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Quarterly Newsletter

Commander's Corner

Greetings fellow Veterans! The last quarter has seen many good changes going on at Our Legion. The Gift has been sold. The money is tucked away earning a small amount of interest for now. The downstairs walk-in cooler that houses the kegs and bottled beer has been renovated, the beer cooler behind the bar is new and we have started the beautification on the restrooms. The atmosphere at the club has changed to a more positive place to be at. Our House Manager and staff are doing a great job bringing more people in and sprucing up the place. The Post has a new Chair in Mike Betzing for the National Security Committee, thank you Mike for stepping up. I'm still looking for committee members for the other three committees: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Americanism and Children and Youth. Please contact me if you're interested in help-

ing us out. Our 100th year of Our Post starts in 2020 and Our Adjutant has started his planning committee for all the events we will be involved with this year. I want to invite all members to recruit more members into Our Post. It is not just the Membership Committees job to recruit but all of us. Please consider bringing in your families and friends for our Omelets, Steaks and soon to be Fish Fry's. Gambling has a new Bingo machine and Neisen's Riverside Sports Bar has e-tabs and pull-tabs so please visit them too. We are moving forward as club and Post, don't be afraid to volunteer and help out in what ever way you can! Happy and safe Holiday Season.

Dave Arpin
Commander

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Post Adjutant News

One of the priorities that makes Our American Legion stand out from other service organizations is our volunteerism. Each of us volunteer to support events and activities within Post 37 and in our community.

One of the most beneficial documents I complete is our Consolidated Post Report which includes among others, the four pillars Commander Arpin mentions at the close of each meeting. He challenges each of us to step forward as leaders for either Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Public Relations, Ceremonial Honors for Veterans, Veterans Employment and Education, Americanism, or Children and Youth Com-

mittees.

Each hour we spend serving others is combined with that of other posts, and used when the State or National Commander and others testify on behalf of all veterans. Our post has a story to tell and when we speak collectively, our strength is magnified. Please continue to fill out the volunteer hours sheet posted near the office door. I wish you good health and continued service to our Post and community.

Shawn Schloesser
Adjutant

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Thank You.

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

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 Monday** of each month at **6:00 PM.**

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

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

1st Vice Commander

We have been busy working in all areas of membership. A list of our new members would include Kyle Mahler, Barry Wood, Caleb Heiserman, Amber Palmquist, Jerry Pfeifer, Megan Smith and Nicholas Richards. We have begun sending out the "red alert" cards to the unpaid members, so please get your dues in if you have not yet paid for 2020. We mourn the loss of two members, Robert Noyd and Wayne Johnson. Please

keep them in your thoughts. We hope to update the membership board soon. Check it out and let us know if anything is incorrect. Greg, Bud and Keith.

Greg Witty
1st Vice Commander



2nd Vice Commander

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The events over this past year have given us all a bright

new outlook towards growth and prosperity. I look forward to 2020 being another exciting year as we continue to strive to be a better and better Legion Post for all. I want to thank everyone for working, volunteering, and just showing whatever support you have to make Our Post become even better.

Dave Street
2nd Vice Commander



Honor Guard Notes

Hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Where did the past year go? It went so fast. Funerals since last newsletter; October 5 - Aaron Everett, Taps and flag presentation; October 20 - Charles Turnbull, Scandian Grove, Norseland; December 6 - Robert "Googie" Noyd, visitation at Klein Chapel, St. Peter; December 14 - Ernie Chouanard, Taps and flag presentation, St. Peter Catholic Church; December 14

- Ronald Arndt, Taps and flag presentation, Union Presbyterian; December 19 - Wayne Johnson, 1st Lutheran Church. I wish to thank the Turnbull family for the nice donation.

Bernie Thieman
Honor Guard Commander



Color Guard Notes

Greetings!

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I cannot believe we are entering a new year in a couple weeks. Just to recap from what happen in the last quarter, we participated in Cleveland's 100th year celebration. Then a week later we were asked to participate in Le Center's 100th year celebration. Quite an honor to help celebrate two Legion Posts 100th back to back.

In November we had two Veterans Day Ceremonies; one at South Elementary School, and the second one at the St. Peter High School. I would like to thank Heidi Wenner from South Elementary for inviting the Color Guard to participate in their Veteran's Day Program. On the same note, we would like to thank Dan Carlson at the St. Peter High School for inviting us to partake in their Veteran's Day program. What a tremendous turn out at both locations. Before I forget, I would like to

thank the High School and/or the individuals for providing rolls and coffee for our Veterans prior to the ceremonies.

I am delighted to announce that we have two individuals that would like to be part of our Color Guard family. Their names are Megan Smith and Kyle Mahler. They are brother and sister. Megan served 20 years in the service, her first 14 years with the Army Reserve 1985 to 1999, then the Army National Guard for another 6 Years 2011 to 2017. She retired November 2017. During her time she had a Deployment to Desert Storm. Kyle served in the Air Force from 1978-1982 and was stationed at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas. His MOS was Aircraft Mechanic. Welcome Megan and Kyle.

Ron Davis
Color Guard Commander

House Committee

I feel we are making progress for the Legion. We have a good crew with Mike Pufpaff taking over as House Manager. Marcy Lorentz is doing a great job with taking over our financial system. Nancy Vogel is doing a good job with marketing our functions. Jeff and Audrey are doing a great job in the kitchen. All of our crew is communicating with Mike on trying to make Our Legion the place to come.

We have been fixing things that have been let go beyond working properly. All the entities of the Legion have been helping, buying, and fixing things that we have replaced and fixed.

Our Legion is more active with food available and more things going on during the weekends.

We are starting to see the results more every month. Also a thank you Bob Davis for all the volunteer work you do at the Legion. Also a thank you to Dick Stenzel and his wife, Joan, that make this place shine.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Keith Keogh
Interim House Committee Chair



Legion Riders

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Dave Street
Director



House Manager

December has been a busy month at the Legion! A plethora of weekend events, along with a few small Christmas parties....

The Saturday Meat Raffle is taking off, & we can always use volunteers for the weekly 5:00-7:00 raffle. We have the Bulldog Hockey Association assisting as well for the raffles.

Nancy Vogel has been stellar with our Marketing! Many of the events we have are unique to our community....The Santa visit on Saturday, December 21, is a great example, we had a sensory sensitive environment for the last hour, for children with special needs!

As with anything, the participation of our members is vital to our success.....

If you do not have time to volunteer, continue to support your Legion by coming in for food/drinks! Continue to spread positivity in our community, as we are all representatives of the St. Peter American Legion Post 37....

Be part of the solution.....

Michael Pufpaff
House Manager




Outstanding Events

The Giving Tree: Thirty one Veterans reside in our local assisted living and long- term care facilities. Each person was remembered by providing a tag with their special requests or needs on Our American Legion Christmas Tree during the holidays. Within a short time the public and members had taken all of the tags off of the tree and returned with a special gift under the tree. On December 23rd, members of the American Legion personally delivered the gifts to the veterans at our local facilities. There were many smiles, memories and hugs that day. It was a successful event.

Sensory Sensitive Santa: The American Legion wanted to give back to the community and decided to have a Sensory

Sensitive Santa event. All children from the Southern MN area were invited to come and see Santa for those with disabilities and sensory disorders. A well planned layout entailed: soft lights, adults at stations, sensory appropriate items, activities and crafts. All volunteers were trained prior to event to ensure all children would have a safe and non-stimulating joyous time with Santa. Along with Santa was Mrs. Santa and an elf. Everyone got a gift. Anyone could approach as they wanted and as many times as they wanted. Even Santa went to the tables to visit if the child didn't want to come to him. It was a great event. We all hope to offer more community events in the future.

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Gambling News...

YOUR LEGION AND OUR CHARITABLE GAMBLING



This newsletter compiled by Joenilla Robertson & printed as submitted.
(Post member, Legion Rider, & Color Guard)

Greetings from your gambling team,

The old Whiskey River is now open. The new name is Neisen's Riverside Sports Bar and Grill. We have the gambling out there and it has been going very well. Hobbers closed in November so it was great the we were able to get our gambling into Neisen's. They have 10 boxes of pull-tabs and 6 e-tablets.

The house has started weekly meat raffles. The product is from Schmidt's Meat Market and it is going very well. Mike and his team are spinning the paddlewheel 20 times each Saturday. Stop in and say hi to Mike and the crew, buy a ticket and possibly go home with some Schmidt's Meat Market goodies.

Bingo is still doing very well with good crowds. The new bingo machine has been delivered and hopefully we can get it up and running for the 1st bingo night in January.

If you haven't been to the club for awhile stop in and check out the great things happening.

Cliff Isley
Gambling Manager

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.*

Welcome New Members

Janet Glackler
Linda Gibbs
Donna Nelson
Mary Skogstad
Cindy Schmit
Sharon Smith

Upcoming Events

February 1 – Steak Fry – Hosted by Auxiliary/SAL 5 - 7 PM

February 5 – Bingo and Treat Sale 6 – 9 PM

April 1 – Bingo and Treat Sale 6 – 9 PM

Upcoming Meeting Schedule – All meetings begin promptly at 5:30 PM.

January 13; February 10; March 9; April 13; May 11; June 8

For any further questions regarding the Auxiliary please contact our President at auxiliarypost37@gmail.com .

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05	06 House Meeting 6 PM	07 SAL Meeting 7PM	08 BINGO 6-9PM	09 Burger Night 5-8 PM	10 Wing Night 5-8 PM Legion Loot 8-9PM	11
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