

# American Legion Post 330 Newsletter

Hayfield, Minnesota  
September/October 2023

**A Message from the Legion Commander,  
Vince Reynolds**  
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**“THANK YOU!”** I need to start by expressing my gratitude to the many Post, Auxiliary, and SAL members who rolled up their sleeves and helped with our 2023 renovation project. We are fortunate to have so many skilled craftsmen in our ranks who could spearhead various aspects of the project, which enabled us to keep things moving and costs down. We still have a few more things to do, but it was with a tremendous amount of pride that we opened our doors under **new management of The Village Pub** on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thus far, the transition has gone very smoothly and we are looking forward to a long and mutually beneficial partnership. Our Legion schedule will remain unchanged going forward with no changes or interruptions to the way that we have done things in past years. The next big event we have coming up is the **Membership Dinner** which will be on **Monday, September 25**.

On the subject of membership, the **“membership renewals”** were sent out by National in July and to date we have already received, and processed, about half of the 171 Post members. Our goal is to have all our renewals done by November. Please take a minute to drop your renewal in the mail, renew online, or drop it by the Club. We have cleaned up all the membership issues that we were made aware of, but we cannot fix it if we do not know there is an issue. If you have not received your renewal notice or your membership card back within a couple of weeks of renewal, please let me know so we can get it taken care of.

Entering my second year as Commander, I feel we have accomplished a lot in the previous

year, and I am proud of the way we have come together to keep our Post and Club viable. There are no more major labor-intensive projects on the schedule, but we will continue to **push to rejuvenate our Club and keep our Rothie Post a cornerstone of our community.**

If you have not had a chance to check out the Club, please take an opportunity to do so. You can also keep up with what is going on by visiting our Facebook page & our website.

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

**“Thank You” to all the SAL members who helped with the Legion remodeling project!!!**

Our last **“Fly the Flag”** holiday is 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!

We will be sponsoring a **“Punt, Pass, & Kick”** event again this fall.

Our annual **Liver & Onions Dinner** will be held Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars. ....Preparations have already begun!

We welcome Chris Johnson, our newest SAL member. 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

As I begin my term as Auxiliary President, I am “thankful” for the excellent service and model of Past President, Leah Milburn, and other valued leaders within our Unit #330. I look forward to helping our Unit continue its tradition of active service to Veterans and our community.

“Thank You’s” are in order for the many hours of tireless work donated by our Auxiliary members, alongside SAL and Legion members, for cleaning and renovating the Legion building which sparkled at its reopening in August. “Thank You” also to Auxiliary members who volunteered 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.

It is hard to believe that summer is nearing an end, but sweet corn has been ready and the pumpkins are turning orange so fall is just around the corner!

September is Jr. Activities Month, and Chair Michelle Towey is busy coordinating an activity for our Jr. members. October is Education Month, with Chair Lori Kindschy continuing to lead programs supporting our school as the new academic year begins. I want to “Thank” Pat Nelson for her many years of service as Leadership Chair. We are now seeking an individual to fill this role. If you would like to become more involved, please consider a Chairmanship in Leadership or Americanism.

We look forward to seeing you at our Membership Dinner on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Legion Club. Come enjoy great food and friendship. The meal is free with a paid membership, and \$5 for guests of members. Social Hour is from 5:00-6:00 PM. The meal will be served from 6:00-7:00 PM.

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Please submit articles for the November/December Newsletter to Sue Anderson by October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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. There has been some confusion on how to report hours, but hopefully President Andrea and I have figured things out. For now, use the forms you received with your membership materials. We may make a few changes for next year, but it doesn’t look like it will be anything significant. 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 or 507-259-7386.

**Reminder ...**

*All of those who helped with the cleaning & remodeling of the Legion, remember to include those hours on your Community Service reports. Thank You!*

**Burial for Richard Gieser, thirty-five year member, was held on July 22, 2023. Our sympathy to Richard’s family and friends.**

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**New Procedure  
For all  
Legion, Auxiliary,  
& SAL Members  
Entering the  
Hayfield Legion  
Post**

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Every time you  
come into the Legion,  
please remember to  
sign your name in the  
book located at the  
bar.

Thank you for your  
cooperation.

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.

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

**Membership Dinner  
Legion Clubrooms  
Monday, September 25, 2023**

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

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Regular Legion & Auxiliary Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Legion Clubrooms.  
Next meetings:

September 12th

October 10th

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Regular SAL Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Legion Clubrooms. Next Meetings:

September 6th

October 4th

## **Louis Ziegler September Veteran of the Month**

Louis Ziegler graduated from Baie Comeau High School in Quebec in 1962. His dad was working for the Cargill Grain Company in Canada at the time. After graduation he moved to California for work.

Lou was drafted in May 1965, and was expecting to do his Basic Training at Fort Ord, California. However, they had an outbreak of Meningitis there, so he was sent to Fort Polk, Louisiana. He remembers the extreme heat and humidity at Fort Polk! He had a short leave following Basic Training, and went to Fort Sill, OK for his Advanced Individual Training in Artillery. He was promoted to PFC when he finished that training.

Ziegler was sent to the Brooklyn Army Base in New York for overseas processing. They boarded a transport ship and headed for Bremerhaven, Germany. He was assigned to the galley and managed to eat enough soda crackers to keep from being as sick as the rest of the troops!

There was more processing at Bremerhaven, and he was sent by train to Frankfurt and eventually to Hanau, Germany. (East of Frankfurt.) Ziegler was assigned to B Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Cav, and 26th Artillery. He was the "Instrument Man" for their 12-man crew, and it was his responsibility to accurately level the howitzer before it could be accurately fired. The 26<sup>th</sup> Artillery had many field assignments at Grafenwöhr; a training camp in Eastern Bavaria.

Lou also spent some time as a driver for his Sergeant, who spoke fluent German, so they often took side-trips to explore the German villages!

Ziegler recalls a surprise meeting one evening with his cousin at the Enlisted Men's Club. Neither of them knew the other was in the area! Another pleasant memory of Lou's was the chance to see Charlie Pride in concert on their base! Lou also took advantage of several military R&R "breaks" in the Garmisch, Germany area!

In April 1967, he flew back to "the States", and was released from active duty as a Spec 4. He used his GI Bill to attend Los Angeles Harbor College at Wilmington, California. Ziegler was employed by Pacific Bell as a Lineman and Splicer. His work took him to Tehachapi, California, near Edwards Air Force Base and also to the Mohave Desert near Bakersfield to work with the space shuttle program.

Lou and his wife Kathy were married in April 1969, and have two sons: Steve and Karlin in Hayfield plus David and Melissa in Indiana.

## **Tony Anderson October Veteran of the Month**

Anthony Anderson graduated from Ellendale-Geneva High School in 1962. He played Legion Baseball the summer after graduation and worked at a number of area jobs in the area until he enlisted in the Air Force in June 1964.

Anderson was sent to Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas for Basic Training. He remembers the extreme heat and humidity there.

Following a brief leave back home at Ellendale, Tony reported to Sheppard Air Force Base near Wichita Falls, Texas. He was assigned to the 3752 Student Squadron for training as a jet engine mechanic and in July 1964 he was promoted to Airman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. In October 1964, Tony was assigned to 3560 Field Maintenance Squadron at Webb AFB, Big Spring, TX.

He was trained on the J-79 jet engine which is used on all F-104 fighter planes. These are the planes which fly surveillance day and night along our southern US border. He was promoted to Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> class when he completed his training.

Anderson had played a lot of baseball when he was in high school, in addition to Legion Baseball. So when he had an opportunity to "try out" for the team on base, he signed up and "made" the team! Tony would be assigned TDY to play baseball all over Texas and Oklahoma, and he played in front of numerous professional baseball scouts! He was promoted to Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class in October 1966.

Anderson used a number of 3-4 day passes to explore the area from Arkansas to Texas, plus some longer leaves to come home to Ellendale.

In the spring of 1968, when Tony's enlistment was nearly complete, the company commander called him into his office and laid out \$3,800 on the table. He was told ... "That's yours AND a promotion to Staff Sergeant, plus a 60 day leave if you'll "re-up" for four years!" Tony says it was tempting, but he decided to get out instead! He was released from active duty at Webb Air Force Base in June 1968 as a Sergeant.

After his release, he played a lot of fast-pitch softball. Tony was the owner of Ellendale Hardware and Lumber for 8 years and later was a bartender at the Frontier Lounge. That's how he became a member of Post 330!

After a five-year stint with IFP at Oslo, he retired.