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Please join us in welcoming Abby our new Bar Manager. Abby comes to us with 3 years of experience from the New Ulm American Legion. She was a bartender and worked her way up to management. She has a passion for working with Veterans and customers. She was observing our St. Peter American Legion Facebook site and was excited to see our busy and exciting events we have. She picked the phone up and called about ideas she could try. After a review of an Open Manager Position, she was then very interested to work for us.

Abby will be seen cooking, bartending, cleaning, ordering and

many other duties that the position requires. She is looking at expanding the menu and nights of serving food. She said to watch for her famous BBQ ribs being served on a routine basis.

She is open to new ideas and plans to expand business. Please be mindful of her time as she is busy. You can reach out to the Bar Adv Committee to share ideas that are then brought up at the routine meetings.

Please give a warm welcome to Abby who is off to a great start managing. Be sure to introduce yourself and meet her. She's glad to be at your American Legion.

**Members Wanted:**

**We are hiring part-time servers and part-time cooks. Members get first chance. It's a great group of staff and that enjoy their jobs. If interested, let me know. If you know of someone, please send them our way.**

Abby Dubois



**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.

**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 **first Tuesday** of each month at **7:00 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

Membership report : We have five new members. Please welcome these folks into our club, David Reese, Eric Jaster, Ron Kmett, Pamela Menke-Pudwill, and Brian Bayer. I am also working with two individuals who are in the process of joining. We lost three members who passed, Emill Jacobson, Patrick Willson, and Lester

Kopp. The continuous years of membership between these three men was approx. two hundred years. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts.

Greg Witty  
1st Vice Commander



## Color Guard

Hello Legion family members. I have just received several flag sets that are headed to the Gustavus ROTC program. These sets were paid for out of charitable gambling funds. Thank you Post 37 for that. I will get them delivered after the holiday season and help get them set up.

The next events we have, probably won't be until March.

So, put Friday, March 17 on your Calander for the St. Patrick's Day parade down South 3rd Street, and past the post.

On Wednesday, March 29th , there will be a program at the St. Peter Community Center for the Vietnam War Veterans Day observance. That program will start at 5:00 PM. The Color Guard will be a part of both of those events.

If you would like to know a little about the Last Man Club Vietnam War Era, head to the Community Center room 219 for a free will donation lunch on Monday, March 20th at 11:00 AM.

I would, also like to give a shout out to Ron Neary for all of his years of service to Post 37 and to our community. Thanks Ron. Stop down to the post on Friday, January 6, at 7:00 PM for his retirement celebration.

I would also like to thank everyone for continuing to serve your post, your community and your country.

Rick Wright  
Color Guard Commander



## Legion Riders

Post 37 American Legion Riders (ALR) closed out the fall with an active schedule, supporting and participating in several rides. Chapter started the final quarter with a ride to the VA in Hasting, visiting with veterans and staff. Chapter rec'd a request to provide support for a family that lost a veteran, funeral escort by riders was greatly appreciated.

ALR continues its efforts on increasing membership and supporting local and State veteran's

organizations. Membership is currently 54 and growing, with inquiries continuously coming in. Winter, non-riding months, will focus on next seasons rides and fund raising.

The chapters members also continue to support the Post in their fundraising efforts by assisting with Bingo once monthly.

Tom Christensen  
ALR Director



## Honor Guard

It has been so long since I wrote for the newsletter that I forgot whose funerals I have put in and whose I didn't. Had a lot fewer funerals this year. Last year we had 25 funerals. This year only 12 so far. But any is to many. Hope everybody had a nice Christmas and will have a Happy New Year. I will list all the funerals. Thank you to all the families who sent donations and thank all the Honor Guard members. February 5-

Ronald Mealman, March 12- Russell Serbus, March 25- Bill Dvorak, May 7- Dale Haack, June 17- Vernon Jentz, July 30- Tom Bolstad, August 5- Leon Willeart, August 13- John Cook, September 28- Lester Kopp, October 22- Emil Jacobson, November 19- Pat Willson, December 6 - Gale Ribar.

Bernie Theiman  
Honor Guard Commander

## Veterans Visit Committee -

Veterans Visits 2022 were a huge success! The St Peter City has six senior living communities where veterans live. Starting last June we formed a group to go and visit with these veterans once a month. On the second Wednesday of every month following Our Legion Post meeting we gathered at Our Legion at 8:45 AM and went to visit. We spent 30 minutes at each community and had 15 minutes in between each stop. Some communities only have two veterans and others up to 12. We visit with them and listen to their stories.

We lost Our Army Air Corps member Ken Polzin who told us about the Fujitsu Scale and Our regular customer Emil Jacobsen this year. We heard stories of how submarines get rid of their waste and one stubborn electricians mate who found out the hard (and stinky) way what happens when you don't follow the rules.

Our visit team would meet with anywhere from 21 to 31 veterans each month. The smiles that we share are priceless. We visit with veter-

ans and spouses of veterans who are no longer with us. This group is open to all members of Our Legion Family: Post, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders. Please join us as visitors as we remind these veterans that they are not forgotten and we thank them for their service.

My work schedule is getting busier and most of the team members are also employed. We need help to continue this program so anyone who is retired and looking how to give back to our community and our veterans please contact me. I want to salute those who are on the team this year: Melissa Mitchell, Ricky Hughes, Dave Johnson and Bernie Thiemann. The members on the committee devote their time and energy in making this group work and bring smiles to Our Veterans. I really don't want this group to let Our Veterans down by being too busy to visit. Please consider joining us in 2023!

Dave Arpin  
Veterans Visit Chair



## SAL

Happy New Year!! Hope the 2022 Holiday Season was good, and everyone is refreshed to start a new year as the new year offers a chance to achieve new goals, hope, and dreams.

The last couple of years have been tough for most of the world, but the Legion Family has hung right in there and continues to support the Legion and get it back on its feet. Back in the day, the Legion was a great place to eat, drink, and socialize – and it still is a great place to eat, drink, and socialize. The problem has been a decline in membership and volunteerism that is needed for the organization. So, a New Years Resolution I challenge the membership with is to help support the Legion and bring it back to the “Good Old Days”. I also challenge the membership to recruit the younger generation to become members, either by joining the Auxiliary, Post, Riders, or SAL; or just stop in to socialize with family and friends. There are many new faces to meet – New Manager (Abby DuBois), new bartenders and servers.

The SAL wishes you all a prosperous 2023. Because we are starting a new year it's a great

time to step back and understand what we are all about. I close by sharing the true purpose of the Sons of the American Legion.....(The American Legion)

**Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of the veterans of all Wars, associate ourselves together as “Sons of the American Legion” for the following purposes:**

“To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order, to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the association of our members and our forefathers in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy, to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.”

Rick DeBlois  
SAL Adjutant, Post 37

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

**Gambling News**  
**YOUR LEGION AND OUR CHARITABLE GAMBLING**

Report unavailable at this time.

From your Gambling team,  
God Bless America !!!  
Thanks,  
Ron Neary  
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.

## **2023 Membership Dues**

If you haven't paid your 2023 membership dues you still can by mailing it in or bringing it to the January meeting.

*Note – the membership fee is \$35.*

## **Welcome New Members**

Karen Prunst  
Diane Volk  
Jodi Maas  
Pam Pudwill

## **Upcoming Events** – Check out Facebook or [www.post37.com](http://www.post37.com) for more event information!

**Sat. Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve Bingo – Selling Cards, check out Facebook for details.

**Upcoming Meeting Schedule** – All meetings are held the **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday** of the month beginning promptly **at 5:30 PM.**

1. January 9
2. February 13
3. March 13
4. April 10
5. May 8
6. June 12 (voting of officers)

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

# Marketing

We continue to grow and expand. We are booking way into 2023 and the calendar is filling up. We have people coming from surrounding towns to book, attend an event, and just to see how we have remodeled. We are proud to welcome new and returning organizations, customers, events, celebrations and fundraising at our facility. We have increased bookings for birthday parties, retirement parties, graduations, bridal and groom parties, comedy shows, weddings, and fundraisers of all sorts.

A newsworthy note: All non-profits can book the back hall at no cost. This a gambling regulation. We have enticed many to book with us and are pleased with our facility and willingness to work with them.

We offer free marketing for your event: facebook, mass group emails, flyers, radio stations, local tv station, 2 newspaper shouts, and much more. Call us to see how we can help.

**\*\*IMPORTANT: We need each and every one of you in the door. Support your own American Legion. Any meeting or event will be accommodated for all members.**

1: Come in the door and enjoy your facility. Bring friends and family.

2: Share with others to book with us. If you hear of an anniversary, birthday party etc coming up, tell them to call us. We have many pleased customers.

Book now for 2023 and we will honor 2022 prices. Call now and hope to see you all down at YOUR Legion.

## **DON'T MISS:**

Wednesdays: BINGO at 6pm. \$10 meal at 5-7pm

Thursday nights: Family Burger Basket Night \$10. Kids eat for \$6

**01/27/23 GRAND REOPENING:** Be sure to invite friends and guests and show off our newly remodeled bar. Drink specials and prizes. Famous Everett Smithson Band playing that night.

**Legion Loot!** Every Friday night money give away! Must be present.

Karaoke by Karl. An overnight sensation. SAL member performs the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month. Come support your Legion and Karl.

Any ideas or events to have at the Legion, please call 507-327-7825 - Nancy

Volunteer Marketing  
Nancy Vogel

Social Media Survey for St. Peter American Legion Post Members

Please complete: Return to the Legion or put in the mail by January 20, 2023 to;  
St. Peter American Legion, 229 W. Nassau St., St. Peter, MN 56082

\*\* Return your filled out Survey on a Tuesday and get 2 for 1 first drink order.

**CIRCLE ANSWERS THAT APPLY**

**1: What forms of Social Media do you use for the Legion News, Events, Updates, etc?**

Facebook   Legion Website   Twitter   Instagram   Snapchat

**2: How often do you follow the St. Peter American Legion Post #37 Facebook site?**

Once daily   Weekly   Monthly   Never

**3: How do you find out about events at the Legion?**

Facebook   Friends   Bank marques   Local tv   Flyers @ the Legion Meetings

**4: How often do you come into your American Legion to support it?**

Daily   Weekly   Monthly   Every other week   Never

**5: How often do you attend BINGO on Wednesday nights or \$10 Burger Nights on Thursdays?**

Weekly   Monthly   Every other week   Never

**6: How often do you attend Member monthly meetings?**

Weekly   Monthly   Few times a year   Never

**7: How often do you volunteer at your own Legion?**

Weekly      Monthly              Once a year              Never

**8: What events(s) would you come to at your American Legion?  
Any new ideas that would get you in the door?**

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**9: How often do you talk to friends, family, neighbors, social groups about coming down to the Legion for a drink, socialize or a meal?**

Daily      Weekly              Monthly              Never

**10: How likely are you to have a birthday party, anniversary party, baby/bridal shower, reception, retirement party, group meetings, etc at the Legion?**

Daily      Weekly              Monthly              Never

Other Comments:

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Signature (optional)

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What Entity are you from