



Quarterly Newsletter

William R. Witty
Post #37

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Commander's Corner

Legionnaires! What an exciting time to be the commander of this great organization. I promise to keep this edition short! The gift given to us by the NCB has been approved to accept, we will work to close the deal and then we will form a committee to find out what our best options are going to be. Thank you for all who attended and gave their valuable input. The House Committee met for a calendar planning meeting and were able to fill up the yearly calendar for 2019. We have lots going on this year. I request that everyone find time to help in any and all events held at the Legion in 2019 as we never turn a volunteer away. I look for-

ward to seeing everyone at one event or more this year. I challenge every member of OUR Legion to recruit new members and old alike. The National Commander has allowed us to renew members from 2014, 2015 and 2016 to come back and be part of the family. We can also get \$5.00 per renewal from those three years. I am looking forward to the new Legion Riders forming now by OUR Second Vice Commander Dave Street. I'm really hoping for a very happy, productive and successful new year in 2019!

Dave Arpin
Commander

Post Adjutant News

I was going to write about all that is happening at Post 37. I'm sure others in this Quarterly paper will fill you in. I will "take the road less traveled." We are entering a time of year that is really joyous to many and depressing to others. As we enter a New Year, let me repeat the words of William Arthur Ward.

The adventure of life is to learn.
The purpose of life is to grow.
The nature of life is to change.
The challenge of life is to overcome.
The essence of life is to care.
The opportunity of life is to serve.

I think more than ever that this time of the year there is a need to serve fellow veterans, our family members and our members of the community. I hope that each can find it in their heart to say a kind word, give a complement or simply volunteer and help with a task. Like many of you I'm thankful for what I have family, friends etc. But sometimes we all remember who and what we may have lost. Helen Keller stated, "As long as the memory of certain beloved friends, live in my heart, I shall say that life is good." Have a great holiday season.

William B. Kastens
Post 37 Adjutant

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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 **5:00 PM.**

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

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

ATTENTION POST 37 MEMBERS

Notice for Next Post Meeting

The Post Constitution final draft has been approved for posting at OUR Legion and will be called for a first vote of approval at the January 14th Meeting. The document needs to be approved by a 2/3 vote at two meetings for approval.

Thank you,

Dave Arpin
Commander

1st Vice Commander

I will submit this membership report dated 12-10-2018. We currently are at 238 renewals of a projected total of approximately 265. I will be sending out our "Red Alert" cards out next week. If you have not yet paid your 2019 dues please save the post a stamp and do so now. I am pleased to report that we have signed up three members in the past couple of months, they are Roger Rehnelt, Cody Vacek and Jon

Smithers. Please welcome them. Hope to see you down at the club.

Greg Witty
Vice Commander

2nd Vice Commander

Well it's been a wild ride for 2018 with the upstart of the Legion Riders, the gift of Whiskey River, uptick in business, and all the other wonderful things that have happened. I am looking forward to continuing the positive momentum

through 2019. I want to thank everyone who helped make our Legion make it what it is.

Dave Street
2nd Vice Commander

Honor Guard Notes

Not much to write about for this quarterly newsletter. No funerals were held this quarter which is a good thing. We had 11 funerals last year, 5 high school football games, 2 dog shows, Memorial Day, Memorial dedication, Cancer March, Red Men Convention and Vets day in the Park.

Three members of the Honor Guard passed away last year. Those members were Lloyd Sanderson, Leonard

Hansen, and Jim Miller. Thank you to the rest of the guys. Please help support your Legion so we can continue to serve .

Thank you,
Bernie Thieman
Honor Guard Commander

Color Guard Notes

The Color Guard participated in a number of Veterans and Veterans Day programs. We were ask by one of our members to participate in a Veterans program held at the St. Peter Veterans memorial in Minnesota square, Nov 11 2018.

On Monday Nov 12 2018, post 37 Color Guard participated and posted Colors at South Elementary School Veterans Day Program. Thank you Heidi Wenner for asking us to be part of this special event.

We finished the day at the St. Peter High School to take part in their Veterans Day Program.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Color Guard members for their participation's though out the year. I'm looking forward in working with you in the coming New Year.

Ron Davis
Color Guard Commander

House Committee

Hello everyone, the past three months have flown by and had a lot of events and activities happen down at the William R. Witty Post 37 American Legion. Some of the events that have taken place these past months have been the Friends of the American Legion hosted a classic cocktail party. Comedy shows had some big turn outs in attendance.

The Legion has a new manager taking the reigns of the bar and kitchen operations. Terri Birchem if you haven't meet her yet in the times you have stopped down at the legion is from North Mankato and has been with us for a little over a month now. She has done a fantastic job of learning the ropes and running the American Legion.

Dwight Schmidt has stepped down from the House Committee due to health issues and Commander Dave Arpin has appointed Robert Jones to fill the vacant seat on the committee. Robert's position fills a post position on the House Committee.

The Calendar is going to be looking a lot more busier than people are probably used to seeing. The House Committee met and worked on a year of planning for 2019. There will be Meat Raffles, fish fries, karaoke nights, Church of Cash and

Commanders Chili Cook off with a lot more thrown in the mix.

Thank you for the support that you have shown to the Legion as Post Members, Auxiliary Members, Sons of the American Legion Members, Legion Riders and Friends of the Legion. It will be great to see what the future holds for the William R. Witty Post.

Also please check out our Facebook page for more detailed information about all the events coming up.

Thank you
Matthew B Melius
House Chairman

Quarterly News from the SAL

From the SAL the holiday season is upon us, we hope that everyone had a good Thanksgiving. During the quarter we were involved in our usual events; Bingo, Omelet Breakfast. We enjoy working these events and hope all enjoy our light hearted and fun loving attitudes. In January, February, March we will be working Fish Fry events. We also have an Omelet breakfast that we will be working in January. The SAL along with the Auxiliary were able to split the cost on the purse give away during the Ladies Night Out. What a great event for the club and other businesses, a very good turnout. Hope to see

more people at these events and support the club. The SAL hopes to see you there.

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! GOD Bless America.

Thanks,
Ronald Neary
SAL Commander/Lifetime Post member

Ladies Auxiliary News

The Auxiliary was busy with events and fundraisers to close out 2018! We want to thank everyone who came out and supported our events, especially the Auxiliary's New Year's Eve Bingo! It is through your support that we are able to help local veteran groups like Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, Disabled American Veterans and South Central Beyond the Yellow Ribbon. We couldn't do it without you!

As always, we will be working some upcoming Club events to help support our Legion as well. Come see us at the

Steak Fry on Feb. 2 and Bingo on Feb.6! Be on the lookout for information coming soon about a Wood Sign Painting Party coming up on March 23, from 5:30-7:30pm. This event is a fundraiser for the Auxiliary Scholarship that is awarded through Dollars for Scholars.

The Auxiliary is also proud to report that we made a donation in the amount of \$1,500 towards the ongoing maintenance of the gifted Whiskey River property. We are excited for the future of our Legion and our membership!



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Gambling News.....

YOUR LEGION AND OUR CHARITABLE GAMBLING

Over the upcoming months, we will continue to see how the loss of M.C. Hammers will impact the Legion’s gambling income. M.C. Hammer’s account for nearly 40% of the overall income for gambling each month. Regardless of the loss, the monthly allowable expenses will remain fixed each month for such items as gambling products, e-tab equipment rental, and accounting services. Though with the loss of M.C. Hammer’s the taxes on lawful gambling receipts will be a lower cost. Dick Stenzel had been assisting the Gambling Manager at the M.C. Hammer’s site and he will continue to assist with gambling tasks as needed.

Regarding Lawful Purpose Expenditures: We have been falling behind compared to previous years, with the exceptions of building utilities and real estate taxes, which are higher; and honor and color guard, which are about even.

Fiscal year 2018 gambling numbers are in for the state and are at an all time high, with more than \$2 billion in lawful gambling sales, per Minnesota Gambling Control Board. Minnesota is currently the No. 1 state in the U.S. for charitable gambling activity, with bingo and pull-tabs seeing the highest increase from FY17. The trends are high for the state, but the Legion is currently not seeing as high of an increase. November 2018 compared to November 2017, we have decreased in net receipts by 1%. We are awaiting the final audit from Johnson & Hoehn to look at the year as a whole and do more thorough comparisons to the previous year.

Greta Fennell, Gambling Manager

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Closed New Years Day	2 Bingo 6pm	3 Burger Night 5pm	4 Legion Loot 7:30-9pm	5 Steak Fry 5:30-8
6	7 House Meeting 7pm	8	9 BINGO 6pm	10 Burger Night 5 pm	11 Legion Loot 7:30-9pm	12
13 Omelets 9am—Noon	14 Auxiliary Mtg 5:30 Post Meeting 7pm	15	16 BINGO 6pm	17 Burger Night 5 pm	18 Legion Loot 7:30-9pm Private Party Hall	19 2nd Story Comedy Show 7:00pm
20	21	22	23 BINGO 6pm	24 Burger Night 5 pm	25 Legion Loot 7:30-9pm	26 Winterfest Poker Walk- Noon Fish Fry 5:30
27	28	29	30 BINGO 6pm	31 Burger Night 5 pm		

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Legion Loot 7:30-9:00pm Church of Cash 8:30	2 Steak Fry 5:30-8:00pm
3	4 House Meeting 7pm	5 SAL Meeting 7pm	6 BINGO 6pm	7 Burger Night 5 pm	8 Legion Loot 7:30-9pm	9 2nd Story Comedy Show 700pm
10 Omelets 9–Noon	11 Auxiliary Mtg 5:30 Post Meeting 7pm	12	13 BINGO 6pm	14 Burger Night 5 pm	15 Legion Loot 7:30-9pm Karaoke 9– mid-night	16 Commanders Chili Cook Off 4pm
17	18	19	20 BINGO 6pm	21 Burger Night 5 pm	22 Legion Loot 7:30-9pm	23 Bean Bag Tournament 3pm
24 All Night Grad Party	25	26	27 BINGO 6pm	28 Burger Night 5 pm		

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 2nd Story Comedy Show 7pm
3	4 House Meeting 7pm	5 SAL Meeting 7pm	6 BINGO 6pm	7 Burger Night 5 pm	8 Fish Fry 5:30 Legion Loot 7:30-9pm	9 Steak Fry 5:30-8
10 Omelets 9–Noon	11 Auxiliary MTG 5:30pm Post Meeting 7pm	12	13 BINGO 6pm	14 Burger Night 5 pm	15 Fish Fry 5:30 Legion Loot 7:30-9pm	16 Irish Whiskey Tasting 6pm
17 St Patrick Day Parade	18	19	20 BINGO 6pm	21 Burger Night 5 pm	22 Fish Fry 5:30 Legion Loot 7:30-9pm	23 Auxiliary Sign Painting 5:30–7:30pm
24	25 Close @4pm	26 Closed	27 BINGO 6pm	28 Burger Night 5 pm	29 Fish Fry 5:30 Legion Loot 7:30-9pm	30 Karaoke 9pm
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