

# THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



## Quarterly Newsletter

### Commander's Corner

Greetings from your Commander, It's April, another winter behind us. The Post is looking forward to the nominations, elections, and installation of the new officers. As I write this it sounds like there are members to step up to the plate and take an office except for the commander's position. I hope that when June rolls around that there will be someone to step up to the plate for that position also.

There are some comments that I have heard about the SAL taking over the running of the bar. I think that things are going well, are there issues that need to be dealt with? Yes. Will 100% of the members like the change? No. Can the leadership of the Post satisfy 100% of the membership? No. But that should not stop us from trying to look at other ways to move the Post forward. It looks like there are attempts to get people in the door, most of the times it succeeds, sometimes maybe

not so much. But we cannot give up. Our members need to try to support the bar by attending some of these events.

I want to thank Greg Witty for standing in for me at the Post meetings in February and March, I had to be gone taking care of family issues. I also want to thank Dave Arpin and Dave Street for taking on the Memorial Day event. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> vice got a promotion and was unable to work on the event.

I have received many great comments from visitors to our Post on how great the remodeling looks. I want to thank all that have helped in anyway with all the remodeling that has been done the last 2 years.

Stop by the Post sometime for a burger or pizza or puzzle party or any other event that is going on.

Cliff Isley, Post Commander



### Thank You

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

### 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.

**William R. Witty**  
Post #37  
2nd Quarter  
April-June 2022

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

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

**SAL Meetings** are held on the **third Monday** of each month at **6:00 PM**.

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

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

## 1st Vice Commander

The update on memberships is as follows: We have three new members: Jerry Lucas, Tom Zellmer and Delano Hanson. We have lost three members who passed away, Dale Haack, Leroy Anderson and Ron Mealman, please keep them in your thoughts.

Since last August we have signed up 17 new members and we have seen 11 members pass away.

Greg Witty  
1st Vice Commander



## Honor Guard

It looks like the funerals are slowing as the phone is not ringing from St. Peter Funeral Home.

First I want to thank the National Guard unit for helping us clean the M-1 Rifles. Only two of us knew how to take them apart. So seven of the rifles were loaded in a pickup and hauled down to the Armory and the Guards helped clean them. They were happy to learn how to take them apart and said to bring

the rifles down every year for a good cleaning.

I also want to thank all the families for their donations. Since the last newsletter; February 5, 2022, Ronald Mealman, Kleins Front Porch, March 15, 2022, Russell Serbus, Calvary Cemetery, St. Peter.

Bernie Thieman  
Honor Guard Commander



## Color Guard

The snow is melting outside my window today. So, can I say "Happy spring!"?

As a color guard, we have not had many events recently. Today, however is St. Patrick's Day.

So, if I have any misspellings, or I slur some of my words, I hope you understand. Today we participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade hosted by the St. Peter Ambassadors. The weather was pleasant, so I hope many of you were able to enjoy the parade and support some of the local businesses. Leading the parade was the largest Post 37 color guard squad I have had the privilege of marching with. We assembled nine members for the grueling four block long parade.

Coming up on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> the Vietnam Last Man Club will be hosting a Vietnam Memorial Day program at 5:00 PM at the St. Peter Community Center Gym. Again, the Post 37 Color Guard will be proud participants at the event. Please, take time to attend this program. It usually runs about an hour, or less.

After the program Post 37 will be serving a "Free Will Donation" meal at the post. Stop by. I hope to see you there. Thank you for your continued service.

Rick Wright  
Color Guard Commander



## Children and Youth

We had our first big event for the youth this month (March) was a great turn out. We had 20 children and their parents show up for a Pokemon event. We have an upcoming Military Children appreciation Pokemon event April 28th from 6-8pm. We will all be wearing purple to honor those children. In May we will be learning more about Memorial day. The youth committee is made up of one representative from each

entity. Myself as Post chair, Deanna Staples as the appointed Auxiliary member, Dave Street for the Riders, and still looking for a SAL member to fill that spot :) We look forward to seeing more little smiles at our local Legion moving forward.

Amber Palmquist  
Children and Youth

# Legion Riders

As 2022 kicks off in our 3rd year, I look back at all we have done for the community and other veteran organizations, and I am humbled by what we have accomplished. March 21st, I will be stepping down as Chapter 37 Director. I am beyond grateful for the loyalty from our members that I served for. I am also grateful for the support of our American Legion Post Family.

I look forward to continuing service to the Riders as Past Director and wish the new Director and officers the best of wishes in helping this Chapter grow both in membership and accomplishments.

Dave Street  
ALR Director (Past)  
Chapter 37



# 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.*

## 2022 Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your 2022 membership dues you still can by mailing it in or dropping it off at the Legion. Note– the membership fee is \$35.

*Keep in mind if you recruit a new member to put your name on their membership form so you get entered to win a Chamber Bucks Gift Card!*

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 7 Craft & Vendor Event - 9:00 AM—1:00 PM, American Legion Post #37  
Memorial Day Ceremony - May 31 at 10:00 AM, 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.

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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| * April 11                       | * September 12 |
| * May 9 (Nomination of Officers) | * October 10   |
| * June 13 (Election of Officers) | * November 14  |
| * July 11                        | * December 12  |
| * August 8                       |                |

For any further questions regarding the Auxiliary please contact us at [auxiliarypost37@gmail.com](mailto:auxiliarypost37@gmail.com)

On St. Patrick's Day, Dave Arpin and Rick Wright assembled and presented new U.S. and State Flag sets to Gabriela Roemhildt at the St. Peter Community Senior Center. The flag sets are a nice improvement and were donated by Post 37. Thank you for making that possible.



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## **Gambling News**

### **YOUR LEGION AND OUR CHARITABLE GAMBLING**

From your Gambling team,

Things have been going good for gambling. We have been able to donate to many different organizations throughout the last three months. We have donated to the pickleball group, Hole sponsor for the Last Man's golf event in June, same for the Support our Hero's golf event in July. Help purchase a van at Benedictine group home for our veterans. Given to the band, boy scouts, support our Legion baseball team by paying for umpires, games, and uniforms. Donated to the Kasson school for their trip to Washington DC to see multiple veterans monuments and

American history. I'm sure that I am forgetting something, but it has all been provided by different people patronizing our club. Also thanks to Neisen's Riverside Sports Bar and Grill, our satellite gambling organization.

God Bless America !!!

Thanks,  
Ron Neary  
Gambling Manager

# SAL

My how 2022 is moving along. Memberships are still being collected for this year – any members yet to get your dues in, please get them to Jeff Knutson or drop them off at the Legion.

Hats off to Jeff Miller, Lou Ann Burg for heading up the St. Peter Photo Project. If you haven't been to the Legion lately, Jeff and Lou Ann surfed through many historical photos at the Historical Society and selected some great photos that are now hung up in the dinning area of the Legion. The photos have improved the atmosphere of the back room.

SAL will be putting on a Fish Fry on Good Friday.

Cod, creamed peas with mashed potato and slaw - \$12/2 pieces, \$14/3 pieces. It's a great meal – Don't miss it!

As we watch what's happening halfway around the globe in the Ukraine, enjoy the freedom we have in America and remember the sacrifice our Veterans and current service members have given, including their life, to protect American freedoms and the freedom of others around the world.

Rick DeBlois  
SAL Adjutant, Post 37



## - CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!! WE NEED YOU -

1. Come in the door and visit your local Legion. Enjoy our great events or stop in for a drink and enjoy the latest remodeling at the Legion.
2. Please consider helping at an event. If you volunteer once a year, would help us out tremendously. It's a lot of fun and worth your while. Please call Nancy to volunteer: 507-327-7825
3. HAPPY HOUR NOW FROM 2-6PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
4. Membership Tuesday: All legion members stop in and get a 2 for 1 drink on your first order.
5. HALL RENTAL: MEMBERS CAN BOOK THE HALL FOR \$40. We have the cheapest rates in town. BOOK YOUR NEXT CLASS REUNION, FAMILY GATHERING, BIRTHDAY & RETIREMENT PARTIES, ETC NOW. TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS THE HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL. PASS THE WORD ON. Prices will be going up so book now!!
6. PFEFFER TOURNAMENTS EVERY TUESDAY AT THE LEGION. CALL KAREN TO HAVE SOME FUN. 507-380-7310
7. LEGION LOOT EVERY FRIDAY BETWEEN 8-9PM. GET YOUR FREE NUMBER AT THE BAR. GOES UP \$25 IF IT DOESN'T GO OUT. MUST BE PRESENT. NOW UP TO \$275
8. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET COMEDY RETURNS TO THE LEGION. GET TICKETS ONLINE. SHOW STARTS AT 8PM. GO TO THEIR WEBSITE TO SIGN UP. Next show – May 7<sup>th</sup>.
9. KARAOKE ON 3/25 BY SOHMER. SPRING IS COMING SO GET OUT THOSE DANCING SHOES AND SING WITH US.
10. TRIVIA 4/1. COME WIN \$\$\$
11. COD FISH FRY & KIDS MEAL. APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> Starting at 5:30-8pm. Bring your family and friends. Serving: Mashed Potatoes and Creamed Peas.
12. Karaoke by Sohmer: March 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm. Bring your dancing shoes and sing the night away. Watch for more Karaoke events monthly.
13. TWISTED SISTER TREE OF LIFE, CHUNKY BLANKET CLASS, WINE & CANVAN BY THE UPPER EAST SIDE ARE ALL COMING TO THE AMERICAN LEGION. THESE GREAT CRAFT GATHERINGS ARE FUN, REASONABLY PRICED AND ARE AMAZING TAKE HOME PROJECTS. Go to the St. Peter American Legion Post #37 Facebook site to see more opportunities.
14. HAVE YOU TRIED our famous Burger Nights 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. \$7 burger basket with fries or onion rings. Kids chicken basket for \$5. Best and cheapest burgers in town.
15. HORSE RACING EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY AT 6PM. LOTS OF MONEY TO WIN. STOP IN TO FIND OUT WHERE WE KEEP THE HORSES.
16. PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO COME IN TO THE LEGION. HAVE A DRINK, SHARE A MEMORY, ATTEND AN EVENT, BOOK A SPECIAL EVENT WITH US. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Nancy Vogel, Volunteer Marketing (507)327-7825

## Check out what's happening at the Legion

April 2022							Today
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
27 Closed to Public	28	29 6:30PM Pfeffer Tour Membership 2 for 1's	30 6PM Weekly Bingo	31 5-8PM Burger Night	1	2 2PM Chunky Blanket	
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17 Closed to Public	18 6PM SAL Monthly Me	19 6:30PM Pfeffer Tour Membership 2 for 1's	20 6PM Weekly Bingo	21 5-8PM Burger Night	22	23	
24 Closed to Public	25 7PM Legion Riders M	26 6:30PM Pfeffer Tour Membership 2 for 1's	27 6PM Weekly Bingo	28 6PM Pokemon Card T	29	30	
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