



Quarterly Newsletter

William R. Witty
Post #37

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Commander's Corner

Legionnaires! So much is happening at OUR Legion! The Bar Management Team is doing great! The Gift Committee is doing an awesome job! OUR membership is moving forward. The calendar is getting filled up and I'm seeing more new faces each time I stop in at OUR Legion! I want to thank each and every one of you for making this happen. I will be seen more often at OUR Legion now that I have finally retired again. I am looking forward to being more available and assisting the staff and all our organizations as much as I can. I still want to challenge everyone who reads this newsletter to recruit new members. Start a conversation while standing in line with someone who is wearing a shirt or cap with a military logo. Ask them if they are a veteran and if they would like to join us. Tell

them when and where we meet. Tell them what we do in OUR community. Talk about OUR legion at church, the gym or other public locations. I ask you to be the face of OUR Legion. Invite them to join you at an omelet breakfast, steak fry or fish fry. Have you heard about the Comedy Club on Saturday evenings? I have and the reviews are fantastic, awesome and a really good time. I need your support in promoting OUR Legion. I don't want it to be work though I want it to be fun. Thank you all for making OUR legion what it is today and I am looking forward to what it will be in the future.

Dave Arpin
Commander

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Post Meetings are held the **second Monday** of every month at **7:00 PM**.

SAL Meetings are held on the **first Tuesday** of each month at **7:00 PM**.

Auxiliary Meetings are held on the **second Monday** of each month at **5:30 PM**.

House Committee Meetings are held on the **first Tuesday** of each month at **7:00 PM**.

Bingo every Wednesday at **6:00 PM**.

Legion Riders Meetings are held on **Tuesdays**, two times a month at **7:00 PM**.

Post Adjutant News

"The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably Integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it's on a section gang, a football field, in the Army, or in Office." Dwight D. Eisenhower. Veterans continued to serve, in their community and their country. My mother use to say "you need to be respectable to be respected." So, I looked up what is respectable behavior. "Respectable behavior includes contributing to charity, volunteering in your community, and helping friends. Anyone respectable deserves respect for being honorable and moral." Veterans by all accounts are more engaged in their community than perhaps non-veterans. At times we may all find ourselves wondering off the path of integrity. Below is the Veterans creed endorsed by most, if not all veteran organizations.

VETERANS CREED

- 1 I am an American Veteran.
- 2 I proudly served my Country.
- 3 I live the values I learned in the military.
- 4 I will continue to serve my community, my country and my fellow veterans.
- 5 I maintain my physical and mental discipline.
- 6 I will continue to lead and improve.
- 7 I make a difference.
- 8 I honor and remember our fallen comrades.

"Integrity is the Life blood of Democracy. Deceit is a poison in its veins." - Edward Kennedy.

Respectfully, William B. Kastens

A big thank you to the By-Laws committee for updating the By-Laws of the American Legion, William R. Witty Post 37. The By-Laws update was approved on 3/11/2019.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS: For those who have given their email address to the American Legion, Post 37, will receive future newsletters through email. Thank you.

2nd Vice Commander

So here we are this far into the year and what a great start it's been. Business is growing, more members are coming in, the community is taking notice of our efforts and coming in to enjoy our post.

A big Thank You to all who have made this possi-

ble and I look forward to the endless possibilities we have in front of us.

Dave Street
2nd Vice Commander

Honor Guard Notes

There have been no Honor Guard presentation requests this past quarter, which is good, meaning we have had no burials for Veterans. Weekly get well visits have been made to Benedictine. Reminding everyone of the Vietnam Veterans observance on March 29, 2019 beginning at 4:30 pm at the Community Center in St. Peter. Also continue to support your Post #37 Legion

Club and charitable gambling to enable the Honor Guard to continue serving Veterans.

Thank you,
Bernie Thieman
Honor Guard Commander

Color Guard Notes

Hello to our members of Post 37. Here it is, our 2nd quarter newsletter. As the Color Guard enters a new year, this past weekend we participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. What a wonderful day it was, with a good turn out from our community. As the Color Guard Commander, I would like to thank Mike Riley and the Ambassadors for putting on another great parade for our community and inviting the Color Guard to lead off this great event.

Coming up on March 29, 2019 we will be participating in the annual Vietnam Memorial Ceremony which will be held at the St. Peter Community Center.

On May 27, 2019 we will be participating in the Memorial Day Ceremony held at Minnesota Square. As always, we hope to see many of our community residents at these functions.

Just to mention a few other events coming up are: D-day June 6, 2019, a 75th Commemoration of Operation Overload at the St. Peter High School Theater.

Next, we have the 49th Annual St. Peter 4th of July parade.

In August, we will have Night to Unite and the Nicollet County Fair just to mention a few.

Keep an eye out for more information and events in future newsletters.

Ron Davis
Color Guard Commander

Legion Riders

We are happy to announce the formation of a new branch of the legion family established by fourteen (14) charter members on a blizzard ridden Minnesota night, January 29, 2019, nationally recognized as the American Legion Riders (ALR). The Riders are proud to be part of Post #37 and welcome any member of the Post, SAL, or AUX within the local area - yes, we have members from the Cleveland Post and are reaching out to all Posts in the local area to join.

By establishing a constitution, bylaws, officers, and fund raising initiatives with Post #37, we look forward to supporting the Post #37 family, our veterans, and participating in motorcycle activities that promote a positive outlook on our Post and safe riding to our community for our veterans.

President Roger Boyd III and founding member Dave Street are happy to lead this group with its charter formation and membership drive.

Please look at our Post #37 website for more details and information on membership criteria and rules of our newly formed chapter - <https://www.post37.com/legion-riders.html>.

We look forward to serving you all and please join the Riders and share in the enjoyment of riding alongside your American Legion family.

Robert E. Jones
Vice President - ALR

House Committee

This past month has brought quite a few changes to the House Committee as you know it—first, we thank those members that have stepped down from the committee and second, I would like to welcome the new members Keith (Post) and Dick (Post/Finance Officer), and interim nominee from the new ALR's, Roger (Post). According to the new Post #37 Constitution and By-Laws (Article IV), it states that the House Committee will be made up of twelve (12) members, two from the Post, AUX, SAL, and ALR, as well as the four Ex-officio members that include the Post Commander, Finance Officer, Charitable Gambling Officer, and a non-voting House Manager.

As your new Chair, and Keith (Post) the Alternate Chair, and Rebecca (AUX) as the interim Secretary, we look forward to appointing the rest of the officer positions soon. We voted as a committee two months ago that after the new by-laws were passed, each member would go back to their respective branch of the Legion and be "re-nominated" or have new members fill their positions. As my first two tasks as House Chair, the commander and I appointed a four person internal audit committee to look at our books for the year 2019 and ensure correct-

ness – thanks to our House Manager for already starting this process. We have also assigned four members of the House Committee to serve as Food and Beverage consultants to the House Manager and our Legion. I encourage anyone who may have any suggestions to notify the House Manager, Terri and have your voice heard so she and her committee can run the House even more efficiently. She is also continually looking for new staff, especially a cook, if anyone knows of someone who would be a good employee in the kitchen.

The House Committee has also drafted new Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) that will be edited and approved at our next monthly meeting and presented to the Post Executive Committee for approval (per Article XI of the Post #37 By-Laws).

We look forward to serving you all and please consider filling one of the vacant spots on the committee as well as volunteering for the upcoming House events and activities.

Robert E. Jones (Post)
House Committee Chair

Quarterly News from the SAL

The SAL has been busy these past three months volunteering for different events; bingo, omelet breakfast and our annual fish fry. Unfortunately, the weather has not been cooperating with having these events. It just wants to keep snowing all the time. In January, February, and March we worked fish fry events. We also had an omelet breakfast in January. The SAL donated \$100 to the Pheasants Forever organization and \$300 to have the dishwasher in the kitchen repaired. Hope to see more people at these events and support the club. The SAL hopes to see you there. We enjoy working these events and hope all enjoy our light hearted and fun loving attitudes.

If you are interested in joining the SAL, please contact our membership director, Jeff Knutson at (507) 469-0691.

Please keep all the men and women who are and have served our great country in your thoughts and prayers! GOD Bless America.

Thanks,
Ronald Neary
SAL Commander/Lifetime Post member

House Manager

My name is Terri Birchem and I am the new House Manager here at Post 37. I recently moved down to the St. Peter area last July and started my new position here at Post 37 on October 28, 2018. Everyone has been amazing. I am excited to be here. Please keep us in mind when planning any events! Any event big or small we have the staff and amenities to meet all of your needs!

We just issued new Legion Loot Cards that have a buy one get one half off on Monday's and Tuesday's along with the \$2.00 off of a large pizza coupon. We have more Legion Loot Cards to give out and they are free. I wish to thank everyone especially all our volunteers that come in and help us on a regular basis. We couldn't do it without all of you!

Make sure you check out our newsletter, website at www.post37.com and our Facebook page. We are looking forward to starting our four-part Craft Brew Series. You can purchase tickets and learn more details on both the website and Facebook. We still have two more comedy shows in April and May that are held the second Saturday of each month. Tickets can be purchased on our sites for this event as well. After May, the comedy show and steak fry's end for the summer. We will start both again in the fall.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you! Please stop in and say hi and see all the great things that are happening here at Post 37!

Thank you! Terri



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Gambling News...

YOUR LEGION AND OUR CHARITABLE GAMBLING



This newsletter compiled by Joenilla Robertson & printed as submitted.

It can be beneficial to take a look at where we were in the past and how that compares to today. We can learn what is working for us (or isn't working), trends in the types of games we use, if we should be trying new tools or products, or even how significant changes like losing a site is impacting our organization, such as MC Hammers. Let's look at some numbers in January 2018 and also January 2019 (the last completed report when this newsletter was printed):

January 2018 with three sites: Legion, Hobbers, and Hammers. The Total Net receipts (gross profits) equaled \$17,548.66 - this total is comprised of Legion net receipts (40.6%), Hobbers (16.7%), and Hammers (42.7%). The break-down in net profits from games includes Bingo making up 17.4% of that total, Paddle tickets (1%), Electronic Bingo (3.6%), Paper Pull-tabs w/15 games played (32.4%), and E-tabs (32.2%). Lawful purpose expenditures in Jan. 2018 equaled \$3,741.44 and Allowable Expenses were \$10,763.28.

January 2019 with two sites: Legion and Hobbers. The Total Net receipts (gross profits) equaled \$15,117.60 was down 13.8% from 2018. However, net receipts PER SITE increased this year versus January last year. The Legion increased 26.6% and Hobbers increased 46.4%. Regarding games, net receipts were similar to 2018: Bingo (15.8%), Electronic Bingo (2.3%), Tipboard (3.2%), and Paper pull-tabs with 13 games (28%). The largest increase was in E-tabs, contributing to 64.7% of Net Receipts during January, an increase of 42.3% since last year. This aligns with MN GCB's annual report showing E-tab sales increasing by 80% from 2017 to 2018.

Lawful purpose expenditures this January was \$3,360.53. This will increase before the end of the fiscal year to ensure we meet the required charitable percentage of 30%. We are well on our way to exceed that this year with an additional \$2,150 approved in charitable expenses to local organizations, in addition to monthly expenses (such as utilities, gambling taxes, and real estate taxes). Allowable expenses were down to \$6,837.72, however this can vary greatly each month, based on receipt of large invoices to pay. MN Gambling Control Board reports that in 2018, compensation generally makes up the bulk of allowable expenses (39.6%), followed by gambling products (28%), rent (19.8%), with miscellaneous expenses, accounting, cash shortages, and advertising all 7% or less).

Greta Fennell, Gambling Manager

Ladies Auxiliary News

Auxiliary Member “Pamper Yourself” Appreciation Event

We invite all Auxiliary members to attend this event as an appreciation for your service to the Auxiliary on May 5, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. at the Legion. Pampering includes essential oils, hand scrubs, and nail painting. This event is FREE to all current Auxiliary members! Please RSVP to Deanna at (507) 382-6556 by April 19, 2019.

Some of the events the Auxiliary participated in over the last three months include the February Steak Fry and Bingo as well as our Wood Pallet Painting Party in March that raised funds for our Auxiliary Scholarship. We'll be working bingo and selling treats again on April 3 and June 5, so come see us.

The family of Mary Jane Borrell requested Auxiliary members to serve as casket-bearers for her funeral services on October 12, 2018. Connie Bollum, Rebecca Brenke, Julie Gault, Kris Sack, Heather Tollefson and Kathy Witty were honored to serve as casket-bearers for our fellow Auxiliary member.

A reminder that the Auxiliary does not meet for regular meetings during the summer months but Officer elections will be held on June 10, 2019 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Per our by-laws, this is not a regularly scheduled meeting night and is only to hold elections.

Poppies

Show your support for your local veterans! Poppies will be hitting the streets in May. Look for an auxiliary member or pick up a poppy at the Legion. 100% of the donations go to local veteran-related causes or organizations! This is one of the Auxiliary's largest fundraisers!

Memorial Day

The Auxiliary will once again participate in the annual Memorial Day Ceremony in the park and the Honors at Sea Ceremony. We encourage all to attend.

IN MEMORIAM

May Jane Borrell
Gert Wright

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Erika Haggemiller
Deborah Evans
Jan Backlund
Ann Volk

The Ladies Auxiliary is a **PROUD SPONSOR** of the 4th annual Last Man Club Golf Classic to be held at Le Sueur Country Club on June 21, 2019!

We also helped to support the St. Peter Trap Team, Trinity Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico, and the Pheasants Forever Veterans Gun Raffle!

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 With Loot Card Buy One Drink Get One 50% off 5:30 pm House Committee Meeting	2 With Loot Card Buy One Drink Get One 50% off 7 pm SAL Meeting	3 Bingo 6 pm	4 Burger Night 5 pm	5 Fish Fry 5:30 pm Legion Loot 7-9:30 pm	6 Steak Fry 5:30 pm
7	8 With Loot Card Buy One Drink Get One 50% off 5:30 pm Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm Post Meeting	9 With Loot Card Buy One Drink Get One 50% off 7 pm Legion Riders Meeting	10 Bingo 6 pm	11 Burger Night 5 pm	12 Fish Fry 5:30 pm Legion Loot 7-9:30 pm	13 2nd Story Comedy Show 7 pm
14 Omelet Breakfast 9am-noon	15 With Loot Card Buy One Drink Get One 50% off	16 With Loot Card Buy One Drink Get One 50% off	17 Bingo 6 pm	18 Burger Night 5 pm	19 Fish Fry 5:30 pm Legion Loot 7-9:30 pm	20
21	22 With Loot Card Buy One Drink Get One 50% off	23 With Loot Card Buy One Drink Get One 50% off 7 pm Legion Riders Meeting	24 Bingo 6 pm	25 Burger Night 5 pm	26 Legion Loot 7-9:30 pm	27 Spring Fling Meat Raffle & DJ 5 pm
28	29 With Loot Card Buy One Drink Get One 50% off	30 With Loot Card Buy One Drink Get One 50% off				

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bingo 6 pm	2 Burger Night 5:00 pm	3 Legion Loot 7:30-9:00 pm	4 5:30 pm Steak Fry
5 Auxiliary Appreciation Event From 2-4 pm Today!	6 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off 5:30 pm House Committee Meeting	7 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off 7 pm Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm SAL Meeting	8 Bingo 6 pm	9 Burger Night 5:00 pm	10 Legion Loot 7:30-9:00 pm	11 2nd Story Comedy Show 7 pm
12 Mother's Day! Omelet Breakfast 9am-noon	13 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off 5:30 pm Aux Meeting 7 pm Post Meeting	14 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off	15 Bingo 6 pm	16 Burger Night 5:00 pm	17 Legion Loot 7:30-9:00 pm	18 Armed Forces Day! 7 pm Trivia Night
19	20 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off	21 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off Legion Riders 1st group ride. Blessing of the bikes 4:30-4:50, pm. Kickstands up at 5 pm	22 Bingo 6 pm	23 Burger Night 5:00 pm	24 Legion Loot 7:30-9:00 pm	25
26	27 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off Memorial Day Ceremony 10:30am Veteran's Memorial	28 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off	29 Bingo 6 pm	30 Burger Night 5:00 pm	31 Legion Loot 7:30-9:00 pm	

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Montgomery Brewery Craft Brew Series I, Beer & Brats 5 pm
2	3 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off 5:30 pm House Committee Meeting	4 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off 7 pm SAL Meeting	5 Bingo 6 pm	6 Burger Night 5:00 pm 75th Anniversary D Day	7 Legion Loot 7:30-9:00 pm	8
9 Omelet Breakfast 9am-noon	10 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off 5:30 pm Aux Meeting 7 pm Post Meeting	11 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off	12 Bingo 6 pm	13 Burger Night 5:00 pm	14 Legion Loot 7:30-9:00 pm Army Birthday!	15 LMC Annual Banquet
16	17 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off	18 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off	19 Bingo 6 pm	20 Burger Night 5:00 pm	21 Legion Loot 7:30-9:00 pm 4th Annual Last Man Club Golf Classic at LeSueur Country Club	22 Craft Brew Series II Beer & Brats with Lost Sanity 5 pm
23	24 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off	25 With Legion Loot Card Buy 1 drink get one 50% off	26 Bingo 6 pm	27 Burger Night 5:00 pm	28 Legion Loot 7:30-9:00 pm	29
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