

FEB. 2024

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Home Port of the U.S.S. Liberty

### Highlights from January 2024!

Our American Legion members, patrons, friends, and family raised over \$16,000 at the Breast Cancer Benefit for our two ladies in need. Not only is it pretty impressive for a small town, it's incredible that the generosity never ceases. Our members continue to support all of our worthy causes and we thank you.

The Legion Riders held another very successful 2nd Amendment Bingo on January 27th and are working hard on their upcoming event on Sunday, March 24th AND the Annual Veterans Ride on Sunday, June 2nd. Stay tuned.

### WHAT IS COMING UP?

- Sun. February 11: Super Bowl Potluck & Chicken Wing Contest. We will start around 2:00 PM.
- Sat. February 17: Auxiliary Chili Cook-Off & Pie Silent Auction (Sign up at the Bar to compete) Starts at 1:00 PM.
- Sat. March 2: Auxiliary Bus Hop! Sign up is February 7th at 6:00 PM. \$60 per person, must pay at sign up.
- Sat. March 16: Legion 105th Birthday Celebration & St. Paddy's Day Party. Starts at 12:30 PM.

### TAKEAWAYS FROM THE 6th DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

At the District Conference on January 27th a couple key items were raised by officers, and our very own Peggy and Carl Moon! We want to bring these to the forefront as we continue pushing forward with the mission.

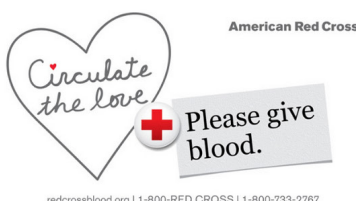
- **Be The One:** Veteran Suicide rates continue to rise and we need more action, less talk. [legion.org/beTheOne](https://legion.org/beTheOne)
- **Girls & Boys State:** How can we engage more youth to register and attend this amazing program?
- **Scholarships:** They aren't just for High Schoolers. Are you looking to return to school, you might qualify.
- **Legionville:** Attendance has been down since COVID. Efforts to expand the program are in motion, let's engage more youth.
- **Assistance Programs:** There are many programs available to help Veterans and their families that they may not be aware of. Help them make sure they get the help they need.

Follow our Facebook page as we touch more on these topics: [Facebook.com/MNPost560](https://Facebook.com/MNPost560)

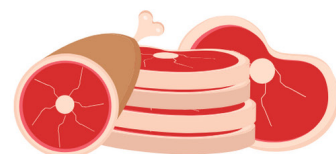
**MONDAY NIGHT BINGO**  
**6:00 PM**



**Next Blood Drive**  
**February 13, 2024**



**MEAT RAFFLE &**  
**CASH RACES TOO!**  
**EVERY FRIDAY 6:00 PM**





What a beautiful winter we're having! Unless you like to ice fish, snow-mobile, ice skate, ski, build snowmen, or shovel your driveway... but I have no complaints!

If you feel like you're a great cook, February is your month! Come support the Auxiliary ladies. Super Bowl Sunday there will be a chicken wing competition. If you're not a wing cooker, you can still enjoy the fun and bring a dish to share for the potluck.

There will also be a chili cook-off on February 17th. Once again, thank you to everyone who attended the 6th district mid-winter convention last month. February is a short month but it's an extra day longer this year, Happy Leap Year!

March is a busy month so keep a look-out on Facebook for upcoming events. Also, looking ahead, I know April is a way away, but if you are interested in attending **Veterans Day on the Hill**, there will be a bus going down this year. You can check out our Facebook page or come into the post for more information and times. This is free, but seats are limited. You can sign up at the post, or by emailing [almndistrict6chaplain@gmail.com](mailto:almndistrict6chaplain@gmail.com), or calling (763) 232-3526.

Paul McCormick, Commander, [plmccormick@outlook.com](mailto:plmccormick@outlook.com)



Greetings Legion Family!! This warm January weather already has us thinking of riding motorcycles, but we know we're not close yet.

January was a great month for your Riders. We had our Annual Rider Dinner in Patriot's Hall at the Legion on January 20th. Our meal was catered by The Bradford Roadhouse/One for the Road food truck, so of course it was amazing. Following the meal many of us went upstairs and enjoyed some beverages while listening to Doc play some of our favorite music. Huge thank you to the Legion staff for taking great care of us that night. It was a great night of fellowship.

On January 27th we held our 2nd Amendment Bingo at the Station One Fire Hall in Zimmerman. We had nearly a full house and were able to have a lot of fun while raising money to support our Veterans. During the event we were able to make donations to two groups that we are honored to support because of the great work that they do - **Patriot Assistance Dogs (PAD)** and **Support the Troops - Minnesota (STT-MN)**. Both organizations had people there supporting us, as well as three tables from **Hometown Heroes Outdoors**. And of course, many of our Legion family were also there supporting us. A huge thank you to all that attended.

Our next event will again be at the **Station One Fire Hall on Sunday, March 24th**. Stay tuned and follow us on Facebook for more details.

We are busy getting ready for our Veterans Ride to be held on Sunday, June 2nd. We also have a cash raffle that will be held on that date. We will be awarding **twenty \$500 prizes** that day. Tickets are \$20/each and we are only selling 1,000 tickets. Be sure to see any of our Riders to get your tickets.

As always, thank you all so much for the tremendous amount of support we receive. We are truly blessed. God Bless America.





Greetings!

The Auxiliary is getting ready for our **Chili Cook-Off & Pie Silent Action this year to be held on 2/17 @ 1:00 PM**. We'd love to have you come join us. Whether it is just to eat and be social or make delicious Chili for others to enjoy, \$5.00 entry fee, \$15.00 all you can eat, bring in your Chili by 1:00 PM, judging starts at 2:00 PM. We have a sign up sheet on the board next to the restrooms. We will be giving out 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. If Chili's not your thing, how about making a Pie. We'll be doing silent auctions for the pies. The pie that raises the most money will receive a gift certificate.

The Auxiliary will be serving **Corned Beef/Cabbage and Irish Stew** during the Legions 105th Birthday celebrations on **March 16th**.

The Auxiliary is currently at **74% for renewed members** so far this year, this is down considerably from last year. Please take a look at your membership card and if it's not 2024, that means you'll need to renew. Whether you joined to honor a family member's military service or that of your own, it is important every year to pay membership dues and say yes to the Auxiliary's mission. Renewing allows the ALA to continue being a strong community of volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families.

**Next Meeting: 2/3 (Saturday) @ 11:00 AM Legion Basement - Patriots Halls**

- We will have a Pajama theme for our February meeting.
- The SAL will be serving breakfast to the Auxiliary prior to our meeting.
- The bar will be serving Bloody Mary's starting at 10:30 AM, if folks want to come early.

God Bless and Take Care!

Donna Schermann – Auxiliary President

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

We are looking forward to cooking breakfast for the Auxiliary meeting on Feb 3rd. This is always a good time to get to know our other members better.

The Legion Birthday and St Patrick's Day celebrations are set for March 16th. As usual the **SAL will be there to have their famous meat raffle along with gun raffles, tip boards, and e-races**. Come on out and enjoy a GREAT day.

As always, please review your membership for the SAL. We can always use new members also, ask about the SAL and if you would like to be a part of this family. **Our next meeting is Feb 20th at 6:30pm**. Until next time, be safe. Paul Quinn, SAL Commander

**Don't forget to get your RIDER CASH RAFFLE Tickets. PLUS, there are still tickets available for the Gold Plated Tommy Gun Raffle!**

***Ask any Rider for cash raffle and ask the Bar/Gambling for Tommy Gun Tickets!***

## POST 560 OFFICERS

Commander, Paul McCormick  
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 Auxiliary President,  
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 Auxiliary Membership,  
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 Bar Manager, Heidi Larcom  
 Gambling Manager, Gary Lore  
 Exec. at Large, Sergio Sajion,  
 Gary Regel  
 Legion Riders Director, Loren Sikkink



## Meetings & Events

### February 2024

- 03 - Auxiliary Meeting 11:00 am
- 03 - Teezer Band at 6:00 pm
- 11 - Super Bowl Potluck & Wing Contest
- 13 - Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
- 17 - Auxiliary Chili Cook-Off 1:00 pm
- 20 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
- 28 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm

#### COMMEMORATIVE TILES!

Honor your Veteran friend, family, or yourself! Tiles are \$140 each. Contact Bob Lundgren at bobber54@yahoo.com or drop your checks in the commanders mail.

### March 2024

- 02 - Auxiliary Bus Hop - MEETING MOVED
- 05 - Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 pm
- 12 - Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
- 13 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
- 16 - Legion 105th Birthday Celebration!  
*St. Paddy's Day Meal Served 12:30 pm*  
*Gun Raffles, Tip Boards, & Live Music*
- 19 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
- 27 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm

### 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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