term living situations; \$2,000 for Vets & \$1300 for widows of Vets.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and look forward to serving you in the New Year.

Greg & John

Legion Riders Activity— Tim Nelson

Thanks to all who attended our Spaghetti supper, from the feedback it sounds like a success. We are currently getting organized for our Omelet in a Bag Breakfast, which will be February 20th, 2022. And are working on our tickets for the Spring fundraiser. Tickets should be available in December, with the drawing on May 28th, 2022. We are currently at 20 members, and are always looking for more to join. Have a safe and happy holiday season. 100087551

Tim Nelson

Post 132 Legion Riders Director

If you hear of someone not getting their newsletter, please have them contact me at: vbpig@newulmtel.net I can't make corrections if I don't know they need to be made.

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			1 VFW Meeting 7 pm <i>Sleepy Eye</i>	2 Meal w/Dessert 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm	3	4 Holiday Fair 10 am - 1:30 pm Broasted Chicken 5-7 pm
5 Private Party	6 Club Closed	7 Burgers, Chicken or Fish 5-7 pm	8	9 Meal w/Dessert 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm	10	11 MADE RIGHTS 10-1 or until gone. Karaoke 7-11 pm
12 Club Closed	13 Club Closed Post. Unit, Squadron Meeting 7 pm	14 Burgers, Chicken or Fish 5-7pm Riders Mtg. 6:30 pm	15	16 Meal w/Dessert 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm	17	18 Broasted Pork Chops 5-7 pm
19 Breakfast 10am-1pm	20 Club Closed	21 Burgers, Chicken or Fish 5-7pm	22	23 Meal w/Dessert 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm	24 Clubrooms Closed	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS Clubrooms Closed
26 Club Closed	27 Club Closed	28 Burgers, Chicken or Fish 5-7pm	29	30 Meal w/Dessert 5-7 pm Bingo 7 pm	31 New Years Eve Party 6 pm Karaoke 7-11 pm	1



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