

Robert Ihlant American Legion Post 537, Auxiliary & Sons of The American Legion



Commander's Corner

*Greetings Comrades,
Clients and Citizens!*

By now most of the Fall chores are nearly done and maybe a little needed painting was accomplished, too. It was speculated that our Fall leaf colors would be less than memorable because of our summer heat and drought. Wrong Answer! This is one of the more beautiful and colorful Octobers I've seen. For those servicemen and women far from home, this is something dearly missed. Thankfully, nowadays, most of these folks can stay "connected" through magical technology no matter how far away they serve. A far cry from us "vintage veterans" who lived for and appreciated "mail call" ~ ah, the written word sometimes laced with a certain perfume and the upside-down stamp together with a S.W.A.K. on the back! Remember that?

Good news bears repeating and once again we had a profitable month. Our club is a remarkable place and I can't say enough good things about Shelly, Mia, and the entire staff. We are so blessed! The homecoming colors presentation by New London and Spicer Honor Guards along with the S.A.L. and Auxiliary representative was nothing less than spectacular. We received many favorable comments on that!

Our Veteran's Day commemoration at the Post will be November 8th. We hope to see a good turnout. This event will include our "Post Everlasting" ceremony. Since this wasn't possible to do last year, this will be extra-special this year. I believe the coming months will stress us all, physically and financially. Now more than ever, it is important to support one another. It will be difficult to wear a stiff upper lip and keep at least a smirk if not a broad smile as the days pass, but we will weather the "storm!" As always, our hearts go out to our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines thinking of home from barracks, ships, flight-lines, and foreign soil ~ serve well, come home soon. Be a Proud American!

Respectfully submitted,

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Auxiliary News

Salutations!

As I sit down to write this article for the November newsletter it is a beautiful crisp October day. We all know that this will lead us into the winter season, as much as I love the holidays, it still amazes me that some look forward to all the snow!

The Post observance of Veteran's Day will be Monday, November 8. Social time at 5:30, then Post Everlasting followed by a meal. There will be no cost for Auxiliary members.

Sandy W. is working on ordering new Auxiliary shirts, if you are interested in getting one, please contact Sandy.

At our November meeting we will once again be gathering new clothing items for the St. Cloud VA. The items they are in need of are Sweatpants large and extra-large, Sweat-shirts large, extra large and 2x large, and belts of all sizes. Jan Benson from the VA says, "Thanks for thinking of our Veterans!"

We are happy to announce that the Auxiliary will have the privilege of hosting a second Blood Drive in 2021! It will again be a Peace Lutheran Church on Friday, December 10th from 10am to 6pm. I believe the Red Cross website has the date already on the calendar and they are taking signups. Thank you to Bev D. and Kathy K. for putting in so much work to pull these blood drives together.

Enjoy what is left of fall and as always, remember our active and retired military and their families along with the members of our community who are in need of our prayers.

Thank you and God Bless!

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry A. Wright, Unit 537 President

AUXILIARY COMING EVENTS (Subject to change)

- Nov.ember 8 — Veterans Day Observance program and dinner 5:30pm
- November 11 — Sewing Day at Peace
- November 15 — Meat Raffle 5:30pm (workers Shelly P., Tomi P., Carol J.)
- November 15 — Unit meeting 6:30pm
- November 17 — Work day (note the change due to Thanksgiving)

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S.A.L. News

Greetings to all!

The leaves are falling faster everyday as I travel the State. Crops are coming out; waterfowl are coming in from the north and the site of orange hunting coats are a welcome site! November has always been one of my favorite months. Enjoying days outdoors, the deer stand, taking the dog pheasant hunting and the Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family makes for some great memories!

Reminder to SAL members—are still taking the 2022 membership applications. Please stop in and renew with the staff or mail Miah the membership items and we will get you your 2022 card! Dues are \$20 for regular membership, and \$15 for the Junior members.

The SAL Fall Fund Raiser raffle tickets are almost sold out. If you would like a chance—ask an SAL member or Miah when he is working, and they will get you taken care of! The cost per ticket this year is \$10. We have some nice prizes waiting for the lucky participants! I would like to thank everyone ahead of time who purchases one if these tickets. The dollars raised will stay in the community and helps us with meeting the requests and goals we have.

I want to remind the SAL members; you are invited to take part in the Veteran Days event at the Legion. It will be held Monday night, November 8, 2021, social hour starts at 6:00pm, meal will be served at 6:30, and the program will be at 7:00. I hope to see the SAL represented at this event. Please put it on your calendar to attend.

The Fall Poultry Bingo is set for Saturday, November 20, 2021. We start at 11:00 am. We will have the Plinko Game up and running. We are planning on having prizes for youth and adult on this game. Shellie and crew will have some morning food & beverage special ready to go! It will be a fun time for all that come and participate!

SAL shirts have arrived and will be taking them to the embroider to put our squadron on them. If you would like one please contact me.

Enjoy the month of November and as always--please keep all active duty, the veterans and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Our safety and security as a nation does not stop anytime. Gods Bless America!

Our November meeting will be November 1, 2021, at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

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S.A.L. Squadron Commander



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Service Officer Report

Color Guard did Military Honors for Elaine Korsmo on October 8. She served in the Army. The Memorial Rifle Squad had a dinner at Waite Park. We had 5 members attend, the wives were also invited.. It was a good turnout with about 240 members and guests attending. Three Color Guard Members have been presenting the colors at the Home Football games. November 8 we will have the Veterans Day supper and program.. We will be doing the post everlasting ceremony. It will be 2 years of Veterans who have passed away.

Dean Rood, Service Officer

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Salad Bar can be added with specials for \$4.00

Monday: Homemade Sloppy Joe with Choice of Side \$8
Tuesday: BLT with Chips \$7
Wednesday: Philly Steak & Cheese Sandwich with Choice of Side \$11
Thursday: Grilled or Battered Walleye with Choice of Side \$12
Friday: Chef's Choice
Saturday: Hamburger Steak with Fried Onions & Mushrooms with Salad Bar \$16

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Meat Raffle 5:30 SAL Meeting 6:30	2 Meat Raffle 5:30	3 BINGO 6:30	4 Auxiliary Sewing Day	5 Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with Dan Burns 6-10	6 Meat Raffle 5:30 Merchants Of Soul 6-10pm	7 Daylight Savings Time Ends!
8 Veterans Social 6:30, Dinner 7pm Meat Raffle 5:30	9 BINGO 6:30	10 VETERANS DAY	11 Auxiliary WorkDay	12 Legion Closed HAPPY THANKSGIVING	13 Meat Raffle 5:30 Jeff James 6-10pm	14 Meat Raffle 5:30 Auxiliary 6:30 Legion Mtg. 8:00
15 Meat Raffle 5:30	16 Meat Raffle 5:30	17 BINGO 6:30	18 Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with Dan Burns 6-10	19 Meat Raffle 5:30 Jeff James 6-10pm	20 Poultry Bingo 11am - 1pm Doors open at 10 Food, Drink Specials Meat Raffle 5:30 Paul Stewart 6-10pm	21 Meat Raffle 5:30
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Happy Thanksgiving!