

## Commander's Corner

### Greetings Members!

I hope everyone was able to take a moment to remember those who sacrificed and died for our nation's service on this Memorial Day. Thanks to everyone that helped put together and participated in the Memorial Day Program. It was well attended by families and friends to remember our veterans. The lunch was great as always; and big thanks go out to the volunteer staff that helped in the kitchen. Thanks to Madeline Parr for singing the National Anthem and congratulations to Alanna Woodard for being selected as Our Poppy Princess. Also Congratulation to all the area 2022 Graduates.

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.

May was Military Appreciation Month and I cannot say enough about how my time in the military has shaped my life. It is often described as a family more than a job, and it is truly an honor to continue to serve my former brothers and sisters in arms. One of the greatest things I learned during my time in uniform is the importance of real leadership: not the medals and positions, but the day-to-day hard work it takes when there are no lights, cameras or guarantees of success.

Our Volunteers of the Year 2022 are Liz Staff and Ray Kline, and the Legionnaire of the Year 2022 is James Jenks. Congratulations, and thanks for all the hard work.

Please welcome to the post Legionnaire Ron Tetzlaff, thanks for your service.

The next three months our Membership/Executive meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; Executive @ 6:30pm and Membership will follow. **At this meeting we will be holding our Elections for the Post Officers. Attendance and input are very important for the reasons that these are the future leaders that will be making the decisions for our Post.**

*-Vern Tranberg,  
Post Commander Post 51*

## Building Committee

Building fund raffle tickets were sent out so you should be receiving them shortly. We would appreciate purchasing tickets and returning the money to the Legion. The proceeds from this raffle are being used to pay off the Legion loan. Drawing will be held on July 29, 2022.

We had our first chicken Q of the summer on May 14th and it was a sell-out. I'd like to thank everyone who purchased a chicken dinner and everyone who helped to make it a success. Our next Chicken Q will be on Saturday, June 25th.

The building fund will again do a 9/11 recognition ceremony in conjunction with Flags of Honor the weekend of September 9, 10 and 11. There are sign-up forms available at the Legion to recognize honorees.

We also had a successful Sal and Dean music night. Thanks to all who attended and those who worked to make it a success. Our Monday night bingo is very popular. If you like playing bingo, please come and join us the first Monday of the month.

The Building Fund will be hosting Father's Day breakfast on Sunday, June 19th

Thank you to the West Salem Fire Dept. for purchasing and donating two new chicken storage pans for use at our Chicken Qs!

*-Mike Schaller*

## Veteran's Memorial Court of Honor Update

After months of searching for a painter to repaint the front and back street lights on the Court of Honor, Mr. Joe Seely has agreed to tackle the job. He has been working on the street lights and the spot lights, making them look like new. He is also working on the entrance bullets. He is a professional painter and we greatly appreciate his fine job. We are hopeful that this portion will be done by Memorial Day for all to see. Thank you again Joe!

*-Veterans Memorial Court of Honor  
Committee.*

SAL

On May 21st the SAL, Legion and Auxiliary members took a bus to Camp American Legion in Tomahawk, WI to deliver donations that were collected at Post 51 after the SAL's 10+ month fundraising efforts. The SAL reached their goal and was able to donate \$5,500 along with a generous supply of donations from local businesses and our own members. Thank you to everyone who donated and came along for the ride!

*-James Jacobson, SAL Commander*

## Come celebrate the dads in your life with our Father's Day Breakfast!

Breakfast will be served Sunday, June 19th from 8:00-11:00am. Call the Legion any time at (608) 786-0051 and leave a message for reservations.

Happy Father's Day, and we hope everyone enjoys this day!

## July Events

- 1 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 4 Independence Day
- 9 Liver & Onions
- 10 Auxiliary Breakfast 8-11
- 12 Volunteer Workers Party
- 13 Legion/Ex Board Meeting 6:30
- 15 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 16 Chicken Q @ the Park
- 16 Private
- 17 Private
- 19 SAL Meeting
- 20 Building Committee Meeting
- 21-24 Lax Interstate Fair
- 29 Fish & Shrimp 5:30
- 30 Private
- 30 Brat Barn @ Hanson's