



AMERICAN LEGION POST 330 NEWSLETTER

Hayfield, Minnesota
September/October 2025

A Message from the Legion Commander, Vince Reynolds - Hayfieldmnlegion.org

Where did Summer go? Vacations are over, kids are back in school, and there is a chill in the air. With the change of seasons, we have a change in happenings at the Post. We are knee deep into the membership renewal drive. To date, the Post is over 50% renewed. If you want to, you can renew your membership at the Membership Dinner on September 16th. Paid members of our Legion Family will be given a free meal and are welcome to invite one guest. Guest meals will be \$10 this year.

We voted last month to sponsor membership for community members who are currently wearing the uniform of our armed forces. This will allow us to establish an outreach to those servicemen and service women and make them part of our family.

The front door project should be done soon. We are excited to have a handicap accessible entrance. The ceiling, lighting and ductwork also will be replaced in that portion of the bar. The plan is to complete the ceiling work in the remaining part of the bar also.

It was a busy summer for all of us. The summer began with the Memorial Day remembrances and rolled on with flag retirement, chicken fry parade, funerals for our departed comrades. The summer wrapped up with hosting the 2025 Division II State Baseball Tournament. It was amazing to see the community pull together to ensure this event went off without a hitch. Congratulations to the Hayfield Baseball program for putting together a fantastic event. Our entire Legion family stepped up in support. Our Auxiliary supported the opening night banquet for all the players and coaches. The SAL set up over 300 flags around the school as well as providing a lot of behind the scenes work. The Post members provided color guards for seven games. I couldn't be prouder of our organization and our community. Thank you for everyone who helped. We really put Hayfield on the map and showed folks what hometown pride is all about!

A Message from the SAL Commander, Matt Nelson - HayfieldMNSAL.com

A HUGE thank you to everyone that made the State Jr. Legion baseball tournament a Huge success!! A BIG Thank you to the Kreklings for all that they did to get ready for the tournament, and made it run so smoothly, even with the rain!

Come play Bingo Monday nights. The SAL will be running bingo through October.

Our last Fly the Flag holiday will be Labor Day weekend. Thank you to all that participated this year. The SAL sets up more than 530 flags in our communities for the four flag holidays throughout the summer.

The annual membership dinner is September 16th from 5:00 – 7:00. Every paid member gets a free Windsor chop meal. You can pay your membership that night.

Mark your calendars for our annual Liver and Onions dinner on Saturday, November 1st!

A Message from the Auxiliary President, Andrea Reynolds

As we turn the corner from summer to autumn, let's give a big thank you to all the Auxiliary members who volunteered their time coordinating workers, selling cards and calling games for Family BINGO and Legion BINGO during the summer months! These fundraisers allow us to give back to our Legion family and others in need.

Fall is the time to renew membership and invite others to join the Legion family! Please consider those you know you are eligible for Junior membership, as well; larger membership means more opportunities for all the Juniors in our Unit. As usual, a Community Service form for tracking your service hours will

accompany your membership card this year, and it'll have a new look. The form has been updated to capture information the National ALA needs to accurately reflect the many ways our Auxiliary serves and to support government funding for the needs of Veterans.

October will bring our annual community Halloween Carnival, including the Cookie Walk event sponsored by the Auxiliary. Please encourage youngsters you know to attend this fun event following Trick or Treating!

We look forward to seeing you at our Membership dinner on Tuesday, September 16th at the Legion Club. Come enjoy great company and a delicious meal free with paid membership.

2026 Membership Dinner

Tuesday, September 16th
Social Hour 5:00pm to 6:00pm
Windsor Chop Dinner 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Each paid member may bring one guest
Guest meals will be \$10 this year



Special Guest Speaker on Tuesday, September 9.

For our September meeting, we are welcoming a special guest speaker Colonel Wayne Quist. Colonel Quist has written three books and runs a non-profit clinic helping veterans with PTSD. He will provide unique insight into PTSD and recovery. We will conduct a brief business meeting after the Colonel's presentation.

2026 Membership Renewals

2026 Membership Renewal notices are out. Several members did not receive a renewal notice in the mail for whatever reason, but you can still drop off your renewal payment at the club. If you do, please put it in an envelope with your name and membership renewal written on it. If you want to mail it in to us, the mailing address is on the front of this newsletter. The goal is to be complete with our 2026 membership drive by the end of December.

Horse Races are Back!



Saturday, September 13th. First race starts at 5pm!

Thank you, Frank Moon, for putting together the Veteran of the Month!

I have nearly completed the “**Vietnam Veteran of the Month**” articles for those individuals listed as Vietnam Vets on our Legion roster. If you were missed, it is probably because I could not contact you by mail or by phone. Or perhaps you originally “turned me down” and now you are willing to be interviewed. We do not want to miss anyone so please contact me. We will start the new group of **Lebanon/Grenada “Veterans of the Month”** early next year, based on seniority by year of Legion membership. Frank Moon - PO Box 306-Hayfield, MN 55940 ... 507-259-8347.

Roughn Oakland Sept. Veteran of the Month

Roughn Oakland graduated from Hayfield Community Schools with the class of 1979. He attended Austin Community College for one semester. He turned eighteen in October of 1979 and signed up for a four-year enlistment in the Air Force.

October 11, 1979, Oakland reported for his basic at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas. He was in "good shape" physically, so basic was not difficult for him. He earned a ribbon for "Expert Rifleman" on the rifle range.

He finished basic in December 1979 and stayed at Lackland for his tech school as Security Police. Roughn finished in February 1980 as an Honor graduate and was promoted to E-2 (Airman). He went home on leave to Brownsdale, and married Mary Kramer on February 15, 1980.

Oakland's next assignment was to Malmstrom Air Force Base near Great Falls, Montana, the home of the 341st Missile Wing, Air Force Global Strike Command. It was a base for Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles. Roughn was part of the 400-man Security Police protecting the base. They would work 6 days "on" and 3 days "off". Every Easter, there would be a civilian protest outside the gates of the base, against the ICMB Missiles. It was generally a rather well-behaved group, but still a stressful time for the Security Police! In the spring of 1980, he was promoted to E-3 (Airman First Class).

After a year, Oakland was moved into the Commander's office as a scheduler for the troops. He set up scheduling for training, doctor/dental visits, semi-annual qualifying with firearms, in addition to work assignments for the 400 security police officers. No computers at this time.

Oakland joined a town softball team in the

Great Falls area and played against numerous local teams in area communities.

Roughn was released from active duty on October 10, 1983 as an E-4 (Sergeant). They stayed in that area and Oakland worked for UPS, and then on a cattle ranch, where he was part of a 600 head cattle drive! They came back to Brownsdale and he went to work at Hormel; retiring after 32 years with the company. Mary and Roughn raised two sons: Wes and Justin.

Scott Oakland - October Veteran of the Month

Eighteen-year-old, Scott Oakland graduated from Hayfield Schools in 1985. He went to work for Farmstead and then Schweigert Sausage Company at Albert Lea. That fall, he signed up for a four-year enlistment in the US Air force. He did his Basic Training at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio in the fall of 1987. Oakland made E-1 when he completed Basic training.

Scott finished his basic training before Christmas and went home to Brownsdale for the holidays. He did his advanced training as an aircraft mechanic and was sent to Chanute Air Force Base, located about 100 miles south of Chicago. It turned out that his specialty training was Aircraft Maintenance, as a pneumatic/hydraulic "Pneudraulic" System Specialist. They did much of their training on the T-38 aircraft. He then was assigned to 301st OMS Wing at Malmstrom AFB. In route to his permanent duty station, Scott took a leave and came home to marry Sheri Ellingson. They took the journey out to Great Falls Montana, not knowing where they would live however, they were lucky enough to be awarded "On Base Housing".

Scott's assignment was with the 301st Air Refueling Wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base near Great Falls, Montana. It was one of three US Air Force bases for maintaining and operating the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile. When he arrived, they didn't have any planes to work on, so he was handed a hammer and a sheetrock trowel where he and his Wing completed a "Self Help Program" and they remodeled the World War II built hanger. He had never worked with sheetrock, but over time he mastered installing and "mudding", and it looked great! Over time the "Wing" started receiving aircraft and before he left, the "Wing" was a double wing with 32 KC135 R Stratotanker Aircraft.

Scott was promoted through various ranks from E1 through E-4 and received his last rank of Buck Sergeant 6 months early by being awarded "Below the Zone" in addition to receiving various awards with "Knuckle Buster of the Year" being his most prestigious, as this award was given to him by his peers'.

Oakland was released from active duty in October 1991 and they moved to Helena Montana where Scott enlisted in the Montana Army National Guard as an aircraft electrician on the Huey and Cobra Helicopters while continuing his education in aircraft maintenance at the Helena Vocational School and received his FAA A&P (Airframe Power Plant) Certificate. Additionally, he worked for UPS and was a ranch hand for a small ranch. They then returned to Brownsdale, where Scott went to work for Hormel and is now a Food Safety and Quality Senior Staff Engineer for Hormel Foods. Sheri and Scott raised two sons: Aronn and Tyler, and a daughter Jackie.

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LEGION, AUXILIARY, & SAL UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2025

Sept. 1	BINGO @ Legion @ 7PM
Sept. 3	No SAL Mtg.
Sept. 8	BINGO @ Legion @ 7PM
Sept. 9	Guest Speaker/ Mtgs. @ 7 PM
Sept. 13	Horse Racing @ 5pm
Sept. 15	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Sept. 16	Membership Dinner @ 5PM
Sept. 22	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Sept. 29	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM

October 2025

Oct. 1	SAL Mtg. @ Legion @ 7 PM
Oct. 6	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Oct. 13	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Oct. 14	Legion & Aux. Mtgs.@ 7 PM
Oct. 20	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Oct. 27	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM