

# LEGIONNAIRE 560

Home Port of the U.S.S. Liberty



## POST 560 VETERAN OF THE MONTH!

We are introducing a new feature in our newsletter and calling it the "Veteran Of the Month".

We're happy to announce that we are starting this off by highlighting someone we all know and love as our Veteran of the Month for November 2024 . . . **Del Whittlef.**



Del has been a very active member of Kriesel-Jacobsen Post 560 in Zimmerman for the last 45 years. He is currently our Sgt-At-Arms and keeps us all in line at meetings. Del and his wife JoAnn have 4 children. JoAnn is also a member of our Auxiliary Unit 560.

Del was a member of the MN Army National Guard from November 1960 thru November 1966. He went to basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. After which he attended ISRO (Intermediate Speed Radio Operator) school at Fort Dix, NJ. From there he worked as a Morse Code radio operator during his drill time at Camp Ripley. At first working with Morse Code was a tough task as he always felt like he was 5 or 6 words behind. In order to graduate they had to send or receive 35 words per minute minimum. *Del graduated with 42 words per minute.*

One of the things Del enjoyed during his time in the Guard was the great bunch of guys he served with. While at basic training, he was in the fourth platoon. The furnace backed up and there was 2 inches of coal soot covering everything. The whole platoon was pulled out of training for 2 days to get it all cleaned up.

One story from his time in the Nat'l Guard was that on one day he was assigned to drive a Colonel around during a battery test. They were following 2, 8-Inch guns and they stopped about 50 yards behind the guns. Del had the jeep he was driving in park with the emergency brake set. When they fired both guns at the same time, the recoil and percussion moved the jeep back about 6 inches. He also recalled that with the radios he was using, if you held a fluorescent light bulb next to the antenna, and then keyed the microphone, the light bulb would light up. In his words, "That just shows the power those radios threw out."

**Want to be our next Veteran of the month? Contact Frank at [fgtrittner51@gmail.com](mailto:fgtrittner51@gmail.com).**

**Be sure to join us for Thanksgiving!** Auxiliary is serving the full dinner from Noon - 3:00 PM AND Mark your Calendars for **Saturday, December 14th at 2:00 PM for the Army vs. Navy Annual Football Game.** Auxiliary has some very fun things planned, it was an absolute blast the past few years!





Happy Veterans Day to all my fellow Vets. I invite you to come up to the Post on Veterans Day. We will be offering a free meal basket off the menu for Veterans. We had a great turnout for Trunk-or-Treat this year. Thank you to all those involved in putting this year's event on. Remember the General membership meeting will be held on November 6th this month but will be returned to the second Wednesdays of the month starting December 11th. We will be retiring flags on November 30th, so look around to see if you have any flags needing to be changed out and bring your old ones to the post. Hopefully, everyone is getting excited for the annual Army Vs Navy football game on December 14th. I hope all the hunters out there have a successful and safe season.

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless,  
Paul McCormick, Commander  
paul.mccormick72@outlook.com



Greetings Legion Family!! As I'm writing this there is a chance of snow. I'm not complaining as we have had a pretty nice fall, but I'm still not ready for this!! Luckily we were able to get some nice fall riding in.

The Riders had a pretty good October. On October 12th, some of us (along with a couple of Legion members) went over to the VA hospital in St Cloud. We had set up an afternoon of music in the auditorium for the patients to attend for free if they wanted to. We helped the patients that wanted to attend get to the auditorium by pushing their wheelchairs. It was a lot further than expected, and we got some miles in. But to see the smiles and see the toe-tapping made it

so gratifying to be able to do that for them. What a treat to be able to have conversations with our heroes and help them have a little escape through music. We even had a couple of WWII vets. A special thank you to Rocky Rackow (Legion and Rider member) for his effort in getting this set up. Also that day, Shane Rosby (SAL and Rider member) and Mandy Rosby had their annual pumpkin giveaway and fest for local kids. We had Riders there to help with the event and everything went great. And then to wind up the day, some of us attended the annual members dinner in the basement of the Post. It was a great meal and was awesome to interact with some of the Post members we don't regularly see. And, as always, kudos to our Auxiliary for serving the meal. They are always kicking rear to help our members and community.



**On November 16th we will be having our first bingo event of the winter season.** It will be a designer purse bingo and will be held at the Fire Station and Events Center. Doors open at 11:00 and the event will start around noon. We will also be doing some new things and have giveaways and flash raffles. We encourage people to pre-register to ensure you get a seat, and if you have a group of 8 you can reserve a table so you will all be able to sit together. Follow our Facebook page (Zimmerman American Legion Riders) or see flyers at the post for more information and updates.

We would like to wish all a Happy Veteran's Day and Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you all so much for all the support we receive. God Bless you all and God Bless America! - Loren

**ZIMMERMAN AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**  
*Designer Purse Bingo*  
Saturday, November 16 2024

ENTRY PACKAGE: \$60 | PACKAGE INCLUDES: 10 Games, 6 Faces

AT STATION 1 EVENT CENTER 26140 136th ST NW, ZIMMERMAN MN  
*Purses, Wallets, Bags, Booze Wagon & Spa Basket!*

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 AM, BINGO STARTS AT NOON

SCAN ME! >>>

**The Fall Karaoke Contest is Underway!  
Join us for the Finals on  
November 23rd at 2:00 PM!**



Hope everyone's enjoying the Fall weather and beautiful colors. The Holidays are approaching fast.

The Auxiliary donated approximately **\$1,624.00 in School Supplies** this year. THANKS to everyone who donated and to our volunteers for coordinating this event. The Zimmerman Schools were very appreciative of all the supplies that were donated.

Thanks to everyone who attended the **Membership Dinner** this year. A special shout out to Jen Cole for creating the video **"Where Memories Are Made"** which included all of our Legion entities. If you haven't seen it, please visit our Facebook page.

**Trunk or Treat** had to be held indoors this year and was amazing! Always enjoy seeing all of the young ones dressed up in costumes. Thanks to the Post for donating the candy and for the volunteers in organizing this event.

The Auxiliary will be serving a **Thanksgiving Day meal from 12:00 - 3:00 PM**. The meal is free but we're asking for a non-perishable food item for the local food shelf. We'll have a sign up sheet if you're interested in meals to go. More details to be posted shortly.

Our annual **Toy Drive is 12/7** from 12:00 to 3:00 PM at the Zimmerman Legion. All of the items collected will go to families in the Zimmerman area who are in need during the Holiday season.

The Auxiliary received two **plaques** this past month for our donations to the **Legacy Scholarship Program and Child Welfare Foundation**. We could not make these donations without all of your support.

Our monthly meetings have moved to Saturday's. Next meeting: Downstairs - Patriot Hall / We'd love to have you join us on **12/7 @ 10:00 AM**

God Bless!  
Donna Schermann – Auxiliary President  
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Hello and Greetings from the SAL  
We are gearing up for our Thanksgiving Eve Meat Raffle!! This is a GREAT event for us!! Looking like 12 rounds of meat with three of those rounds being the \$50 packages!! The meat raffle usually kicks off about 5:00 pm, so get there early and get a good seat. We will also be selling e-races, tip boards, and will be having a couple of flash sales for guns! This is also the day we draw for all of the guns that have been in our shadow box for the past few months. So, get a ticket or two more!!

We also would love to have more help from a few more SAL members for this event. Please contact me and I will be happy to get you involved.

Again, our SAL meetings are always the 3rd Tuesday of each month.... The next meeting will be on November 19th, I hope to see you there. See you next time. Paul Quinn SAL Commander

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## POST 560 OFFICERS

Commander, Paul McCormick  
 1st Vice, Sergio Sajion  
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 Bar Manager, Heidi Larcom  
 Gambling Manager, Frank Grittner  
 Exec. at Large, Gary Regal &  
 Gary Lore  
 Legion Riders Director, Loren Sikkink



## Meetings & Events

### November 2024

02 - Auxilliary Meeting 11:00 am  
 06 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm  
 12 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm  
 11 - Veterans Day  
 16 - Rider Purse Bingo 11:00 am Station 1  
 19 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm  
 20 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
 23 - Karaoke Contest Finals 2:00 pm  
 27 - THANKSGIVING EVE MEAT RAFFLE  
 28 - Thanksgiving Dinner Served  
 Noon - 3:00 pm

### December 2024

07 - Auxilliary Meeting 10:00 am  
 Holiday Party & Toy Drop after  
 07 - Auxilliary Toy Drop Noon-3:00 pm  
 10 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm  
 11 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm  
 14 - Army vs Navy Game 2:00 pm  
 17 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm  
 18 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
 24 - Christmas Eve - Closed at 4:00 pm  
 25 - Christmas Day - CLOSED  
 29 - Soup Cook Off & Football Game Noon  
 31 - New Year's Eve Party!

## 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

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



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