

# Rosetown Memorial American Legion Post 542



## The American Legion Family

### July – September 2021 Newsletter

#### Commander's Corner

YES, we are Still Spectacular and getting Better!!!

GREETINGS - POST MEMBERS, SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION and AUXILIARY

Well, y'all, we are ready to start a New Legion Year 2021-2022, and it's gonna be better than last year. Our Social Club is coming back strong, the food is great, and the people are friendly. Our Color Guard participated in five events on Memorial Day, and we were part of "Bugles across America," a nationally organized tribute to our fallen soldiers who died protecting our freedom. We had a live band and food on the deck...it was a great day, maybe even a tremendous day. The Social Club is coming back, it's time to work on the post. Pay your dues as soon as possible and let's look for new members, come down and get involved, we try to keep the meetings short so come down and participate, let's have some fun (**fun is good**).

Upcoming regular events-

Karaoke every Friday night starting at 6.30pm, soon to be out on the deck, weather permitting.

Gift Card raffle on Friday at 5pm

Sunday at 3pm, we have our meat raffle, which is tons of fun.

So, come on down and bring a friend we are working to improve your experience at the ROSETOWN AMERICAN LEGION – (**we are "Party Central"**)

Veteran's collection thru July 31<sup>st</sup> - Every Third Saturday (Mpls) a Veteran's support organization collects items for Women and Men.

Here's what is needed:

- used blue jeans (above size 38 for men)
- shirts, colored T shirts,
- sweat clothes XL & 2XL,
- shoes, tennis shoes, sandals, summer jackets, toilet paper, white shoelaces, deodorant.
- NEW FOR MEN: boxer underwear & white T shirts XL 2XL 3XL.
- NEW FOR WOMEN: briefs M(6), L(7), XL (8).

Boxes in the entryway are identified for Veteran's collection. We will be collecting thru July 31<sup>st</sup>. Questions? call Tom 612-968-4416

<http://www.lssmn.org> is the web site for Lutherans Social Services. They have expanded and are helping veterans. Now they are also helping widows of vets and others needing counseling or other help. Contact them on the web site or call 844-577-2673

**Pat Van Reese – Commander, Post 542**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Membership and Finance Reports

Membership Report: We were at 465 members as of May 1, 2021, or 91.5% of goal. Rosetown is a highly dynamic organization; but it exists for its

members. We need your support, please get your dues in.

Finance Report: We are above our revenue projections and are doing well. But we are still operating close to our break-even point. We planned for a reduced revenue period until we fully rebounded, and we are operating above projections. The key to our success is quality food, drinks, and entertainment. This is for building up and adding new 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. Our grants from the Government total \$25,000. We applied for another grant from the Small Business Recovery Act.

**Jeffrey Proud – 1st Vice Commander, Finance, & Membership**

## SAL Squadron News and Information

By Steve Pennig, SAL Adjutant.

We Want to give a big thanks to our members who have continued to come and support our club. There are a lot of great specials each night to enjoy.

Thank you to our SAL members who have renewed their membership for 2021. 2022 will be quickly upon us. The Department of Minnesota has increased the fees paid to them, so we are going to have to raise our dues to \$25 annually to help cover the additional expense.

Get your calendar's ready. The Semi-Annual Bone in Ham Breakfast will be back this fall. Be sure to come and join us for an excellent breakfast on Sunday November 7th! We can't wait to see you.

We hope you are all staying healthy and safe and appreciate your continued support. If you have any ideas or suggestions to share, please feel free to reach out to Al Hernandez or Steve Pennig.

**Al Hernandez - SAL Commander, Steve Pennig - SAL Adjutant**

## Rosetown Legion Auxiliary News & Up-Dates

Welcome to another year for our Auxiliary with so many dates and festivities to come.

Along with all the activities planned by the Post, we will have our 1<sup>st</sup> Rosetown Auxiliary Meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please plan to attend this meeting as we will be scheduling for up-coming events such as: Dart Board with baked goods as prizes and the Past Presidents Chili Hot Dog Table. Also, at this meeting we will be setting up our schedule for other fund-raising events throughout the year.

All of you are needed for your ideas and volunteering to make this year a big success following the past Covid Year. I look forward to all of you for your support with the activities scheduled by our Post and Auxiliary. I will see many of you at Department Convention in July at Morton, MN, and look forward to a great year to come.

**Gwen Holets, Auxiliary President**

## Charitable Gambling and Gaming

Gift Cards are every Wednesday and Friday starting at 5:30pm.

Meat Raffles are every Sunday starting at 3pm. Bingos are on Saturdays July 17 and July 31<sup>st</sup>, starting at 3pm. (see the monthly calendar for gaming updates)

**Mike Byrne – Gambling Manager**

## Scouts Troop 31 Proudly sponsored by Rosetown Post 542

We made reservations for Mother's Day weekend, to give all our wonderful moms a chance to sleep in. This was the first campout for some of the newer Scouts. We met at North Heights Lutheran

Church in May to support Pascal Carr's Eagle Scout service project. He led the Troop to rehab an outdoor firepit and construct six, sturdy new benches for worship and fellowship.

Henry Theilen Towne and Alastair Little are attending the Grey Wolf National Youth Leadership Training camp in June at Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp. Grey Wolf alumni frequently go on to serve in senior leadership positions within the Troop. Nearly half the Troop is currently on route to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico for a weeklong, 50-mile hiking expedition at elevations of 6,500-8,000 feet. Scouts frequently report this trip is the high point of their entire Scouting experience. Planning this year was extra challenging with Covid-19 barriers, but adult and youth leaders dug in and made it happen! We return to Tomahawk Scout Camp August 1-7 We return to Tomahawk Camp this year. While the camp was open last year, the Troop decided the health risks were too extreme for such close contact over extended periods. Everyone is looking forward to the high point of our yearly camping experiences. And Trading Post slushies! New electees to the National BSA Honor Society and the

Order of the Arrow, will be announced at the Tomahawk Court of Honor following elections earlier this year. Scouts meeting minimum age and rank requirements are nominated and elected by their peers for their Scouting spirit.

You can follow our adventures on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ScoutsBSATroop9031> We are always looking for new youth to join the Troop, so if you know of anyone, please have them or their family contact Scoutmaster Brian Towne at 612-437-9510 or [henryfan1@gmail.com](mailto:henryfan1@gmail.com) Boys of any age up to 18 are welcome – they don't need to be Cub Scouts first, and we do have boys join at older ages. Girls are also welcome, there are separate Troops for the girls associated with other sponsors. At least 5 girls and 2 separate leaders are required to start a girls' Troop, and Troop 31 has not yet had sufficient interest to make that happen.

Thank you for supporting Boy Scout Troop 31 and Cub Scout Pack 31!

**Brian Towne – Scoutmaster of Troop 31**

- Post -				- Auxiliary -			
Commander	Pat	Van Reese	651-239-7978	President	Gwen	Holets	651-470-0818
1st Vice Commander & Membership \$44	Jeffrey	Proud	612-770-3019	1st VP & Membership \$30	Sue	Sinsioco	630-229-9883
2nd Vice Commander				2nd Vice President	Andrea	Dorner	651-303-1916
Finance Officer	Jeffrey	Proud	612-770-3019	Secretary	Teri	Rieger	
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	Karla	Joyce	651-295-5095
- 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 \$25	Steven	Pennig	612-308-5887
Digital Media	Tom	Teresi	612-275-1330	2nd Vice Commander	Jack	Hansen	651-481-7291
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Calendar	Sue	Gabrielson	651-484-9242	Sgt At Arms	Butch	Caswell	651-631-2772
				Chaplain	Jack	Hansen	651-481-7291

**\*\* 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](http://www.legion.org/renew)
- + Auxiliary members: <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew>
- + SAL members: online available in July.

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 \$25

**\*\* Use [RosetownLegion@gmail.com](mailto:RosetownLegion@gmail.com) to get to anyone at the Post. We'll forward it! \*\***