

MAY 2024



LEGIONNAIRE 560

Home Port of the U.S.S. Liberty

May is in full bloom...

The month of May is not only Memorial Month, Poppy Month, but also Mental Health Awareness Month. Together we will join and honor our military men and women who lost their lives in service to their country. We will **wear a Poppy on May 24th** to symbolize the sacrifice of our Veterans and we will learn more about how to help Veterans in our community struggling with Mental Health issues. **Please take a moment and visit [BeTheOne.org](https://www.BeTheOne.org)** and review the resources available. We are Legion!

Memorial Day Services - Monday, May 27th

8:45 AM - Bellwood Cemetery

9:40 AM - St. Pius Catholic Cemetery

10:20 AM - Crown Cemetery

10:55 AM - Livonia Cemetery

11:25 AM - U.S.S. Liberty Park

12:00 PM - Kriesel-Jacobsen Post 560



Memorial Weekend Events

While there are a lot of activities happening, let us remember to keep our Veterans in our hearts and take the time to honor the lives of those who were lost. Thank You for your Service and Sacrifice.

Saturday May 25 - Memorial Day Parade, Burgers, Bloody Mary's & Patio Bar Open at 9:00 am

Sunday May 26 - Karaoke Contest Finals at 3:00 pm

Monday May 27 - Memorial Services start at 8:45 AM at Bellwood and end at Post 560

GOLD STAR MONUMENT REVEAL

June 8 at 11:00 AM

Please join us at Memorial Park off HWY 169 in Zimmerman for the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Reveal. Our Post worked hard to raise the money, volunteers, and resources to build this beautiful memorial, we would love to have you all there to share in this day.



Thank you to all of our Sponsors for making this possible!



May is usually the start of the busy summer season. We have a lot going on this month, so make sure to check out the Facebook page for events and times to be sure you don't miss out on anything. It's a good time to change out your flags for Memorial Day. You can drop off your old flags in the box at the front of the post, then come inside to purchase a new flag.

Just a heads up, we will be **retiring flags again on June 14th** (Flag Day). I'm looking forward to paying my respects to our Veterans that have passed on. As always, check the Memorial Day schedule to find the time and cemetery that works best for you.

We will be having elections for new Legion officers at the general membership meeting on Wednesday May 8th. Bob is doing an amazing job as membership director, and with that being said, the 2024 membership year is over on the first of June. Please take a look at your membership card - I don't want to see anyone's membership lapse.

Lastly, ***we are looking for someone that can tow our float in this year's Wild West Days parade***, if you are willing or able please contact me – I appreciate it.

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



Greetings Legion Family! April was a quite month for your Legion Riders. We're busy locking details in for our **Annual Veterans Ride that's being held on Sunday, June 2nd**. In conjunction with the ride we will be drawing winners for our cash raffles. The Blue Drawing is nearly sold out, so we started another raffle. Thank you to all that bought tickets and good luck! The second drawing we've started is similar, but tickets are only \$10 each. We are only selling 1,000 tickets and the grand prize is \$1,000! There will also be eight \$500 winners drawn, so it has very good odds. Tickets are available from any of the Riders.

We will be at the Mille Lacs County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 4th supporting our Honor Guard at the Dirty Rotten Biker Fest. On Saturday, May 11th, the Magnus Foundation motorcycle ride will be stopping at our Post. Our SAL and Auxiliary will be serving lunch. Please come out and help us show our support for this amazing organization. The Haven for Heroes motorcycle ride will be stopping at our Post on Saturday, May 18th. We will be participating with the rest of our Post for the Wild West Days parade.

As always, thank you for all the support we receive. God Bless you all and God Bless America!

Loren

WE ARE SEEKING A GAMBLING MANAGER!

Are you a Post Member looking for new opportunities? This might be the gig for you! Interested candidates must be a POST member. You will need to pass the Gambling Managers course and train with current staff to ensure a smooth transition.

Interested or know someone who is? Contact 560booth@gmail.com or Call 763-856-2131.

You can also find more info at the Gambling Control Board website:
<https://mn.gov/gcb/> (look under Education > Gambling Manager Seminar)



Greetings All!

The Auxiliary will be hosting our **Mothers Day Free Gift event on 5/5 from 12:00-2:00 PM**. Kids can pick out a free gift & card for mom. We'll be serving hot dogs and chips for the kids until they're gone. Special shout out and Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms out there. Hope your day is as special as you are!

Just a friendly reminder, **Poppy Posters are due on 5/5**. This will give the Auxiliary time to vote and get the posters sent to National Headquarter by 6/1.

The Auxiliary will be serving food for the Magnus Run on 5/11. We're getting ready for Wild West Days Parade (5/25) & the Memorial Day Services (5/27). We'll be making breakfast sandwiches for the Annual Veteran's Ride on 6/2.

National Poppy Day is on 5/24. Wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform. You will begin seeing our Auxiliary members out displaying poppies in our community the month of May looking for donations to help support our Veterans.

The Auxiliary is selling raffle tickets for our Annual Golf Tournament being held on August 10th. **Tickets are \$10.00 each:** 1st - \$1,000, 2nd - Patriotic Quilt, 3rd - Von Hanson's Gift Card \$400, 4th - \$200, 5th - \$200. See any Auxiliary member or we do have some tickets available at the bar.

One of our next projects we're working on is **Child Activity Bags for the Armed Forces Service Center**. Our goal is to make 100 bags. The committee is busy gathering items for the bags and will begin putting everything together shortly.

The Auxiliary will be voting for our 2024-2025 Auxiliary Board Members at our May meeting. New officers will take over in July.

Next meeting is 5/7 @ 6:00 PM. We'd love to have you join us.

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



Hello and greeting from the SAL. I hope summer starts soon.

We are gearing up for Wild West Weekend! As usual the SAL will be grilling out burgers, brats, hot dogs, and the fixings on parade day. Come on out and have some delicious food off the grill.

We just completed our SAL Pig Roast!! Wow was that extremely tasty!! GREAT job to Don, Kenny, Paul, and the others that helped cook the 280# pig. We had a great turnout of SAL members helping out with the serving and games also. It's nice to be associated with this great group!!



Our membership will go up to \$25 for 2025 and then to \$30 for 2026. As always we are looking for more SAL members. Come check us out on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm for our meetings.

Let's get this summer rolling, be safe and enjoy. See you next time, Paul Quinn SAL Commander

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Auxiliary President,
Donna Schermann
Auxiliary Membership,
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SAL 1st Vice, Mick Wilkinson
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Gambling Manager, Frank Grittner
Exec. at Large, Sergio Sajion,
Gary Regel
Legion Riders Director, Loren Sikkink



Meetings & Events

May 2024

04 - Patio Party 1:00 pm
05 - Mother's Day Gift Event 12-2:00 pm
07 - Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 pm
08 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
11 - Michael Sherwood
14 - Legion Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
17 - Last Meat Raffle until Fall 6:00 pm
21 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
22 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm
25 - Memorial Day Parade
26 - Karaoke Contest Finals 3:00 pm
27 - Memorial Day Services 8:45 am

June 2024

02 - Annual Veterans Ride 9:30 am
04 - Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 pm
08 - Gold Star Monument Reval 11:00 am
11 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
12 - General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
18 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
26 - 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.

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-Saturday 11:00 am - close
Sunday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

E-Tabs and Pull Tabs are all at the Booth now! Open Daily at 11:00 AM!



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