

JUNE 2024



LEGIONNAIRE 560

Home Port of the U.S.S. Liberty

“May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.” -Peter Marshall

May 2024 was a beautiful month at Post 560. We'd like to thank our staff, officers, members, patrons and volunteers for working hard to ensure our events and activities were a huge success and for making the Memorial Day Services run so smoothly. What's coming up for the Summer? Check out these big events!!



AUXILIARY GOLF TOURNEY **August 10 at Princeton Golf Club**

The 17th Annual Golf Tournament takes a ton of planning by our Auxiliary! Be a Sponsor or Register for the 4 Person Scramble. You can find all the details online at:

www.MNPost560.com/events

Thank you to all of our Sponsors!

RIB FEST COOK-OFF **August 24**

We are still looking for cooks 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

Stay tuned for Public Tasting Details!



GOLD STAR FAMILIES MONUMENT

It's official! We have the 2nd Gold Star Families Memorial in the State of Minnesota at Memorial Park in Zimmerman. Check out the insert for more pictures!



I would like to start by **thanking every single person who played a role in making it another successful year during Wild West Days**. I would also like to thank those who participated in the Memorial Day services. A very **special thank you to Tucsen Roman**, for joining us during the services. Tucsen is a high school senior who played taps for us this year during each of our memorial services. What an honor it is to see a young man sharing his talents to honor our Veterans. It might have been rainy, but it was a beautiful day honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Last month, we had the honor of presenting five Zimmerman High School seniors each with \$1,000 scholarships.

We will be **retiring flags on Saturday June 15th at 1pm at Liberty Park**, you are welcome to join. If you have flags that need to be retired, please drop them in the box at the front of the post. Don't forget you are able to purchase new flags inside the post. We will be installing new post officers this month. I would like to thank everyone who ran for a position this year. Legion baseball will be starting in June, we have a copy of the schedule at the post. Come show your support for our team by attending a game, if you are able. As always, check out our Facebook page to see upcoming events. It's officially Summer. I hope you all enjoy the warm weather and stay safe.

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



Greetings Legion Family!! It looks like we're finally moving into summer.

We were once again honored to be a part of the Wild West Days Parade. What a great day! And the Auxiliary and SAL once again did amazing! Our Post and Riders were fortunate to host a stop for two motorcycle runs that made stops during May. On May 11th the Magnus Foundation Run made us the lunch stop and our Auxiliary did an absolutely awesome job serving lunch to the participants. We had several Riders that participated in all or part of the ride, and we were able to make a donation while they were at our Post. On May 18th, the Havens for Heroes ride stopped at our Post, and once again we were able to make a donation to their organization. It's such a great feeling to be able to support other groups that do such great work helping our Veterans.

We have our Veterans' Motorcycle and Classic Car run coming up on Sunday, June 2nd. We're looking forward to another great day of honoring and raising some money for our Veterans. Registration starts at 9:30, and once again we will be having Tim Hadler playing music for us and then performing the National Anthem prior to the ride. When we return to the post we will be hanging out on the patio with Tim playing, and we will be conducting the drawings for the raffles we have going on. Please feel free to join us even if you're not participating in the run. On Saturday, June 8th we will be assisting and participating in the Gold Star Memorial dedication at our Veteran's Park. It's such a wonderful thing that our Post is bringing to this community.

We hope this finds everyone doing well and as always, THANK YOU for the support we receive from the Post and our members. 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.



Greetings All! Hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of our summer months.

The **Mother's Day Free Gift event on 5/5** went well. We had approx 45-50 kids in attendance. Thank you to the volunteers who made this happen

We had a good turnout for the **Magnus Foundation Veterans Run on 5/11**. We had approx 111 bikers and served lunch for 125 people. The volunteers ROCKED it!

Wild West Day Parade (5/25) was a fun filled day. The Memorial Day Services (5/27) went well despite the rain.

The Auxiliary made breakfast sandwiches for the Annual Veterans Ride on 6/2! Despite some issues with the kitchen equipment things went great! Thank you to those who helped out.

We're getting ready for our **Annual Golf Tournament on August 10th**. Sign-up sheets are available for the teams. This event fills 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 put together 100 Child Activity Bags for the Armed Forces Service Center. Great job to all who helped with this event.

2024-2025 Auxiliary Board Members are as follows: President - Donna Schermann, Vice President - Patty Lundgren, Membership - Angela Moran, Treasure - Heidi Culbertson, Executive Board Members - Wendy Grittner & Patty Lundgren. Appointed positions: Secretary - Tracey Frantesl, Chaplin - Pam Knitter, Sergeant of Arms - Claudia Wagner, Historian - Jen Cole. New officers will take over in July.



The Auxiliary will not have a meeting in July.

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

Memorial Weekend was very good. I hope everyone took time to be with family and remembered what Memorial Weekend is all about.

The SAL put on a burger, brat, and hotdog grilling clinic at the Post on Saturday before, during, and after the parade. What a success this was!! Sold out of hamburger and brats!! WOW!!! Great job to all of the SAL members and some additional help from others also. Looks like about \$2600 in sales and tips. Again.....GREAT job!!

The gun and crossbow are on display at the Post, take a look at them and see about getting a raffle ticket to win these awesome items. It is really appreciated.

Enjoy the start of summer and be safe. See you next time, Paul Quinn SAL Commander

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Meetings & Events

June 2024

- 11 - Rider Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12 - General Membership Meeting 6:30 pm
- 15 - Flag Retirement Ceremony 1:00 pm
At Liberty Park
- 18 - SAL Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22 - SainTrio Band
- 26 - Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm

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

Join us for Monday Night Bingo!
Every Week at 6:00 PM
Guaranteed \$700 Coverall



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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GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT

As many of you know, Post 560 worked hard to raise the funds to build a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument here in Zimmerman at Memorial Park.

The big reveal took place on Saturday, June 8 with an estimated 300+ attendees including the oldest living Gold Star Mother in the country! It was a gorgeous day and we'd like to thank you to everyone who made this possible. Not only did we have many sponsors donate money, but the time, equipment, and volunteers who did clean up and excavation were instrumental in seeing this through.

The goal of this monument is to establish a space for Gold Star Families to call their own and honor their loved ones, demonstrate that we care and appreciate the sacrifices, and educate the public about what it means to be a Gold Star Family. Please take a moment to stop at the park to see this beautiful place and honor the families who lost their loved ones.

