



April – June 2024 Newsletter

American Legion
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Upcoming Weekly Events

Bingo is conducted every Tuesday
starting at 6:30pm

Meat Raffles every Friday @ 5:30

Upcoming Events:

328 / Post 98 Burger Bash! – April 6,
11:00am until 8:00pm

Veterans Day on the Hill – April 17,
10:00am 600 Cedar Street, St Paul

**Concert Night featuring Ledfoot
Larry** – April 19th, doors open at
6:00pm and starts at 7:00pm

Concert Night featuring Mayfair 3 –
May 4th, doors open at 6:00pm and starts
at 7:00pm

**As always, keep your eye on the
website, Facebook for updates for
more information on upcoming events!**

If you need any additional information
regarding the upcoming events,
meetings, or Legion activities. please
visit our website at

www.richarddinglepost98.com

As always, feel free to email either the
Post or Adjutant at the following email
addresses:

Post 98 Email Address

post98spp@gmail.com

Post 98 Adjutant Email Address

aladjutant98@outlook.com

Commander's Call

Hello again, I am glad everyone made it through our non-winter this year! We are on our way into spring. With that our Fish Fry's have wrapped up for the year. I would like to thank everyone who has been able to make Fish Frys a success, there is a lot of hard work that has been done to make these successful. Thank you so much.

Also, it's that time of year again for our voting on the executive board. The slate of Officers is being collected. May is voting for our new Executive Board members, if you have any questions on the slate, please go to our First Vice.

We have been having a slight issue recently. We are currently a Post with over 300 members, we are having a hard time having members show up to our General Meeting. This is very important to have members at our meetings. Please if you can come to the general meeting and be involved with the post.

Thank you again for your time, hope to see everyone soon at the next General Meeting in April.

Gerald
Wright
Commander



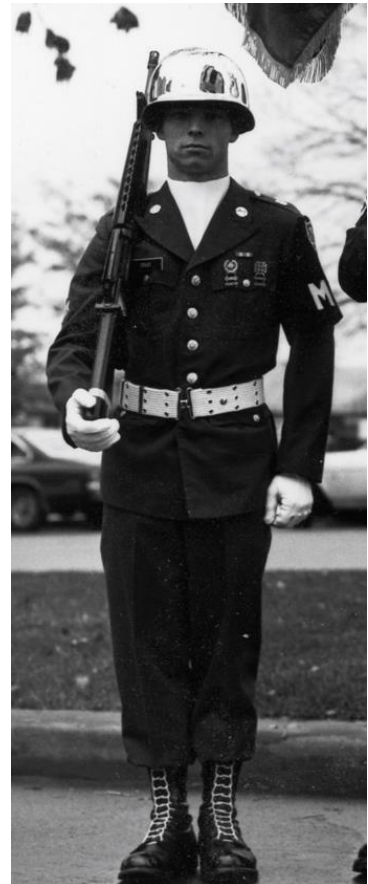
Adjutant's Notes

We are currently sitting at 89.3% with a paid membership of 357. For those that still haven't renewed your membership for 2024, please get them in. Just a reminder that next year's dues will be \$50.00, the new membership year starts July 1st.

As the Commander stated, we would like to see more members attending our General Membership meetings, I will be sending out email reminders to upcoming meetings.

Hope everyone has a wonderful spring, hope to see you all at the Post Picnic in July!

Mike Solei
Post 98 Adjutant



If you have a change in contact information, please reach out to the Post Adjutant, Auxiliary Treasurer or S.A.L. Adjutant and he/she will get your information updated. This is important as we are trying to keep our postal costs to a minimum. Last newsletter mailing we had \$20 in returned newsletters.

Taps – Covering since previous newsletter.

James Ksiazek, Howard Tellin

Legion Meeting Dates

Monday, April 15, 2024 @ 7pm

Monday, May 20, 2024 @ 7pm

Monday, June 17, 2024 @ 7pm

Monday, July 15, 2024 @ 7pm

Service Officer

And here we are, Spring at our doorsteps. Soon we will see the green buds on the trees and our lawns waking up. Another Fish Fry season is behind us, and we now look to the activities to come.

We have a new email address for the Service Officer, now you can reach the Service Officer directly! Please add this to your Contact lists:
AL98SO@outlook.com

We are currently recruiting for our next slate of students for Boys State this summer. We were the host site for this year's District Oratorical competition and what a wonderful morning it was - thank you to all who were here and who supported this event and the students. Look for us to possibly be the hosts for next year's event.

National Commander, Commander Daniel Seehafer, will be in MN this April. You can have lunch with him at Post 108 in Le Center on April 16th, contact the Post directly at 507-357-4787 if you want to attend. You can also see him help support local and state legislation for the veteran community at Veterans Day on the Hill, April 17th.

Thank you,

Danielle Horan
Post Service Officer



Chaplain

As we grow older friendship and commitment seem so important to us.... but why and what really are they? I asked my Artificial Intelligence (AI) computer friend... and this is what it said....in 3 seconds.

Friendship is a delicate dance of shared laughter, whispered secrets and unwavering support. It's the warmth of a hand reaching out in the darkness, the comfort of knowing someone truly sees you. Friends are the architects of joy, the menders of our broken pieces. They celebrate our victories and hold us steady during storms.

Commitment is the sturdy foundation beneath friendship's delicate structure. It's the promise to show up, even when life gets chaotic. Commitment says, "I'll be there no matter what". It's the glue that binds hearts across time zones and life stages.

Together, friendship and commitment create a beautiful mosaic of shared memories, inside jokes and late-night conversations. They are the compass guiding us through life's twists and turns, reminding us of that we are never truly alone.

That is why AI is so valuable, so scary and simply amazing.

Jim Kaempfer
Post 98 Co-Chaplain

Auxiliary News

As we have moved into Spring, I'd like to take a minute to remind everyone that the election of Officers for 2024-2025 will be done at the May 6th meeting. Your vote does matter so please attend if you can.

In January we had the Chili Cook-Off fundraiser which was very well attended. Thank you, to all the members who donated items for the silent auction and bake sale.

February began the Friday Night Fish Frys. While these are Post events your volunteering is greatly appreciated, and your efforts have been recognized by the Commander.

On March 24th the Palm Sunday Dinner was held. We had a great turnout despite the winter weather that day.

There are a few upcoming Auxiliary events in April and June at the Post that we are looking forward to. We are starting April with the Month of the Military Child to recognize and support kids who are in military life. Purple Up Day, specifically, is celebrated on April 15th every year. The Air Force, Coast Guard, and Navy all wear shades of blue in their dress uniforms. The Army wears green, and the Marines often wear red. When you mix green, blue, and red, depending on the amount of each, you'll likely end up with some shade of purple! Because of this, purple signifies the entire military. Since military kids exist within all branches, it makes sense that their day

is called Purple Up Day. April 20th is the Special Needs Spring Hop. In June there will be the installation of the Auxiliary Officers for the upcoming year.

The Third District Convention is May 17th at the New Prague Post 45 if you are interested in attending and cannot sign-up at the Auxiliary meeting in April, please email me at jcluckey@comcast.net or secretarymnunit98@outlook.com.

In closing, I would like to again say “Thank You” to the members that have been able to volunteer at our events and to those members that took on the “chair” role. You do a wonderful job.

Kind Regards,

Jeorgia Cluckey, Auxiliary President

Auxiliary Meeting Dates

Monday, April 1, 2024 @ 6:30pm
Monday, May 6, 2024 @ 6:30pm
Monday, June 3, 2024 @ 6:30pm
(Executive Board)
Monday, July 1, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Jr. Auxiliary News

Hats off to our juniors who submitted their Americanism essays. Reminder April 12th is Department Junior Conference in Detroit Lakes.

See you soon.

Lynn Duffy
Junior Chairman

Jr. Auxiliary Meeting Dates

Sunday, April 7, 2024 @ 6pm
Sunday, May 5, 2024 @ 6pm
Sunday, June 2, 2024 @ 6pm
Sunday, July 7, 2024 @ 6pm

S.A.L. News

Hello everyone,

The Sons of the American Legion Post 98 has been very busy the last few months. Over the last month we have held a band, helped with the Legion Fish Fry, and held the funniest bus tour I have ever been part of.

That being said, to give a little recap of the SAL bus tour we had stopped at four Legions within our district, Savage, Apple Valley, Rosemount, and Hastings. During our stops I started out helping raise some funds for their SAL's and asked for donations from the patrons that were there. It all started with Apple Valley. We had raised \$241 in Apple Valley, and they decided to donate that money to Adam Finseth whom was the Burnsville Fireman that had lost his life last month on a call. So, we made it our mission to build on this through the rest of

our tour. In Rosemount we raised \$526, Hastings we raised \$543, then on the bus our SAL Post 98 raised \$420, and then on Friday March 1st a few of our SAL members went around during the fish fry and raised another \$570. That gives us a total going to the Finseth Family \$2,300. I can be proud of our SAL's and the things that we have done in the past few months, but this tops it all.

On Saturday March 30th all four Legion Posts got together and presented this check to the Finseth's Family at the Burnsville Fire Station #1 as one big SAL family.

I would like to thank all our members for all you do, and I look forward to seeing what more we can do as a squad.

Until next time keep being the one!

Gregg Wilwert
S.A.L Commander

S.A.L. Meeting Dates

Monday, April 22, 2024 @ 6pm

Monday, May 20, 2024 @ 6pm

Monday, June 24, 2024 @ 6pm

Monday, July 22, 2024 @ 6pm

Gambling Manager

We're having another good quarter for charitable gambling, once again thank you to all my employees, it could not have

happened without you.

Some of the things we're doing with the Gambling funds is replacing the Event Hall chairs, the old chairs gave over 20 years of service and are now being retired. Another initiative we are working on is replacing the old boiler and air conditioning unit for the Event Hall, we will be installing a new HVAC unit. Last year we replaced the HVAC units for the Gambling room and Bar. The monthly utility savings is about \$700.00 a month.

Thank you all,

Mike Solei
Gambling Manager

Bar Manager

Welcome to another episode of what is happening at the bar at the American Legion Spring Addition!

As I am writing this, we are supposed to be getting a snowstorm, and why not it is Spring, and we were all spoiled with this past Winter. We were almost like the snowbirds who leave the cold for warm weather, but this year the warm weather stayed up North!!!

As we are finishing up the Fish Fry season, I would like to thank my amazing staff who worked extremely hard every Friday to help the Post make it a success, also a huge shout out to 328 Grill who prepared and cooked the fish, it was amazing...Thank You Mik and his crew!!!

We will continue to have a Comedy Show the second Thursday of the month at 7

pm, come on down because everyone can use a laugh or two!!! We are starting back beer of the month with April being Coors Banquet, May being Corona/Modelo and June being Busch Light!!!

We had a huge loss in the Legion Family in February, Howard "Howie" Tellin passed away. Some of you know him as the popcorn maker, Past Grand Marshall, or Just Howie. He was a huge part of the Legion family especially with the bartenders. If we didn't see Howie by a certain time, we would be making calls looking for him. Howie had his chair, and it is still hard not seeing him sitting there. Howie's family has donated money to the bar and asked if we could buy new bar stools for the high-top tables, how appropriate. Thank you, Sherry, and the Gutterman family for this generous donation and for sharing Howie with all of us!!! RIP Howie your tour is finished!

As a bar manager, sometimes the days are long and the stress is a lot, but the days are getting better because of my staff! I have an amazing group of bartenders, waitresses and food runners who make my job easier, and I can't thank them enough for stepping up to the plate when help is needed. As we get busier and figuring out a few kinks, so everyone is happy, not just new people who come in, but the members/regulars who have been coming in for years. I have realized that at times the bar area is neglected due to the busyness of people eating and sitting at tables, for that I apologize, and I am working on a plan so please have a little more patience as I get my ducks in a row!

It has been a pleasure working with the current executive board and as June quickly approaches and the Post votes in new Executive Members, I would like to thank all of you but especially Gerry Wright (Commander), it has been a pleasure calling you my boss even through all the issues (glad they are over)!!! I can only hope that whoever becomes the new commander continues to do what is for the good of the Legion!!!

As I sign off and realize once again, I rambled on and on I would like to remind everyone that life is precious and make the most of what you have, you never know when your tour of duty will be over! Always be kind and smile! See you around the bar!!!

Your sometimes witty bar manager,

Colleen

Operational Items

Members are responsible for any damage on return. Contact Post 98 for more information and rental, 1-week notice is required to make sure that we have a stock of tables available.

Bar Hours

Sunday - Monday 11 am til 10 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 11 am til 11 pm
Friday - Saturday 11 am til 1 am

Gambling Booth Hours

Sunday - Monday 11 am til 9 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 11 am til 10 pm
Friday - Saturday 11 am til 12 am

328 Grill Hours

Monday - Saturday - 11am to 8pm
Sunday - 11am - 6pm

Hall Rental Rates

Members \$200.00
Auxiliary, S.A.L. Members \$250.00
Celebration of Life - Donation

Table Rental Rates

For your graduation, other parties / celebration events coming up, we have available for loan or rental folding tables. We have an 8-foot rectangle and 6-foot round tables. Post 98 Family Members are free, and non-members are \$10, Post Family

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Auxiliary Mtg – 6:30pm	2 Bingo – 6:30pm	3	4 40/8 Mtg – 5:00	5 Meat Raffle – 5:30	6 328 / Post 98 Burger Bash! – 11 - 8
7 Jr. Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00pm	8 Executive Board Mtg – 6:15	9 Bingo – 6:30pm	10	11 Legions of Laugh Comedy Show – 7:00pm	12 Meat Raffle – 5:30	13 CVMA Mtg – 10:00
14	15 Membership Mtg – 7:00	16 Bingo – 6:30pm	17 Veterans Day on the Hill	18	19 Meat Raffle – 5:30 Concert Night – Ledfoot Larry – 7:00pm	20 Spring Hop
21	22 S.A.L. Mtg – 6:00	23 Bingo – 6:30pm	24	25	26 Meat Raffle – 5:30	27 Purple Assoc. Mtg – 10:00
28	29	30 Bingo – 6:30pm				

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 40/8 Mtg – 5:00pm	3 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm	4 Concert Night – Mayfair 3 – 7:00pm
5 Jr. Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00pm	6 Auxiliary Mtg – 6:30pm	7 Bingo – 6:30pm	8	9 Legions of Laugh Comedy Show – 7:00pm	10 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm	11 Combat Vets Mtg – 10:00am
12	13 Executive Mtg – 6:15pm	14 Bingo – 6:30pm	15	16	17 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm	18 Armed Forces Day
19	20 Legion Mtg – 7:00pm S.A.L. Meeting – 6:00pm	21 Bingo – 6:30pm	22	23	24 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm	25 Purple Heart Assoc Meeting – 10:00am
26	27 Memorial Day	28 Blood Drive 10:00am – 4:00pm Bingo – 6:30pm	29	30	31	

June 2024

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2 Jr. Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00pm	3 Auxiliary Mtg – 6:30pm	4 Bingo – 6:30pm	5	6 40/8 Mtg – 5:00pm	7 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm	8 Combat Vets Mtg – 10:00am
9	10 Executive Mtg – 6:15pm	11 Bingo – 6:30pm	12	13 Legions of Laugh Comedy Show – 7:00pm	14 Army Birthday Meat Raffle – 5:30pm	15
16	17 Legion Mtg – 7:00pm	18 Bingo – 6:30pm	19	20	21 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm	22
23	24 S.A.L. Meeting – 6:00pm	25 Bingo – 6:30pm	26	27	28 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm	29
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