



July – September 2023 Newsletter

American Legion
Richard Dingle Post 98
328 Broadway Avenue
Saint Paul Park, MN 55071
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Upcoming Weekly Events

Bingo will be suspended until the end of August, starting up in September.

S.A.L. Root Beer Float Wednesday's during the car show months from 4-7

Meat Raffles every Friday @ 5:30

Upcoming Events:

Post 98 Picnic – July 30th – 11:00
located like last year at the Post.

Heritage Days – Aug 19th thru Aug 20th

Booya / Auxiliary Bake Sale –
September 9th

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

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 \$25 in returned newsletters.

Commander's Call

It is an honor to be able to be the commander of the American Legion Post 98 for a second year. Thank you for all the support and guidance everyone has given. I also would like to congratulate the new executive board members. Together as a team we can do great things for the post and community. I would like to congratulate Jeorgia Clucky on being the president of the auxiliary for her second year and her board members. We are in a busy year as always. At the end of July is our yearly picnic at the Post. It was a great time last year bringing friends and family and don't forget our friendly Adjutant will be there for our dues.

As always, the end of August is Heritage Days or maybe a day. We will see what the town will do.

Before I forget and rant on too long, I would like to let everyone know that the Junior Auxiliary have been working on community library for kids. The first one will be at Dingle Park. Congratulations to all the of them and their dedication.

OK, one more last thing. Thank you all for the help with Memorial Day. We cannot do it without everyone's help, it turned out great. Be safe, take care of each other.

Until next time.

Gerald Wright
Commander



Adjutant's Notes

We ended the year sitting at 94% with a paid membership of 397. Just a reminder that this year's dues have been raised to \$45.00. I know we use the Post picnic as our membership drive but remember that you can send in, bring in (see one of our smiling bartenders), or submit online. Online you can also sign up for auto payments, therefore you don't need to

worry about getting your dues paid every
ever.

Mike Solei
Post 98 Adjutant



Taps

Fortunately, none to report.

Post 98 Officers 2023-2024

Commander: Gerald Wright
1st Vice Commander: Scott Hanneman
2nd Vice Commander: Joe Duffy
3rd Vice Commander: Daniel Berberich
Finance Officer: Craig Kittelson
Chaplain: Jim Kaempfer / Forrest Bailey
Sergeant-at-Arms: Rick Kullman
Sergeant-at-Arms: Open
Historian: Diana Berberich

Appointed by Commander

Adjutant: Mike Solei
Post Service Officer: Danielle Horan

Legion Meeting Dates

Monday, July 17th, 2023 @ 7pm
Monday, August 21st, 2023 @ 7pm
Monday, September 18th, 2023 @
7pm

Membership Year 2024

Legion dues are increasing to \$45.

Service Officer

We were able to participate in our first post-Covid Bingo event at the Hastings home in May and I want to send a big Thank You to our volunteers – Scott Wukawitz, John Heroff and Gabriel Timp, Lance Buckley and Ben Red Beard from the Combat Vets. Look for more opportunities to participate and support our comrades coming your way!

A reminder to all that our County Veterans Service Officers (contact information posted Community bulletin board at the Legion) are available to discuss potential benefits with you. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or are needing support to make that connection, I am here to help.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy the summer, stay cool and safe and hope to see you all the Post Picnic (July 30th).

Congratulations to the Park Senior High students we sponsored for the annual Boys State event – DJ W., Cole W., Buddy M. and Nolawe E. Feedback provided from the state organizer let us know our students did a fantastic job and one – DJ - will now represent our fine state of Minnesota at the Boys State National event in Washington DC this July! Great job DJ. Students from 49 states will gain experience and education on the function and structure of our national government, with opportunities to apply that learning. Best wishes to DJ as he prepares for this next adventure, and we look forward to hearing from all of the students.

Regards,

Danielle Horan Post
Service Officer

Chaplain

Whatever you call it...resilience, perseverance, or discipline, it is the critical ability that keeps you going when motivation fails. Sometimes, as we grow older, life doesn't get easier or more forgiving. Our golden years are not always bright and shining. Sometimes we have to bounce back from setbacks, but that can be easier said than done. Especially if we are living with a personal loss or a chronic illness. Painful symptoms and emotional stress can be tough challenges.

However, there are some abilities and learned skills that can help us. Being resilient is different from being numb. It is accepting our pain, our misfortune, our hurt and being able to keep on going. It can be accepting our new reality even if it is less good than the one you had before. It is possible to bounce back.

This is a very important topic and one that is too complex to be covered in a couple of paragraphs. However, there is a lot of information and help out there. Many resources are available in books, counseling or on the web. Please consider this and as you continue going through this life, please continue to pursue happiness.

We are looking for someone to co-Chaplain with Forrest. If you have any interest, please contact the Commander.

Forrest Bailey / Jim Kaempfer
Post 98 Chaplain

Auxiliary News

Hello everyone,

June 4th, Unit #98 was honored to have two ALA Third District Officer's attend our initiation ceremony. President Elect Deanna Meyer who installed the 2023-2024 Officer's and Secretary Karla Otterness.

Later that day we also celebrated our Junior Auxiliary with a patch ceremony and certificates of attendance for participation in the Third District Department Junior Conference. Evelyn Koran and Layna Westbrook were each

also presented an ALA Good Deed Award by Mayor Dingle.

Membership:

July 1st begins the 2023-2024 membership cycle. Auxiliary dues for this year have increased to \$35.00, Junior's remain at \$10.00. Please contact Terri Wright if you have had a change in phone number, address, or email since your last renewal. We cannot keep you updated and informed if we don't have your correct contact information.

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,

Georgia Appel-Cluckey
Auxiliary President

ALA Unit #98 Officer's 2023-2024

President: Georgia Cluckey
1st Vice: Sharon Langness
2nd Vice: Theresa Kullman
Secretary: Lynn Duffy
Treasurer: Terri Wright
Sgt At Arms: Penny Duff
Historian: Lynn Cozad
Chaplain: Marilyn Witzel

Auxiliary Meeting Dates

Monday, July 10th, 2023 @ 6:30pm
Monday, August 7th, 2023 @ 6:30pm
Monday, September 11th, 2023 @
6:30pm

Jr. Auxiliary Meeting Dates

Sunday, July 2nd, 2023 @ 6:00pm
Sunday, August 6th, 2023 @ 6:00pm
Sunday, September 3rd, 2023 @
6:00pm

Membership Year 2024
Auxiliary dues are \$35
Jr. Auxiliary dues are \$10

S.A.L. News

Hello SAL members,

My name is Gregg Wilwert, and I am your new SAL Commander. I would like to welcome all the new members that have joined this year and I would like to thank all the current members for their ongoing support and guidance thus far. We also have a whole new cabinet of officers with new ideas.

We have a lot of wonderful things going on with the squadron. Currently we are holding a Root Beer Float fundraiser on Wednesday's during the car show months from 4-7. There are some other great things to come.

We have a great number of members within the squadron and a lot of new faces. So, with that I would like to invite all members to join us for our SAL

member monthly meetings which are held every 4th Monday of the month at 6pm in the hall. This is a great way for us to meet each other and to stay connected with your squad and members. Remember to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

Until next time,

Gregg Wilwert
S.A.L Commander

Squadron 98 Officers 2023-2024

Commander: Gregg Wilwert
1st Vice Commander: William Hoyt
2nd Vice Commander: Matt Grimes
Finance Officer: James Swing
Chaplain: Jim Kaempfer / Forrest Bailey
Sergeant-at-Arms: Joe Kramer
Adjutant: James Swing

S.A.L. Meeting Dates

Monday, July 24th, 2023 @ 7pm
Monday, August 28th, 2023 @ 7pm
Monday, September 25th, 2023 @ 7pm

Membership Year 2024
S.A.L. dues are \$20

Gambling Manager

I wanted to share some financial facts about this gambling year. As of the writing of the newsletter, we're looking to be around \$4.5M. Thank you to all my employees, it could not have happened without them.

Here are some of the details of where the dollars go:

Total Lawful Purpose Expenses including below - \$299,910.00
Donations to 501(c)(3) - \$11,200.00
Poverty, Homeless - \$3,173.00
Military Recognition - \$10,152.00
Youth - \$15,335.00

Total Allowable Expenses - \$253,967.00
Total Gross - \$4,409,154.00
Total Prizes - 3,829,154.00
Total Net/Gross Profit - \$580,593.00
Net Profit after taxes - \$152,726.00

We are currently looking for a new Gambling Manager as I will be stepping down to Assistant Gambling Manager. We would like to find someone who will carry on the current program and be able to bring us into the future. As in other areas of the Post, we are looking to the future, not what we have done in the past. If interested, please contact either the Commander or me.

Thank you all,

Mike Solei
Gambling Manager

Bar Manager

We didn't have much of a Spring. It went from Winter to Summer and sometimes on the same day! We hope that you are having a great season, whatever that is today!!!

So, what is new and exciting happening at the American Legion Bar...besides it being warm inside the bar because the air conditioning after 40 years has finally said enough, I am going to drip on people until you fix me! Well, we are getting new air conditioners in the bar and in the pull-tab room and might already be installed when you are reading this!

Right now, we are fully staffed, and I have an amazing group of employees that make my job easier, so thank you to you all!!!

Congratulations to our NEW members of the executive board, I look forward to moving forward in the upcoming year. The past is the past and we must leave it there. The present is where we are at, and we need to focus on the future!!

The patio is open. We just ask that you check in first, so we know that you are out there! Beer bucket specials are available while on the patio!

Starting in July we are having Karaoke every other Friday with July 14th being Karaoke Friday.

July 30th is the American Legion Picnic AT THE AMERICAN LEGION, the clubroom and 328 Grill will be closed that day. Follow us on Facebook or visit the web site for more details on this event.

Sadly, Heritage Days weekend is now turning into Heritage Day and 1/2

(Saturday August 19th and Tractor Pull on Sunday the 20th! At the time this was printed I didn't have many details as to what is going on. The American Legion sponsors the Wrestling event, and the day and time has not been confirmed yet. So once again stay tuned.

BOOYA is right around the corner. Save the date SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th!!!

With the way the world is today it is tough sometimes to come in and be happy and smiling, home stress, work stress, being old stress, stress from being stressed can take its toll on even the happiest people. Times like this I take a moment and take a deep breath and think of the advice I share often, in a world where you can be anything ALWAYS BE KIND and smile because you never know, your smile can change someone's day and they could pay your smile forward with their own!!!

Have a wonderful summer. Hope to see you soon at the Legion!!!

Your not always smiling Manager, but would love to see your smile Manager, cause you just don't know your smile could turn my day around Manager!!!

Colleen
Your American Legion Post 98 Bar
Manager

Operational Items

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

Hall Rental Rates

Members \$200.00
Auxiliary S.A.L. / Members \$300.00
Celebration of Life \$100.00

Now that graduation and other party / celebration events are 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 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.

Donation Plaques

If you have been in the Post the past couple months, you may have noticed 2 new plaques hanging by the Honor Guard rifle cabinet.

The first one is for those that donated to the Building Improvement. Going forward, these are donations that are \$100 or more and will go to ongoing building upgrades and renovations.



The second one is for those that donated to the Memorial (plaque on the bar stools). Going forward, these are donations that are \$30 and will be the same concept, either your name or someone special in memory of. The money for these donations will go to the Hastings Vet home directly to residents.



July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Jr Auxiliary Mtg – 6:00	3	4 Independence Day	5 Car Show – 4:00 S.A.L. Root Beer Float - 4:00-7:00	6 40/8 Mtg – 5:00	7 Meat Raffle – 5:30	8 CVMA Mtg – 10:00
9	10 Executive Board Mtg – 6:15 Auxiliary Mtg – 6:30	11	12 Car Show – 4:00 S.A.L. Root Beer Float - 4:00-7:00	13 Legions of Laugh Comedy – 7:00	14 Meat Raffle – 5:30 Karaoke Friday – 7:00	15
16	17 Membership Mtg – 7:00	18	19 Car Show – 4:00 S.A.L. Root Beer Float - 4:00-7:00	20	21 Meat Raffle – 5:30	22 Purple Assoc. Mtg – 10:00
23	24 S.A.L. Mtg – 6:00	25	26 Car Show – 4:00 S.A.L. Root Beer Float - 4:00-7:00	27	28 Meat Raffle – 5:30 Karaoke Friday – 7:00	29
30 Post Picnic – 11:00 Bar / Kitchen Closed	31					

Events

Meat Raffles

Come join us on Fridays for our Meat Raffle featuring Illletschkos Meats.

Bingo

No Bingo for the months of July, August.

Post Picnic

This year's picnic will be at the Legion just as last year. Come join us, starts at 11:00. Membership drive also.

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Car Show – 4:00 S.A.L. Root Beer Float - 4:00-7:00	3 40/8 Mtg – 5:00	4 Coast Guard Birthday Meat Raffle – 5:30	5
6 Jr Auxiliary Mtg – 6:00	7 Auxiliary Mtg – 6:30	8	9 Car Show – 4:00 S.A.L. Root Beer Float - 4:00-7:00	10 Legions of Laugh Comedy – 7:00	11 Meat Raffle – 5:30 Karaoke Friday – 7:00	12 CVMA Mtg – 10:00
13	14 Executive Board Mtg – 6:15	15	16 Car Show – 4:00 S.A.L. Root Beer Float - 4:00-7:00	17	18 Meat Raffle – 5:30	19 Heritage Days
20 Heritage Days	21 Membership Mtg – 7:00	22 Blood Drive – 11:00	23 Car Show – 4:00 S.A.L. Root Beer Float - 4:00-7:00	24	25 Meat Raffle – 5:30 Karaoke Friday – 7:00	26 Purple Assoc. Mtg – 10:00
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Heritage Days

See Facebook, Website for updates on events for Heritage Day

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Meat Raffle – 5:30	2
3 Jr Auxiliary – 6:00	4 Labor Day	5 Bingo – 6:30	6 Car Show – 4:00 S.A.L. Root Beer Float - 4:00-7:00	7 40/8 Mtg – 5:00	8 Meat Raffle – 5:30 Karaoke Friday – 7:00	9 CVMA Mtg – 10:00 Booya – 11:00
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Events

Meat Raffles

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Bingo

Bingo is starting up in September.
Welcome back!

Booya

See Facebook, Website for updates on events for Booya