

Commanders Corner Greetings Members

I would like to send out a huge thank you, to everyone who helped with all of our events this past month. We wouldn't be able to host all of our events and fundraisers without your ongoing support! This month's calendar is now available, so I would encourage you to take a look at it and make plans for you and your friends to join us for great food and fun events.

There will be a joint meeting on January 8th at 6:30pm that everyone is welcome to attend. I encourage you to attend, since your input is valuable to our organization's success. There's a lot of exciting things that are going start happening with our building this month.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

The 2018 Midwinter Conference January 16-19, 2020 at Ho-Chunk - Baraboo, WI anyone interested in attending please contact me for details.

This Month in Military History. From the desk of: In January 1942, involvement by the United States on both the [HYPERLINK](#)

"<https://www.bing.com/search?q=European+theatre+of+World+War+II&filters=sid%3ab0418281-79aa-5878-1fc7-8db5591da9ca&form=ENTLNK>" European front, and in the Pacific picked up momentum. Without a large Navy and Air Force, the United States and the Allies were unable to mount a successful offensive against the Japanese in the East Indies Campaign.

Please check out our website [HYPERLINK](#)

"<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 own membership and prefer to do it from home you can log in to [HYPERLINK](#) "<http://www.wilegion.org>" www.wilegion.org to renew online or get in touch with me Thank You.

**Post Commander
Vern Tranberg**

Presidents Corner Hello Auxiliary Members!

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! 2019 was a year of many changes here at the Post, but through all those changes there is one thing that remains the same - our commitment to our Veterans. The Auxiliary is always looking for more ways to help our Veterans, if you have an idea please let us know. We are open to any idea that benefits our Veterans or our Legion Family. Do you have a skill or talent that you would be willing to share with/teach us that we can learn to do to benefit our Veterans? If so please let me know.

If you haven't been in for one of our many events in the newly remodeled building - you don't know what you are missing. The Legion Family is working together to keep our Legion strong and growing. If you know of anyone that would enjoy being a member, please have them stop in or contact me about joining. Reminder - we meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the Post, we would love for more of you to attend and have an active voice in what we are doing. If you are willing to volunteer at a food event we can always use the help and would welcome your assistance with open arms.

Here's to a wonderful 2020! Let's go into the new year with a revived sense of purpose and openness to new ideas and concepts and the willingness to work together - as we move forward, please remember - The most dangerous phrase in the language is "we've always done it this way."

God Bless,

**Nikki Vidal,
Unit #51 President**

Building Update

The Building Fund Committee committed to the membership that we would keep raising the funds necessary to pay-off the loan needed to do the renovations, so we have a lot of fundraising activities in the works for the upcoming year and we hope you will join us!

Please watch for further updates and different events that will be coming up along with the regular events that we have on a monthly basis.

We hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Nikki Vidal

Breakfast Update!

Due to prior commitments the February Breakfast Buffet will be held a week earlier. It is scheduled for the first week of February. It will be on Superbowl Sunday, February 2, 2020.

Happy New Year

February Event

- 1 Gamegettors
 - 2 Aux Breakfast
 - 3 Bingo
 - 7 Fish & Shrimp Plus 5:30
 - 9 Pancake Breakfast ?
 - 14 Valentine's Day
 - 15 Liver Lovers & Chicken 5:30
 - 17 Rod & Gun
 - 19 Building Comm
 - 21 Fish & Shrimp Plus 5:30
 - 26 Noon Lunch, Tomah VA Bingo
 - 28 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
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A Prayer for The American Legion Auxiliary

Our Father, we are truly thankful for the good things that You have given us, especially the gift of life.
Father, let the peace of God flow into the hearts of every member of this unit and every unit in
The American Legion Auxiliary
throughout the world.

This Christmas season let us:

- Mend a quarrel. Seek out a friend.
- Dismiss your doubt with trust.
- Write a letter. Share some Treasure.

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January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Years	2 Funeral 4:00-8:00	3 Fish & Shrimp Plus 5:30-8:00	4 R&L Christmas
5	6 Bingo 6:00	7 SAL Mtg 7:00	8 Joint Meeting 6:30	9	10	11 DeLong Retirement
12 Aux Breakfast 8:00 -11:00	13	14 Auxiliary Mtg 6:30	15 Building Comm 6:30	16	17 Fish & Shrimp Plus 5:30-8:00	18 Wedding
19 Rachel Tabor Party	20 SAL 5:30 Tips & Noodles	21	22 Tomah VA Bingo	23	24	25 Craft Beer & Chili
26 Sip & Paint 12-2:00 pm	27	28	29 Noon Lunch	30	31 Fish & Shrimp 5:30-8:00	