

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



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Greetings!

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I hope that everyone had a pleasant holidays, and a happy new year. Now we have the opportunity to look forward to spring.

A big thank you to Bill Kuperus for the setting up of the Jingle Bells/fruit basket, candy and nut distribution. It would have been nice to have a little more assistance with the delivery to the recipients. Many thank you cards have been sent to the Legion, and a good time was had by all at the Belgrade Nursing Home and at GlennOaks.

On Tuesday, January 14, there will be a presentation by the Manager of Eagles Healing Nest, of Sauk Center, at the Spicer Legion, starting with a premeeting lunch at 6:00 PM. If you would be interested in attending this presentation, please notify me as soon as possible so we can send the number of attendees forward. The Manager will present the status of the institution and the plans for further improvements to the facility. We have made several contributions to this fine organization in the past, as have the Auxiliary by sponsoring the decorating of a newly remodeled room. A lot of the work is done by the people that are staying in the facility. The establishment has been serving both men and women veterans for a while now.

Things coming up in February will be nominations for officers for the next year, during new business. If you are interested in any of the positions, you can start talking to other members to get you nominated. The election of officers will take place at the March meeting.

Also coming up in March will be the Legion Birthday, so we will be making up plans for a celebration of this event.

Some of the other things we have coming up in the near future are, nominations for Boys County and Boys State candidates, and the nominations for scholarships for the high school seniors.

Hope to See you at the meeting on January 20, if not sooner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Purkat
Commander

A Note From the Manager: I would like to give a huge thank you to Ginger Hanson, Tim, Melissa and Ashley Hansen, Husband Chad Mithaugen, Andy Pirrotta and TJ and Annie Phillips for coming in on a Sunday and help with the Christmas decorating. It takes many hours to get them up, but boy they do look so nice. Also a huge thank you to Jeremiah Lund, Keia Meyers and Tonya Cain for getting all the wonderful Christmas gifts for our Christmas party. Thanks to all and have a blessed and happy new year!

Respectfully submitted, Shellie Mithaugen General Manager



Auxiliary News

Greetings!

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Our regular Christmas dinner meeting was held December 16 at 6:00 p.m. with 14 members present. I hoped for better attendance but this is a very busy time of year. Sheila, Sue O, and Monica P joined our group when the meat raffle was done. Thank you, ladies. We ate a good meal during the meeting and enjoyed dessert after the retirement of the Colors.

On Friday December 13 four members attended the funeral for Gertrude Fluck at CrossRoads Community Church. Gertrude died December 10 at the age of 96. She out-lived two husbands and all of her siblings.

Neither Mary K (who is our contact at NLS) nor Sherry W were at our meeting so I have no further information about the Poppy Poster contest. They will meet in January so there should be more coming in the January newsletter.

Mary K is leading four leadership workshops entitled "Back to the Basics" in the coming months. The first opportunity to attend is January 18 in Forest Lake from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call Mary K if you are interested. The cost is only \$10. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JAN. 4.

The 7th District Mid-Winter Conference is the following weekend (Jan 25) in Minneota beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Auxiliary will be having a silent auction and a request has been made for items that would be of interest to men. If you have items that you would like to contribute, please bring them to our January meeting. Money from the silent auction will go to the Emergency Fund.

January 20 meat raffle workers are Shelly P, Sue O, and Sandy W.

By the time you read this, Christmas will have passed but there are probably a few family celebrations still to take place. Keep all active duty military, veterans and their families in your thought and prayers. Say an extra prayer for the families and friends of the three National Guard members killed in a helicopter crash as they try to adjust to a new normal without their loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jackson Unit 537 President

AUXILIARY COMING EVENTS

January 9 — Sewing DayPeace Lutheran 9:00 a.m.
January 18 — Workshop Forest Lake 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
January 20 — Meat Raffle Legion 5:30 p.m.
January 20 — Unit Meeting Legion 6:30 p.m.
January 25 — Mid-Winter Conference Minneota 9:00 a.m.
January 29 — Work Day Legion 9:00 a.m.

S.A.L. News

Greetings, Happy New Year!



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I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas with family & friends! It is always a special time of year for me and my family. It reminds us of what we have and makes us think about others and those that are no longer with us. Good memories, special times and thanking the one that was born on Christmas Day!

I want to thank everyone that attended the S.A.L. Christmas Party. It was fun to spend time with fellow members and spouses. Make sure you put a reminder in your calendar for 2020 and take part if you missed this year's event.

Poultry Bingo was a huge success for us! I want to thank all the members that help make this flow smoothly. I also want to thank Shelly and the Legion Crew for the breakfast and morning beverage specials. I heard nothing but positive remarks!

One of our junior members is going after his Eagle Scout Award with the New London Boy Scout's. Robert Holmquist—a senior at NL-S. He will be building an item for the children at Prairie Woods Elementary School. We are looking forward to his end results and will be keeping all posted when the project has been completed. I am glad we are able to help out and be a part of this project!

We are also discussing doing a junior membership event this summer. We will be discussing this further at the January meeting.

Please place January 25, 2020 on your calendar. Special Olympics Polar Plunge is happening, on Green Lake. We have assisted with a local team that jumps every year—and look forward to helping out again! There was discussion about forming a team to jump from the S.A.L. We will talk about that at the January meeting. Maybe if we challenge the Legion Post & the Axillary to jump and raise money for the cause!! Just thinking out loud!

Reminder, if you have not stopped in or contact Miah at the Legion. Please do so-- and get your renewals done for 2020.

Our next Squadron meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, January 6th at 6:30.

Take time to thank to reflect this New Years, and thank God for what we have. I wish each one of us has a great 2020. I look forward to what this year will bring! As always, please keep all active duty, the veterans and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Marquardt

S.A.L. Squadron Commander

Service Officer Report

After almost 2 months without a member funeral, we had 2 in 1 week. Ken Gravley a Legion Member for 73 years passed away at 99 years of age. Also Henry Roos of Belgrade passed he was 90 years of age. The Belgrade VFW did the full honors and we had 4 Members of the Color Guard at his funeral.

Last month Don Anderson and I went to Funeral at Little Falls for an MRS member. The Color Guard donated money to pay for weighted blankets for Veterans at Eagles Healing Nest in Sauk Centre. These blankets make the veterans with PTSD and other problems feel more secure. Frank Peralta and I attended the Quarterly meeting of the Memorial Rifle Squad on December 17. Hope everyone had a good Christmas and wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

Dean Rood Service Officer

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THURSDAYS \$10 One Piece Walleye or 8 oz. Prime Rib

Both with choice of potato (Salad Bar Extra)

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SATURDAYS All You Can Eat Ribs Buffet (Dessert Added)

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JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Robbie Johnson Benefit • January 18 • 11am - 3pm Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Chicken Dinner 11-2 (No open Menu) • Gig Noonan playing 12-3 Special Meat Raffles 3:30 and 5:30pm	January 18 • 11am - 3pm Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Chicken Dinner 11-2 (No open Menu) • Gig Noonan playing 12-3 Special Meat Raffles 3:30 and 5:30pm	January 19 • 11am - 3pm Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Chicken Dinner 11-2 (No open Menu) • Gig Noonan playing 12-3 Special Meat Raffles 3:30 and 5:30pm	January 20 • 11am - 3pm Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Chicken Dinner 11-2 (No open Menu) • Gig Noonan playing 12-3 Special Meat Raffles 3:30 and 5:30pm	January 21 • 11am - 3pm Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Chicken Dinner 11-2 (No open Menu) • Gig Noonan playing 12-3 Special Meat Raffles 3:30 and 5:30pm	January 22 • 11am - 3pm Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Chicken Dinner 11-2 (No open Menu) • Gig Noonan playing 12-3 Special Meat Raffles 3:30 and 5:30pm	January 23 • 11am - 3pm Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Chicken Dinner 11-2 (No open Menu) • Gig Noonan playing 12-3 Special Meat Raffles 3:30 and 5:30pm
5	6 Meat Raffle 5:30 SAL Meeting 6:30	7 BINGO 6:30pm	8 LEGION CLOSED Happy New Year!	9 Auxiliary Sewing Peace-Lutheran 9am	10	11
12	13 Meat Raffle 5:30	14 BINGO 6:30pm	15	16 Thirsty Thursday with Dan Burns 7-11pm	17	18 Robbie Johnson Benefit 11-3 Jeff James 7:30-11:30
19	20 Legion 8pm Auxiliary 6:30 Meat Raffle 5:30	21 BINGO 6:30pm	22	23	24	25 Preston and Paulzine 7:30 - 11:30 Mid-winter Conf. at Minneota
26	27 Meat Raffle 5:30	28 BINGO 6:30pm	29	30	31	