

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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Quarterly Newsletter

Adjutant

Greetings. I want to thank everyone who has been coming out to the Post meetings and providing input.

I also want to thank our Past Commander, Cliff Isley for a great year of command to the Post. I also want to welcome our new Commander, Jamie Lorentz and wish him the same opportunity to be a great leader.

I hope you all have a great summer and don't forget to come down to the Post and enjoy many of the things that are going on.

Steve Ward
Adjutant



A special thank you to the Reese & Pryor families for the donation of your beautiful Patriot piece of art.



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 **third 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**.

1st Vice Commander

Our total membership is 262. With a goal of 259 keep him in your thoughts. we are over 100%. We have one new member who transferred back from Fla., Gary Reinholtz. One Greg Witty member passed away, John (Jack) Freidrichs, please 1st Vice Commander



Honor Guard

First off I want to thank the Honor Guard members and their wives for all the help putting up and taking down the markers and flags at Green Hill Cemetery. Thank you to Jim Neary and Dave Johnson for putting up a new rope on the big flag at Green Hill using the Fire Department snorkel. We also put up the flag at the Key City Dog Show at the Fair Grounds Memorial Day weekend. I also took the bugle to all the cemeteries at about 3pm and played taps. Funerals since last newsletter; May 7, 2022 Dale Haack, 1st Lutheran parking lot, June 7, 2022 Vernon Jentz, Pumpkin Hill Road, (between Henderson and LeSueur). Bernie Thieman Honor Guard Commander



Color Guard

Hello fellow veterans. It's nice to see the changes being made at the post. I worked with the SAL for an omelett breakfast on Father's Day. That was a good time. And we had a good crew to help out. Please, don't hesitate to volunteer for one of the functions at the post. They are not hard, and are actually a fun time. Give it a try. Park. Nice job on that Dave Street and Dave Arpin. Then, on June 6th we presented colors for the national anthem for the "Start of Summer" event at Gorman Park. Who can forget, we have our Independence Day parade coming up. We will be proud post 37 members leading off the parade at 10:00 A.M. I hope to see you there. As far as the color guard, we have had three events to participate in since the last newsletter. On March 29th we posted colors for the Vietnam War Veterans Day program. Of course, on Memorial Day we participated in the program at Minnesota Square Rick Wright Color Guard Commander



Legion Riders

Post 37 American Legion Riders (ALR) continues to focus on increasing membership and supporting local and State veteran's organizations. Rides to VA nursing homes for visits with veterans is a highlight of the chapters many supporting events. Chapter members have also visited local nursing homes and other extended care facilities to support those veterans. The chapters members also continue to support the Post in their fundraising efforts. Chapter in a consulting role. Dave remains active as a liaison between Chapter and Post. The chapter will host the first ALR Fund 85 event on July 30th. This fundraising ride will be an annual event hosted by ALR chapters statewide moving forward. This is expected to bring riders from around the State to St. Peter Post 37. Chapter Road Captain & Safety Officer Mike Quick will plan and lead this ride. Elections were hold this past spring bringing a change in the Director position for the Chapter. Dave Street, having served in that role for over 3 years, moved on to "Past Director" and is supporting the Tom Christensen ALR Director

Veterans Visit Committee -

On June 15th your Veterans Visit Volunteers consisting of Mellissa Mitchell, Gabriela Roemhildt, Dave Johnson, Bernie Theimann and Dave Arpin visited six senior living communities in St Peter. We met with 25 veterans from the Army, Navy and Air Force and several siblings of Marines. The visits were limited to 30 minutes at each community. Our Legion provided 22 Veterans small American Flags with a plastic stand to place in their room.

We ran out of time before we made it to the last group. The flags were given to remind the Veterans of our visit but also to remind them of the service to this great country. The joy on the faces of these fine men was incredible to behold. We heard from a navigator of a B-26 from WWII about the story of the Tornado Fujita Scale.

We saw our very own Tommy Roessler and many other veterans. Dave Johnson and myself presented

and raised a 3x5 flag to member Laddie D. and raised it up on their new flag pole placed earlier by our own Legionnaires. We were allowed to take pictures after asking to use on our website and FB page. We will be visiting the same communities every month on the Second Wednesday following our Post Meetings. The exception was today and November where the month does not start on Mondays. The visits will also be the same time at each community. If your interested please contact one of the above named members of your American Legion.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Arpin
Veterans Visit Committee



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.

2021-2022 Auxiliary Board

Angie Glassel – President
Jane Tate – 1st Vice
Marcy Lorentz – 2nd 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

2022 Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your 2022 membership dues, you still can by mailing it in or dropping it off at the Legion. *Note – the membership fee is \$35 and will stay the same for 2023!*

Upcoming Events

Bingo- August 3 & October 5 the Ladies will be selling bingo cards and treats.

Saturday, December 31 – New Year's Eve Bingo- Time to be determined, watch Facebook!

Save the Date:

Girls Night Out – Thursday, October 6 – Auxiliary Coach purse giveaway!

Fall Auxiliary Vendor Fair – Saturday, November 5 9AM -1PM, if you have questions, please contact auxiliarypost37@gmail.com.

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

- July 11
- August 8
- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12

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

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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

St. Peter American Legion Post #37 Rental Hall Rates:

****If interested in reserving, please call (507-934-6435) and leave a message and someone will call you back.**

Members: \$50 with use of kitchen

Members: \$40 with no use of kitchen

Weddings/Large group events: \$150 with use of kitchen – contract to be signed

Weddings/Large group events: \$100 no use of kitchen – contract to be signed

Small group events: (Use of Hall only) - \$75

*Fund Raising Opportunities

*Retirement parties

*Family/friend gatherings

*Retirement parties

*Class Reunions

*Bachelor/Bridal party

*Birthday party

*Kids events

*Family/friend gatherings

*Wedding, Church, funeral receptions

Non-profits: Free of charge

Entities: Free of charge



**** *EVERY THURSDAY – FAMILY BURGER NIGHT & MEAT RAFFLE. \$8 WITH FRIES OR ONION RINGS. \$5 KIDS CHICKEN STRIP BASKET. 5-8PM***

****EVERY FRIDAY LEGION LOOT. GIVING AWAY \$\$\$ BETWEEN 8-9PM. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

****BOOK YOUR NEXT FAMILY/CLASS REUNION, CELEBRATION OF LIFE, RETIREMENT PARTY, ETC. 507-934-6435 SOON. BOOK NOW TO LOCK IN 2022 RATES.**

MEMBERS ONLY \$50 HALL RENTAL.

1- Come in the door and visit your local Legion. Enjoy our great events or stop in for a drink and enjoy the latest remodeling at the Legion.

2- Please consider helping at an event. If you volunteer once a year, would help us out tremendously. It's a lot of fun and worth your while. Please call Nancy to volunteer: 507-327-7825.

3- HAPPY HOUR NOW FROM 2-6PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

4- Membership Tuesday: All legion members stop in and get a 2 for 1 drink on your first order.

5- HALL RENTAL: MEMBERS CAN BOOK THE HALL FOR \$50. We have the cheapest rates in town. BOOK YOUR NEXT CLASS REUNION, FAMILY GATHERING, BIRTHDAY & RETIREMENT PARTIES, ETC NOW. TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS THE HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL. PASS THE WORD ON. Prices will be going up so book now!!

6- PFEFFER TOURNAMENTS EVERY TUESDAYS AT THE LEGION. CALL KAREN TO HAVE SOME FUN. 507-380-7310.

7- LEGION LOOT EVERY FRIDAY BETWEEN 8-9PM. GET YOUR FREE NUMBER AT THE BAR. GOES UP \$25 IF IT DOESN'T GO OUT. MUST BE PRESENT.

8- 2 ND STREET COMEDY RETURNS TO THE LEGION MONTHLY STARTING AGAIN THIS FALL. PLEASE WELCOME DUCKS UNLIMITED, PHEASANTS FOREVER, DUELING PIANOS, CRAFT EVENTS AND MUCH MORE FOR SELECTING OUR EVER GROWING AMERICAN LEGION FOR HAVING EVENTS WITH US.

9- HAVE YOU TRIED our famous Burger Nights EVERY Thursday of the month. \$8 burger basket with fries or onion rings. Kids chicken basket for \$5. Best and cheapest burgers in town. Tell your family and friends.

10- PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO COME IN TO THE LEGION. HAVE A DRINK, SHARE A MEMORY, ATTEND AN EVENT, BOOK A SPECIAL EVENT WITH US. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! If every member came into the Legion with a friend once weekly for an approximate \$4 drink for 52 weeks, we would make \$80,000 annually. In four years, we would make \$320,000. See you at the Legion!!