

LEGIONNAIRE 560

Home Port of the U.S.S. Liberty



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VETERAN OF THE MONTH - ZIMMERMAN POST 560

This month we are highlighting another active member of Post 560. This veteran has been a long-time member of our Honor/Color Guard and is a new member of our Executive Board. Our veteran of the Month is . . . Jim Wagner.

Jim has been a member of Kriesel-Jacobsen Post 560 for 13 years. He is serving his first term on the Exec-Board here at the Post as our Post Historian. Jim and his wife Claudia have 5 children (3 Girls, 2 Boys). Claudia is also a member of Auxiliary Unit 560, as well as one of their daughters. 2 granddaughters are Junior Auxiliary members.

Jim served our country in the U.S. Army from December 1965 thru December 1967. He went to basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. After basic Jim went to AIT for training in survey/forward observer at Fort Sill, OK. Jim reached the rank of Sergeant-E5 before leaving the Army. He earned several medals/awards including the: Good Conduct Medal – National Defense Service Medal – Sharpshooter Medal.

After completing training at Fort Sill, Jim was stationed at Camp Casey, Korea. His primary MOS was 82C10 – surveyor. His duties were to survey firing points for honest John missiles.

When asked what he liked about being in the Army, Jim responded, “After growing up on the farm, and never leaving the state of MN, it was fun to visit other states and meet new people. It was great to meet the people from different states and the comradery. Then going overseas to a different country and witnessing the different culture.”

One of the things Jim didn’t like about the army was being away from home, family and friends for 13 months while in Korea, with no contact at all. He also missed driving a car, or going to the movies, and all of the other normal things kids do.

Jim recalled that when he came back from Korea, he was proud to be selected to be part of the Honor Guard that honored fallen soldiers. He was also proud to take part in parades with the Color Guard to honor our country. His time in the Army proved to him how thankful we all should be to live in this country.

So next time you see Jim around the Post, remember to thank him for his service, and for his continued service, to our country and our Post.

FRIDAY MEAT RAFFLE & RACES ARE BACK ON 10/3!

DJ/Karaoke on 10/4, Trunk or Treat & Halloween Costume Party 10/31!

PLUS, Sign up for a Thanksgiving Meal with Auxiliary!

**SILENT AUCTION & BOOZE DONATIONS ARE BEING COLLECTED 10/11 from
Noon - 2:00 PM in the Parking Lot for the Breast Cancer Benefit.**

Visit www.MNPost560.com/Events for all the details!



Greeting Post 560

Another busy month came and went. We have another busy month ahead of us. Meat Raffle is starting, we have a benefit, Trunk or Treat, and don't forget the Vikings Game with Jersey Giveaway.

As we approach the colder months, if you are a veteran or know a veteran that needs assistance, please contact our Post Service Officer Mike Tschudi or reach out to the post. If you have questions or concerns, contact me at mnpost560@gmail.com.

Sergio Sajion, Commander



Hello and Greeting from the SAL.

If you have not noticed, the SAL dues are NOW! The dues are \$30.00 for the year. Let's get those memberships renewed and bring a friend along for a new membership. Reminder, if your dues are not paid, you do not receive the BOGO on Wednesdays.

Our next big event will be our Thanksgiving Eve Meat Raffle and Gun Raffle. This is on November 26th. Start making plans to attend now, it is a great event. 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. You are running out of time to be a big winner!

Our next meeting is on October 21st, I hope to see more SAL members there.

Take care and I will see you soon, Paul Quinn SAL Commander



Greetings Legion Family! September was a beautiful weather month and our Riders were able to get some more miles in and participate in more rides to benefit our Veterans. We still have a few more that we will be supporting as the riding season winds down.

We are still busy getting ready for our first fundraising event of the fall/winter season. We will be conducting a **designer purse bingo on November 15th** at the Zimmerman Station One Event Center. Our event committee has been busy preparing for an epic event. The theme for the event is "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" See the flyers at our Post, or check our Facebook page or website for more information. Can't make this one? We will have two more events over the winter. They will both be 2nd Amendment bingos. Stay tuned for more information.

As always, thank you all for all the support we receive. We're honored to represent our great Post. God Bless you all, and God Bless America!

Loren

THE ZIMMERMAN AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESENT:
Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
a designer purse bingo event!
bingo
Saturday, November 15 2025
STATION 1 EVENT CENTER
26140 136th St NW, Zimmerman MN

AUXILIARY UNIT 560 PRESENTS
TRUNK OR TREAT!
OCT 31
ZIMMERMAN AMERICAN LEGION
IN PATRIOTS HALL DOWNSTAIRS
12674 FREMONT AVE - ZIMMERMAN MN
FROM 4 PM - 6 PM
CANDY & COLORING BOOKS FOR KIDS
FROM OUR DECKED OUT HALL DOWNSTAIRS



Greetings All!

The Auxiliary donated a total of **\$6,740.00** to the following: Girls State \$1,000, President Project/Legionville \$1,740, Child Welfare Project \$2,000 and Jr President Project \$1,000.

The **Garage Sale** on 9/6 was a great success. Thank you to all who donated and came out to support this event. We raised **\$1,761.00**. Great job to all of the volunteers who helped - Patty Lundgren, Sandy Slocum, Judi Kruse, Sherry Mettling, Pam Knitter.

The Auxiliary donated needed **school supplies to Zimmerman & Westwood Elementary** this past month. Thank you to Pam Knitter, Pam Bielger, Heidi Culbertson and Cindy Westphal for leading this effort. Also, Thank you to our community for your donations.

Our **Annual Membership Dinner was held on 9/27**. Thanks to everyone who attended. The food was delicious. Special shout out to Z Market for catering the meal. Thanks to Tom Wilkinson and the Auxiliary for their help in making desserts, setting up and serving the dinner. Terrific job!

Breast Cancer Benefit for Amber Palmer is being held on 10/25 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. Please help support Amber and her family. We will be collecting donations (Silent Auction Baskets and Booze Cooler Donations) for the benefits on **10/11 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM** at the Zimmerman Legion in the back parking lot.

Trunk or Treat will be held on 10/31 from 2:00 - 6:00 PM downstairs in Patriots Hall. If you're interested in decorating or have supplies to decorate the basement, please reach out and let me know.

The Auxiliary will be serving a **Thanksgiving Day meal on 11/27 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM**. Reservations are required. We're looking for donations for the following items: Turkey's, potatoes, squash, sausage, cabbage and cranberries. Please contact Patty Lundgren 763-286-2278 or plund4050@yahoo.com.

Auxiliary Membership dues - It's that time of year again, renewal notices were recently sent out at the end of September. You can pay your dues at the post, online or by mail. Auxiliary dues: \$40.00 per member and Junior members are \$10.00.

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

Reminder: Our **meetings will move to Saturday** starting November 1st @ 11:00 AM.

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



Membership Renewals are due!

Please Note, starting October 1st, Post and SAL members who have not yet renewed will not be able to get their Wednesday Buy One Get One drinks.

Renew at the post, by mail, or online at MyLegion.org or download the Legion+ App!

POST 560 OFFICERS

Commander, Sergio Sajjon
1st Vice, Paul McCormick
2nd Vice, Tom Wilkinson
Adjutant, Bob Lundgren
Sergeant At Arms, Del Whittle
Chaplain, Frank Grittner
Service Officer, Mike Tschudi
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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

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

November 2025

01 - Auxiliary Meeting 11:00 am
DJ/Karaoke 7:00 pm
04 - Karaoke/DJ 7:00 pm
05 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
11 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
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 Thanksgiving Eve & Whiskey & Water
27 - Thanksgiving Dinner served 12-2pm
(MUST SIGN UP!)

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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U.S. POSTAGE
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PERMIT #7

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