

# American Legion Post 330 Newsletter

Hayfield, Minnesota  
September/October 2024

## A Message from the Legion Commander, Vince Reynolds [hayfieldmnlegion@gmail.com](mailto:hayfieldmnlegion@gmail.com)

I hope everyone has taken the opportunity to enjoy the Minnesota summer and gotten all of your summer projects done. The weather will turn before we know it! We are currently in the middle of membership renewal and are already at 60% with our goal of being complete by December. Please note the backside of your renewal form and update any of the information that is missing or incorrect.

In July, we voted to **sponsor new members by paying for a Veteran's first year's dues**. The hope is that we can attract new members who can help keep Rothie Post relevant in our community. Our membership dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> this year. Traditionally, we have held the dinner on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, but since we moved BINGO to Monday nights, we needed to select a new day. We are planning a **Windsor Chop Dinner** for all Post, Auxiliary, & SAL members who are up-to-date with their membership. (See more details regarding the dinner on Page 3 of this Newsletter). If you have not submitted it yet or for some reason did not receive a renewal form in the mail, you can take care of it that night.

The membership also voted to use available gambling funds to **compensate marchers**. The allowable amount is \$50 per marcher per event. For the most part, any event that requires you to be in uniform will count. -Events such as funerals, football games, flag retirement ceremonies, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day to name a few. Checks will be cut twice a year, in December and June.

We continue to **make improvements and updates to the Club**. In the past couple of weeks, we have installed a new sound system and started the process of insulating and replacing the air conditioning ducts. We are also looking at a couple access concerns and updates to the restrooms.

I would like to extend a **sincere "thank you"** to Sue Anderson for putting together this Newsletter for the past 10 years. It is the most significant way we have to communicate with the membership. She will be stepping away from that role at the end of the year which means we are looking for someone to pick up where she leaves off. If you or anyone you know is willing to take this on, please let me know.

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## A Message from the SAL Commander, Matt Nelson [HayfieldMNSAL.com](http://HayfieldMNSAL.com)

Our last **"Fly the Flag"** holiday will be Labor Day. If you have not paid for your flags yet this year, please do so. **"Thank You" to all that have supported this project.**

SAL will be running **Bingo** starting at 7:00 PM from August to October at the Legion. Come join the fun!

Our annual **Liver & Onions Dinner** will be held Saturday, November 2nd. Mark your calendars. Preparations have already begun!

Please consider joining the **SAL (Sons of the American Legion)**. We can always use new voices and support. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

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Listed below are the members that are known to have passed away since the last Newsletter:

- **Leroy Lafrenz**      **13-year member**
- **Pam Unger**      **47-year member**
- **Tom Easley... A "Military Salute" was done**

Our sincere thoughts & prayers go out to Leroy, Pam, & Tom's families & friends.

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### **A Message from the Auxiliary President, Andrea Reynolds**

As we begin the new Auxiliary year, I am thankful for the patience and guidance of members and mentors in the Unit who helped me navigate my first year as President. I look forward to another year of service to Veterans and our community, alongside our dedicated officers and committee chairpersons.

I want to send a "**Big Thank You**" to all the **Auxiliary members who volunteered their time** coordinating workers, selling bingo 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.

As always, the summer has been too short despite the longer days. With the cooler weather lately, I'm reminded that fall is just around the corner!

**September is Jr. Activities Month**, and **Chair Michelle Towey** is ready to coordinate activities for our Junior members. As you renew your Auxiliary membership this year, consider those you know who might be eligible for Junior membership, as well! More membership offers more opportunities for all the Juniors in our Unit. **October is Education Month**, and **Chair Lori Kindschy** is engaged in programs supporting our school as the new academic year begins.

Fall is also the time to renew membership and invite new membership in the Legion family! Inspired by the initiative of our Post, **Rothie 330 Auxiliary will be sponsoring the first-year membership of new Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary members** who join our Unit between July 1 and December 31, 2024! Please share this information and help to continue the growth and vitality of our Unit.

We look forward to seeing you at our **Membership Dinner on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**, at the Legion Club. Come enjoy great company and a delicious meal free to paid membership. (See more details about the dinner on Page 3).

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### **A Message from the Legion Chaplain, Frank Moon**

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 couldn't make contact with you by mail or by phone. Or perhaps you originally "turned me down" and now you are willing to be interviewed. We don't want to miss anyone so please contact me. We'll start the new group of Lebanon/Grenada "Veterans of the Month" early next year, based on seniority by years of Legion membership.

Frank Moon  
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**A Message from Community Service  
Chairperson, Judy Kaczmarek**

I want to take this opportunity to **"thank"**  
**all of our Auxiliary members for all they  
do for our communities & Veterans.**

Again this year, I submitted over 3,000  
volunteer hours to the District/State  
offices. Please use the forms you  
received with your membership  
materials to report your hours. What you  
do is very important, not just for the  
individuals/group you are helping, but  
also for the American Legion and  
Auxiliary on a State & National level. If  
you have any questions, need another  
form, or want to give me your hours,  
please call me anytime at:

507-365-8889

507-259-7386

*In Need of Medical  
Equipment? Contact  
Michelle Towey at:  
507-421-4768*

Please submit articles for  
the November/December  
Newsletter to Sue Anderson  
October 10-15. Thanks!

If you are interested in purchasing a paver,  
that would be placed in the Veteran's  
Memorial Park in downtown Hayfield, you  
can pick up an order form at the Legion or  
contact John Kiser at 507-440-9286.

**Membership Dinner  
Legion Clubrooms  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

Social Hour ... .... 5:00-6:00 PM

Dinner Served ... 6:00-7:00 PM

**The meal is "free" to all paid members.**

Guests of members ... \$5.00

A **"BIG THANK YOU"**  
to the Post, Auxiliary,  
SAL & all those who  
showed support by  
dedicating flags to the  
**"Field of Flags."** We  
appreciate all the  
support given for  
another successful year.  
*The Field of Flags  
Committee*

### **Craig Bauman Sept. Veteran of the Month**

Craig Bauman graduated from Hayfield High School in 1969. He drove school bus while attending Austin Junior College for two years. His draft lottery number was coming up, so he had a conversation with an Army Recruiter and signed up for a three-year enlistment with a guarantee of Telephone Lineman training!

Craig reported to Fort Leonard Wood, MO for his basic training in June 1971. Upon completing Basic Training, he had a brief leave at home, and then it was back to Fort Leonard Wood for AIT as a Telephone Lineman. They were expected to maintain communication day or night, regardless of the terrain or weather. To diagnose problems, create "work arounds" to get the system up and running again for the field commanders, in addition to receiving and transmitting coded messages.

Bauman had a 30 day leave back home to Brownsdale following AIT, and then reported to the 228th Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery at Ansbach, Germany. They were equipped with the M107 175 mm self-propelled weapons. Their unit would often travel to Grafenwoehr, Germany for field exercises with other units. Once a year the Big Red 1, from Fort Riley, KS, would come to Germany for "Reforger" exercises. (Return of Forces to Germany.)

In June 1972, Craig had a 30 day leave to come back home, and married Jan Jerdet of Blooming Prairie. Jan accompanied him back to Ansbach where they lived off-base. They did some local travel in addition to touring Switzerland, France, and Spain in their 4-door Opal.

Bauman remembers the Palestinian terrorist attack on some Israeli athletes during the 1972 Munich Olympics. They were put on "alert" for several months.

For his last two years of service, Bauman was an "Acting Jack" with responsibilities as an E-5, with the rank and pay of E-4! He was sent to Fort Carson, CO for his last 6 months of service.

Craig was released from active duty in June of 1974, and attended South Dakota State where he earned his degree in Ag Education. He taught Adult Agriculture classes at Canby, Houston, and Blooming Prairie.

The Baumans raised three children: Shannon, Neil, and Kelly.

### **James Lee Oct. Veteran of the Month**

Jim Lee graduated from Hayfield Community Schools in 1966 and went to Waldorf College in Forest City, IA. His draft number was getting close, so he signed up with the Air Force and was inducted on Sept. 22, 1967. He did his basic training at Lackland AFB near San Antonio, TX. and was promoted to E-2 following Basic.

Following a short leave back home near Oslo, Lee reported to Scott AFB at Belleville, IL for On-The-Job Training in aircraft fuel storage and refueling. While stationed there, Jim met, and married, Barbara (from Baton Rouge, LA) who was also serving in the Air Force as an Administrative Specialist. During this time, Jim was promoted to E-3 and then E-4 and served on the base Honor Guard for funerals and other ceremonies. Lee was selected Base Airman of the Month. While serving there, Lee met Brigadier General Benjamin Davis, who was the commander of the famous Tuskegee Airman.

There was a constant flow of C-141 Medevac planes carrying wounded back from Vietnam, which needed refueling at their base. Jim vividly recalls the day they had a fuel truck fire! Thankfully, there were no casualties.

In September of 1969, Jim and Barb were both transferred to Ching Chung Kang AFB at Taichung, Taiwan. Lee placed second as Junior NCO of the year in the Pacific Air Force competition. They lived off-base in Naval approved housing. Jim was promoted to E-5 and became a training supervisor at this time.

The next assignment for Jim and Barb was back to "the states" with the 3615th Air Base Group at Craig AFB near Selma, AL where Lee was assigned to be "Fuel Accountant" for the base. The famous "Thunderbirds" were in and out of this base while performing for many air shows, so Lee was acquainted with many of the pilots.

Jim was released from active duty on June 4, 1971, as an E-5. He attended Rochester Community College for a year and then completed his Industrial Arts degree at Moorhead State University. Lee spent another four years with the Air National Guard at Fargo, ND. Their mission was "active intercept" over the Northland including US and Canada. Jim served another year with an armored division with the Army National Guard while teaching Industrial Arts in Hardin, Montana.

The Lees raised two children: Allen and Elaina. Jim's wife, Barb, was a cancer survivor but died in 2017 from exposure to Agent Orange.

Lee is a life-time member of the Vietnam Veterans of America at Alexandria and serves on their Honor Guard.

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## September 2024

### **Legion, Auxiliary, & SAL**

#### **Upcoming Events**

Sept 2	Labor Day – NO BINGO
Sept 4	SAL meeting @ 7 PM @ Legion
Sept 9	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Sept 10	Legion & Auxiliary Mtgs. @ 7 PM
Sept.16	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Sept 17	Membership Dinner @ Legion (Social Hr-5-6 PM/Dinner 6-7 PM)
Sept 21	203 Foundation Auction
Sept 23	BINGO @ 7 PM @ Legion
Sept 30	BINGO @ 7 PM @ Legion

## October 2024

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Oct 2	SAL meeting @ 7 PM @ Legion
Oct 5	District Fall Rally @ Mabel Post 299
Oct 7	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Oct 8	Legion & Auxiliary Mtgs. @ 7 PM
Oct 14	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Oct 20	Flag Retirement Ceremony @ 1 PM
Oct 21	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Oct 28	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Oct 31	Halloween