



VETERAN OF THE MONTH - ZIMMERMAN POST 560

There are times in life when you encounter a person that leaves an indelible impression on you. Any one that has run into our veteran of the month would have to agree that he is one of those people . . . This month we are highlighting someone that has been part of our American Legion family for only 9 years, but has made a huge impact here. Our Veteran Of The Month for November 2025 is none other than our American Legion Riders Director, Loren Sikkink.

Loren has been a member of the American Legion for 31 years, and a member of Kriesel-Jacobsen Post 560 for 9 years. In the time he has been here he has been VERY active in the AL Riders, and as mentioned above, he is currently serving as ALR Chapter 560 Director for the past 4+ years. Loren and his wife Pam have 4 children, 2 girls, 2 boys. Pam is also a member of Auxiliary Unit 560, and ALR Chapter 560. One of their daughters is also a member of the Auxiliary.

Loren served in the US Army from 02-July-1983 thru 15-November-2020 (1983-1995 on active duty, 1995-2020 in the Army Reserve). He went to basic training and AIT at Fort Jackson, SC. Loren held several MOSs including: 71L (Clerk Typist), 42A (Personnel Specialist), 79S (Retention NCO), 79V (Career Counselor). Some of the other training Loren received was: Primary Leadership-Fort Richardson, AK; Basic NCO Course-Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN; Advanced NCO Course-Fort McCoy, WI. Before ending his 37 year career with the US Army, he achieved the rank of 1st Sergeant (E8). He also earned several ribbons/medals – 2 Army Commendation Medals – 6 Army Achievement Medals – Armed Forces Reserve Medal with “M” Device – Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 10-Year Device.

The Army didn't let the dust settle around Loren for long as he was stationed in many places around the country, and in Europe - Krabbenloch Kaserne, Ludwigsburg, Germany - Fort Sam Houston, TX - Fort Richardson, AK - Fort Meade, MD - Fort Snelling, MN.

In asking Loren to respond to a questionnaire for Veteran Of The Month, one of the questions was to relate what he liked about his time in the Army. Here is Loren's reply, "What I liked most are the places in the world that I was able to see, and of course the friends and relationships that I was able to make. I lived in Germany for 2 years, San Antonio, TX for 3 years, and Alaska for 4 years. My favorite place I was able to visit was the Eagle's Nest in Berchtesgaden, Germany. It was a Hitler's retreat, and in my opinion is one of the most beautiful places on Earth. I still am able to keep in touch with friends that I served with. It's probably the best thing about social media. As many of you know, the bonds with friends made while serving in the military are pretty strong, so it's great to be able to interact with old friends." When asked what he didn't like, his reply echoes what many veterans have said, the time away from family, and the missed birthdays, weddings, and family reunions. You can see pictures and hear the stories, but nothing beats actually being there.

When asked to relate a story about his time serving, Loren replied, "I really don't have that one story. There are many great stories. But I feel so privileged to have served and thankful for the change it made in my life. I didn't join for the "being a patriot" or to "be of service to my country" aspect. Honestly, I joined because I made a few mistakes in my life and was confronted with the "what are you going to do now?" question from my dad. But am blessed for the things it instilled in me and the people that became part of my life. And that includes our Legion family." That speaks volumes and enforces why we are honored to have Loren as our Veteran Of The Month.

So next time you see Loren around the Post 560 home, don't forget to say THANK YOU for his service, and for his continued service in all he does with our American Legion Family



Greeting Everyone,
Where is this year gone? As the holiday is fast approaching, I hope everyone is well. Don't forget to sign up for Thanksgiving Dinner. The Sign Up sheet is at the post.

Hunters be safe out there. Everyone have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.
Contact me anytime at mnpot560@gmail.com.

Sergio Sajion, Commander

***Check out this classy couple
from the Halloween Party!***



Hello and Greeting from the SAL.
We are preparing for our next big event, which is our Thanksgiving Eve Meat Raffle and Gun Raffle.

This is on November 26th. Start making plans to attend now, it is a great event. We have premium meat that will not disappoint. This is also the event where we draw names for all the guns that have been in the shadow box. So, take a peek at that shadow box for more guns. We will also be having E-races, Tip Boards, and possible gun flash sales. So come and join us for an exciting time!!

Keep in mind that the SAL will be hosting the annual Bean Bag Tournament on New Years Day. More to come on this next month.

Our next meeting is on November 18th; I hope to see more SAL members there.
Take care and I will see you soon, Paul Quinn SAL Commander



Greetings Legion Family!! Well, the riding season has come to an end. At least for most of us. Now we turn our attention to raising some money for our Veterans. Our first event of the season is fast approaching. We will be hosting a Designer Purse Bingo on November 15th at the Zimmerman Fire Department Station 1 Event Center. The theme of the event is "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" and our event committee has been working extremely hard to get the best prizes and adding some exciting activities to the event. Seats are filling up fast.

Mark your calendars for our next event scheduled for January 24th, which will be a 2nd Amendment Bingo and will again be at the Station 1 Event Center. Watch our Facebook page, our website, or flyers at the Post for updates and to preregister.

In the meantime we look forward to attending the events at the Post and seeing our members there. Thank you for all the support we receive. God Bless you all, and God Bless America. - Loren



Halloween Costume Contest winners!



Greetings All!

Terrific turn out for the Breast Cancer Benefit for Amber Palmer held on 10/25. What an amazing community we have. So much love and support. Thanks to everyone who organized, donated and attended this benefit.

Trunk or Treat on 10/31 was fun as always. Great turnout again this year. Thanks to those who handed out candy and all of the volunteers who helped. Thanks to our Post/Gambling for donating all of the candy.

Just a reminder the Auxiliary will be serving a **Thanksgiving Day** meal on **11/27 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Reservations Only** - sign up is required. Requesting non-perishable food items for the local food shelf. A huge THANK YOU for all of the food & cash donations we received this year to be able to make this meal for our veterans, their families and the community.

Auxiliary Membership 2026 - Just a reminder that renewal notices were sent out at the end of September. You can pay your dues at the post, online or by mail. Due to some technical difficulties, you may experience a delay in getting your membership card. We are working on it and apologize for the delay. We appreciate your patience.

Our annual **Toy Drop** will be held on **12/6 from 12:00 - 3:00 PM** at the Zimmerman Legion. All of the items received will go to families in the Zimmerman area. Come out and support. It's a great day!

We are planning on having a **Chili Cook Off & Silent Auction Pie Contest on 1/17**. Still working out all of the details. Look for more information to come out on this within the next month.

Meeting dates: 11/1 @11:00 AM and 12/6 @10:00 AM.

The December 6th meeting will start at 10:00 AM. We'll have a brief meeting followed by Holiday festivities. Bring a dish to share and we'll be doing a gift exchange for those interested. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday season!

God Bless! Donna Schermann - Auxiliary President Unit 560
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Josh and Amber Palmer would like to thank everyone who attended, donated and made Amber's benefit an amazing event. Special thanks everyone who organized, promoted and volunteered. Thank you for the runway show, selling swag and Jell-O shots, being the MC, running the auction and making everything perfect. Also Micheal Sherwood was amazing and kept the party going. We appreciate each and everyone who was involved in supporting our family during amber's cancer journey.

HOLIDAY HOURS!!!

Thanksgiving from 11:00 - 6:00 PM
Christmas Eve from 11:00 - 6:00 PM
Christmas Day: CLOSED
New Years Day from 11:00 - 8:00 PM

Shout out to Ric Haugland for repairing The American Legion sign on the side of the building that our Legion got from the Richfield Legion. The sign had chips and dings and He volunteered his time and own supplies needed to make the sign like new.



POST 560 OFFICERS

Commander, Sergio Sajion
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2nd Vice, Tom Wilkinson
Adjutant, Bob Lundgren
Sergeant At Arms, Del Whittlef
Chaplain, Frank Grittner
Service Officer, Mike Tschudi
Historian, Jim Wagner
Legion Membership, Bob Lundgren
Auxiliary President, Donna Schermann
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

November 2025

- 05 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
- 08 - The Piano Man live at 5:00 pm
- 11 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm (Veterans Day)
- 15 - Designer Purse Bingo & Station 1 Karaoke/DJ 7:00 pm
- 18 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
- 19 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 26 - SAL Meat & Gun Raffles & Whiskey & Water live
- 27 - Thanksgiving Dinner served 12-2pm (MUST SIGN UP!)

December 2025

- 06 - Auxiliary Meeting 10:00 am
TOY DROP Noon - 3:00 pm
- 09 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 - ARMY vs. NAVY GAME 2:00 pm
- 16 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
- 17 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 24 - Christmas Eve Open 11-6:00 pm
- 25 - Merry Christmas! CLOSED
- 31 - Back to the 50's New Year's Eve Party with DJ! 8:00 pm
Dress up 50's style!!

**MONDAY NIGHT BINGO & RACES at 6:00 PM
FRIDAY NIGHT MEAT RAFFLE & RACES AT 6:00 PM**

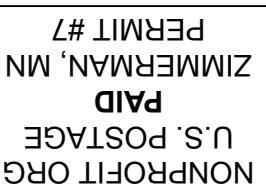
BAR HOURS

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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