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October – November – December 2022 Newsletter

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Commander's Call

Welcome everyone, first I would like to say it has been a very busy but fun start of the year. I would like to thank everyone who came and was involved in our Legion Picnic this year. What a blast! Thank you for everyone who volunteered and made sure this could happen at our own post. The second event we had was Heritage days. We were given the Business of the Year Award; we also had our flag retirement ceremony at Veterans Park. It was an Honor to do. Once again everyone that was involved on all the activities we had and getting ready for the big weekend, with the countless hours, Thank-you.

Finally, my favorite fall time, is BOOYA time. As always delicious, a very successful BOOYA and a huge shout out to everyone who was involved and volunteered your time to make this happen thank-you. Like I said it was busy but very fun. I hope to see more volunteers to help with up coming events, it is a great time to get to know and hear everyone's story while working with each other. On another note, if anyone has knowledge or experience in maintenance upkeep or scheduling, please contact me or leave a note at the post. We are trying to set up a group to keep our general maintenance up to date. Before I sign off, I would like to wish everyone safe and happy holidays as the next newsletter will not be until after December. Thank you everyone hope to see everyone soon and stay safe.

Gerald Wright
Commander



Adjutant's Report

We are currently sitting at 65% with a paid membership of 246. For those that still haven't renewed your membership for 2023, there are 3 ways of doing so:

- Online renewal - just sign in to your mylegion.org account and submit your payment.
- Send in – send in the mail in form received from National with your payment.
- See your friendly Legion Post 98 Bartender, they will make sure that your payment gets submitted.

It would be awesome to achieve a 100% membership goal again this year!

Post and S.A.L. members, there is a way to do an auto-renewal through mylegion.org. Hopefully, soon the Auxiliary will have this option, one less thing to think about whether you renewed your membership or not.

Taps

Dallis Lemke – Age 71 of Rutledge, MN

Mike Solei
Post 98 Adjutant



Legion Meeting Dates

Monday, October 17th 2022 @ 7pm
Monday, November 21st 2022 @ 7pm
Monday, December 19th 2022 @ 7pm

Post Service Officer

Greetings from your new Service Officer. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself – please free to call me Dani or Danielle, I answer to both. I am so very excited about this opportunity to help support my community of fellow veterans and their families in working with the County Veterans Service Officer and accessing benefits. I am a Social Worker by education and profession and hope to capitalize on that experience in this role. Please feel free to reach out to me if you need information and/or assistance.

For this month, there are two pieces of information I would like to make sure all members are aware of:

- If you served on active duty post-911, the State of MN has issued a Veteran Service Bonus for those who are eligible. You can find eligibility and application information here: <https://vetservicebonus.mdva.mn.gov/Home>
- There is a new resource called **988 Suicide & Crisis Line** – this crisis line offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress. That could be thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotion distress. If you need help, **please call or text 988** and speak with someone, they are there to help.

Regards,
Danielle Horan
Post Service Officer

Chaplain

I know that many of us look forward to Autumn. It's a welcome break to the summer heat and flurry of activities.

Autumn gives of the time to reflect on our blessings of family, friends, and the camaraderie of Post 98. Let's enjoy the Post's autumn activities and events. Also, please remember to keep our military members – past and present – and their families in our prayers.

Forrest Bailey
Post 98 Chaplain

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Auxiliary News

Hello everyone,

It's been a busy couple of months for the Auxiliary. The annual audit for 2021-2022 was completed and budget for 2022-2023 has been completed and approved. The standing rules are being reviewed and will be brought to the membership at the next meeting on October 3rd.

We continued our fundraising efforts throughout the summer by selling raffles (meat / gift card) at least one Friday night a month at the Legion, during Heritage Days and at the fall Booya. During Heritage Days in August we sold brats, hot dogs, chips, cookies and pickles on a stick. In addition to the bake sale during the booya we also sold brats and hot dogs. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped support these events.

Just a friendly reminder that membership renewal began in July. In addition to renewing in person you also have the option to renew by phone by calling National Headquarters at **(317) 569-4570** with your member ID ready. You'll speak with a real person who will assist you in paying your dues.

In October, November and December we are looking forward to the Fall convention, Kid's Halloween party, Veterans dinner and Special Needs Christmas party.

Kind regards,

Jeorgia Appel-Cluckey
Auxiliary President

Auxiliary Meeting Dates

Monday, October 3rd 2022 @ 6:30pm
Monday, November 11th 2022 @ 6:30pm
Monday, December 5th 2022 @ 6:30pm

S.A.L. News

Hope everyone had a great summer! Looking for more attendance to our meetings, we would like to have our Squadron play a more active role here at Post 98. Remember to renew your membership!

Thanks,
Tim Conrad
S.A.L. Commander

S.A.L. Meeting Dates

Monday, October 24th 2022 @ 6pm
Monday, November 28th 2022 @ 6pm
December - TBD

Gambling Manager

Information from the Gambling Manager, with the 2021/2022 gambling year over, I wanted to share some financial facts about that year. We grossed \$4,031,622.30 that is up almost \$500,000 from last year, we paid the state of Minnesota \$122,041.00 in taxes and donated \$129,984.00 to the community or expenses to keep the post running smooth, this was a great year for charitable gambling, once again thank you to all my employee's, it could not of happened without you.

There are still spots available for the Friday Meat Raffles. Please sign up if you have a Friday, you would be available to donate about 2 hours of your time.

Last thing, there has been a change in the Gambling Manager position, Mike Solei will be taking over the Gambling Manager duties as of October. I would like to thank Craig for all of his hard work and dedication, he has brought the Legion Gambling program a long way from when he took the position. Some of his efforts have brought in Electronic Pull-tabs, Linked Bingo and a new POS system that makes bookkeeping easier and more accurate. Thanks again!!!

Thank you all.

Gambling Manager
Mike Solei

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Bar Manager

Hello and we made it through the summer, let's hope we have a nice Indian Summer. We had a fun summer and are looking forward to more fun this fall! Some of the highlights of the summer was the American Legion Picnic which was held here at the Post the last Sunday in July. We learned a few things and next year's picnic will be held at the Legion again on Sunday July 30th ,2023 and we have so many more plans for this day so save the date!!!

Heritage Days was fun, we enjoyed walking in the parade, listening to Tom Erickson playing music while riding on the float, except for the rain storm on Saturday night it was a good weekend. The wrestling that was held on Sunday in front of the Post was the highlight of the whole weekend and your Commander Gerry Wright and the St Paul Fire Department are working on a plan for next year. We had a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday the 21st. It was a very nice ceremony, only a few tears when taps was played, thank you to all who helped with this ceremony. Along with the

other bars on Broadway we are all talking about making sure that the date for next year's Heritage Days will be on the 3rd weekend of August.

Booya, which is always the 1st Saturday after Labor Day, was another huge success! Thank you to all who volunteered cutting vegetables, stirring the pot, deboning at 2:30 am....the booya would not be a success without ALL of you so THANK YOU!

We had an adult comedian here a few times during the summer months and plan on him a few more times during the fall/winter. The open jam session is still going on on Thursdays 1 - 4, this is open to the public so come on down and listen or join in.

It was quite a struggle for a while finding employees, but I am happy to say that I think I might finally be getting a full crew. I am very thankful for all of my bartenders, wait staff and food runners who come to work everyday, you sure do make my life a little easier...THANK YOU!!!!

328 Grill is still going strong and just put a new Fall menu out with some of the Burger of the Week top sellers. Stop on down and try them out!!! Check out the menu online on the Legion website or 328 Grill website.

We have Bingo on Tuesdays and meat raffles and karaoke on Fridays!

We will be selling American Legion sweatshirts behind the bar (as soon as they get here). We are also going to have our RED shirt Friday promotion. Buy a NEW American Legion Red (Remember Everyone Deployed) t-shirt, wear it on Fridays and your 1st drink is \$1.00. This promotion will start when the Shirts arrive and will continue until the Friday of Memorial Day weekend May 26th, 2023.

With Gerry Wright (Commander) having a couple months under his belt I have to say that he is doing an amazing job. One of our goals was to make sure that the lines of communication are open with all areas of the post, and to keep the Post a fun place to come to for members and non members alike. I have been asked a few times about the Upside Down Staircase Comment in the last newsletter, if you are interested come down some time and ask either myself or the Commander! I have also been asked about how long the Commander and I will be a team and we have been told "it's only forever, not long at all..."

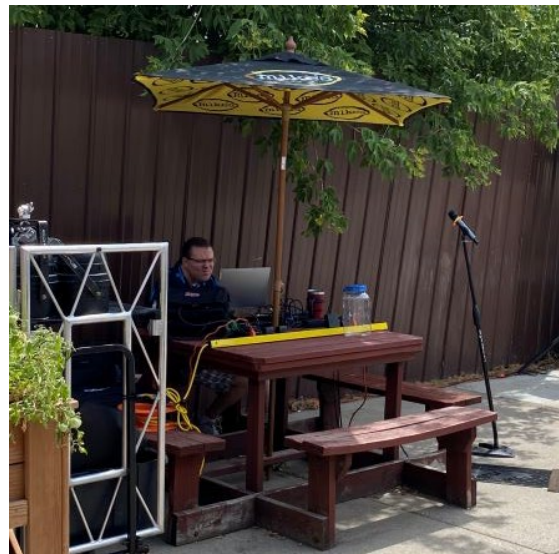
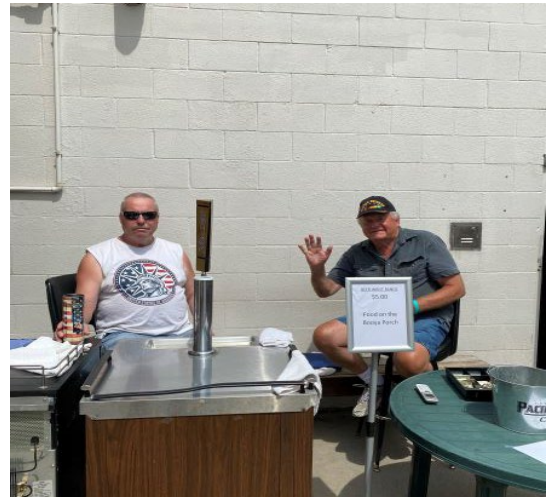
I hope that everyone has a wonderful fall, continue to follow us on Facebook or on the Legion Website for more details on events and happenings at your American Legion Post 98 and Remember Where YOU Can Be Anything ALWAYS BE KIND!

Sincerely your American Legion Post 98 Bar Manager

Colleen

2022 Post 98 Picnic

This was Post 98's first picnic coming out of COVID and also the first having it onsite versus our usual spot at Heritage Park. We learned a few things to make next year's picnic another success. The best part from a volunteer's perspective was that nothing needed to be loaded on trailers, brought to the park and then loaded back on the trailers to bring back to the Legion. Thank you to all of our volunteers, you made it a success!



2022 Heritage Days

This was also Post 98's first Heritage Days coming out of COVID.

Attendance seemed to be down a little from other year but could have been in count of the weather or State Fair. We had 40/8 and Auxiliary selling pork sandwiches, brats and hot dogs out front. The Jr. Auxiliary had a tent set up outside selling keychains, cookies and pickles also. Thank you to all of our volunteers and staff, you made it a success!



2022 Booya

Another good Booya year, weather was cool and the rain held off. Thank you again for all of the volunteers that worked to make this happen. Next year, for those of you that would like to assist in this great fundraising event, keep an eye out for signup sheets at the Legion and online.



Upcoming Weekly Events:

Bingo held every Tuesday @ 6:30

Meat Raffles every Friday @ 5:30

Upcoming Events:

Thursday October 27th Adult Comedy Show

Saturday October 29th Adult Halloween Party with Music by Steve Jacoby

Monday October 31st Kids Halloween Party

Thursday November 24th Thanksgiving

Saturday December 10th Special Needs Christmas Party

Saturday December 17th SCVR Kids Christmas Party

CLOSED Christmas Day

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 and he 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.

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Auxiliary Mtg – 6:30pm	4 Bingo – 6:30pm	5	6 40/8 Mtg – 5pm	7 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm Karaoke – 7pm	8 Combat Vets Mtg – 10am
9	10 Gambling Mtg – 6pm Executive Mtg – 6:30pm	11 Bingo – 6:30pm	12	13	14 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm Karaoke – 7pm	15
16 St Croix Valley Riders Mtg – 10:00am	17 Legion Mtg – 7:00pm	18 Bingo – 6:30pm	19	20	21 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm Karaoke – 7pm	22 Purple Heart Meeting – 10:30am
23	24 S.A.L. Mtg – 6pm	25 Bingo – 6:30pm	26 Car Show - Trunk or Treat – 4:30pm	27 Adult Comedy Show – 7:00pm	28 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm Karaoke – 7pm	29 Adult Halloween Party with Music by Steve Jacoby – 7:00pm
30	31 Kids Halloween Party – 5:00pm	Bingo – 6:30pm				

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Meat Raffle

Join us for Friday Meat Raffle, each week we will raffle \$40 meat packages.

Halloween Party

Join us for the annual Legion Halloween Parties, see our web site for more up to date information.

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 40/8 Mtg – 5pm	4 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm Karaoke – 7pm	5
6	7 Auxiliary Mtg – 6:30pm	8 Bingo – 6:30pm	9	10	11 Veterans Day Meat Raffle – 5:30pm Karaoke – 7pm	12 Combat Vets Mtg – 10am
13	14 Gambling Mtg – 6pm Executive Mtg – 6:30pm	15 Bingo – 6:30pm	16	17	18 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm Karaoke – 7pm	19
20 St Croix Valley Riders Mtg – 10:00am	21 Legion Mtg – 7:00pm	22 Bingo – 6:30pm	23	24 Thanksgiving Bar & Kitchen Closed	25 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm Karaoke – 7pm	26
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4	5 Auxiliary Mtg – 6:30pm	6 Bingo – 6:30pm	7	8	9 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm Karaoke – 7pm	10 Special Needs Christmas Party - 12pm Combat Vets Mtg – 10am
11	12 Gambling Mtg – 6pm Executive Mtg – 6:30pm	13 Bingo – 6:30pm	14	15	16 Meat Raffle – 5:30pm Karaoke – 7pm	17 SCVR Kids Christmas Party – 12:00pm
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Christmas Party

Special Needs and SCVR Christmas Parties this month, possible volunteer opportunities.