ZIMMERMAN AMERICAN LEGION POST 560

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THE LATEST NEWS & EVENTS AT POST 560

March was a great month for all of our entities. We had incredible turnouts for the 105th Birthday Celebration, Auxiliary Bus Hop, AND the Rider 2nd Amendment Bingo. See the Officer write-ups for details. Thank you to all of our volunteers who make these events memorable and successful!



From the adjutant: We have an aluminum ramp system available. There is a 5'X5' landing and 24' of ramp contact Bob for information 763-286-2276.

Upcoming Events:

- April 10th Karaoke Contest Starts
- April 13th Rum River Band
- April 20th Pig Roast & Razz Acoustic
- May 4th Spring Patio Party & Lucky Knuckle
- May 11th Michael Sherwood
- May 25th Wild West Weekend (stay tuned)
- June 2nd Annual Veterans Ride
- June 8th Gold Star Monument Ceremony

Stay up to date by following us at facebook.com/MNpost560 or visit www.MNpost560.com

WANTED: GAMBLING MANAGER POSITION OPEN

Interested candidates must be a POST Member. Must take and pass the Gambling Managers course within 6 months of start, or 90 days after. Interested? Contact 560booth@gmail.com or call 763-856-2131.

See also the Gambling Control Board website for course details: https://mn.gov/gcb/ and look under Education - -Gambling Manager Seminar)

FROM THE OFFICERS



POST UPDATE

BY COMMANDER PAUL MCCORMICK

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Spring is here, that means baseball has started and soon the mosquitoes will be back. Thank you to everyone who came and helped celebrate the Legion birthday. As always, it was a wonderful turnout. A big congratulations to Joe Thompson for winning the Thompson Machine Gun. Officer nominations will start this month, if you are interested in running for office, please attend the General Membership meeting. If you are interested in going to Veterans on the Hill on April 17th, there will be a bus leaving the post at 8AM. This is free, but seats are limited. You can sign up at the post, or by: emailing <u>almndistrict6chaplain@gmail.com</u>, or calling (763) 232-3526. Don't forget about the SAL pig roast on April 20th. Mark your calendars and pray for good weather, we will be having a patio party on May 4th to officially open the patio for the season. Here's to hoping for great Spring weather and that our golf shots hit straight.

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



AUXILIARY UPDATE

BY PRESIDENT DONNA SCHERMANN

Greetings! The Auxiliary has been incredibly busy over the past month. I'd like to THANK all of the Auxiliary for their volunteer work and some great events. We could not do what we do without you. I am

so grateful to be part of such an amazing group of people.

THANKS to all of YOU for supporting the Chili Cook-Off & Pie Silent Auction event. We raised **\$1,874 and were able to** donate **\$1,000** to the Zimmerman School Archery Program & **\$1,000** to the Safety Patrol Program at Legionville.

Our Annual Bus Hop on 3/2 was a lot of fun. Thanks to Tracey Frantesl & Pam Knitter for organizing the event and Patty Lundgren, Roxanne O'Brien, Ronda Schinkel, and Jill Merchant for making the delicious breakfast sandwiches. We raised **\$2,426** for this event.

The Corned Beef/Cabbage & Irish Stew meal raised \$1,206.72! We were blessed to have the 6th District Auxiliary President, Patti Gunderson attend this event. We presented her with a check for \$1,000 toward her President's Project - Supporting activity funds for the new Veterans Home in Bemidji.

We had fun delivering Easter Baskets to Pine Cone/Pine Tree Major and at the Easter Bunny Meet & Greet! Some upcoming activities we are working on: *Child Activity Bags for the Armed Forces Service Center, Magnus Run 5/11, Mother's Day Free Gifts 5/5 & Poppy Poster Contest due 5/5.* More info as we get closer.

Next Meeting is Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 AM upstairs. In May we will move meetings to the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM downstairs.

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

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SAL UPDATE BY COMMANDER PAUL QUINN

Hello and greetings from the Sons of the American Legion.

Well the March 16th Legion Birthday Celebration went very well. The SAL had their famous meat raffle which was a great success. Along with that we had tip boards (16 of them), e-races, and a couple of gun raffles. I can't thank all of the SAL and others that help us out on this day. We could not have done this without any of you.

We have our next event on April 20th. We have some of the SAL that will be cooking a pig so we can have a pig roast. Look for the banners and event information in this newsletter. Bring your A game in horseshoes or bean bags, weather dependent we will have a few tournaments for bragging rights.

Start looking for new guns to be placed into the gun shadow box, we will be starting these raffles very soon, if not already.

We will be raising our dues to \$25.00 for 2025 and then to \$30.00 for 2026.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 in the back part of upstairs. If you've just joined or just want to check us out before you join, come and see us. Until next time, take care and have fun. Paul Quinn – SAL Commander

Pictured Right: Joe Thompson, winner of the Thompson Machine Gun





ALR UPDATE BY DIRECTOR LOREN SIKKINK

Greetings Legion Family! After Mother Nature gave us a false sense of hope for an early spring she pulled the rug out from under us. But it will come soon and we will be able to be out on our bikes. Please be sure to watch out for motorcycles.

We had a bingo event on March 24th which included 2nd Amendment items as well as some designer purses and other items. This was our first time with this format and also our first time having a bingo event on a Sunday. And despite the threat of a nasty snow storm, things went really well. We were also able to make two \$5,000.00 donations that day. One to Gaits of Hope and one to Roger Up. Both are organizations that focus on Veterans and First Responders that are in need of a little help. We are very fortunate to be able to help organizations that exist to help our heroes when they need it. A huge thank you to everyone that supports us at our events.

On Sunday, March 30th, the Anoka American Legion Riders held a Legion Riders Meet and Greet at the Anoka American Legion. We had a good group go down there and had a good time. It's really neat to talk to members from other Legions. I'd like to pass on to everyone what an amazing reputation our Post has. It's an honor to be a part of this Legion Family.

The next event the Riders have going is our Vets Ride on Sunday, June 2nd. Watch for details around the Post and on our Facebook page and website. Looking forward to having a great day and thank you in advance to our Post, the SAL, and the Auxiliary for all their support.

Thank you again to all the members of our Post for the support we receive. Because of you we are kicking butt. God Bless you all, and God Bless America.

POST OFFICERS

Commander, Paul McCormick 1st Vice, Chad Culbertson 2nd Vice, Tom Wilkinson Adjutant, Bob Lundgren Sergeant At Arms, Del Whittlef Chaplain, Frank Grittner Service Officer, Travis Culbertson Historian. Ron Mathison Legion & SAL Membership, Bob Lundgren

Auxiliary President, Donna Schermann Auxiliary Membership, Angela Moran SAL Commander, Paul Quinn SAL 1st Vice, Mick Wilkinson Bar Manager, Heidi Larcom Gambling Manager, Frank Grittner Exec. At Large, Sergio Saijon, Gary Regel Legion Rider Director, Loren Sikkink



MEETING SCHEDULE

APRIL 2024

- 06 Auxiliary Meeting 10:30 am (upstairs)
- 09 Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
- 16 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
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- 21 SAL Meeting 6:30 pm 24 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm
 - 22 Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm

07 - Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 pm

14 - Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 pm

HOURS & WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday Nights 6:00 PM - BINGO Wednesdays - Member BoGo Day Friday Nights 6:00 PM - Meat Raffle & Races

BAR HOURS

MAY 2024

Monday-Thursday 11am - 11pm Friday & Saturday 11am - 1am Sundays 11am - 8pm

GAMBLING BOOTH

The Booth is now open at 11:00 AM DAILY for E-Tabs and Pull Tabs and closes at bar time. The position of Gambling Manager is currently open! Inquire within!



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Starts Wednesday Nights on April 10 at 6:00 PM



SATURDAY MAY 4th

Wild West Weekend

Details are coming! Parade is Saturday May 25th Karaoke Finals May 26th!

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