

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Quarterly Newsletter

Commander's Corner

Greetings Legion Family,

Have you seen the results of hundreds of hours of volunteer time and supportive decisions? It's in our newly revised building that the Legion Family shares. From the bathrooms, social space, kitchen, and bar; to the lighting, tiles, duct work, beer cooler, dishwasher, and basement walk-in cooler. We have used the time during the pandemic to our advantage. I can't thank enough those who chose to participate and become involved in whatever way possible.

Our members are just beginning to receive their vaccine opportunities and feeling comfortable rejoining our community in person. I also want to acknowledge the social price we paid for the health and healing of our family and friends.

Please remember as we gather, Legion Family business is for meetings,

not the bar. Meetings are where you can add to the agenda your well thought out issue and potential solution. Robert Rules of Order is designed for each to have an equal voice. Did you know a motion comes before the discussion? It's your opportunity to clearly articulate what you would like to see and allow others an opportunity to discuss and comment before we all decide by a vote. Let's agree to conduct business during business times.

Finally, our employees and super talented volunteers have been more than flexible during our soft opening and personnel adjustments, many stepped forward during critical shortages. Please share your appreciation the next time you meet them.

Together we are strong!

Shawn Schloesser
Post Commander



SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS DIRECT YOUR DOLLAR—Receipts

Family Fresh Market in St. Peter has a community support program to help non-profit groups earn \$1,000. SAVE your receipts from Family Fresh and bring them to the American Legion, Post 37, to help us earn \$1,000. The ENTIRE receipt needs to be turned in.

Thank You

We would like to thank the St. Peter Tourism & Visitors Bureau for their generous donation to be used for our Quarterly Newsletters.

William R. Witty
Post #37

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Post Meetings are held the **second Monday** of each 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 Monday** of each month at **6:00 PM**.

Legion Riders Meetings are held on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month at **7:00 PM**.

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

Post Adjutant News

Greetings from the Adjutant,

We are nearing the annual reporting times for our state and national organization. It's a fine time to remind you that we report on items from blood donations to Children and Youth activities, hours, and dollars, just to name a couple of the early and annual items. We also report on the volunteer hours and activities conducted over the past twelve months ending in July. As your acting Adjutant, I request your support in providing a summary of your Four Pillar activ-

ities such as hours donated so each of the American Legion Family can report on your good works.

As always, feel free to volunteer your time and talents as the Post Adjutant, multiple voices collectively make the best decisions. Together we are stronger!

Acting Post Adjutant
Commander Schloesser



House Committee

Greetings from the House Chair

We are building a wonderful team of employees and hope to become an employer of choice. This can only happen if we all work toward that end by supporting our employees and our fundraising efforts. Your opinion is valued as we continue forward momentum and appreciate your constructive feedback. Remember, our employees are not the decision makers, you are. Consider having your voice amplified by the member entity and volunteering for a role on the House committee. I want to thank Travis Smith

for his volunteer efforts in leading the House Committee. With each person, we proceed further along the path towards organizational success. Are you willing to step forward and support the efforts of your Legion Family? Together we are stronger!

Acting House Chair,
Commander Schloesser

Are you beginning to see the trend in the volunteer efforts yet? Where is your voice?



Color Guard Notes

First I would like to thank the Color Guard Members for their participation in past years and their commitment. Without their dedication and commitment we would not be who we are.

At this time I would like to recognize one of our members Marlin Peterson. Marlin has decided to retire as a Color Guard Member. Marlin, from all the members and myself, I would like to say thank you for your dedication and the years you have served with us. You will always be part of the team. Marlin did say he will be on the side line watching us. He

now joins Bud Thomas and Rob Meyer in the retired club.

As you know we have been sitting idle for a year. Because of Covid-19 we are not sure what will happen in the future. We can only wait and see, and hope for the best.

Until the next newsletter, bless you all.

Ron Davis
Color Guard Commander

Legion Riders

Riders,

The American Legion Riders had great success in 2020. As we start off 2021, we have events and rides scheduled already. Please see our Facebook page and the Calendar on the Post website.

We also have elections coming up in April, so please be prepared for upcoming announcements on that.

The current ALR Chapter 37 officers are as follows:

- Director - Dave Street
- Assist. Director - Robert Jones
- Secretary - Joenilla Robertson
- Treasury - Megan Smith
- Chaplin - Dale Molitor
- Sgt At Arms - Lee Swenson
- Road Captain - Jamie Lorentz
- Historian - Chris Thomas
- P/R & Event Coordinator-Angie Glassel

We welcome anyone interested to please attend one of our meetings. All meetings are held in the Legion Club Room on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Legion Riders this last year.

I look forward to the upcoming adventures this year will bring.

Dave Street
ALR Director
Chapter 37



Notes from the Past Commander 2020:

Where is Our membership? Is COVID-19 keeping everyone but the same 20 members in isolation? Why is it we can barely make a quorum for a Post Meeting either on Zoom or in person? When we do have a meeting why is it that we have long discussions on topics that aren't even covered on the agenda? Most of those discussions can be handled outside the meeting with the committee chair. I go to other organizations and am amazed at how efficient their meetings run and how everyone is on the same page. Maybe we as Members of Post 37 don't want a Post anymore? Maybe it's time to fold Our flag and those that still want to be active can move on to a Post in Cleveland, Le Center, North Mankato,

Nicollet or Mankato. Why should those that keep showing up and trying to make this place a meeting place for veterans and citizens; keep hearing criticism from members who don't show up? To those who are protecting yourself from COVID-19, I mean no disrespect and appreciate you doing your part to keep yourselves safe and control the virus. The rest of you need to soldier up and be part of the solution and not part of the problem. This is my last letter to the newsletter as of June, I will no longer be the official Past Commander. I will continue to help and assist Our current Commander in any way I can to help make Post 37 a success.

Dave Arpin

Ladies Auxiliary News

Mission Statement *In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.*

2021 Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your 2021 membership dues you still can by mailing it in or dropping it off at the Legion. *Note – the membership fee is \$35 NOT \$28.*

Upcoming Events

Bingo is back! April 7 the Ladies will be selling bingo cards! Stop by the Legion and say hi, unfortunately due to COVID-19 regulations we are not yet able to sell our homemade goodies.

May Vendor Event – watch for details on our Facebook page at *St. Peter American Legion Auxiliary Unit 37*

Market Fest – Every Saturday May 1- October 30 from 10AM-3PM! If you know anyone that is a vendor or has a food truck contact Jane at 507-327-8062. Legion members will be assisting with check-in and the event throughout the morning in the Downtown. Proceeds will go towards the Legion building improvements projects.

Memorial Day Ceremony – May 31 at 10AM, Minnesota Square Park

Upcoming Meeting Schedule – All meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month beginning promptly at 5:30 PM at the Legion.

- April 12
- May 10
- June 14
- July 12
- August 9
- September 13
- October 11
- November 8
- December 13

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The Legion is now open Tuesday—Saturday 3PM-10PM!

For any further questions regarding the Auxiliary, please contact us at auxiliarypost37@gmail.com

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Gambling News...

YOUR LEGION AND OUR CHARITABLE GAMBLING

What has your gambling been doing for your Post this last year. With the help of Neisen's Sports Bar gambling we have been able to do a lot. Your charitable gambling has been able to pay the City utility bills and the CenterPoint Energy bills. We were also able to pay the property taxes. Your charitable gambling funds were also used to help with the remodeling expense. Thankfully your charitable gambling has been doing well and be sure to thank the owners of Neisen's for allowing us to have our gambling in their facility.

The gambling team has been hard at work at the Post also. Bingo is up and running again. Jan has put some new games

in play so be sure to come down and check it out. We have two vending machines in operation with \$1.00 pull-tabs. On the counter we have a box of deuces and we will be putting out a box of \$2 pull-tabs soon. We also have three e-tab tablets. If you think there is interest in some special games that we have not had in awhile leave me a note and I will see if we can accommodate.

Hope to see you at the Post.

Cliff Isley, Gambling Manager.