



AMERICAN LEGION POST 330 NEWSLETTER

Hayfield, Minnesota
July/August 2025

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

Summer is in full swing! We have just completed a very busy couple of weeks. Starting with Memorial Day services, field of flags and the chicken-fry parade. Thank you to all the members who participated in these events. It's important that we are seen as active participants in our community. I was on the bi-annual Washington DC trip with high school students, so I was unable to take part in the chicken fry weekend festivities. I appreciate those who stepped up and covered for me.

Coming up in July we will vote to renew the contract with the Village Pub. I believe it has been a benefit to the post membership having a restaurant and bar open seven days a week. We have had to make some adjustments to the agreement since we first began but I believe the arrangement has been a benefit to our members, the Village Pub, and our community. I support renewing the contract. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to me or make your voice heard at the July membership meeting.

Before we know it, National will be sending out membership renewal forms for 2026. I have not been made aware of any increases yet. We have done a great job of taking care of our renewals early. We will host our annual membership dinner in September. Post, Auxiliary, and SAL members who are already renewed or who renew that night will receive a free dinner.

Progress is being made on the front door project. The new exterior door has been installed, and we are making plans to install the interior one. It will require some redesigning of the entry and in the end, both doors will be fully ADA compliant and our members with mobility issues will find it much easier to enter the club.

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

SAL Fly the Flag project has been a huge success again this year. We are putting up over 500 flags in our communities for the flag holidays!

We continue to donate money to many organizations throughout our communities, and also to Hayfield Schools.

We are helping to sponsor the Jr. Legion State Baseball Tournament, which will be held in Hayfield during August 8th-10th. We can always use volunteers for this special event.

Our SAL golf outing will be held sometime in August this year. More info. to come.

Don't forget to check out our website at (Hayfieldmnsal.com).

A Message from the Auxiliary President, Andrea Reynolds

Summer is upon us, with many opportunities to be involved! The Auxiliary is hosting BINGO Monday nights through the end of July. We would love to have you join us to play, call, or sell cards; please reach out if you would like to join in the fun!

In May, our Unit awarded three \$300 scholarships to graduating seniors from Hayfield High School. The scholarship winners were the following: Christopher Thompson, Brianna Subert and Adam Woslager. We congratulate them on their achievements and wish them continued success!

The Memorial Day program was well attended by community and members of the Legion family. Thank you to all our Auxiliary members who helped to lay the wreath for Gold Star families, Jr. Auxilian Lily Eggert who read In Flanders Field, and Jr. Auxilian Natalyn Ulwelling who served as guest speaker.

Our Hayfield Unit was well-represented at the District Convention in May, and brought home seven awards, recognizing the excellent work done by our programs throughout the year! Our Auxiliary received awards for Children and Youth, Education, Leadership, Memorial, Music, National Security, Poppy, Service to Veterans, and Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Also, congratulations to our own Leah Milburn who will again serve as Second Vice President of 1st District for this year.

Unit officers serving for the year 2025 to 2026 will be installed at the August meeting, and are listed below:

President Andrea Reynolds
1st Vice Leah Milburn
2nd Vice Darcy Lee
Treasurer Deb Towey
Sergeant at Arms CeCe McCloud
Executive Board Betty Moon & Sue Anderson

Auxiliary members worked hard cleaning the storage and meeting rooms, organizing and pricing items in preparation for Hayfield's city-wide garage sale June 6 and 7. Boy Scouts assisted in carrying items downstairs where Auxiliary members manned tables to sell treasures! Money raised was donated to the Post for their accessible door project.

We hope to see you at our next meeting! We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Legion in Hayfield.

**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!

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.

The 4th Of July

By Jackly Wingfield

As the fireworks
Burst around in
Circles and all the
Different designs, the
Evening gets longer. So cheers
For all the
Good times we've
Had.
I wouldn't trade them for anything. It's
Just so bittersweet.
Kids having the time of their lives,
Lost in time.
Memories in the making.
Noises of the summer.
Overwhelming excitement in the air.
Patriotism, the red, white, and blue.
Quick little moments fly by.
Relatives and friends having a blast.
Smells of good ole homemade cooking. Just some
Toasting and traditions along the way.
Unbelievable love and sacrifice.
Visioning every night like this one.
Water balloons flying in the air.
expectations of the night, blown away.
Yelling and singing every word to every song.
Zoned in on honor and enjoying life on the 4th of July.

2026 Membership Renewals

2026 Membership Renewal notices are being mailed out soon. Please send your renewal to the PO Box listed on the notice.

Aaron Boysen - July Veteran of the Month

In 1997, Aaron Boysen graduated from Hayfield Schools and signed up for a five-year enlistment in the Navy. He hoped to enter Aircrew training, a month after high school graduation, Aaron reported for his physical and induction at Great Lakes Naval Training Center Boot Camp. At 18 years old, Aaron had little difficulty with the physical demands of Boot Camp thanks to 10 years of work on the farm.

Boysen's assignment after Boot Camp led him to Pensacola, FL for Naval Aircrew Candidate School. There, he trained extensively on aircraft safety, water rescue, water survival, hazmat, aircraft emergency situations, and swimming. While still in Pensacola, Aaron received a new assignment to AW (Aviation Warfare Systems Operator) "A" school for more advanced training. He then transferred to Brunswick, ME for SERE (Search Evasion Resistance Escape) school. This involved intensive physical and mental training in remote areas under harsh conditions.

Aaron continued his training in Jacksonville, FL at Patrol Squadron 30 (VP-30). VP-30 is a training squadron intended to instruct Naval Aircrew, maintenance technicians, and flight officers on the P3 Orion Aircraft before reporting to the fleet squadrons. Their primary mission was to classify, track, and attack enemy submarines. Other missions involved reconnaissance and surveillance to be the "eyes in the sky" for battlegroups, shore installations, and ground units. Aaron graduated from VP-30 in February 1999 after nearly 2 years of intensive training to become a Naval Aircrewman.

After earning his wings, Aaron met his squadron, Patrol Squadron 40 (VP-40) on deployment in Misawa, Japan. There he was part of an eleven-man crew which flew 2 to 4 times per week. His second deployment came in June of 2000 with deployments to Masirah, Qatar, Bahrain, and Diego Garcia. There the squadron participated in missions in the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean. Additionally, his air crew was part of the initial response to the USS Cole attack. His third deployment brought him back to Japan and Okinawa as well as participating in Operation Enduring Freedom in the Philippines.

Boysen was discharged from active duty in July of 2002 with the rank of E5, Second Class Petty Officer. He used his GI Bill to attend St. Cloud State University and earned an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and went on to earn a graduate degree in Police Leadership at the University of St. Thomas. In 2015, he applied to the Minneapolis Fire Department and has served as a firefighter and Fire Motor Operator since 2015.

Aaron married Megen in February 2019 and is stepfather to Max and Chase. He and Megen welcomed two more daughters, Nora and Iris, to the family over the last few years.

Ron Martin - August Veteran of the Month

Ron Martin graduated from Hayfield High School in 1971 and worked numerous jobs in the area. Ron's draft number was number four, so he knew he'd be called soon. Ron, and his twin brother Don, decided to enlist in the Air Force on the "buddy system".

The Martin boys reported to Lackland Air Force Base (near San Antonio) on December 20, 1972. Because of the holidays, they just kind of "existed" until early January when their processing and training began in earnest. They completed their basic training in early March and had a brief leave back home near Sargeant.

Ron reported to Shepherd Air Force Base, near Wichita Falls, Texas for five months of training in heating, refrigeration, and air conditioning. This program prepared him to install, repair, and maintain HVAC/R systems within Air Force facilities. The training included topics like heat transfer, vapor-compression cycles, and the functioning of major system components, ensuring the graduates were equipped with the necessary skills for a successful HVAC/R. He earned his Airman stripe upon completion of his schooling.

Nearing completion of his schooling, Martin put in his request for assignment somewhere warm such as Florida or California. But instead Ron was assigned to the 321st Civil Engineering Squadron at Grand Forks Air Force Base, in Northeast North Dakota for the next 3 ½ years! The base was part of the strategic air defense system with many Minuteman III missiles. The Air Defense was intended to provide early warning, and response, for a Soviet nuclear attack. These Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles were stored in underground silos. They could carry up to three warheads and travel nearly 8,000 miles. Ron's responsibility was to maintain the HVAC equipment in the Air Base facilities which included all office buildings, hangars, refueling alert facilities, cold storage and base housing refrigerators. He was also assigned to maintain refrigeration and compressed air systems at the 15 Launch Control facilities throughout eastern North Dakota.

Martin made Senior Airman (E-4) in June of 1974. He went home in June 1974 to marry Lana Peterson (Dexter). They lived in a mobile home 45 feet from the runway used by the KC 135 Stratotankers!

Martin would volunteer for the night shift of 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and would work 3 days on and 2 off, then 2 on and 3 off. He became friends with a civil-servant on base who was also a farmer. In Ron's time-off, he worked on a number of planting and harvest seasons for the farmer.

Ron was released from active duty in December 1976 as a Senior Airman. He was employed by IBM, Lab-Tech, and MN DOT.

Lana and Ron raised two children: a daughter; Jennifer and a son; Jeff.

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LEGION, AUXILIARY, & SAL UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2025

August 2025

July 1	SAL Mtg. @ Legion @ 7PM	August 4	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
July 7	BINGO @ Legion @ 7PM	August 5	SAL Mtg. @ Legion @ 7 PM
July 8	Legion & Aux. Mtgs. @ 7 PM	August 11	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
July 14	BINGO @ Legion @ 7PM	August 12	Legion & Aux. Mtgs.@ 7 PM
July 21	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM	August 18	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM
July 28	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM	August 25	BINGO @ Legion @ 7 PM