



AMERICAN LEGION POST 330 NEWSLETTER

Hayfield, Minnesota
November/December 2025

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

We have had a very productive couple of months! If you haven't been in the club lately, we have recently completed renovations of the front door and replaced the drop ceiling, lights, and HVAC ducting in the bar. We had a crew of about 10 working over a weekend to get it all done. I think it looks amazing. At the October membership meeting, we voted to do the same work on the hall side. We have been able to do these projects with use of approved gambling funds and large donations. When it's all said and done, there should be little that will come out of our house account. We need to give special thanks to Lowe's for donating enough to pay for all the ceiling tiles and lights. We also received large donations from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation, the Hanson Family Foundation, and a large private donation. These donations totaled more than \$35,000. Our community has always been very supportive, but these donations show that people see the American Legion as an important part of the community, and they support our mission and purpose.

When the hall ceiling is complete, we will have renovated or improved the entire main floor of our building, replacing parts that were worn out, rejuvenating it with a new fresh look, and making it more accessible. A heartfelt thank you to all of the Post, Auxiliary, and SAL members who have put in time and energy to make all of this possible.

Membership renewals are coming in slowly. If you have not sent in your renewal, please do so soon. We are just over half, so we have a way to go to be complete by December. We have added four new members for 2026. I would also ask that you update your phone number and email address on the back of your renewal form. We are working on putting together an updated contact list. Best wishes for the upcoming holidays.

A Message from the SAL, Kasey Krekling - HayfieldMNSAL.com

Thank you to everyone that supported our Fly the Flag project! We set up over 530 flags this year and look forward to even more next summer. Our SAL group organized, worked, and sponsored the Punt, Pass, and Kick football competitions as part of the

Homecoming festivities. We had 73 elementary participants and gave out prizes to first through fifth place in six different age divisions. We also sponsored a free meal for each participant at the concession stand.

The best meal of the year is almost upon us! Saturday, November 1st is our annual Liver and Onions meal served at the Legion from 4-7pm. The meal is ALL YOU CAN EAT and also includes mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, homemade bread, and ice cream. There is also a meatball alternative for those that are not daring enough to try liver and onions. We served just shy of 200 people last year and look forward to beating that number this year. Bring a big appetite and we will keep filling your plate until you tell us to stop! There is also delivery service available. Call the Legion (507-477-2441) anytime during the meal to order delivery meals. Delivery is only available within a five-mile radius of Hayfield.

A Message from the Auxiliary President, Andrea Reynolds

With the arrival of Fall, life seems to pick up speed as we move into our holiday schedule! As we wrap up October, the Auxiliary will be treating our area's youth to a Cookie Walk at the annual (free!) Halloween Carnival, which will be held at Hayfield High School from 7 to 9PM-send your kids, grandkids, neighbors! ALA Halloween coloring books will also be distributed to Hayfield Elementary students.

Please join us at the Legion club on November 9 at 6PM for a ceremony honoring Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members who have died in the past year, marking their passage from active membership to Post Everlasting. On November 11 we invite you to gather to recognize the service and sacrifice of our armed forces with a Veteran's Day program at the Hayfield School, beginning at 8:30 AM. Please take time to recognize our Veterans on that day. On November 10, the American Legion Auxiliary will celebrate its 105th birthday-that's a lot of years serving Veterans and our communities!

Roll out your quarters for 25 cent Turkey BINGO on Tuesday, November 18, beginning at 6PM! This event is open to players of all ages, with prizes including turkey, ham, herring or pie, just in time for Thanksgiving!

As you plan your Hayfield Holiday Fest activities on Saturday, December 6, remember there will be 25 cent

Family BINGO at the Legion from 2:30-4:30 PM. This event is open to players of all ages and is a fun way to ring in the season! Keep the holiday cheer going by attending our annual Auxiliary Holiday Party, held December 9 at 7PM at the Legion. Please bring a wrapped gender-neutral gift (less than \$5) to exchange, a treat to share, and items for donation to the Hayfield Community Food Pantry. Highly needed items include salad dressings, mayonnaise/Miracle Whip, sauces (BBQ, etc.), and any items found in the baking aisle.

Wishing you a grateful and blessed holiday season!



A Message from the Auxiliary Membership Chairperson, Marcia Bungum

Thank you to all the Auxiliary members who have paid their membership dues for 2025.

You can pay your dues by sending a \$35 check to: Marcia Bungum – 27491 State Hwy 30 – Hayfield, MN 55940 OR by paying online by going to: www.mnala.org Thank you!

We would like to introduce our newest Rothie Post #330 Members:
Jake Olive, Arthur Polzin, Amy Schoenwetter, and John Schmidt.

In order to get the newsletter out in a timely manner, we need all submissions in by the 15th of the month prior. The deadline for the January/February newsletter will be December 15. Please send any information to be included in the newsletter to HayfieldMNLegion@gmail.com



Veterans Day Program
Tuesday, November 11, 2025
Hayfield High School West (Old) Gym
High School Program @ 8:30am
Elementary Program @ 9:15am



November 18th @ 6pm!
Open to all ages

I have 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 “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 Desert Storm & Global War on Terror “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.

Vince Reynolds November Veteran of the Month

Vince Reynolds graduated from Hayfield High School with the class of 1986.

Vince did his Basic Training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA in 1986. He had additional training in avionics, and in August 1987 was assigned to the Marine Electronics Warfare Squadron 4 in Whidbey Island, WA. The following year Reynolds was assigned to Marine All-Weather Attack Squadron 533 at Cherry Point, NC

During his six years of active duty, he made four overseas deployments including a Mediterranean cruise aboard the USS John Kennedy, deployment to Japan and the Philippines, Operation Desert Storm, and Teamwork 92 in Boda, Norway.

Reynolds left active duty in May 1992 to earn his degree in teaching and returned to Hayfield High School to teach American History. In 2007 he reenlisted in the Reserves joining Marine Wing Support Squadron 471 at Minneapolis as a military police officer following additional training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

In 2008, Sergeant Reynolds deployed to Djibouti, Africa as a Platoon Sergeant with the 9th Provisional Security Force and civil affairs coordinator for the village of Damerjog.

In July 2009, Staff Sergeant Reynolds mobilized with the Marine Wing Support Squadron 472 and deployed to Iraq serving as the Platoon Sergeant for the Incident Response Platoon conducting over 3,000 miles of convoy security operations. Staff Sergeant Reynolds mobilized again in November 2011 with the 1st Marine Logistics Group to Afghanistan. While in Afghanistan, he conducted another 3,000 miles of convoy security operations and was put in charge of the Commanding General's security detail. Upon his return to the US, the Military Police platoon was transferred to the 4th Law Enforcement Battalion.

In March 2013, Staff Sergeant Reynolds deployed overseas for the last time as the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the non-lethal weapons and tactics training package for Operation African Lion in Morocco.

While assigned to the 4th Law Enforcement Battalion, Vince was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant and served as the Company Gunnery Sergeant. In May of 2016, he assumed the duties of Operations Chief and later Company First Sergeant. In May 2018, Vince was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant and reported for duty with Battery Q, 5th Battalion 14th Marine Regiment in Aurora, CO for duties as the Battery First Sergeant. He retired from the Marine Corps in August 2021 after 22 years of service.

Vince married Andrea Hyland on November 10, 1990. They raised three children: Elizabeth, Jacob, and Patrick.

Scott Phoenix December Veteran of the Month

Eighteen-year-old, Scott Phoenix graduated from Ithaca (New York) High School in June 1987. A month later, Scott joined the US Navy and reported to the Great Lakes Training Center near Chicago. He remembers how hot and humid it was during that time. Following boot camp, Phoenix stayed at the Center for his Advanced Individual Training in Seamanship.

Scott learned his job while also performing general duties like standing watch, maintenance and Helmsman (steering the ship)! Upon graduation in October, he was promoted to Seaman Apprentice (E-2), while aboard the USS Vincennes, a Ticonderoga class cruiser, with a crew of 435 men cruising the Pacific.

In April '88, they returned to port and were given 96 hours to repack for a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf. Their mission was to protect oil tankers coming through the Persian Gulf. On April 14, 1988, the USS Samuel B Roberts hit a mine which blew a hole in her side and needed a "floating Dry Dock" to stay afloat. On July 2, 1988, Vincennes provided protection as they sailed out of the Persian Gulf on their way to Bath Iron Works in Maine.

On July 3, 1988, an Iranian Air Flight 655, on a regularly scheduled passenger flight from Tehran to Dubai, was misidentified and shot down by the Vincennes using two cruise missiles. It was flying its' usual passenger route over Iran's territorial waters in the Persian Gulf. The flight had departed its stopover from Bandar Abbas International Airport. All 290 people on board were killed, making one of the deadliest airliner "shoot downs" of all time.

They were in skirmishes with the Iranian Revolutionary Guard numerous times. Obviously, tensions were high for the whole crew. There were many Russian ships in the Gulf, and all were legal to be there. As Phoenix moved up in rank, he was assigned to the flight quarters to "chock and chain" and then to LSE (Landing Signalmen Enlisted) the two helicopters on board, and on the flight deck.

On their way back through the China Sea, they rescued 25 Vietnamese from a sinking boat and brought them back to the Philippines with them. They stopped in Hawaii, and Philippines and received fuel and supplies from a navy supply ship.

Phoenix was released from active duty in 1991 at San Diego as an E-5, (Second Class Petty Officer). He attended Ohio Diesel Tech, using his GI Bill, and took a job with Ziegler here in Minnesota.

He met his wife Jen on a blind date and they married on September 14, 1996. They raised two sons: Donovan and Spencer

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LEGION, AUXILIARY, & SAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out our website for current events and more at HayfieldMNLegion.org

November 2025

December 2025

Nov 1	SAL Liver & Onions Meal 4 – 7 PM	Dec 1	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Nov 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends (Turn clocks “back” before going to bed)	Dec 2	SAL Mtg. @ Legion @ 7 PM
Nov 3	BINGO @ Legion @ 7PM	Dec 8	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Nov 4	SAL Mtg. @ Legion @ 7PM	Dec 9	Legion & Aux. Mtgs. @ 7 PM
Nov 9	Flag Retirement Ceremony @ 1PM	Dec 15	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Nov 9	Post Everlasting @ 6 PM	Dec 22	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Nov 10	BINGO @ Legion @ 7PM	Dec 25	Christmas Day
Nov 11	Legion & Aux. Mtgs. @ 7 PM	Dec 29	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
Nov 17	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM	Dec 31	New Years Eve
Nov 18	Turkey Bingo @ 6PM		
Nov 24	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM		
Nov 27	Thanksgiving		