



Quarterly Newsletter

Commander's Corner

Legionaries! What a great time to be a member of Post 37! The sale of the gifted property is done and the outstanding debt has been paid off. I am seeing great things with Our Legion. The House committee has hired Mike Pufpaff to be Our Bar Manager and he is doing good things so far. I look forward to seeing the improvements moving forward. Our Post is turning 100 this coming year and we have our Adjutant Shawn Schloesser as the Chair of the Anniversary Committee. It should be a fun and exciting year for all of us.

I am still looking for Post Members to chair the following committees: Americanism, Children & Youth, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation and National Security. Member Mike Betzing has stepped forward to look into being Chair for the National Security Committee. Please let me know if you are ready, willing and able to Chair one of these committees. I invite you all to

go to the National Legion website for details on each committee.

I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you at a Steak Fry, Omelet Breakfast or a Fish Fry, either serving as a volunteer or supporting Our Legion. On this note I would like to see if we can get a newer upgraded version of the "old" A-Team. A Post Member team that volunteers on a regular basis.. Please don't wait to sign up for helping out.

The biggest news this year has been the inclusion of all veterans eligible to join Our Legion. Please help spread the word to those Brothers and Sisters who we not previously allowed to join because their service dates "fell in between". Welcome! Please help support Our Club and be an active part of this years preparation for Our 100th Year Anniversary!

Dave Arpin
Commander



ATTENTION

LEGION ACT Signed

Legislation signed into law on July 30 opens Legion membership to hundreds of thousands more veterans. The Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service LEGION Act allows any honorably discharged veterans who've served since Dec. 7, 1941 to present, to join the American Legion and access its programs and benefits.

RIVERS EDGE NOW VA AUTHORIZED

ST. PETER, Minn. (KEYC) — River's Edge Hospital is one of few southern Minnesota hospitals to have VA authorization.

The St. Peter location became authorized following the Veteran's Affairs Mission Act of 2018.

This means veterans who are VA benefit eligible or have been receiving VA health care benefits within the last 24 months – now have the option to go to authorized urgent care clinics to receive care for things such as bruises, sprains, sore throats and more.

William R. Witty

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4th Quarter

Oct-Dec 2019

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Post Meetings are held the **second Monday** of every 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 Tuesday** of each month at **7:00 PM**.

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

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

Color Guard Notes

Welcome readers! I cannot believe this is the last newsletter for 2019. How this year has gone by.

I would like to thank our Post Commander for recruiting another person for the Color Guard. We now have another new color Guard Member joining our team. His name is Curt Mills. He served in the Army from 89 – 92 and served in desert storm. He comes from a military family. His father served in the military for 38 years. Thank you Curt for your service and becoming a Color Guard member.

If you are an individual that would like to be part of our Color Guard Team whether male or female, you can call the American Legion Post and leave your name with the manager or call me at 507-934-4103. Leave a message if no answer.

To recap on the events that we participated in this year were; St. Patrick's Day parade, March 17, Vietnam Memorial Ceremony, March 29, Memorial Day Ceremony, May 27, D-Day Ceremony, June 14, July 4 Parade, Night to unite August 5, Nicollet County

Fair August 13 & 14.

Next up coming events will be Veterans Day programs held at South elementary, and at St. Peter High School.

Before I could finish this letter I received an invitation From the Cleveland Legion Post to help celebrate their 100th year on September 21st. I accepted their invitation so a few of our members will be going to help Cleveland Legion celebrate this special occasion, and represent American Legion Post 37. This ceremony will be held at the Veteran's Memorial in Cleveland.

Lastly, I would like to thank my Color Guard members, Joenilla, Al, Dave, Jerry, Mike, Rick, Ben, Roger, Marlin, Leroy and now Curt for their support over this past year.

Ron Davis
Color Guard Commander



House Committee

Post 37 members – **Your House** Food and Beverage operation is finally out of the red!!!

Thanks to the hard work and diligence of your twelve (12) member House Committee (names posted in the front bar area) and our method of checks and balances, we have ensured a more secure and profitable outcome for your legion. In fact, we are now running slightly in the black the past few months...

At the last Post meeting on 9/9/19, we provided a list of debt owed by past miss-management totaling over \$30K in debt (which is down from \$40K in debt from the first of the year). I then formally requested a "gifting" of \$30K from the sale of Whiskey River be given to the House to chisel away at this debt. After deliberation, a motion was made and passed by the Post to gift the House \$35K from the sale of Whiskey River to ensure all outstanding debt was paid off that the House owes to date.

On 9/11/19, the Post transferred \$35K to the House account and by 9/13/19, the following debt was immediately paid off: \$15K Line of Credit (LOC) at Pioneer Bank, \$6K Post CD Loan, \$3.5K Post Loan from the Building account, and over \$8.5K worth of Vendor and past bills presented to the post in our aging bill summary reports. A total of \$33K worth of debt was paid immediately, and double audit trail documentation was recorded for record within the House

bank and financial records for future review when needed. We are in the black for the first time in years, and owe it all to you—our Post members and patrons!

Your House Committee and fellow Legion members have also raised nearly \$40K in money to go towards the beautification of our bathrooms and renovation of both our beer coolers at the bar and down-stairs. A \$25K grant from Home Depot, \$8.5K raised from the silent auction, and almost \$6.5K from our Veterans Day raffle will go towards these projects **starting very soon**. And the Commander has implemented a separate "Remodel Committee" that will be looking at renovations for the rest of the building.

I look forward to the next House Committee and Post meeting when I can present the House financials and business plan for the remainder of the year showing how **Your Legion's** Food and Beverage will continue to run in the black!

On behalf of our committee, myself, and our new House Manager, Mike Pufpaff, we look forward to serving you all, and please consider volunteering for the upcoming events and activities. You can stay abreast of all the legion activities by visiting www.post37.com and liking the Facebook page.

Robert E. Jones (Post)
House Committee Chair

Legion Riders

The American Legion Riders have had a wonderful and exciting time this last 3 months.

We are still a young Chapter but continue to grow every day with new members, upcoming events and activities.

We have had some changes in officers.

The current ALR Chapter 37 officers are as follows:

Director - Dave Street

Assist. Director - Robert Jones

Secretary - Joenilla Robertson

Treasury - Megan Smith

Chaplin - Dale Molitor

Sgt At Arms - Lee Swenson

Historian - Chris Thomas

We have hosted the ALR Legacy Scholarship run, which was a huge success.

We also escorted the family of one of our own as

they headed to Ft Snelling.

More recently, we had a Visiting Vets Ride to the VA home in Hastings, MN and followed with a stop at American Legion Post 47 in Hastings for a refreshing non-alcoholic beverage.

We continue to move forward with our "Vets Helping Vets" goal and look forward to more rides to various VA Homes and other homes where vets may be staying.

Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend! All meetings are held in the Legion Club Room the 4th Tuesday of every month.

Dave Street

Director



House Manager

My name is Michael Pufpaff, and I became the House Manager 7/20/19.

Originally from St. Peter, I lived in Colorado for 17 years, as well as Chicago for 10 years, moving back here after my father, Ken passed away March 2015.

Prior to coming to the St. Peter American Legion, I managed Westwood, as well as Patrick's. As a St. Peter native, I appreciate the opportunity to continue to move Post 37 in the right direction.

As I continue to fill staffing needs, I also am putting programs in line with the needs of a successful restaurant/ bar. We have experienced a series of small positive changes that have made the community take notice.

In addition to being open now on Sundays for the Vikings games, our Thursday Burger, & Friday Wing

Nights, have continued to build in popularity. We also have our delicious Steak Fry Saturday each month, as well as the phenomenal Omelet Breakfast monthly. We are looking at creating a weekly Meat Raffle, also expanding our food options, which would lead to a menu, creating another option for the public to consider us when dining out.

The Volunteers here are nothing short of unbelievable.....I have never been part of such dedicated, service first people, doing things that help make this a better place.

In closing, I look forward to meeting more of you, & thank you for your support.

Michael Pufpaff
House Manager

Post Adjutant News

Fellow Legionnaires:

The American Legion Family has undergone significant changes to their eligibility requirements as they broadened their membership to encompass the entire community.

As Legionnaires, if you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving - you are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

*Because eligibility dates remain open, all active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to join The American Legion at this time, until the date of the end of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States.

**U.S. Merchant Marine eligible only from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 (WWII).

The American Legion also voted to extend membership in the American Legion Auxiliary to male spouses of U.S. veterans and service members during The Ameri-

can Legion National Convention. Delegates of The American Legion voted to replace the word "wife" with "spouse" in their constitution and bylaws, opening up membership in the American Legion Auxiliary.

Why are The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary making this change? Currently, 1.9 million women veterans are living in the United States, and 9% of the U.S. military is female. By 2045, it's estimated that 18% of the U.S. military will be comprised of women. "As we welcome eligible male spouses into the American Legion Auxiliary, we gain another perspective on the needs of military families — enabling the Auxiliary to support even more veterans, service members, and their families," said 2019-2020 American Legion Auxiliary National President Nicole Clapp.

Please join me in both inviting and welcoming our new members to the St. Peter American Legion Family!

Shawn Schloesser
Adjutant



1st Vice Commander

From the membership chair: We have signed up pretty close to half of our members for 2020. Please spread the word to your friends that there are no longer "years of service requirements". All honorably retired military personnel are now eligible. We signed up two new members this month, Barry Wood and Megan



2nd Vice Commander

We have had a wonderfully exciting past 3 months. The sale of Whiskey River, our post being made a stop for The Legacy Run, and our Legion Family coming out to support this entire Post, its members and our community with different activities and events. We are well on our way as we continue to be even better than before.

The eligibility to become part of the American Legion Family has been expanded, I look forward to



Honor Guard Notes

We have been asked to put up the flag at the HOME football games again this year. I think we have been doing it for over 60 years. I got a call in August from Bob Vogel asking if we could do a memorial service for his son Alex, who passed away in Colorado and his ashes were spread in the mountains. We did the service in Alex parent's back yard. Thank you to the Alex Vogel family for the nice donation.

Somebody asked me why I don't put the name of the cemetery that an individual is buried in so that some-

Smith, who transferred in from Cleveland, MN. Keep those renewals coming and save the club a stamp!

Greg Witty
1st Vice Commander



even more camaraderie, activities, events and just general good times as we bring in these new members. Let us not forget the importance of the camaraderie we shared as active duty servicemembers, spouses, and family members as we supported each other.

Dave Street
2nd Vice Commander



one can visit the grave. We lost a member of the Honor Guard this last July. Harold Hobday, July 12, 2019, Calvary Cemetery, St. Peter, July 25, 2019 Roger Schobe, Norseland Lutheran Cemetery, August 24, 2019 Alex Vogel memorial. I want to thank Jon Smithers for the very nice Honor Guard pictures he took at Calvary Cemetery.

Bernie Thieman
Honor Guard Commander

Ladies Auxiliary News

New Officers are as follows: 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.

Upcoming Events

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

October 3 – Girls Night Out! Free (3) Coach Purse Giveaway

Sponsored by the SAL and Auxiliary, drawing will be at 8:30PM.

November 2 – SAL/Auxiliary Steak Fry

December 4 – Auxiliary Bingo and Treats

December 31 – New Years Eve Bingo – Hosted by your Auxiliary 6 - 9 PM

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

October 14, November 11, and December 9

For any further questions regarding the Auxiliary please contact our President at deannastaples1@gmail.com.

2019 OCTOBER

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY
FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	01 SAL Meeting 7 pm Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	02 Bingo 6pm Audrey Special 5:30pm	03 Ladies Night Out! Coach Purse Giveaway 5pm - 9pm Food Special 5pm - 9pm	04 Legion Loot Approx. 8:30 pm Chicken Wing Special 5pm-8pm	05 Steak Fry 5 pm- 8pm
06 Viking Game 12 pm	07 House Meeting 5:30 pm Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	08 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	09 Bingo 6pm Audrey Special 5:30pm	10 Burger Night 5pm - 8 pm 1/2 off first drink with member card!	11 Legion Loot Approx. 8:30 pm Chicken Wing Special 5pm-8pm	12 Comedy Show 7 pm
13 Omelet Breakfast 9am- 12pm Vikings Game 12 pm	14 Aux Meeting 5:30 pm Post Meeting 7 pm Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	15 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	16 Bingo 6pm Audrey Special 5:30pm	17 Burger Night 5pm - 8 pm 1/2 off first drink with member card!	18 Legion Loot Approx. 8:30 pm Chicken Wing Special 5pm-8pm	19 Indoor Farmer's Market 8am- Noon Craft Party Noon- Midnight
20 Viking Game 12 pm	21 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	22 ALR Meeting 7 pm Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	23 Bingo 6pm Audrey Special 5:30pm	24 Burger Night 5pm - 8 pm 1/2 off first drink with member card! Vikings Game 7:20pm	25 Legion Loot Approx. 8:30 pm Chicken Wing Special 5pm-8pm	26 Halloween Costume Contest 7pm-11:30pm Coates Entertainment Drink Specials
27	28 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	29 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	30 Bingo 6pm Audrey Special 5:30pm	31 Family-Friendly Halloween Burger Night 5pm - 8 pm 1/2 off first drink with member card!	01	02
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2019 NOVEMBER

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10 Omelet Breakfast 9am- 12pm Vikings Game 7:20 pm	11 Veteran's Day Meeting 5:30 pm Aux Post Meeting 7 pm Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	12 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	13 Bingo 6pm Audrey Special 5:30pm	14 Burger Night 5pm - 8 pm 1/2 off first drink with member card!	15 Feather Party and Bake Sale Legion Loot Approx. 8:30 pm Chicken Wing Special 5pm-8pm	16 Indoor Farmer's Market 8am- Noon Comedy Show 7 pm
17 Viking Game 12 pm	18 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	19 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	20 Bingo 6pm Audrey Special 5:30pm	21 Burger Night 5pm - 8 pm 1/2 off first drink with member card!	22 Legion Loot Approx. 8:30 pm Chicken Wing Special 5pm-8pm	23 Craft Party Noon- Midnight
24 Viking BYE Week	25 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	26 ALR Meeting 7 pm Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	27 Bingo 6pm Audrey Special 5:30pm	28 Closed for Thanksgiving!	29 Legion Loot Approx. 8 pm Chicken Wing Special 5pm-8pm	30
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2019 DECEMBER

SUNDAY

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01	02 House Meeting 5:30 pm Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card Viking Game 7-15 pm	03 SAL Meeting 7 pm Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	04 Bingo 6pm Audrey Special 5:30pm	05 Burger Night 5pm - 8 pm 1/2 off first drink with member card!	06 Legion Loot Approx. 8:30 pm Chicken Wing Special 5pm-8pm	07 Steak Fry 5 pm- 8pm
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15 Viking Game 7:20 pm	16 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	17 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	18 Bingo 6pm Audrey Special 5:30pm	19 Burger Night 5pm - 8 pm 1/2 off first drink with member card!	20 Legion Loot Approx. 8:30 pm Chicken Wing Special 5pm-8pm	21 Indoor Farmer's Market 8am- Noon Craft Party noon- midnight
22	23 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card Vikings Game 7-15 pm	24 Closed for Christmas Eve	25 Closed for Christmas	26 Burger Night 5pm - 8 pm 1/2 off first drink with member card!	27 Legion Loot Approx. 8:30 pm Chicken Wing Special 5pm-8pm	28
29 Viking Game 12 pm	30 Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	31 New Years Eve Bingo 6 pm Buy 1 drink get one 1/2 off with Legion Loot card	01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11



I STAND FOR THIS

Firearm

1911 A1 45

See any Legion Family or House Staff for details or to purchase a raffle ticket (gambling license #00307-001)

Finish

Includes 24kt gold, antique gold, shiny nickel and black chrome.

Edition Size

50 numbered pieces **#37 of 50 (For American Legion Post 37)**

Pricing

Numbered \$20 per ticket – 500 tickets sold (Drawing 11/9/19)

Includes firearm engraved and a certificate of authenticity.



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Gambling News... YOUR LEGION AND OUR CHARITABLE GAMBLING



This newsletter compiled by Joenilla Robertson & printed as submitted.

Greetings from your gambling team,

The gambling year 2018 is completed and I would like to inform you of some of the highlights. The American Legion Post 37 Charitable Gambling games grossed \$1.3M and paid out \$1.1M in prizes. The allowable expenses were \$144K and the lawful purpose expense was \$63K. The LPE (lawful purpose expenses) was 32.19% or 3 stars.

To refresh your memory, I will quickly explain what are allowable expenses and what are lawful purpose expenses. Allowable expenses are those expenses which are a percentage of the total cost incurred by your organization in the purchase of goods, services, or other items that are directly related to the conduct of lawful gambling. Some of these expenses can be payroll, purchasing games, advertising, etc. Lawful purpose are the expenditures that an organization makes from its gambling account for donations and certain taxes. We use a chart of "A codes" to determine what is a lawful expense. A few examples are A16 which is the donation of funds to pay for utilities. A7 allows us to donate to activities which benefit youth under the age of 21.

Our LPE is rated by a star rating. Our LPE rating of 32.14 % is a 3-star rating. If we were to go to a 2-star rating or under 30% our charitably gambling will go into a probation status, which we don't want. Our percentage of lawful purpose will be something that I will be keeping a close eye on so that we do not go below 30% for the gambling year 2019.

Thank you for your continued support of your American Legion and thank you for your continued participation in your American Legion clubs Charitable Gambling.

Cliff Isley
Gambling Manager