

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Quarterly Newsletter

Commander's Corner

Legion Family,

The holiday season is upon us and it's a time for us to reflect and be grateful.

I am grateful for the support I have received as Post 37 Commander.

I am grateful for the numerous volunteers that keep our Legion Family operating, especially in these uncertain times.

I am grateful for the generous donations Our Legion has received, be it time, talent, or funding.

I am grateful for you, and I am glad that you recognize the value of our Legion Family.

I wish each of you a healthy and safe holiday season filled with joy.

I look forward to the year 2021 when we can gather together again.

Stay safe Legion Family,

Shawn Schloesser (507)381-6547
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.

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 will resume when Legion opens for business.

Legion Riders

Riders,

2020 has been a hell of a year for us but we managed to plow through it with amazing success.

I'd like to thank EVERYONE for their support through all of 2020. We have accomplished a lot despite COVID, and to me, it shows your determination to make this Chapter a great one.

Next month, our Jan 26th, 2021 Meeting will mark 2 years we have been up and running. It was suggested that we do a potluck style(like last January) to celebrate our 2nd Anniversary. I would suggest everyone be at the post with whatever foodstuffs you'd like to bring at 530-6 PM.

We will have a social time before our meeting at 7PM.

Along with our usual topics, we will also be covering events for the year to raise funds, being active in the community, etc.

We have an amazing reputation with the community and look forward to keeping that going.

Again, I want to thank you all for everything you have done. No matter how big or small, everyone's contribution has made us the Chapter we are.

Dave Street,
ALR Director
Chapter 37



Youth and Children

The Children and Youth have been very busy even though Covid is still present. We had a great Halloween trunk or treat event and gave over 240 kids goody bags. A huge thank you to the volunteers as well as the dentist offices in St. Peter for donating toothbrushes and toothpastes for the children as well. We also had a drive thru Santa is Coming to Town event. Was a lot of fun seeing all the children's smiles and what they wanted for Christmas. Looking forward to next year. Coming up in the next couple months we have our Dr

Seuss Event, St Patrick's Day Event and Easter event. Please be watching for the announcements and spread the word to all the littles you know. Happy holidays from the Youth and Children.

Amber Palmquist,
Youth and Children



Notes from the Past Commander 2020:

December 2020 didn't come soon enough. Good bye 2020 and hopefully hello 2021! We were shutdown March 16th at 5:00 PM! We were lucky enough to sell off our frozen food, return our unopened cases and reduce our expenditures until we knew what we were dealing with. The Executive Board and the House committee continued to work each and every day towards getting a plan together and being ready to open when we got the okay from the Governor. Well here we are. Time for some Huge shout outs: to **Kris Sack** for getting preliminary information put together so we could meet and work with the Small Business Development Committee to show us how to set up a budget and a sustainable business plan to move forward. She also did the ground work for getting estimates and getting the ceiling painted, no lights stripped and new ceiling fans. **Travis Smith** for getting the walls stripped, sheet rocked and painted. SAL Members **Jeff Knutson, Mike Quick,**

Ron Neary and others for constantly being there during the entire process of remodeling. **Ron Johnson** for the fabulous job on the flooring. The hours by the Auxiliary members **Jane Tate** and **Nancy Vogel** for events and the Market Fest plan. **Amber Palmquist** our new Office Manager and Post Chair for Youth and Children Committee. Lastly for Our Current Commander who is leading us through this pandemic and making Our Legion a place for Our Community. It has taken a gigantic effort by lots of volunteers to make this work. Lastly a **HUGE SHOUT OUT** to **SAM GAULT** and the gift we received last year! It made a difference that we will never truly be able to pay back. If you aren't excited about Our Legion I don't know what else to say. Please thank all these members who are working earnestly and tirelessly to make Our Legion a place for all. I'm looking forward to all the good things in 2021 and beyond. Happy New Year!!!

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 bringing it to the January meeting. Note—the membership fee is \$35 NOT \$28.

Welcome New Member

Angie Voit

Upcoming Events-Looking forward to opening soon!

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

- January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10
- June 14

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

Angie



Officer positions vacant

Post 37 continues to have officer positions vacant. I encourage each of you to review the duty descriptions and decide if you could serve in a greater capacity. These positions are critical to the continued success of our Post and our House management. Please consider contacting me directly for further information on these elected officer positions. Commander Shawn Schloesser (507) 934-1474.

Adjutant

The adjutant is the primary administrative officer for the post. The role provides continuity for a post, duties are administrative and functional. The office involves attention to detail. They maintain minutes of meetings, assist the work of the other officers and committees, and publish official orders, announcements and communication with post members. An effective adjutant is an essential component of a successful post. All post records should be maintained and accessible by the adjutant, in a comprehensive filing system.

Second Vice Commander

The second vice commander is responsible for building an atmosphere in which Legionnaires have fun while accomplishing the mission of your American Legion post. The second vice commander should be looking for ways to involve members in post activities, operations and programs to assist the first vice commander by providing improved member retention.

House Committee—Post Member needed.

Gambling Manager—Paid part time position.

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