

JULY 2024



LEGIONNAIRE 560

Home Port of the U.S.S. Liberty

June was a pretty magical month for Post 560. The Veterans Ride was amazing, the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument event was perfect. We have so much to be grateful for, including all of you who make it possible.

What's coming up? July is notoriously pretty slow because we're gearing up for August! The Auxiliary Golf Tournament already has 32 teams as is full! We have 10 teams signed up for Rib Fest so far, but check out the details below.



AUXILIARY GOLF TOURNEY August 10 at Princeton Golf Club

The tournament is full, but we are still seeking sponsors. If you'd like to be one, get in touch with Patty Lundgren or download the form at: www.MNPost560.com/events

Thank you to all of our Sponsors!

RIB FEST

August 24 - All day event, Ribs on sale at 2:30

We are still looking for cookers for our 9th Annual Rib Fest Cook-Off! If you can cook a great rib, sign up sheets are at the Post and also online at: www.MNPost560.com/ribs



We are going to have live music, burgers & brats and a patio party (possibly even a dunk tank) prior to the Rib Tasting and Judging. Let's make a day of it, the cookers usually make extra treats so come do some tasting and chat with them. Come get your cozy around 11:00 AM and you'll be set for a super fun day.

A message from Bob Lundgren: I want to thank all the volunteers that placed flags at Bellwood, Crown, Christ our Light and Livonia Township cemetery's. Thank you to the Fischer family for 10 years of service and if anyone would like to take on that responsibility please reach out to us.



Greetings!

I would like to start by thanking every single person who came out to the dedication of the gold star monument/memorial. It was truly a wonderful event and amazing to see our community come together.

I'd also like to thank those who came out to help us **retire flags on June 15th**, even though the weather wasn't the best, and it was raining, we retired almost 700 flags!! We have a great commitment of people who help during flag retirements, and I really appreciate it.



Keep a lookout for your **membership renewal notices**. Let's try to get renewals in early to help Bob out. As always, keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates. I hope everyone has a great and safe Independence Day.

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



Greeting Legion Family! Summer finally made it! June was a busy month for your Riders.

On June 1st we did a remembrance ride for Judge. We called it the Outstanding ride and it was just riders from our group along with members of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA). We rode up to the National Cemetery at Little Falls/Fort Ripley and visited Judge's final resting spot and paid our respects, then stopped for lunch before ending at the Princeton VFW to toast with a pint of Judge's favorite beer. We were then able to present Judge's family with slate plaques that were made especially for this occasion. We have one in our display case down in Patriots Hall at the Post.

On June 2nd we held our Annual Veterans Ride. We were blessed that the rain held off and we had a great day. We were able to make **a total of \$24,000.00 in donations that day**. We made donations to the Veterans' Homes in Luverne, Silver Bay and Fergus Falls; Hometown Heroes Outdoors, Support the Troops-MN, Roger Up, and GUMI Camp. We were also gifted two very generous donations that day. One was from the 3 of a Kind Ride (Marty and Meagan Juhl) and one was from Wayne and Cindy Faulkner, who are continually supporting us. Tim Hadler, from GUMI Camp, sang the National Anthem for us and then also played during our post ride events. We were able to draw the winners for our cash raffles as well. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the winners that made donations. And a **huge "THANK YOU" to our Auxiliary who overcame obstacles and provided their amazing breakfast sandwiches; the SAL who provided their customary support before, during, and after the ride; Heidi and her amazing bar staff that always take care of us; and the members of our Post that always support us to the hilt.**

On June 8th we were honored to be a part of the Gold Star Memorial dedication held at our Veteran's Park. Such a touching day and the Memorial is one of the most beautiful and touching things I have seen. We are truly blessed to be a part of this amazing Legion Family.

We had two rides make stops at our Post and were able to make donations to them while they were there. We were honored to be a part of a "final ride" for Chris Ashmead. We are also proudly sponsoring our Auxiliary at their golf tournament, as well as sponsoring a hole at the Monticello Legion Auxiliary golf tournament.

On Saturday, June 15th, the riders went to Fort Ripley to "feed the troops". As we've done the past few years, we provided a meal to Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers that are conducting their annual training at the fort. This year we provided a meal for 177 locally based Soldiers. Another huge thank you to our Auxiliary for preparing delicious desserts for us to serve with the meal. It was extremely appreciated by the Soldiers, and is a good time for our Riders that we love being able to do.

Hopefully this finds everyone doing well. Let's continue to enjoy the summer while doing what we can to support our Veterans. God Bless you all and God Bless America.

Loren



Greetings All!

It's been a busy past few months for the Auxiliary. It's hard to believe the 4th of July is upon us.

The Auxiliary made breakfast sandwiches for the **Annual Veterans Ride** on 6/2 (Sunday). Despite an issue with the stove all turned out well. Thanks to the SAL for purchasing the griddle for the Auxiliary.

Special THANK YOU to all the Auxiliary members who made **desserts** for the meal that was served at **Camp Ripley** on 6/15.



The **Annual Golf Tournament** is on August 10th. This event is filling up fast so don't wait until the last minute to sign-up. The Auxiliary has raffle tickets available. See any Auxiliary member if you're interested. We also have some tickets available at the bar. If you'd like to be a sponsor please reach out to Heidi Culberston or Patty Lundgren.

The Auxiliary is donating items for the **Junior Service Project** during the Fun Weekend on 8/9 at Legionville. The Juniors will be packaging Personal Care Kits for Female Veterans.

The American Legion/Kreisel-Jacobsen Post 560 was recognized by the 6th District for its participation in and for being a contributor to **The American Legion Blood Donor Program**. Special shoutout to the Post and to the Auxiliary for their continued support with the Blood Drives.



Reminder: No meeting in July

Next meeting is **8/6 @ 6:00 PM**. We'd love to have you join us.

God Bless,
Donna Schermann – Auxiliary President
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Hello and Greetings from the SAL.

I hope all of you are planning on a safe and fun July 4th, Independence Day. Please remember those that gave so you could do all that you can do.

Our gun raffles are off to a good start, we are planning on getting a couple more guns for our display cases. Please take a look at these and see if you would want to grab a raffle ticket or two. Reminder that we **ONLY** sell 80 tickets for each gun/raffle. Odds aren't too bad then.

I hope everyone enjoys there summer time. The SAL will be pretty quiet until our next event which is the Thanksgiving Eve celebration.
See you next time, Paul Quinn SAL Commander

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Meetings & Events

July 2024

- 09 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
- 16 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
- 24 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm

**PILOT GAME
 E-TABS ARE BACK!**

August 2024

- 06 - Auxilliary Meeting 6:00 pm
- 10 - Auxiliary Golf Tournament
- 13 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
- 24 - Rib Fest (Ribs on Sale at 2:30)
- 28 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO

Every Week, Guaranteed \$700 Coverall
 Starts at 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-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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