

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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William R. Witty, Post #37, St. Peter, MN

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Commander's Corner

Legionnaires! We are moving forward and getting things done. I have been elected once again as the Commander, Greg Witty as 1st Vice Commander and Dave Street as 2nd Vice Commander. Welcome aboard Shawn Schloesser as OUR new Adjutant and Jon Smithers as OUR new Sergeant at Arms! Dale Molitor has graciously volunteered to be OUR Chaplain and Marlin Peterson is OUR new Historian! Memorial Day was a wet but huge success and I salute Dave Street, the SAL, Auxiliary, Honor Guard and Color Guard for being in the rain on this well attended event. The House Chair and volunteers have been working hard to get the House/Bar back to running smoothly. We still need volunteers, more than ever, to help out at the Legion with clean-

ing, reorganizing and getting ready for the Fall. If you have time please stop down and ask how can you help? I wanted to wish Bill Kastens and Nathan Tish well in their busy lives but hope to still see them at meetings:-) We need OUR members to patronize the bar and attend meals. We need volunteers for committees. Shawn Schloesser has agreed to be the Chair for OUR Post 100th Anniversary Committee for 2020 and we all should help him. Everyone has to help. If you know of a problem, by all means bring a solution with it. If you meet a veteran invite them to join us at OUR next meeting. I look forward to seeing all of OUR members at OUR Legion!

Dave Arpin
Commander



Post Adjutant News

I have the honor of being chosen by the membership to serve as Adjutant; I look forward to supporting Commander Arpin and the Executive Committee in the endeavors of the Post.

Thank you to the members who continue to serve on the Executive Committee, I look forward to work-

ing with each of you. A special note of thanks and recognition to William B. Kastens for his years of service as our Adjutant. His diligence makes our transition a smooth one.

Shawn Schloesser
Adjutant

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 **5:30 PM**

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

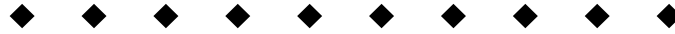
BINGO every **Wednesday** at **6:00 PM**

1st Vice Commander

Membership report. New members are Michael Betzing, Mitchell Meyer, Charles Maxfield, James Vickers, Thomas Warren, Jamie Lorez, James Michels, and Jerry Keogh. Deceased members are Lenny Hanson, Paul Bjorklund, Ray Kienlen, Duane Fredrickson, Skip Keller and Donald

Dehning. As a reminder, The 2020 memberships will be sent out in a month. The membership voted to raise the dues to \$45 for this year.

Greg Witty
1st Vice Commander



2nd Vice Commander

Well here we are. Our post is changing, business is on the uptick, and more people are coming in.

Memorial Day was a success, despite the rain and Rockin Recon was a glorious hit for the DAV and Post 37. Thank you to the Legion Riders for their escort to show Veterans helping Veterans!!

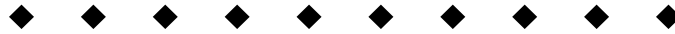
As we move forward, I would like to see more and more members get involved with the Post in whatever part of the American Legion Family you

can.

We are doing better and look forward to things getting better especially with our 100th Birthday for the post coming up.

Once again, thank you all for your support in making OUR post better and better.

Dave Street
2nd Vice Commander



Honor Guard Notes

Been a busy Spring for the Honor Guard. We did the flag raising at the Key City Dog Show at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds. We stood in the rain Memorial Day at the Veteran's Memorial in the park. There were 5 funerals. March 21 Raymond Kienlen (member of the Honor Guard); April

9 Myer "Whitey" Skoog; May 16 David Lechtenberg; May 23 Reinold "Skip" Keller, all of St. Peter and April 13 Paul Bjorklund from Norseland.

Bernie Thieman
Honor Guard Commander



Color Guard Notes

Greetings to Post 37 members. I cannot believe it's time for our 3rd quarter newsletter. It seems like I just did our second quarter newsletter. Before you know summer will be gone and fall will be upon us. My wife was telling me the other day that some of the stores in Mankato are already gearing up for Christmas. I like Christmas but not this early.

It shows that the Color Guard, and what we do is appreciated.

As the Color Guard Commander I would like to thank Dave Street for his efforts in keeping everyone informed of changes. What a way of getting broken in. Thanks Dave.

Another great event we participated in was the D-Day Ceremony held at the St. Peter High School.

Back to Color Guard news. Post 37 Color Guard participated on March 29th, Vietnam Memorial Ceremony, then on May 27th Memorial Day Ceremony at Minnesota Square and boy what a wet one. In all the years I've been in the Color Guard this was the wettest. But what dedicated people that showed up for the program even though the time was pushed back. It shows patriotism from our community for our men and women that have fallen, served and are still serving in our military.

Coming up events, 4th of July Parade, Night to Unite, Nicollet County Fair, Veterans Day at South Elementary and St. Peter High School.

Keep an eye out for more information and events in future newsletters and our Post 37 website.

Ron Davis
Color Guard Commander

House Committee

This past 3 months continues to bring quite a few changes to the House Committee as you know it. The newly formed House Committee, made up of twelve (12) members, two from the Post, AUX, SAL, and ALR (one of which must be a post member and both members of Post #37) as well as the four Ex-officio members that include the Post Commander, Finance Officer, Charitable Gambling Officer, and a non-voting House Manager, have been busy trying to make Your Legion better and more profitable.

Our three sub-committees: Finance led by AUX member Marcy Lorentz, Marketing led by AUX member Nancy Vogel, Food and Beverage led by Post member Keith Keogh, along with our interim House Manager Kris Sack, have done a tremendous job helping manage the House to the best of our abilities. We have a great method of checks and balances now that ensure there are accurate accounting measures in place for redundancy ensuring a more secure and profitable outcome for your legion. To make a long story short, we have

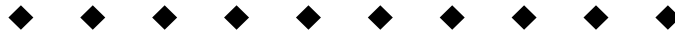
stopped the bleeding, patched the holes in a sinking ship, and are now on our way back to the black for the first time in years!

But we are not in the clear yet! We need your help filling the seats, and yes, volunteering where you can... Your Legion can not survive without the support of all our family members getting involved.

We currently are working with all our vendors to pay off past unpaid bills and debts that were built up over the past couple years – and are happy that most vendors are working with us to bring us back to zero balances. We thank those vendors and volunteers that have helped us move forward to success.

We all look forward to serving you, and please consider volunteering for the upcoming House events and activities. You can stay abreast of all the legion activities by visiting www.post37.com and liking our Facebook page.

Robert E. Jones (Post)
House Committee Chair



Quarterly News from the SAL

Finally summer is here, the temperature is warming up. The humidity is higher and the bugs are out. A new garbage disposal has been installed. That was funded through a donation by the SAL of \$1200 and the other \$1200 was funded through donations from loyal patrons. The SAL has been busy these past months volunteering for different events; Bingo, Omelet Breakfast, annual fish fry and the Last Man's Club (Vietnam Vets) banquet. The banquet is always fun to work and the Vietnam Vets appreciate us cooking and serving the meal for them. We definitely appreciate their service to this great country. The Last Man's Club put on a golfing event on Friday June 22nd, the SAL had two teams

in the event. We enjoy working these events and hope all enjoy our light hearted and fun loving attitudes. See you at the club!!!

If you are interested in joining the SAL, please contact our membership director, Jeff Knutson at (507) 469-0691. The SAL meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

Please keep all the men and women who are and have served our great country! GOD Bless America.

Ronald Neary
SAL Commander/Lifetime Post member

Every Thursday Night is "Member Appreciation Night"

Show your Legion Membership card and get half off your first drink every Thursday!

Thanks for being a Post 37 Legion Family Member!!!

Please visit our website "Post37" and on Facebook

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS: For those who have given their email address to the American Legion, Post 37, you will receive future newsletters through email. Thank you.



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Legion Riders

The American Legion Riders (ALR) are growing fast! We started with 14 charter members and are now at 33 members strong and growing. The Riders are proud to be part of Post 37 and welcome any member of the Post, SAL, or AUX within the local area - yes, we have members from the Cleveland Post and are reaching out to all Posts in the local area.

We have gone on many impromptu rides together and have had a couple “official” organized rides as well—our first on a Tuesday evening May 28 to the Henderson Classic Car Roll-In. The second was to the D Day celebration at the St Peter High School presentation on Friday June 7th and most recently, escorting the Rock’n Recon in support of the DAV and 95.7 to various Legions during their live rolling broadcast on Friday June 14th.

Legion Rider Officers, Director Dave Street, Assistant Director Robert Jones, Treasurer Megan Smith, Sargent at Arms Lee Swenson, and Chaplain Dale Molitor are happy to lead this group with its charter formation and membership drive, along with our Support Members, Interim Secretary Kelli Wells and Post 37 Commander Dave Arpin.

We continue to ride for our veterans and strive at finding new ways to support our Post and those veterans we so proudly serve and ride for. Please look at our Post 37 website for more details and information on membership criteria and rules of our newly formed chapter. <https://www.post37.com/legion-riders.html>.

We look forward to serving you all and please join the Riders and share in the enjoyment of riding alongside your American Legion family.

Robert E. Jones
Assistant Director – ALR

Dave Street
Founding Member/Director - ALR

Ladies Auxiliary News

June 10 the Auxiliary had their annual vote for officers. Congratulations to the following: Deanna Staples, President; Angie Glassel, 1st Vice Chair; Jane Tate, 2nd Vice Chair; Sergeant at Arms, Kris Sack; Rebecca Brenke, Treasurer; Barb Wright, Secretary; Membership, Kelli Wells & Kat Rigdon; Chaplain, Julie Gault; and Historian, Kat Rigdon.

Auxiliary Garage Sale/ Vendor Sale/Poppies, May 16

Auxiliary hosted a garage and vendor sale on May 16 and was very well received. Watch for this again as an upcoming event in October. Auxiliary also sold Poppies at Family Fresh on Armed Forces Day, 100% of the donations go to local veteran-related causes or organizations! This is one of the Auxiliary's largest fundraisers.

Memorial Day Ceremony, May 27

The event must go on! Thank you Kelli Wells, Angie Glassel, Barb Wright and Cindy Meyer for braving the weather and representing the Auxiliary.

D-Day Event, June 6

The Auxiliary participated in the D-Day event and sold poppies and recruited two new junior members. Welcome Raina (14) and Rebekah (10) Roemhildt! Fun facts about the girls; Raina was born in California and has lived in Japan, Hawaii, Idaho, Singapore and Virginia. Rebekah was born in Hawaii and has lived in Idaho, Singapore and Virginia before they moved to Minnesota.

Upcoming Events

June 21 – Sponsoring the LMC tournament with a little bug spray for their swag bag.

August 7 – Mark your calendars Auxiliary will be selling bingo cards and treats. Stop by and buy some goodies!

October 2 – Mark your calendars for bingo and treat selling by your Auxiliary.

October 3 – Save the Date for the Coach purse drawing for Girls Night Out!

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

September 9, October 14, November 11

July						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	House Meeting 5:30 PM With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	SAL Meeting 7 pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo 6 pm	Closed	Legion Loot 7 pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Post Meeting 7 pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo 6 pm	Burger Night 5 – 8 pm Members first drink ½ off	Legion Loot 7:00 pm Wing Special 5-8 pm Coates Entertainment 8pm	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Omelet Feed 9am-12pm	With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Taco Tuesday 5 – 8pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo 6 pm	Burger Night 5 – 8 pm Members first drink ½ off	Legion Loot 7 pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Legion Riders Meeting 7 pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo 6 pm	Burger Night 5 – 8 pm Members first drink ½ off	Legion Loot 7 pm	
28	29	30	31			
	With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo 6 pm			

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Burger Night 5 – 8 pm Members first drink ½ off	Legion Loot 7 pm Silent Auction Chef's Special 5-8pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	House Meeting 5:30 pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Sal Meeting 7 pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo 6 pm Nicollet County Fair begins	Burger Night 5 – 8 pm Members first drink ½ off	Legion Loot 7 pm Sweet Corn Feed	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Omelet Feed 9am-12pm	Aux meeting 5:30pm Post Meeting 7 pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo Good Samaritan 6 pm	Burger Night 5 – 8 pm Members first drink ½ off	Legion Loot 7 pm	u4ic Brewery Craft Beer and Wings 5-8pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Taco Tuesday 5-8pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo 6 pm	Burger Night 5 – 8 pm Members first drink ½ off	Legion Loot 7 pm	LMC Sweet Corn Feed
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Legion Riders meeting 7 pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo Fire Department 6 pm	Burger Night 5 – 8 pm Members first drink ½ off	Legion Loot 7 pm Back to School Dance with Coates Entertainment 7-11 pm	

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labor Day Closed	SAL Meeting 7 pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo 6 pm	Burger Night 5 – 8 pm Members first drink ½ off	Legion Loot 7 pm Chicken Wing Special 5-8 pm Meat Raffle 7-9 pm	Steak Fry 5-8 pm Rock Bend
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Rock Bend	Aux Meeting 5:30 pm Post Meeting 7 pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Spaghetti Feed 5-8 pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo 6 pm	Burger Night 5 – 8 pm Members first drink ½ off	Legion Loot 7 pm	Bean Bag Tournament
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Omelet Feed 9am-12pm	With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Taco Tuesday 5-8pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo 6 pm	Burger Night 5 – 8 pm Members first drink ½ off	Legion Loot 7 pm Meat Raffle 7-9pm	Comedy Night
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Legion Riders Meeting 7pm With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off	Bingo 6 pm	Burger Night 5 – 8 pm Members first drink ½ off	Legion Loot 7 pm	
29	30					
Pancake Feed 9am-12pm	With Legion Loot card, buy 1 drink get one ½ off					