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AMERICAN LEGION POST 37

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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OUR COMMUNITY VETERANS AND LEGION MEMBERS
ENJOY A MONTHLY VISIT. LEARN MORE ON PAGE 7!

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MONTHLY MEETING INFORMATION

- Post:** Second Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
- Auxiliary:** Second Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m.
- SAL:** First Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
- Legion Riders:** Fourth Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR COMMITMENT

Commander Stoterau reported that American Legion National Headquarters sent FOUR certificates in recognition of 50 years of membership. Please thank **Eldon H. Brown, Bruce A. Gray, John J. Jensen and Dayle W. Maas** for their commitment to service and the American Legion. We salute you!

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Bar Hours

MON	3 P.M. - 10 P.M.
TUE	3 P.M. - 10 P.M.
WED	3 P.M. - 10 P.M.
THU	3 P.M. - 10 P.M.
FRI	3 P.M. - 10 P.M.
SAT	2 P.M. - 10 P.M.
SUN	CLOSED

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New Ulm Office, 507-577-6151

Amy Klobuchar, US Senate,
Rochester Office, 507-288-5321

Tina Smith, US Senate,
Rochester Office, 507-218-2003

Local Veteran Service Officers

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Veteran Support Organizations

MACV, 833-222-6228

MN DAV, 651-291-1212

Mankato VA Clinic, 507-387-2939

VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, 612-725-2000

Veteran Suicide and Crisis Line, 988

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AMERICAN LEGION 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.

2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES If you haven't paid your 2024 membership dues, you still can by mailing it in or bringing it to the January meeting. Please note membership dues are \$35.

POPPY ASSEMBLING Want to learn how poppies are made and help with assembling them? Stop by the Legion on Saturday, March 23 from 2-4PM and help our Legion Family assemble poppies. Free and open to the public as well, don't need to RSVP just show up. The bar opens are 2:00 PM, the menu begins at 4:30 PM and live music begins at 6:00 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 3, Selling Bingo Cards, and Treats

Saturday, April 20, Poppy Assembly

Saturday, May 11 Craft and Vendor Event

Saturday, May 11 Auxiliary Spring Bake Sale

Memorial Day Ceremony May 27

Wednesday, June 5, Selling Bingo Cards, and Treats

5:30 PM—9:00 PM, American Legion Post #37

2:00 PM—4:00 PM, American Legion Post #37

9:00 AM—1:00 PM, American Legion Post #37

9:00 AM—1:00 PM, American Legion Post #37

10:00 AM, Minnesota Square Park

5:30 PM—9:00 PM

All meetings are held the 2 nd Monday of the month beginning promptly at 5:30 PM. February 12; March 11; April 8; May 13; June 10 (voting of officers)

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

Submitted by Angie Glassel, ALA President

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MEMBERSHIP

Our membership remains at around 90% of goal. This is not up to our normal standards. If you have not yet renewed your membership do it soon. The national is offering a 3 year deal that would allow you to buy your upcoming dues for today's rates instead of paying the new higher rates. This would save you \$30. If you have been thinking about a Lifetime Membership now is a very good time to make the move. We are assured that those rates will be going up. If you have any questions about these options, contact me at 507-469-0574.

Submitted by Greg Witty

COLOR GUARD

In the last news letter I touched on what the Color Guard does, and some of the events that we participate in. In March, we were invited to the St. Patrick's Day parade. We will honor veterans at the Vietnam War Veterans Day program, which is on the March 29th. Then, on May 27th, we will proudly show our respect to all comrades that we have lost, in all military conflicts by participating in the annual Memorial Day program at Minnesota Square Park. It is my goal in the future, to have enough willing participants from our post and/or our Legion family to carry the banners of all of our military branches in the very popular 4th of July parade. **How impressive would that be to have a twelve member Post 37 color guard lead St. Peter's Independence Day parade?**

Submitted by Rick Wright, Color Guard Commander



Color guard at the 2024 St. Patrick's Day parade.
Photo credit, St. Peter American Legion Post 37 Facebook page

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION (SAL)

The Son's of the American Legion (SAL) has been working on their new Constitution and By-Laws. The by-laws will contain the fundamental principles and rules of guidance by which the SAL is to function. The SAL meets every first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Legion. The group helps with Bingo every odd month, second Wednesday. Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and good health as we move into Spring of 2024.

Submitted by Rick DeBlois, SAL Adjutant



*Craft and Vendor Fair
Bake Sale*

Hosted by St. Peter American Legion Auxiliary

**Saturday, May 11
9:00-3:00 PM**

**Come and shop local at your
American Legion Post 37**

***Vendors & Crafters
& Bake Sale***

Lunch Available 11-1PM

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Proceeds go towards our Local Veterans and their families.



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BINGO

Have you heard? The Legion is open and BINGO resumed. Join the fun and win big every Wednesday from 6—9 p.m. And thank you to our volunteers that assist with bingo nights! Post and SAL members stepped up on March 13 : Joenilla Robertson, Robert Jones, Kenny O'Connell, Mike Quick.

Submitted by and photo credit, Melissa Mitchell



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VETERAN VISITS

2024 is really going well! We are averaging 28 veterans, spouses of veterans and family of veterans. We have changed our visit day to Friday's following the Second Monday of every month. This change was made to allow for more volunteers to help visit. I'm still looking for more volunteers. I need more volunteers so when I have to work I do not have to cancel the day of the visit.

My current volunteers Melissa and Dave J can only go when they are available from their jobs. Darrin got the full first visits today and now knows the system but he also has a busy life. I am looking for Auxiliary and SAL members to join in on the visits. Jane and Tina did join me in December when they handed out goodie bags for Christmas! Thank you ladies and to the Auxiliary I salute you! This Christmas hopefully we will have a sharing tree to give out gifts!

Our visits are incredible and worth the time it takes - 4.5 hours each month. These hours count towards our end of year report to the Department that the Adjutant and Commander submit every year. Please think about joining this Pillar of Our Legion. Help me to put a smile on these deserving veterans! God Bless all of you! If anyone has any questions or would like to get involved please contact me at arp.dave@yahoo.com. thank you and God Bless our Veterans.

Submitted by Dave Arpin



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D-Day! Operation Overload Presentation
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The 99th All-Norwegian Infantry Battalion in WWII
Wed., Jun. 12, 2 p.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Free

Minnesota in the Global War on Terrorism: Post 9/11 Profiles
Thu., Jun. 20, 2 p.m., SPCC Rm. 219, Free

Maps as Time Machines: St. Peter's Geologic Past
Thu., Jun. 27, 11 a.m., SPCC Rm. 219

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Free Veterans and Supporters Lunch

Doors Open@ 10:00AM FOR COFFEE
LUNCH@ 11:30AM

(One Block from Capitol at 600 Cedar Street, St. Paul)

Veterans March to the Rally @ 1:00pm

(Short Walk from Armory to State Veterans Service Building
20 West 12th St, St. Paul)

CTF, UVLC, and MACVSO Present:
Rally in the Rotunda 1:15-2:00pm



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