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 **AMERICAN  
LEGION**

**LEGIONNAIRE 560**  
Home Port of the U.S.S. Liberty

### As we arrive into the Holiday season and prepare for a new year...

Can we take a moment and appreciate how incredible our American Legion Post is! Consider all of the ways we align with one another and support the community, each other, and Veterans. We've come a long way and continue growing! There are far too many things happening this month to fit here, but we'll do our best!

### A quick update on Membership:

As of now our Post membership is at 76% with a lot of members still not renewed. The SAL is at 58% which is miles from where we need to be. Let's keep those continuous years going. We are **already halfway through the 2024 year as of Dec 31st**. Please note: You can now use your card to pay at the Post, simply ask the bartender! You can also renew online at MyLegion.org.

### What's Coming Up!

- Auxiliary 4th Annual Army vs. Navy Game! Saturday, December 9 at 2:00 PM (See Donna & Paul's Highlights!)
- New Years Eve Vikings Game Bash! Potluck, Jersey Giveaway, Jell-O Shots. Sunday, December 31st at 7:30 pm
- New Years Day Bean Bag Tournament! Monday, January 1 at 11:00 AM (See Paul Quinn's Highlights!)
- Breast Cancer Benefit for Barb & Andrea! Saturday, January 13th from 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- Rider 2nd Amendment Bingo at Station 1 Event Center! Saturday, January 27th at 11:00 AM (See Loren's Highlights!)

### Other Quick Bites!

The Fall Karaoke Contest was a huge hit! We had some brand new contestants who really mixed things up this round. Thank you to our judges and Mick Wilkinson for organizing the contest. What a great time. See our Facebook page for videos! ([facebook.com/mnpost560](https://facebook.com/mnpost560))

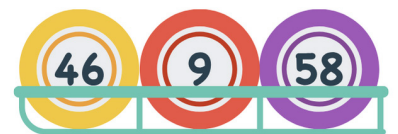
Vikings Game Day Potlucks have been an absolute blast! Be sure to join us for EVERY Vikings game. Arrive before the end of the 1st quarter for a chance at the Jersey Giveaway!

We will be closed at 5:00 PM on December 17th for a Staff Holiday Party.

**Thank you for being an instrumental part of our American Legion Family. We appreciate you and look forward to more growth and success in 2024!**

**MONDAY NIGHT BINGO**

**6:00 PM**

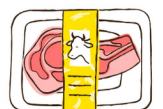


*New Time. New Program!*

**MEAT RAFFLE**

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**6:00 PM**





I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. As always, the auxiliary did an amazing job on Thanksgiving Day in providing a delicious meal and a place to gather.

I hope everyone is getting as excited as I am for the Army vs Navy football game coming up. We will be hosting our fourth annual party this year. The game starts at 2pm. Come early because we have lots of festivities going on. It is a potluck, so if you can please bring a dish to pass.

I would like to thank everybody who helped decorate the patio for the holiday season. Special thanks to Mike Lemke with Nelson's Nursery for donating the tree again this year. The setup looks amazing. If you are looking for a **Christmas gift idea** for a service member, you might like to *consider gifting them a service plaque*. It's a great way to honor those past and present who have served. Forms are available at the post if you are interested. I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! God bless you and GO NAVY!!!

Paul McCormick, Commander, plmccormick@outlook.com



Greetings Legion Family!! I hope everyone had a happy turkey day and is now getting ready for the big guy in a red suit.

We had our first fall/winter fundraising event of the year on November 4th. It was a Designer Purse Bingo held at the Zimmerman Fire Station and it was a great success. **A huge "Thank You" to Carrie and Mitch from Bradford Roadhouse and One for the Road food truck for sponsoring our event and Thank You to Tim Hadler from G.U.M.I. Camp** for starting the event off right with the National Anthem. We had a lot of fun and raised a great amount of money that we will use to support our Veterans and our community. Our next event will be a **2nd Amendment Bingo** again being held at the

Zimmerman Fire Station on **January 27th**. Early registration is now open and groups of eight can reserve a table. Follow us on Facebook or look for details at the Post.

We look forward to supporting our amazing Auxiliary on December 2nd at the Toy Drop, and again on December 9th for the Army-Navy Game. Go Army. We are blessed to have such an active post (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders) and such great support. I encourage everyone to get more involved.

Thank you all for the amazing support we receive. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and joyous holiday season. God Bless you all and God Bless America.

Get Your Tickets Early for 2nd Amendment Bingo! 18 Guns, 10 Bingo Games, Flash Raffles, Booze Coolers, Bean Bag Boards, and Door Prizes! This is one you don't want to miss.

**SCAN THE CODE WITH YOUR PHONE TO GET  
ADVANCED TICKETS!**





Greetings!  
Hope everyone is enjoying the Holiday season!

A very special shout out to all of those who helped with the Thanksgiving Day meal. What an amazing turn out. **The Auxiliary knocked it out of the park again this year. THANK YOU to those who donated** items to go to the food shelf.

Our annual Toy Drive was Saturday, December 2nd and a huge success! The Zimmerman Fire Department joined us again this year and we had a special visit from Santa Claus! We received so many cash donations from the community and toy donations again this year. Thank you to all who volunteered.

If you haven't done so, stay up to date on Auxiliary Unit 560 and see pictures on our Facebook page. **Make sure to like our page at [facebook.com/AuxUnit560](https://facebook.com/AuxUnit560).**

The Auxiliary donated \$500 towards Bags for Hope. Thank You Ronda Schinkel and Lisa Sulack for coming to our meeting and sharing your passion and all that you do for this organization.

The Auxiliary is organizing a Benefit for two of our members fighting Breast Cancer, Barb King & Andrea Hollister. Please come show your support for these ladies on **January 13th from 1:00 - 4:00 PM**. We will have Silent Auction, Live Action, Food & Fun. \$15.00 entry for lunch. All proceeds and donations go to support these ladies.

***Just a friendly reminder to pay your dues by 12/31/23 if you haven't already done so.***

The next Auxiliary meeting is Saturday, January 6th @11:00 AM. Come join us!

God Bless and Take Care!

Donna Schermann – Auxiliary President, [donna.schermann@gmail.com](mailto:donna.schermann@gmail.com) – 763-213-9017



Hello and greetings from the SAL. I hope this finds you well.

The Thanksgiving Eve Meat Raffle went extremely good!! I can't thank everyone enough for coming and enjoying this event. We had some excellent meat to give out, and we know who won most of it.....always has to be a meat hog!! Just kidding, but there was one very lucky winner. We had a ton of fun with the tip boards and the e-tab races. Looks like they were quite a hit. We did raffle off the two guns that were in the shadow box to two lucky winners. Again, we really appreciate the tips that were given out from the event winners too.

**Crown Blanket update:** We live auctioned off squares on this special blanket. I will have more information on this next time. But I would have to say it was a very big success!! Well done!!

**Next: The New Years Day bean bag tournament.** Get the news out!!! Registration will be at 11am with a start time of noon. 100% payout to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd teams. We are \$20 per person or \$40 per team. This will be a double elimination bracket. Signup sheets will be posted at the Legion soon. During the day we will also be doing e-tab racing and tip boards.

Until next time.....be safe and have a GREAT time!!

Paul Quinn SAL Commander



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## Meetings & Events

### December 2023

- 02 - Auxiliary Meeting 11:00 am
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Live Music to Follow
- 09 - Army vs. Navy Game 2:00 pm  
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- 12 - Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
- 13 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
- 17 - Closing at 5:00 pm**
- 19 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 24 - Closing at 6:00 pm
- 30 - SainTrio 8:00 pm
- 31 - New Years Eve Vikings Bash 7:20pm

### January 2023

- 01 - New Years Day Bean Bag Tourney
- 06 - Auxiliary Meeting 11:00 am
- 09 - Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 - Benefit for Barb & Andrea 1-4:00 pm
- 16 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 - Doc is playing! 6-10:00 pm
- 24 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 27 - Rider 2nd Amendment Bingo at  
Station 1 Event Center 11:00 am

### BAR HOURS

Monday-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-Thursday 4:00 pm - close  
 Friday-Sunday 12:00 pm - close

*E-Tabs available all day. Pull tabs behind the bar during off-booth hours.  
 Food & Drinks before gambling, please!*



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