

Rosetown Memorial American Legion Post 542



The American Legion Family

April – June 2021 Newsletter

**** Commander's Corner ****

YES, we are Still very much open!!!

Greetings: Post members, Sons of the American Legion, and Auxiliary.

For the past year we have spent 95% of our time and energy on the Social Club, to keep everything going. We have not ignored our primary purpose to serve our Veterans. It's just that our Post is mainly funded through the income generated by the Social Club. Therefore, our highest priority is to keep us alive. We are now at the one-year Anniversary of our shut-down on March 15, 2020.

With a large part of the credit going to our Manager Tasha, our employees, and volunteers. I am pleased to report:

- We projected to be at 50% of pre-covid revenue by this time.
- We are at 75%; we are operating above our forecasts (a good thing)
- We are not out of the woods yet; but are trending very well.
- So, keep an eye out for new things happening at your club.

Now it is time to get back to our American Legion Post's real mission: Helping Veteran's and our community.

If you have not yet paid your dues, please let get them in - USPS, online (Post and Auxiliary), or drop them off.

- Come to a meeting.
- We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm

Nomination of officers will be at our April meeting. And we will be doing the first reading to change the By-Laws. Therefore, this is a very important meeting to attend.

I know many of you could do a better job than me, so come down and get involved. Come down and visit your Post, the food is great, the people are friendly, and we need the money. A special thanks to Tasha Caswell, Jeffrey Proud, Ken Semling, and Steve Pennig for all their planning and help.

Be safe – bring a mask – wear it to protect yourself and others.

Pat Van Reese – Commander, Post 542

**** 1st Vice Commander, Membership, and Finance ****

- **Membership Report:** We were at 457 members as of March 25, 2021 or 90% of goal. Last year at this time we had 497 members. We need your support, please get your dues in.
- **Finance Report:** We are above our revenue projections and doing well. But we are still operating below our breakeven revenue. We are rebuilding our club and clientele. We planned for this lower revenue period and we're above projections. The key to our success is quality food, drinks, and

entertainment to build up our customers. We are progressing, the trend is positive...if not exciting. We are being conservative with our money. We are trending toward a good ROI in the future. Our financial condition is good; all our accounts are positive.

We just secured a \$15,000 grant from the Government, that brings our total amount received in grants, so far, at \$25,000. We are looking to apply for more from the Small Business Recovery Act by Congress in February 2021

Jeffrey Proud – 1st Vice Commander

**** Sons of the American Legion ****

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 13th at 7pm. Remember, our meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of every even numbered month. We are excited to see our members again.

- Membership dues for the 2021 year are still open, please pay them if you have not already. The dues are \$20, please mail or drop off your dues at the Post and they will be put in our mailbox.
- We wish the best to you all and thank you for your continued support.
- At our last meeting we decided that we would follow National's suggestion that those in office hold their positions for another year.

Al Hernandez - SAL Commander

**** Rosetown Legion Auxiliary ****

Dear Members...After a long hiatus due to COVID-19, our Unit is back! The Auxiliary will be having election of officers and delegates at our April meeting, Tuesday April 13. If you are interested in holding an office or would like to attend any of the District or Department conferences/conventions as a voting delegate from our Unit, please plan to attend the meeting. Nominations were presented to the members at the last meeting, but write-in nominations are allowed at the time of voting.

If any members have performed any community service, helped out a veteran, made meals for a neighbor, donated food to a food shelf, donated to a charity, gave blood, volunteered through their church, contacted a legislator, or made masks for either veterans or community members, please, please, please send me a list of all the wonderful things you have done! If any of your activities required that you purchase supplies, please estimate the amount you spent. Our members

perform a lot of volunteering and we need to let our Department leaders know about everything our members do. We have a 3-ring binder at the post with pages to record your volunteering and service. If you would rather, please stop down and fill in your activities. Otherwise, send an email to: drkarlajoyce@comcast.net with just a list of your activities, how much time you spent, and the amount of money spent for those activities. I can only report the activities you tell me about.

I am looking forward to reconnecting with the Auxiliary members now that more events are going to be happening!

Karla Joyce, Auxiliary President

**** Charitable Gambling ****

Gambling has been doing very well since we have been open but, we are still under the Covid-19 restrictions. Until more restrictions are removed, we will have to limit our charitable donations.

We will have Meat Raffles on Sundays starting at 3pm. There will not be a Meat Raffle on April 4th (Easter Sunday). Gift Card Raffles will be every Wednesdays and Fridays starting at 5:30pm. Bingo will be April 17th and 24th starting at 3pm.

Mike Byrne – Gambling Manager



**** Scout Troop 31 ****

We've been quietly meeting via Zoom, working on merit badges and such as we can, just waiting to get back outside in bigger groups.

Our Scout troop has merged with another troop that was chartered by Corpus Christi Church on Fairview and County Road B. Now that better weather and more daylight is upon us, we are making plans to get the last of the gear out of Corpus Christi Church. Part of this involves relocating the troop trailer.

Also, I have cc'd Brian Towne as an introduction. Brian is now the new Scoutmaster of our larger troop. We will have 22 youth when the Cub Scouts join us soon.

Wynn Richardson – (retired) Scoutmaster, Troop 31

**** Rosetown Legion Riders ****

It's time to get back on the road again with the bikes. Please take time to watch for us, so we can get back home. Look twice before pulling out into traffic.

**Bob Leslie "Wing Bob",
President, Rosetown American Legion Riders
612-801-0336**

We are always looking for new members for the chapter to grow. So, if you are Legionnaires (AL), Auxiliary (ALA) or Sons of American Legion (SAL) and ride a motorcycle, get in touch with one of the 542 Riders for information. Reminder our meetings are the second Monday of the month at 6pm. "Ride Safe,"

President - Bob Leslie "Wing Bob"	Vice President - Kim Elledge
Secretary - open	Treasurer - Lori Anne Mazzitello
Sergeant at Arms - Andy Paul	Historian - Sandy Elledge
Chaplain - Andy Paul	Ride Captain - Don Updyke

**** Post & Unit 542 Membership Contact Info ****

We hope you will re-up with us! Please pay online - saving you and the American Legion mailing and postage. You can update your American Legion DD 214 at the same time.

- + Legion members: www.legion.org/renew
- + Auxiliary members: <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew>
- + SAL members: online is not yet available.

Membership team:

Post:	Jeffrey Proud	612-770-3019 Dues \$44
Auxiliary:	Carole Caswell	651-631-2772 Dues \$30
SAL:	Steve Pennig	612-308-5887 Dues \$20

**** Use RosetownLegion@gmail.com to get to anyone at the Post. We'll forward it! ****

- Post -				- Auxiliary -			
Commander	Pat	Van Reese	651-239-7978	President	Karla	Joyce	651-295-5095
1st Vice Commander & Membership \$44	Jeffrey	Proud	612-770-3019	1st VP & Membership \$30	Carole	Caswell	651-631-2772
2nd Vice Commander				2nd Vice President	Andrea	Dorner	651-303-1916
Finance Officer	Jeffrey	Proud	612-770-3019	Secretary	Gwen	Holets	651-470-0818
Adjutant	Ken	Semling	651-766-0446	Treasurer	Katie	Joswiak	651-481-9592
Chaplain	Mike	Byrne	651-247-0622	Chaplain	Lucy	Calguire	651-415-1240
Sgt At Arms				Parliamentarian	Donna	Miller	651-771-0445
Service Officer				Historian	Gwen	Holets	651-470-0818
Color Guard Cdr	Ken	Gibson Jr	651-636-3899	Sgt At Arms	Sue	Sinsioco	630-229-9883
				Past President	Sandy	Gibson	651-636-3899
- Club -				- SAL -			
Club Manager	Natasha	Caswell	651-503-6369	Commander & Finance Officer	Al	Hernandez	612-366-0270
Gambling Manager	Mike	Byrne	651-247-0622	1st Vice Cdr & Membership \$20	Steven	Pennig	612-308-5887
Digital Media	Tom	Teresi	612-275-1330	2nd Vice Commander	Jack	Hansen	651-481-7291
Social Media	Sue	Gabrielson	651-484-9242	Adjutant	Steven	Pennig	612-308-5887
Calendar	Sue	Gabrielson	651-484-9242	Sgt At Arms	Butch	Caswell	651-631-2772
				Chaplain	Jack	Hansen	651-481-7291

Be sure to check our Rosetown Facebook Page and website for the latest happenings! Send us your email address and we'll keep you up to date.

Now you know -

Oorah is a battle cry common in the United States Marine Corps since the mid-20th century. It is comparable to hooah in the US **Army** and hooyah in the US Navy and US Coast Guard. It is most used to respond to a verbal greeting or as an expression of enthusiasm.

Patriotism -

- Patriotism demands of us sustained sacrifice. -Chiang Kai-shek
- It is the pride of my heart to have been one of the earliest adopted sons of America. -Marquis de Lafayette
- Liberty has never come from Government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of it. The history of liberty is a history of limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it. -Woodrow Wilson
- Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few. -Winston Churchill
- Take patriotism away, and the nation's soul has fled. -Edward Mark Deems

"Airplanes can barely keep themselves in the air. How can they then carry any kind of load?"

- William Pickering, Astronomer (1908)

"Airplanes suffers from so many technical faults that it is only a matter of time before any reasonable man realizes that they are useless!"

- Scientific American (1910)

"No flying machine will ever fly from New York to Paris."

- Orville Wright.

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value."

- Marshal Ferdinand Foch [Professor of Strategy, Ecole Superieure de Guerre] (circa 1911), Supreme Commander of Allied forces, 1918

"Aviation is good for sport, but for the Army it is useless!"

- Marshal Ferdinand Foch

"To throw bombs from an airplane will do as much damage as throwing bags of flour. It will be my pleasure to stand on the bridge of any ship while it is attacked by airplanes."

- Newton Baker, US minister of defense (1921)