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

Another year behind us, another year of blessings and gratitude ahead...

2023 has come to a close and we have so much to celebrate and be thankful for. The incredible events, fundraisers, activities, and good old fashioned fun we've had at Post 560 is hard to beat.

The Gold Star Families Monument is set to be delivered around May 1st and we are in the process of planning the dedication. The site is near ready with just a couple small project left for spring. Thank You to all that have made this project possible through donations of time and money. - GSFMM Committee

Membership Year 2024:

Post membership is near 90% while the SAL is around 70%, Auxiliary is currently at 61%. Please remember SAL dues are still \$20.00 and Post is \$45.00, Auxiliary is \$40.00 payable at the Post or by mail: Zimmerman American Legion PO Box 123, also disregard late notices if you have a 2024 card. Those notices come from National I have no control over them. 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!

- Breast Cancer Benefit for Barb & Andrea, January 13th from 1-4:00 PM
- Legion Rider Dinner, January 20th, followed by Doc Live at the Legion until 10:00 PM
- Legion Rider 2nd Amendment Bingo at Station 1 Event Center, January 27th at 11:00 AM

Other Quick Thoughts

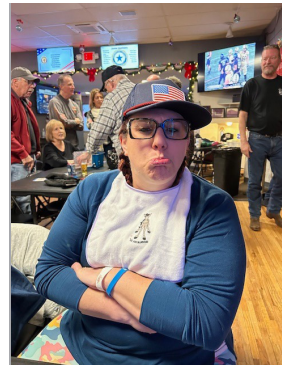
Do you know anyone looking for new connections or ways to volunteer and enjoy group comrarderie? As Members of the American Legion, we are also ambassadors! Don't want to carry around Applications? **Download the app, pictured to the right.** The applications are right there and you can easily guide someone on how to join.





Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. I want to thank everyone who made this year's Army vs Navy watch party a success. Once again, and it's not easy for me to say this, but congratulations to all you Army folks... but Navy will take 2024!! It's a good time to take a look at your membership card. If you haven't renewed, **just know your 2023 card is now expired** and will not be eligible for Wednesday b.o.g.o until you receive your 2024 card. You can renew at the post, so please come on in and do that! If you haven't heard or seen already; we are **raffling off the .45 caliber Thompson Machine gun** again. The proceeds will go to four different organizations: Gumi, Magnus, Support our Troops, and Legionville. Raffle tickets are available at the post. We will be raffling off the gun at our legion birthday celebration in March. Don't forget about the Breast Cancer Benefit we're having for Andrea and Barb on January 13th from 1p-4p, come help support these wonderful ladies. I hope your New Year gets off to a great start and everyone has a wonderful 2024.

Paul McCormick, Commander, plmccormick@outlook.com



Happy New Year Legion Family!! I hope everyone had a nice holiday season. The Riders have been busy getting things prepared for our upcoming events.

On December 16th a group of our Riders and a few extra Post members were able to visit Veterans at the St Cloud VA Hospital. We brought gift bags, and were able to visit and hopefully spread some holiday cheer to our Veterans.

We will be having our annual **Rider dinner on January 20th** in the Post basement. Following the meal many of us will head upstairs to enjoy the live music, and likely some adult refreshments.

We will be hosting a **2nd Amendment Bingo on January 27th** at the new fire station in Zimmerman. Come and join us and have some fun. See the flyers around the post or check out our Facebook page for more info.

We will also be having another bingo event in March, and are busy getting ready for our Annual Veterans Run motorcycle and classic car ride to be held on June 2nd. We will also be having a cash raffle drawing in conjunction with our ride. Please check with any of the Riders for tickets.

As always, thank you for the amazing support we receive. God bless you all and God bless America.
Loren

2nd Amendment Bingo Guns List:

SCCY w/Red Dot 9MM Pistol
 Rock River Arms AR-15 .223 Rifle
 ATI Cavalry O/U 12 GA Shotgun
 Springfield Hellcat 9MM Pistol
 Henry Pump 22 Mag Rifle
 Springfield XDM 9MM Pistol
 Bond Arms Defender 45A cp Revolver
 Tristar Setter 20GA Shotgun
 Ruger 57 5.7 x 28 Pistol

Kimber Custom LW 1911 45Acp Pistol
 Leopard Glock G43 9MM Pistol
 Henry H012 GCL 45 Colt Rifle
 Citadel Flag 1911 45Acp Pistol
 Weatherby Vanguard 308 Rifle
 Smith & Wesson 22c 22LR Pistol
 Ruger SR1911 45Acp Pistol
 Kimber Sapphire 380 Acp Pistol
 Stevens 555 12GA Shotgun



Greetings! Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and supported the Toy Drive this year. It was a great day. I'm always so humbled at the generosity of our patrons and members of the community.

The **Auxiliary donated \$1,200 towards the Food Shelf** (Passing of the Bread). This was in thanks to all of the generous donations that we received for the Thanksgiving Day meal.

The Auxiliary received a plaque for our donations this year to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

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

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.

Members of SAL, as per Bob Lundgren, we are only at about 70% of Membership Renewals so far. Please take a moment to make sure you're renewed, that way you will keep getting your member BoGo on Wednesdays...



New Years Day Bag Tournament: As always, this was a blast. I want to thank everyone who came out to play and those who helped organize and promote this event. Great way to start 2024. More is on the horizon, stay tuned!!

Paul Quinn, SAL Commander

Support The Girls - Breast Cancer Benefit for Barbie & Andrea - Sat. January 13th from 1-4:00 PM

As an American Legion, we support our members and patrons! We are having a benefit for these two ladies, both undergoing treatment for breast cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

Please join us for a Live Auction, Silent Auction, Luncheon and Fun! We have some excellent surprises for this event! Cost for lunch is \$15 per person, all proceeds go to support these ladies medical bills and quality of life.

SCAN THE CODE WITH YOUR CELLPHONE FOR INFO AND ONLINE TICKETS FOR RIDER 2nd AMENDMENT BINGO ON JANUARY 27th.



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 Auxiliary President,
 Donna Schermann
 Auxiliary Membership,
 Angela Moran
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 SAL 1st Vice, Mick Wilkinson
 Bar Manager, Heidi Larcom
 Gambling Manager, Gary Lore
 Exec. at Large, Sergio Sajjon,
 Gary Regel
 Legion Riders Director, Loren Sikkink



Meetings & Events

January 2024

- 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 - Rider Annual Dinner
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
- (see ticket link on page 3)*

February 2024

- 03 - Auxiliary Meeting 11:00 am
- 13 - Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
- 28 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm

COMMEMORATIVE TILES!

There is still space available to honor your Veteran friend, family, or yourself! Tiles are \$140 each, include up to 15 characters per line. Contact Bob Lundgren at bobber54@yahoo.com or drop your checks in the commanders mail. Proceeds go to the building fund for post improvements.

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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