

LEGIONNAIRE 560

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH - ZIMMERMAN POST 560

This month we are honoring a veteran that only joined the Kriesel-Jacobsen Post 560 family a short time ago. Our Veteran of the Month for September is . . . our own Gary Lore.

Gary has been a member of The American Legion for 16 years, but a member of the Kriesel-Jacobsen Post 560 family for only the past 5 years. He has served our Post in various ways, including as Gambling Manager, and currently he is our Finance Officer. Gary and his wife Debbie have 2 children, 1 girl, 1 boy. Debbie is also a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 560.



Gary proudly served our country in the US Army from 1980 through 1983. He went to basic training at Fort McClellan, AL. After basic he stayed in Alabama and was trained at the Military Police School. During his time in the Army, Gary achieved the rank of SP-4 and earned several awards including – Humanitarian Service Medal – Korean Service Medal – the Army Service Medal.

Upon completing training at Fort McClellan Gary was designated as 95B Military Police. He was then stationed at Fort Riley, KS with the 1st Infantry Division, 716th MP Co. During that time, he was deployed to Fort Chaffe, AR (a Cuban refugee detention facility). His next and final duty station was a year and a half at Camp Casey, South Korea with the 2nd MP Co.

Some of the things Gary liked about his time in the Army were meeting new friends, travelling, and sightseeing when he had the time, but especially being there when people needed help. On the military side he enjoyed shooting the M60 machine gun from the top of a moving jeep and flying in helicopters with his Warrant Officer friends when they needed helicopter flight time. He also enjoyed rappelling out of a Huey and urban combat training.

Some of the things Gary disliked about his time in the Army were long hours in a tower guarding refugees, riots, and breaking up fights. Also not being able to help people when they needed it. Another drawback was the fact that communicating home was so difficult. At one point he was only able to talk to his mom once in a year and a half.

As most of us would understand, Gary has many stories he likes to share from time to time, but as Gary put it, “It is difficult to recall a story that is appropriate for this audience’. He did say that he enjoyed the year and a half he spent in Korea, even though it was one of the most dangerous places in the world while he was there. He found the people were very appreciative of our presence there. He is looking forward to a trip he and Debbie are taking back to Korea this Fall, as part of KDVA (Korea Veterans Association).

So, next time you see Gary, be sure to thank him for his time in the Army. Maybe even buy him a drink and see if you can get him to tell one of the stories that are “inappropriate for this audience.”

MEAT RAFFLE IS BACK STARTING OCTOBER 3rd!! Stay up to date at:
www.MNPost560.com/Events



Greeting all

I hope your summer is going well. The Auxiliary put on another fantastic Golf tournament. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out. Rib Fest was another success. Thank you Jen Cole and your team of volunteers. Heidi and her bar staff did a great job on golf tournament and rib fest!

As we get into September, football season will be starting. We have Jersey give aways and meat raffle will be starting on October 3rd.

Sergio Sajion, Commander



Hello and Greeting from the SAL.

Check out the new guns in the shadow box, a couple more very nice additions.

The SAL donated \$250.00 to the Eagles Club Golf tournament. We also donated \$250.00 to the Auxillary School Supplies.

Our next meeting is September 16th, Hope to see more members there each week. We cannot do this without help from all our SAL members.

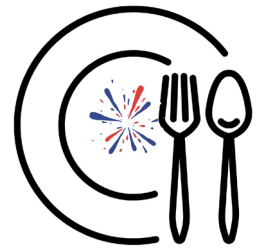
Take care and hope to see you soon, Paul Quinn SAL Commander

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER - SEPTEMBER 27

Please sign up at the bar (or call and ask to have your name added) Dinner is Free to paid up members and the cost of membership if you are not a member. Social Hour at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM.

If your membership needs to be paid, you can pay in advance or at the sign in table the night of the event. Guests are \$15.00. Talk to Bob Lundgren, Angela Moran, or Lance Holk if you have questions about your membership.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



Thank you to everyone who helped with our 10th Annual Rib Fest! We had 18 teams compete this year, our most ever! It was a beautiful day and every did a fabulous job!



1st Place (pictured right) - Natural Born Grillers
2nd Place (pictured left) - Blue Smoke BBQ



3rd Place - Frankensmokers



Greetings All!

The Auxiliary's did an amazing job this year with our 18th Annual Golf Tournament held on 8/9. **We raised: \$23,295.00.** Wow! Thanks to the community and those who participated and donated towards this fundraiser. A **special shout out to Heidi Culbertson & Patty Lundgren.** Amazing ladies who spent a tremendous amount of time working on this. I'd also like to thank all of our volunteers. We couldn't do this without you.



The Auxiliary is having a **Garage Sale on 9/6 from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM** downstairs at the Legion (Patriots Hall). If you'd like to donate items please reach out to Patty Lundgren. No clothing will be accepted.

The Auxiliary will begin working on our **school supply donations** this month and next. The bar is doing a School Supply Drop and Patio Party on 8/31 from 2:00-6:00 PM. Cash donations are welcome.



The **Annual Membership Dinner** will be held on 9/27. Social Hour 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM. Sign up is required.

Next meeting: 10/7 @ 6:00 PM (Tuesday) Downstairs - Patriot Hall / We'd love to have you join us.

God Bless!

Donna Schermann - Auxiliary President Unit 560 | donna.schermann@gmail.com, 763-213-9017



Greetings Legion Family! As we approach the end of the summer your Riders are still getting some miles on while supporting Veterans' causes and our community. With donations from the Riders, our SAL, our Auxiliary, and our Post we were able to purchase \$3,000.00 worth of bicycles that were given away at the Ogilvie Raceway during Kids' Night on August 9th.



We were honored to sponsor our Auxiliary for their golf tournament. We also had members participating and volunteering at the event.

What a great day! And thank you to the Auxiliary for including me in one of the fundraiser holes. If you know, you know.

We are also gearing up for our first fundraiser for the fall/winter season. We are having a **Designer Purse Bingo on Saturday, November 15th** at the Zimmerman Fire Station One Event Center. Our event committee has been busy getting the prizes and planning an awesome event. The theme for the event is "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun". We're taking our bingo to the next level. Reserve your spot now, and please help spread the word.



Our Rider entry, George (The Rub Doctor) got a top 5 finish in the post Rib Contest. A huge "Thank You" to Jen Cole, the amazing bar staff we have, and to all the volunteers. It was a great day.

As always, thank you for all the support we receive. God Bless you all, and God Bless America!
Loren

POST 560 OFFICERS

Commander, Sergio Sajon
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2nd Vice, Tom Wilkinson
Adjutant, Bob Lundgren
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Auxiliary Membership,
Angela Moran
SAL Commander, Paul Quinn
SAL 1st Vice, Mick Wilkinson
SAL Membership, Lance Holk
Legion Riders Director, Loren Sikkink
Bar Manager, Heidi Larcom
Gambling Manager, Laura Lenz
Exec. at Large, Gary Regel &
Ken Wood



Meetings & Events

September 2025

02 - Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 pm
06 - Auxiliary Garage Sale 8:00 am
06 - SainTrio Band 4:00 pm
08 - NO BINGO (Vikings Game Potluck)
09 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
10 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
14 - Comedy Show 2:00 pm
16 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
20 - Corn Feed 2:00 pm
24 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm
27 - Membership Dinner 5:30 pm
28 - Vikings Game Bar Open 8:00 am

October 2025

03 - MEAT RAFFLE & RACES 6:00 pm
04 - Karaoke/DJ 7:00 pm
07 - Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 pm
08 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
14 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
18 - Karaoke/DJ 7:00 pm
21 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
22 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm
25 - Breast Cancer Benefit for Amber
Palmer & Family 2:00 - 4:00 pm
31 - Trunk or Treat 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Midnight Limited/Halloween 7:00 pm

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO & RACES

Guaranteed \$700 Coverall! Races at 5pm Bingo at 6pm!

BAR HOURS

Monday 11:00 am - 10:00 pm
Tuesday-Thursday 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Friday & Saturday 11:00 am - 1:00 am
Sundays 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

GAMBLING BOOTH HOURS

Monday-Saturday 11:00 am - close
Sunday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Booty Chaser E-Tabs and Pull Tabs in Booth! Open Daily at 11:00 AM!



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