

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Quarterly Newsletter

Commander's Corner

As we close this Legion Year, I want to share my gratitude for the opportunity to lead as Commander. I am grateful for the supportive efforts and cooperation that helped our Legion through the pandemic. Your understanding and support are what keep our members healthy and safe. Thousands of volunteer hours went into transforming our space and hosting community fundraisers so we could keep the bills paid and our community engaged. Thank you to all who were able to support and attend and to the House Committee for their direction and time

commitment. To Commander Cliff Isley and the leadership team, thank you for stepping forward to fill the positions, I wish you all the best and will provide my support as Past Commander and member. A special shout out to Past Commander Dave Arpin, for supporting and advising the work of Commander, and to my wife and family for supporting me. May the next 100-years be as successful as the past 100.

Shawn Schloesser
Past Commander



Greetings from your new Commander,

I'm sure that most of you have heard about the Post elections, I ended up being elected, there was no one else running!

I want to let you know my thoughts on the leadership of a volunteer group. First, family is always FIRST.

Second, we are civilians, we are not a military. We are volunteers not employees. We are here to do the right thing for the post because we want to not because we have to.

Thirdly, we are all equals. There are some who have been elected or appointed to lead the Post this coming year. The officers, committee people have no higher standing in the Post than anyone else, they just have more responsibilities. All of us are equally important to the health and wellbeing of this Post.

I have a few priorities for this coming year. Shorter meetings, 1 hour meeting is enough. Might take awhile to get to an hour but I will work on that. Make the meetings an enjoyable event, maybe a meal before the meeting, maybe a quick talk on our history as a Post or one of its members. I'm open to suggestions.

The Post has been responsible for the Bar operation and for the last few years it has not been as profitable as it could be. With that thought in mind I would like to see the Post move away from the management of the Bar and turn it over to some other group. New eyes, fresh ideas I hope will turn things around. See you at the next Post meeting.

Cliff Isley
Post Commander

William R. Witty
Post #37

3rd Quarter
July-September 2021

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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 Monday** of each month at **7:00 PM**.

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

Honor Guard

Been a busy spring. Had 5 funerals, 2 dog shows at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds and Memorial Day Funeral since last newsletter. Funerals; Scott Christensen, April 15, 2021, Calvary Cemetery; David 'Big Eye' Strand, April 17, 2021, Calvary Cemetery; Bernie McGuirie, April 22, 2021, Calvary Cemetery; Raymond

Fay, May 15, 2021, Calvary Cemetery; Gary Adams, June 11, 2021, Ceremony at Kleins Front Yard, Resurrection Cemetery.

Bernie Thieman
Honor Guard Commander



Color Guard

I'm sure everyone is aware that Covid 19 restrictions are being lifted. With that happening we are getting back on track with our annual events that we have done in the past. Starting out if I didn't mention in the last newsletter we were invited to present the Colors at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial in Minnesota Square Park. On May 31st our Memorial Day Ceremony started out doing the death March down Minnesota Avenue and then up College Avenue to the pavilion in Minnesota Square.

I would like to thank, both the St. Peter Police Department and the Nicollet County Sheriff's Department in providing traffic control while leading the way to College Avenue. I also would like to thank the St. Peter Govenaires for keeping us in step with the beat of the drum.

Most recently on June 24th the Color Guard, along with Honor Guard members took part with St. Peter resi-

dents, lining up along Minnesota Avenue for fallen Lance Cpl. Eric-John Niss De Jesus while the funeral procession passed through St. Peter on its way to Mountain Lake, MN.

As a American Legion Rider member, my wife and I had the privilege to be part of this funeral procession along with other Legion Riders, Patriot Guard from all over Minnesota. What an awesome sight it was.

Lastly, with members retiring or stepping down, I would like to extend an invitation to any Post member, if he or she would like to be a member of the Color Guard. Please let either myself or Rick Wright know if you are interested.

Ron 507-934-4103
Rick 507-931-1073

Ron Davis
Color Guard Commander



Legion Riders

Hello everyone. Our ALR Chapter has been busy the last few months, and will continue to be as we come out of this pandemic. First off, as far as elections go we have made only a few changes. I would like to sincerely thank everyone for having the faith in me to be reelected. I look forward to serving another year and bringing us out of this pandemic. Second, I am excited to announce that six of our Riders, along with six CMA members, went to a Road Guard Certification Course. We now have State Certified Road Guards. These individuals include: •Megan S •Rob J •Jamie L •Mike Q •Ron J •Joenilla R. We also have one official ride in the books as we visited the VA home in Minneapolis on 6/12 . It was a great time spent with veterans and I look forward to doing it again. We have more rides coming up, including rides to veteran homes in Luverne and Hastings. We also have our annual Rock Recon escort on August 13th. This will be

our 3rd year escorting the DAV and Rock 95.7. Please check out our Facebook page for upcoming events. The current ALR Chapter 37 officers are as follows: Director - Dave Street Assist. Director - Robert Jones, Secretary - Joenilla Robertson, Treasury - Megan Smith, Chaplin - Megan Smith, Sgt At Arms - Jim Weber, Road Captain - Jamie Lorentz, Historian - Chris Thomas, P/R & Event Coordinator-Angie Glassel. We welcome anyone interested to please attend one of our meetings. All meetings are held in the Legion Club Room on the 4th Monday of every month. I would like to thank everyone for your hard work and dedication to the Legion Riders, especially throughout the pandemic. I look forward to the upcoming adventures and events we have planned.

Dave Street
ALR Director, Chapter 37

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.*

2021-2022 Auxiliary Board

Angie Glassel – President
Jane Tate – 1st Vice
Secretary – Barb Wright
Treasurer – Cindy Meyer
Membership – Kelli Wells
Chaplin – Mary Thompson
Sergeant at Arms – Cindy Schmitt
Historian – Junior Member Raina Roemhildt
Past President – Deanna Staples

2021 Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your 2021 membership dues, you still can by mailing it in or dropping it off at the Legion.
Note – the membership fee is \$35 NOT \$28.

Upcoming Events

Bingo- July 7 the Ladies will be selling bingo cards, treats and a meal.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month beginning promptly at 5:30 PM at the Legion.

July 12	October 11
August 9	November 8
September 13	December 13

The Legion is now open Tuesday – Saturday 3PM-10PM!

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



We have exciting events for everyone to enjoy:
Please join us every Tuesday at 6:30pm for Pfeiffer card games.
Please join us every Wednesday at 6pm for BINGO.
*Horse Racing every other Friday
*Coming soon - Pizza Puzzle contest.
FOR HALL RENTAL - PLEASE CALL 507-934-6435

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Gambling News...

YOUR LEGION AND OUR CHARITABLE GAMBLING

From your Gambling team,

Bingo has started again. The number of BINGO players has been up and down so Jan is working on getting some bigger pots.

A new addition to the gambling is the racing games. We have purchased a new computer based game that uses the TVs. It works like a pull tab game, purchase a pull tab and there are many ways to win, instant winners, the winner of the race and there is also a BINGO number on some races. It's great fun. There will be a session on the 9th of July and the August game is to be scheduled.

The Post has been spending the charitable gambling funds on many things. Your Post has donated to the High School band for their upcoming band trip to Europe. Your Post also donated to the City of St Peter

for the upgrade of the pickleball courts, the Night to Unite, and to the Fire Dept for safety training. Your Post also gave funds to Nicollet County to help pay for a new Veterans Service van, to the St Peter Trap Team, to the Last Man Club relief fund, and also helped the Honor Guard purchase new shirts and the Color Guard to purchase some new equipment. All of these donations were made possible by the Charitable gambling in the Post and also at Neisen's Riverside Sports Bar.

The Post has a new Gambling Manager, Ron Neary. When you see Ron be sure to thank him for stepping up to take on that responsibility.

Cliff Isley
Past Gambling Manager

ONE HUNDRED ANNIVERSARY

William R. Witty American Legion Post 37 cordially invites all Post, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders and their immediate family to share in the

100th Anniversary Celebration of

Post 37 and Auxiliary Chapter 37

Monday, August 9, 2021

4:00 - 9:00 PM

Social and Kids Event 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Provided Meal 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Gun Silent Auction Ends at 8:00 PM

No need to RSVP, just show up!

We would love to see you at the Legion!

Public is not welcome at this event, members only.

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.