

Commanders Corner

Greetings Members:

Thank you to all that helped with all the events this past month. This month's calendar is now available, so I would encourage you to check it out so you and your friends and make plans to join us for great food and fun events!

This years Membership was a great success again and thanks goes out to all that volunteered. The family memberships have a great start to make our goals for 2020.

There will be a joint meeting on September 11th at 6:30pm that everyone is welcome to attend. I encourage you to attend, since your input is valuable to our organization's success.

On September 11, 2001, four planes were hijacked. The hijackers then deliberately flew three of the planes into two important buildings, the Pentagon in Washington DC and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The fourth crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The loss of life and damage that these hijackings caused form the biggest act of terrorism ever on United States soil. Nearly 3000 people died in the attacks and the economic impact was immense.

We are in need of bartenders to work at the Legion some nights during the month. Please contact the Jim Jenks or Steve Craig for details schedules if interested.

Please check out our website [HYPERLINK "http://www.westsalempost51.org"](http://www.westsalempost51.org) www.westsalempost51.org

Also, if you know someone who doesn't belong to the American Legion and is eligible to join, encourage them to join. Just a reminder that if you need to renew your membership or get in touch with me and prefer to do it from home you can log in to our website at; [HYPERLINK "http://www.westsalempost51.org"](http://www.westsalempost51.org) www.westsalempost51.org Thank You.

Post Commander,
Vern N. Tranberg

Presidents Corner

Hello Ladies!

The nights are getting cooler and the sun is going down earlier and the kids are heading back to school, the signs of Fall are everywhere! I hope everyone enjoyed their Summer, it sure flew by! Thank you to everyone that took the time to volunteer last month for our events, your assistance is greatly appreciated

Welcome to the new members that have joined and to those of you that paid your 2020 Membership at the Membership Picnic on August 24th – without our members we can't continue to serve our Veterans – so EVERY MEMBER COUNTS! With the signing of the LEGION Act on July 30th, many more Veterans and their families are eligible to be members of our Legion Family, so please encourage anyone you know that may be eligible to reach out to me about joining the Auxilliary, or bring them to our September 10th meeting. Did you know your daughters, grand-daughters and great grand-daughters are eligible to be a Junior Auxilliary member?

Dues notices will be mailed mid-September, but you don't have to wait for your notice. You can pay your dues in person at any food event, meeting or online at www.alaforveterans.org/renew , if you have membership questions please let me know.

If you are available and willing to help at an event, please call me at 608-385-1838. I promise we have a lot of fun while volunteering and it is a great way to get to know other members of our Legion Family.

Everyone have a fantastic September, please check out the upcoming events on the calendar and plan to attend or volunteer if you can.

Nikke Vidal,
Unit #51 President

Building Update

The Building Fund Committee met on August 21st. The Fire and Alarm System is Active and working. LED rope lights are going to be installed under the bar and corner protectors will be installed on the posts and on high traffic corners to prevent damage to the new drywall. The committee voted to drywall & paint the walls in the back room as well as finish installing the flooring through the back room so that. Our intention is to move the desk/computer to behind the bar and clean out behind the curtains and move the extra tables, chairs and coat rack out of the back room to open that space up more.

We have received 256 raffle ticket books back for the September 27th raffle drawing – if you need more to sell or would like more to sell please contact Jim Jenks or Mike Schaller.

We will be repurposing the bar tables from the old bar by re-staining them to match the new woodwork – so watch for a new order taking stand and POW table. If anyone would like to volunteer to sand the existing tables and re-stain them and cut the legs down, please let Nikki know ASAP.

September 5th the Baseball Coaches are hosting a 100th Anniversary party for the Post. It will be pulled pork dinner with the fixin's and desserts for \$10 and all proceeds will go to the Building Fund, so make sure you stop down for dinner and celebrate our Posts 100th Anniversary!

We have been asked to sell our "Famous" Onion Rings at Tenba Ridge Winery on September 21st for their Event venue opening party.

The 6th Annual Craft show is October 5th, we are almost full with vendors/crafters. If you make something and would like to have a table, please contact Nikki ASAP.

The Wine Walk on October 24th has all 20 "host" spots reserved and over 40 tickets have been sold online in the week it has been active. There is a limit of 250 tickets for the Wine Walk so don't wait and miss out if you want to participate. Tickets \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event (if available) are available for purchase at the Legion Post, First National Bank and online at <https://fallwestsalemwinewalk.eventbrite.com>

November 2nd we will be having a "Sip and Paint" event with proceeds going to the Building Fund, details are being finalized. Please stop at the Legion or check out the Facebook event for the project options. Pre-registration and payment is required. Please contact Nikki Vidal to Register.

If you are looking for an opportunity to help out with an event, or have a fundraising idea please let us know.

Nikki Vidal

October Events

- 2 Ex Board
- 4 Good Food Friday
- 5 Craft Show
- 6 Chicken Que Building Comm
- 8 Auxiliary Meeting
- 9 Legion Meeting
- 12 Private Party
- 13 Auxiliary breakfast Buffet
- 16 Building Committee
- 18 Good Food Friday
- 19 Private Party
- 23 Tomah Bingo
- 24 Wine Walk
- 25 Fish & Shrimp
- 30 Noon Lunch

Reminders

Do not forget to return your raffle tickets before September 25, 2019.

Drivers are needed to be able to continue delivering the Noon Lunch at the end of the month.

Due to price increases the Breakfast Buffet on the Second Sunday of the month will have a cost increase. It will go from **\$8.00 to \$9.00.**