LEGIONNAIRE 560

FEBRUARY IS HERE!

Those frigid temperatures have really hit home lately, but we've been staying warm and fuzzy at the post.

The staff would like to extend a heart-felt THANK YOU for all your generosity and support. There have been a number of surgeries among our staff and our patrons never fail to come through with cards, well-wishes, gifts, food, etc. and we truly appreciate it.

We'd also like to thank Cindy for making cookies every week. If you didn't know, cookie day is now on Friday's! Stop in, she makes the good stuff...

January was a slightly lower key month, but we had amazing turnouts for the Elvis Tribute, Auxiliary Broom Hop, and Purse Bingo! If you have ideas or suggestions for entertainment at the post, email us at post560events@yahoo. com.

POST 560 MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

The Post is at 91% with just 26 members yet to renew for 2023. SAL membership is at 76% with 30 members still to go. SAL numbers are a little disappointing considering all the new members that have joined. Only 4 months till the 2024 membership year starts for the Post and SAL. Don't let those continuous years lapse. Dues payable at Post or by mail Zimmerman Legion-P.O. Box 123-Zimmerman, Mn. 55398 Thanks, Bob Lundgren

Reminder, dues are as follows: Legion - \$45, Sons - \$20, Auxiliary - \$35, and Rider - \$20.

CALLING ALL VETERANS!!

The Legion 104th Birthday Celebration is right around the corner and we'd like to inject a little history into it and also capture memories.

Please come into the Legion around 12:30 PM on March 18th and have your picture taken for a photo book! Dress as you please, in uniform if you like, but it's not necessary. We want to get as many quality photos of our Veterans as possible and keep this going every year.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK & STAY UP TO DATE!!



QUICK BITES!

- Tuesday Night Cribbage starts February 7th at 6:00 PM
- Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th. If enough people are interested, we will do a football potluck!
- February 18th is the Auxiliary Hot-Dish Cook Off! Come Taste the goodies! Plus Moose Knuckle Band!
- Legion Birthday Celebration will be Saturday, March 18th. There will be Corned Beef & Cabbage, plus Irish Stew and we will draw for the Tommy Gun Raffle and Artisan will play.
- General Membership meetings will move to 6:30 PM starting in May

POST 560 OFFICERS

Commander, Paul McCormick 1st Vice, Bob Lundgren 2nd Vice, Tom Wilkinson Adjutant, Bob Lundgren Sergeant At Arms, Del Whittlef Chaplain, Frank Grittner Service Officer, Mike Tschudi Ron Mathison, Historian Legion & SAL Membership, Bob Lundgren Auxiliary President, Donna Schermann Auxiliary Membership, Angela Moran SAL Commander, Jason Nelson SAL 1st Vice, Mick Wilkinson Bar Manager, Heidi Larcom Gambling Manager, Frank Grittner Members at Large, Chad Culbertson, Virgil Scharber Legion Riders Director, Loren Sikkink



FROM THE PRESIDENT, DONNA SCHERMANN Greetings!

Just a reminder that the Auxiliary is hosting a **Hot Dish** cook-off on Saturday, February 18th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. We'd love for you to come join us or make some yummy food.

The Auxiliary donated \$250.00 in support of the Operations A.L.F (American Legion Family) stuffed animal/ puppy program. This program is being organized by the WI Sons of the American Legion. Whether it be children

hospitalized for serious medical issues or the children of deploying parents. These stuffed animals/puppies are given to children who need a soft cuddly companion to help them cope with difficult times in their lives.

Our Zimmerman Rider Family will be "Feeding the Troops" on 2/12. In support of this event the Auxiliary will be making desserts for approx 150 troop members. Thanks to all of the volunteers for participating and supporting this event.

Our annual Bus Hop is being coordinated for March 4th. Look for more details to be sent



out.

The Auxiliary will be serving **Corned Beef** & Cabbage AND Irish Stew during the Legions 104th Birthday Celebration on March, 18th.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the **1st Annual Auxiliary Broom Hop**. It was a great day for everyone to get together, dress up as witches and just

have FUN. Many laughs and giggles were had by all.

The next Auxiliary meeting is **Saturday, February 4th @ 11:00 AM.** Come join us if you're able.

God Bless and Take Care! Donna Schermann – Auxiliary President donna.schermann@gmail.com – 763-213-9017



Our Post is currently raising money for a Gold Star Families Monument to be placed in Memorial Park in Zimmerman. We are about 40% of the way to our goal. If you'd like to make a donation, go to our website:

www.mnPost560.com/GoldStar







FROM THE COMMANDER, PAUL MCCORMICK



Well once again, the Vikings ended their season short of February, but there's always next year! We will be starting a cribbage night on Tuesday February 7th at 6pm. Come up and have some fun.

I would like to thank everyone who is attending the mid-winter conference on February 11th. We will be moving the general membership meeting to 6:30pm starting in May. **Don't forget about the Legion birthday party on March 18th** - more details to come. I hope everyone is staying warm. It may be a short month but that just means we're getting closer to spring and warmer weather.

God Bless, Paul McCormick, Commander plmccormick@outlook.com

FROM THE SAL COMMANDER, JASON NELSON

Greetings from the SAL! We need your help getting our membership numbers up, SAL is currently only at 76% membership renewals, let's make sure to get those in this month. That said, we have had quite a few new membership, great job on that!

Reminder our meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 6;30 pm, feel free to bring any guests who are interested in joining. Lastly, be sure to support Auxiliary at the Hot Dish Cook-Off and come celebrate 104 years of the American Legion on March 18th. Cheers, and Thank you Veterans. - Jason





FROM THE LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR

Greetings from the Riders! Brrrrrrr. Not motorcycle riding weather, but your Riders are busy.

On January 28th, we had a purse bingo at the new Zimmerman Fire Hall/Community Center. It was a great day and we were able to raise a good amount of money, with *everything made that day is going to the Gold Star Memorial* to be at our Veterans' Park.

During the event we made presentations to the *Isanti County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program (\$1,000)*, the *Sherburne County Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program (\$1,000)*, *Support the Troops-MN (\$1,500)*, as well as a donation of up to *\$2,000 to provide a meal at Fort Ripley for the local troops* that are activated there. A special thank you once again to the Bradford Roadhouse for sponsoring our event, keeping our palettes wet, and making awesome food available for our participants.

We're now gearing up for our next **2nd Amendment Bingo which will be held on March 25th.** We're also busy preparing for our Annual Veterans' Ride that will take place on June 4th. Here's to hoping everyone stays warm and safe. Spring is just around the corner.

As always, thank you so much for all the support we receive. God Bless America.





Meetings & Events

February 2023

- 04 Auxiliary Meeting 11:00 am
- 08 General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12 Super Bowl Sunday! Potluck!
- 14 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 Auxiliary Hot-Dish Cook-Off 1:00 pm
- 18 Moose Knuckle Brothers 8:00 pm
- 21 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm

- March 2023
- 07 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 pm
- 08 General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 Legion 104th Birthday Celebration 12:00 pm
- 18 Artisan Band 8:00 pm
- 21 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm

COMMEMORATIVE TILES!

There is still space available to honor your Veteran friend, family, or yourself! Tiles are \$140 each, include up to 15 characters per line. Contact Bob Lundgren at bobber54@yahoo.com or drop your checks in the commanders mail. Proceeds go to the building fund for post improvements.



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