

Commanders Corner Greetings Members!

The Flags of Honor weekend went very well, and it was a great honor as a veteran to walk through all the flags and look at the names of all those heroes. If you haven't watched the coverage that is on the Legion website here's the video; <https://youtu.be/JY0fBCCJHZk>, it's amazing. A special thanks to the National Honor Society and the volunteers from the community that came for all their hard work on Sunday.

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

VETERANS BONANZA, Saturday, October 16th, 2021, 10:00AM-4:00PM at the La Crosse Center. This event will help veterans and their families to organizations that provide services, assistance, and helpful resources such as healthcare, counseling, tax prep, employment services, and much more!

Visitor Policy at the VA in Tomah: The VA campus is still under visitor restrictions. All individuals entering the facility must go through COVID-19 screening and have their temperature checked and only authorized individuals are permitted to enter VAMC buildings.

Flu Shots if interested the shots are available. Tomah VA: (walk In Monday - Friday 8am-4pm) please follow signs. La Crosse CBOC (walk In Monday - Thursday 12:30pm-4:30 pm).

I would like to thank Mike Lusk for volunteering to be the Point of Contact for our Chicken Que's. Anyone interested in having an event please contact Mike at (608)382-9502.

This year's Membership was again a great success and a big thanks goes out to all that volunteered throughout the year. The family memberships having a great start at making our goals for 2022.

**Post Commander
Vern Tranberg**

Presidents Corner

Happy Fall everyone,

I don't know about you, but I am definitely looking forward to the cooler temperatures of Fall, the kids trick or treating, football games etc....

Thank you to everyone that has sent in your membership dues – because of you, we are already at half our membership goal of 185. Everyone should have gotten a renewal notice in the mail. They were printed early August, so if you have already paid – don't worry. If you haven't paid yet, please do so ASAP. If you haven't paid your 2021 membership dues we need you to pay those and your 2022 dues as well. We consider each of our members a valuable part of our Legion Family. If you are experiencing a financial hardship, illness or loss please reach out to us, we will do what we can to assist our members.

Please welcome 5 new Members to the Family – Jenny Schmitz, Carrie Tylinski, Sheila Van Dyck, Bernice DeLong and Diane Stoeckly. If you see them around, please give them a warm Unit 51 Hello and Welcome.

Congratulations to Rita Thompson for becoming a 50 year member of Unit 51. Thank you for being a part of our Legion Family for 50 years!

Were you aware that your daughters and granddaughters are eligible to be a Junior Auxiliary member for only \$6.75 per year? What a great way to help our children learn more about how important our Veterans truly are to us and our Country.

Did you know that you can rent our beautiful facility for your events? Over the last couple years, we have had people rent the Post for Baby & Wedding Showers, Gift Openings, Class Reunions, Birthday parties, Anniversaries, Weddings, Receptions, Graduation parties, Going away parties, funeral luncheons, meetings.... Anything type of gathering you can think of – and The Auxiliary can cater the event for you if you like. If you have an event you would like to hold at The Legion, please call Steve Craig to check on availability.

Have a great October! Watch out for all the Ghosts and Goblins this month.

**Nikki Vidal,
Unit #51 President**

Building Committee

Our Flags of Honor event was very well received. The Building Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped set up and take down the flags. The National American Legion also made a video highlighting this event. This video can be seen on the National American Legion website. We also had a 9/11 remembrance for all of the people who lost their lives and for those who worked to save as many lives as possible on that day. We intend to have Flags of Honor next year and we will again have a 9/11 remembrance.

Our wine walk was also well received and it appeared the attendees had a very enjoyable time. Again, thank you to all of our volunteers who helped with this event.

We are still doing Bingo on the first Monday of each month. If you like playing Bingo, find a friend and join us on Monday, October 4th.

The Building Committee is also sponsoring the craft fair at the Legion on Saturday, October 9th. Please stop down and shop. We are also sponsoring our final drive-up chicken Q of 2021 in the Village Park on Saturday, October 23rd. Please keep this date in mind and enjoy our delicious chicken.

On October 31st, the Building Committee is hosting a breakfast buffet from 8 to 11 a.m. Wear your costume!!!

Mike Schaller

November Events

- 1 Bingo
- 3 Ex Board 6:30
- 5 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 8 Veterans Dinner
- 9 Aux Meeting 6:30
- 10 Legion meeting 6:30
- 12 Feather Party 5:30-Bingo 6:00
- 13 Grenaders
- 14 Aux Breakfast 8:00-11:000
- 16 SAL 7:00
- 17 Building Committee 6:30
- 18 40/8 Turkey & Pie 5:00 Dinner 6:00
- 19 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 25 Thanksgiving
- 26 Fish & Shrimp
- 27 SAL Chili

Aux October Breakfast

Due to the increased cost of food.
The September breakfast will
cost \$10.00

If American democracy is to remain
the greatest hope of humanity,
it must continue in the faith of
the Bible.

-Calvin Coolidge

October 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Fish & Shrimp 5:30	2 Wedding
3	4 Bingo	5	6 Ex. Meeting 6:30	7	8	9 Craft Sale 9-3:00 Class 85
10 Aux Breakfast 8:00 -11:00 Sue Davis 3-6:00	11	12 Auxiliary Mtg 6:30	13 Legion Meeting 6:30	14	15 Fish & Shrimp 5:30	16 40/8 Brat Sale
17	18	19 SAL Mtg 7:00	20 Building Comm 6:30	21 40/8 Promenade 6:30	22 Beer Tasting	23 Chicken Q last of the year Class 1986
24 31 Breakfast Building Fund	25	26	27	28	29 Fish & Shrimp 5:30	30 Auxiliary Meatball & Lefse 5:30

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