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BAR MANAGER WANTED:

We are in need of filling our full time Bar Manager position. We are grateful to Chris Sohm who has been with us the past year. Saying good bye will be hard. We wish him well on his ever growing business. Chris has been an asset to the Legion. He believed in the Legion. He enjoyed working with the customers and members. If you know of anyone or any member that is interested in applying, please call the Legion at 507-934-6435. We also have day part-time bartender hours available as well.

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Thank You

We would like to thank the St. Peter Tourism & Visitors Bureau for their generous donation to be used for our Quarterly Newsletters.

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**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.**

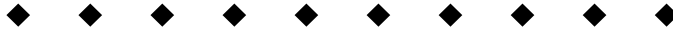
Bingo every **Wednesday** at **6:00 PM.**

1st Vice Commander

Membership: We have five new members since July: Eric Jaster, Ricky Hughs, Gary Reinholtz, Bill Mosching, and Ron Anderson. We did lose one member when Tom Bolstad passed. Please keep Tom's family in your thoughts. Remember to remind any friends who are prior military that the rules of joining

have changed and now any honorably discharged veteran can join.

Greg Witty
1st Vice Commander



Color Guard

Hello Legion family. Since our last newsletter the Color Guard has participated in four events. As usual, our longest and for me my favorite event, is the annual Fourth of July parade. This year was extra special because I had the honor of marching next to my grandson in his Marine Corps dress blues. We did have rain gear on up until about two minutes before the start of the parade. Then the rain stopped and the weather cooperated for the remainder of the day. Can I attribute that to being the Post Chaplin? You decide.

demo derby at the Nicollet County Fair, and the Rolling Recon when the group made a stop at the Veterans Memorial in St. Peter.

I would, still like to have a few more members on the Color Guard staff. It would be very impressive if we could carry all of the service flags in the Fourth of July parade. If you are interested, please get in touch with me, rwright54@mchsi.com.

Rick Wright
Color Guard Commander

We also presented the colors for two nights on the



Legion Riders

Post 37 American Legion Riders (ALR) had a busy summer, supporting and participating in several rides. Chapter members were asked to be lead riders in the Mission 22 ride which included many Post 37 ALR Riders. Chapter members also participated in Cleveland Cherry Creek Days ride/roll-in.

Rides to VA nursing homes for visits with veterans is a highlight of the chapters many supporting events. Chapters final ride for the season will be to Hasting VA on Oct. 1st. Chapter members continue with visits to 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 by assisting with Bingo monthly.

The most important Chapter event was the inaugural Statewide Fund 85 ride which we had the honor of hosting. ALR Riders from around the state, along with local riders, enjoyed a fabulous ride with stops at the veteran memorials in Hutchinson and Fairfax. This event, thanks in large to a very generous donation from Post 37, was a huge success.

The Chapter also used the summer month meetings to review and update our Chapter Constitution and By-laws. ALR continues its efforts on increasing membership and supporting local and State veteran's organizations. Membership is currently 48, with inquiries continuously coming in.

Sept. 17th the Chapter hosted our inaugural "Ride for a Reason", an event focused on raising funds to a community member in need. This event was successful in raising over \$1,500 with support from Post 37 and Cleveland Post 269.

Tom Christensen
ALR Director

Veterans Visit Committee -

The Veterans Visit Volunteers visited six senior living communities in July (32), August (26) and September (32) veterans in each monthly visit. These numbers include Spouses of deceased Veterans who are living in these same communities. We missed out some in August due to a Covid outbreak at one community. I want to thank Dave Johnson and Bernie Thieman for their assistance in these visits.

We learned how Submariners get rid of human and kitchen waste while under weigh. It is a pressurized system and one unlucky electrician's mate found out what happens when you open a hatch after being warned they were clearing out the sub:-) Eewww! The spouses were very happy to be included in our visits. I informed them I would bring a copy of our next newsletter to our October visit so they can be informed of what's going on at Our Legion. Most are members or life members.

Our visits during this quarter will be on October

12th, November 16th and December 14th. We meet at Our Legion at 8:45 AM and either convoy or rideshare to the six communities. Masks may still be required during the visit depending on each community. We spend 30 minutes at each community and leave 15 minutes to travel to the next community. We work through lunch and finish up at 1:30 PM.

I invite all of you who are retired to consider joining me in this monthly visit. We meet on the Second Wednesday of each month except November as it would fall on the third Wednesday but follows the Monthly Post meeting. It is rewarding to see the smiles, share the laughs and hear some truly interesting stories with these veterans and spouses of veterans. If you are interested please contact me at arp.dave@yahoo.com or text me at 507-479-0332.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Arpin



SAL

Hello everyone. I hope everyone had a great summer - seems it went by fast, but enjoyable. Don't forget that The Legion is a great place for entertainment, burgers on Thursdays, BINGO, cards, and general socializing. Make sure you stop in and see the new bar - it looks GREAT. The Legion is also open for all Vikings Games.

Membership for the SAL is due for 2023. Please contact Jeff Knutson to indicate your interest in joining the SAL or provide your current status. You can submit your membership dues to Jeff Knutson or drop them off at the Legion.

Finally, the entities of the Legion have put together a "Kitchen Committee". The committee is

not to run the kitchen, but to get the kitchen active with the goal of bringing back the traditional Legion activities (i.e. Steak Frys, Fish Frys, Omelet Breakfast). Of course, we are looking for entity sponsored activities or outside organizations to initiate activities to bring life back into the kitchen and facility. Again, these activities will rely on membership volunteers. If you have any ideas or comments, please get with Jeff.

Have an enjoyable fall season!

Rick DeBlois
SAL Adjutant, Post 37



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

Amber Eustice
Tiffanie Schmit

Marketfest

If you know of anyone that sells items or would just like to volunteer and help please contact Jane at jmta-te1030@hotmail.com. The Auxiliary is volunteering with check-in the remainder of the year. **September 24; October 8 and October 22.**

Upcoming Events – Check out Facebook or www.post37.com for more event information!

Oct. 5 – Auxiliary selling bingo cards and \$1 dollar treats and snacks

Oct. 6 – Girls Day Out – Stop by the Legion 4:30-8:00 PM for a chance to win a Coach purse. Must be present to win and 18 years of age. Drawing at 8:15 – 8:30 PM.

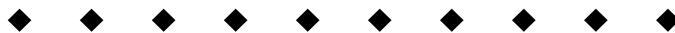
Dec. 7 – Auxiliary selling bingo cards and \$1 dollar treats and snacks

Sat. Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Bingo 6 PM – Auxiliary selling bingo cards. Follow Facebook and the post37 website for more details!

Upcoming Meeting Schedule – All meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month beginning at 5:30 PM and last one hour or less.

January 9	April 10
February 13	May 8
March 13	June 12

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



Children and Youth

We have been working very diligently to have a great kick off to the fall with a pumpkin painting activity and our annual trunk or treat is in the works as well. We have our veterans day essay contest going to be judged in November to continue to teach our youth what a veteran is and why they are important.

Around Thanksgiving and beginning of December we will have our giving tree back up to collect gifts for our local vets who are currently in nursing homes and assisted living communities. It was a lot of fun last year getting to personally hand deliver those gifts. Those veterans were so appreciative and thankful. This teaches our youth to give back to our vets and to listen to their stories :) Last but not least we will be

doing our Santa Claus event as well. Santa and Mrs Claus will be present to see the children and might even have a little gift for all those good girls and boys that we have in this community.

We are currently looking for new members to join our youth committee and volunteers for youth events are always fun to help at. If interested please contact the Post representative Megan Smith and Riders representative Nancy Vogel. As always on behalf of the youth, thank you for always willing to help teach our youth all about what the red, white, and blue stands for.

Amber Palmquist

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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

Marketing

We continue to grow and expand. We are almost completely booked through 2022 and have many bookings into 2023. 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 back to the Legion this fall: Gustavus, Ducks Unlimited, Sports Organizations, Pheasants Forever, Treehouse, and the list goes on. 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.

**Last note: We need each and everyone of you to -

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 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:

10/14/22 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Each Veteran and significant other will enjoy a free meal from 5-7pm/others by donation. Each member is challenged to bring a new member that night to sign up. New member gets a free drink. Chance to win a Gas Card and more.

Then Jack Zimmerman – Inspirational Speaker is doing a presentation from 7pm – 8pm

Then our famous SAL Karl Larson is providing karaoke for us that evening. He's a talented singer. Stay for the fun.

10/21/22 GRAND REOPENING: Be sure to invite friends and guests and show off our newly remodeled bar. Drink specials and prizes.

Volunteer Marketing
Nancy Vogel

