

# LEGIONNAIRE 560

Home Port of the U.S.S. Liberty

FEB. 2025



## POST 560 VETERAN OF THE MONTH! LAURA LENZ (aka Midgie)

Well, this month we are going from our only surviving charter member to one of our newest members. While this member has only been in The American Legion for a year, she is making a big impact at our Post. Our Veteran Of The Month for February 2025 is also our Post 560 Gambling Manager . . . Laura Lenz (better known as Midgie).

Midgie has only been a member of Post 560 for a year, but in that year she has stepped into a role that is very challenging. She jumped into the role of Gambling Manager here at Post 560 on October 1, 2024, and she has been doing a wonderful job. She often says she likes leading the charitable gambling operation here because she believes in what we are doing. Making life better for our veterans and making a positive impact in our community.

Midgie has 2 children, and both of her girls are also part of our American Legion Auxiliary Unit 560.



Midgie qualifies for membership in The American Legion through her service in the Army National Guard (ANG) in Minnesota and Indiana. She served in the ANG from December 2003 thru December 2011. She attended recruit training in Fort Jackson, SC. After recruit training she was sent to AIT in Fort Lee, VA. Directly after that she was sent to Fort Leonard Wood, MO for PVOC training. During her time in the ANG, Midgie achieved the rank of Specialist (E-4) and earned the National Defense Service Ribbon, and the Army Service Ribbon.

One of the things Midgie enjoyed most about her time in the ANG was the comradery, and a sense of being part of something bigger than yourself. Working together to complete a mission is something she brings into everything she does. She was very disappointed that she never got a chance to deploy or to serve overseas.

Midgie shared one story about her time in the ANG . . . While her unit was deployed overseas, she remained part of the rear detachment. Her primary MOS had her working in the motor pool. The acting First Sergeant of her unit was only qualified to drive one of the vehicles in their pool. Midgie was qualified to drive anything and everything in the pool. Along with that, she was also qualified to work on everything in the pool.

Let's all welcome Midgie to our ranks in The American Legion, and make sure to thank her for her service in the Army National Guard, and for her continued service to our veterans and our community.

### Upcoming Events!

- Super Bowl Hot Dish Cook-Off! Sunday, March 9th (Enter at 1:00 pm, Public Tasting for \$10 at 2:00 pm) Prizes for 1st & 2nd - Sign up at the Post!
- Auxiliary Legion Bus Hop - Saturday, March 1st - SIGN UP ON FEB 5th at 6:00 pm in the Pull Tab Booth - Headed to Mound, Delano, and St Michael
- Legion 106th Birthday - Saturday, March 15th (all day event, starts at Noon)
- Legion Rider Gun Bingo - Saturday, March 29th at Station 1 Event Center at 11:00 am
- Please also note: We will be serving meals the first Friday of each month during Meat Raffle! Auxiliary is cooking February 7th, SAL will be cooking for March & April.



I hope you are all staying warm. February is always slower at the post. Unfortunately, the Vikings let us down yet again in the post season... On the bright side, the Auxiliary ladies are putting on a hot dish cook-off on February 9th, Super Bowl Sunday.

We are doing great with our membership numbers, but if you haven't paid your dues yet, please work on getting those in.

March is usually a busier month; we will have a bus hop next month. As always, keep up with our Facebook page to see any upcoming events.

It's a short month, which means we're just a bit closer to Spring and hopefully warmer weather.

God Bless,  
Paul McCormick, Commander  
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**Minnesota**  
**HOT DISH COOK OFF**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9**  
**1:00 PM**

No entry Fee  
Cash & Gift Cards for 1st & 2nd Place

**PUBLIC TASTING AT 2:00 PM**  
**\$10 ALL YOU CAN EAT**

Want to judge? Talk to Heidi!

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**We will stay open for the Superbowl if enough people want to hang out!**



Greetings Legion Family!! I know I'm not the only one that's tired of winter... But the days are getting longer and soon the temps will start rising.

Your Riders had a great January. We were blessed to be able to make a donation for the benefit for Chris McCormick. Aside from being some guy's brother, he's always willing to pitch in and do things to help our post with events.

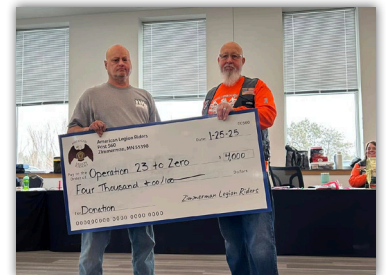
On January 18th we had our annual Zimmerman Legion Riders' Dinner in the basement of the post. Bradford Pub and Grub did an amazing job catering for us. Desert and "pass the dice" game prizes were provided by Gordon Finley, and Ken and Lynda Larkin, our honorary Rider members. Following our dinner, we moved upstairs and had some beverages and fun while listening to Doc entertaining us. A great job was done (as always) by the Legion staff.

On January 25th we held a 2nd Amendment Bingo at the Zimmerman Firestation and Event Center. We had an amazing turnout and filled the house. During the event we were able to make over \$20,000 in donations to organizations that we support, as well as our 6th District Commander and State Department Commander's projects. It was an absolutely amazing day!!

We're looking forward to our next event, which is also a **2nd Amendment bingo that will be held on March 29th** and the Zimmerman Firestation and Event Center. Please see our Facebook page or flyers around the post for details. We are also gearing up and getting ready for our Annual Veterans' Motorcycle and Classic Car Run which will be held on Sunday, June 1st. Stay tuned for details!

Thank you again for the tremendous amount of support we receive from all of our Post. God Bless you all, and God Bless America!

Loren



**Please be sure to renew your Membership! Talk with Bob, Angela or Lance with any questions. Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date or find our events on our website! facebook.com/Mnpost560 or www.mnpost560.com**



Greetings All!

Great turnout and amazing support for our 1st Poppy Making Class held on 1/26. **We made 2,031 poppies total, with 555 made by veterans.** Thanks to everyone who attended.

The Auxiliary will be doing a **Baked Potato Bar** during the meat raffle on February 7th. Come join us and help support our veterans!

The SAL will be cooking **breakfast for the Auxiliary on February 8th (Saturday) @ 10:00 AM.** You're welcome to come early (9:30 AM) for mingling and socializing. Many of us will be dressing in our PJ's if you want to join the fun.

**Sign up is required by February 3rd,** see link: [www.mnpost560.com/auxiliary-breakfast](http://www.mnpost560.com/auxiliary-breakfast)

The Auxiliary is planning our **Annual Bus Hop** again this year on 3/1. Sign up information will be coming out shortly. Due to the Bus Hop on 3/1 we will move our **Auxiliary March meeting to Tuesday, March 4th @ 6:00 PM**

The Auxiliary will be serving **Corned Beef & Cabbage and Irish Stew on 3/15** during the Legion Birthday celebration.

Next meeting: 2/1 @ 11:00 AM Downstairs - Patriot Hall / We'd love to have you join us.

God Bless!

Donna Schermann – Auxiliary President  
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Hello and greetings from the SAL!

The New Years Bag tournament went very well. It was a nice turn out for a Wednesday. 1st place went to BJ and Hauk, 2nd place was Paul and Mick, and 3rd place was Zak and Jaun. We had 19 teams show up and all had a great time. Bigger and better for next year is the plan.

We enjoyed helping out the Post for the Chris McCormick benefit. It was a very fun day and it's always nice to help out a family member in need. Great job Post!!

The **SAL will be cooking breakfast for the Auxiliary on Saturday, February 8th.** If you are an SAL member and would like to help us with this event, please contact me. As always, this is a great opportunity to partner with the Auxiliary and build a stronger Post family.

**We will also be cooking for the Friday night meat raffle on March 7th.** We will be having a member smoke some pork for some awesome pulled pork sandwiches with some fixin's!! So come on up, enjoy a great meal, and then win some meat while you are there.

**Start watching for more guns in our shadow box,** there should be some new ones coming soon. And some very nice ones I may add.

As always, come join our SAL meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month upstairs. Our next meeting will be February 18th. Hope to see you there. Until we meet again, Paul Quinn SAL Commander

## POST 560 OFFICERS

Commander, Paul McCormick  
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Auxiliary President,  
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SAL Commander, Paul Quinn  
SAL 1st Vice, Mick Wilkinson  
SAL Membership, Lance Holk  
Bar Manager, Heidi Larcom  
Gambling Manager, Laura Lenz  
Exec. at Large, Gary Regel &  
Gary Lore  
Legion Riders Director, Loren Sikkink



## Meetings & Events

### February 2025

01 - Auxiliary Meeting 11:00 am  
07 - Auxiliary Potato Bar 5:00 pm  
08 - Auxiliary Pajama Breakfast 10:00 am  
09 - Hot Dish Cook-Off 1:00 pm  
11 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm  
12 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm  
18 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm  
26 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm

### March 2025

01 - Auxiliary Legion Bus Hop  
04 - Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 pm  
08 - Bean Bag End of Season Tourney  
11 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm  
12 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm  
15 - Legion Birthday Bash 12:00 pm  
    Corned Beef & Cabbage  
    Gun Raffles, Tip Boards, & Music  
18 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm  
26 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
29 - Rider Gun Bingo @ Station 1 Event  
    Center 11:00 am

## MONDAY NIGHT BINGO & RACES

Guaranteed \$700 Coverall! Races at 5pm Bingo at 6pm!

### 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

***Pilot E-Tabs and Pull Tabs in Booth! Open Daily at 11:00 AM!***



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