

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 look at it and make plans for you and your friends to join us for great food and fun events! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me @ (608)769-1045 or leave your name at the Legion.

I would like to thank everyone that supported our Veterans Day Turkey Dinner, especially those that prepared and served the meals to our Veterans. Our Feather Party extremely successful also, thanks to all the volunteers that helped.

My condolences go out to the families of Rollie Huebsch and Larry Wiermerslage thanks for your service.

"Wishing Merry Christmas to all the soldiers who have been guarding the borders of our country, for our safety away from their family. Thank you so much for protecting us all and giving us a chance to have a safe and Happy Christmas with our families."

I want to thank Sara Jo Wilson for volunteering to take over the duties of the Hall Rental Contact, her number is 1-254-338-2226.

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"](http://www.wilegion.org) www.wilegion.org to renew online or get in touch with me Thank You.

**Post Commander
Vern Tranberg**

Presidents Corner

Happy Holidays!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As we wrap up 2021 and prepare for 2022 it is a great time to reflect on all we accomplished this year and look forward to all we want to do in the next year. I would love to have you all spend more time at our beautiful post, whether it is enjoying a Friday night fish fry, having a cocktail with friends, or volunteering to help with an event. We are truly blessed with the greatest volunteers and we couldn't do everything we do as a Legion Family without every single volunteer.

With the end of the year fast approaching, I need to remind everyone that it is also the end of our membership year. We are so close to having everyone paid for 2022, but there are still a little over 40 of you that have not yet renewed your membership yet. Please do so before December 31. You can renew online at alaforveterans.org anytime, call 317-569-4570, or mail/drop off your check to me. Our members are the backbone of our Unit and everyone is important.

We have a lot of events this month and we would love to see you! There is the "Annual Bake Sale" on December 18th, so if you have the time to bake something for the sale, please sign up at the Legion so there is a good variety. If you aren't a baker put this fun event on your calendar and stock up on your holiday baked goods.

If you know of someone that could use one of our food trays this holiday season please get me their name and address ASAP as we will be packaging and delivering them on the 19th. Volunteers are needed that morning to help package and deliver them, so please come if you can.

Wishing you all the best in the new year!

**Nikki Vidal,
Unit #51 President**

Building Committee

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We would like to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the holiday quilt. The drawing was held and Mary Koepnick was the winner. The drawing for the Wisconsin Adirondack chairs was held and Larry and Linda Platz were the winners. Our wine and beer tasting with homemade pizzas was well attended.

Rita and Melody Schmitz are organizing a December 18 bake sale. Please check at the Legion for a pre-order sheet with the type of items that will be available.

On December 10th Sal and Dean will be performing at the Legion from 7 - 10 p.m. Homemade pizzas are available that night. The SAL will have Tom and Jerrys available as a fundraiser for Camp American Legion. Bingo continues to be the first Monday of each month. If you enjoy Bingo, please come down and join us and bring a friend. We continue to find ways to raise money to pay off the improvements to our Post. Thanks to all who have helped make this possible by donating your time and money.

Mike Schaller

The SAL has embarked on a fundraising effort to benefit Camp American Legion. Our goal is to raise \$3000.00 by the end of April 2022. The SAL will be hosting the first of two fish fry's in December with all proceeds going to Camp American Legion. We will also have ongoing raffles through the next few months.

January Events

- 3 Bingo
- 5 Legion Ex 6:30
- 7 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 8 Baby Shower
- 9 Auxiliary Breakfast
- 11 Aux Meeting 6:30
- 12 Legion Meeting 6:30
- 14 Senior Exit Project Spaghetti
- 15 Oratorical Contest 1:00
- 18 SAL Meeting 7:00
- 19 Building Committee 6:30
- 20 40/8 6:30
- 21 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 22 Baby Shower
- 28 Fish & Shrimp 5:30

Dec 10th join us for music by Sal & Dean from 7-10. They are local guys with 40 years of making music together. They play familiar songs that bring back good memories. We will also serve our famous individual pizzas and have drink specials. Come join the fun & support the building fund.

Dec 18th Annual Bake Sale from 9/1. Preorder forms for rosettes, sandbakkels and krumkakke will be at the Legion or call Rita @ 608-799-9945 or Melody @ 608-498-9099 to place your order. \$8 per dozen. We will have our usual assortment of candies including cashew crunch, turtles & caramels too. We are always looking for donated baked items. Can you bake a seasonal goodie for us? Bring to Legion Friday Dec 17th 5-7. Thank you in advance.

December 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ex, Meeting 6:30	2	3 Fish & Shrimp 5:30	4 Cabane Christmas Party 5:00 Dinner 6:00
5	6 Bingo	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8 Legion Meeting 6:30 Kwik Trip 1-5	9	10 Music-Pizza	11 Army/Navy Game
12 Aux Breakfast 8:00 -11:00 Hesselberg X mas	13	14 Auxiliary Christmas Party 6:00	15 Building Comm 6:30	16	17 Fish & Shrimp 5:30	18 Bake Sale
19 Christmas Baskets	20	21 SAL Mtg 7:00	22	23	24	25 Christmas
26 Booked	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve Party	

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December 12th,
Auxiliary Breakfast
Buffet 8-11:00 am
Cost \$10.00

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Historian:	Steve Craig	1-608-797-1735
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Sgt at Arms	Warren Moquin	1-608-501-0597
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