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THE AMERICAN LEGION PREAMBLE

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100-percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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From the Editor

Inside you will find details on the first barbeque fundraiser of the summer, Memorial Day planning, dignified disposal of unserviceable flags, a rental increase, and a membership update. Help Wanted! A piano player for the Memorial Day program – let any Legion member know if you can fill this need! Please note below the calendar that the dues are increasing to \$40 per year payable starting July 1, 2024. Other information included in the Commanders Report.

Rick Larsen – Editor

From the Commander

The following notes are from the April 15, 2024, Legion meeting held at 7 PM. Hugh "Homer" Holmes is running for National Vice Commander and has requested to visit our Post during the May 20, 2024, meeting. He is seeking an endorsement from our Post.

The April Soup Supper fundraiser is this Friday, April 19th 5-6:30 PM. Commander Rick will be on the mend from a rotator cuff repair so Ron Meland will fill the missing spot. Adjutant Ken will bring milk for the cornbread muffins. Adjutant Ken will also start the bean and ham soup Thursday afternoon. Mindy's soup special this month is white chicken chili. The Auxiliary is bringing desserts.

May 24th 5-7 PM will be our first barbeque for the season. On the menu are grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, barbeques, chips, calico beans, coleslaw, fruit salad, drinks, and condiments. Help wanted starting at 3 PM through cleanup done by 8 PM. All profits will go to our Post remodel fund.

Memorial Day planning continues. The program starts at 11 AM and we will go to Pleasant View Cemetery after the program. We will return to the Legion Hall for a meal prepared by the Auxiliary. Pastor Hugh Brewer (speaker) and Jim Olson (soloist) are scheduled to appear. A piano player is still needed,

The Military History presentation is at 6:30 PM on April 21st at the Legion Hall. A former Air Force pilot will be presenting his experiences of training in, and flying the B-47, America's first Jet powered bomber in the early days of the Cold War. The history program will return this fall.

May 21st is a spring-cleaning day at the Legion Hall starting at 9 AM. We will rent a shampoo machine to clean the carpet and the chairs. Other cleaning as needed. All are welcome to participate!

Registration and insurance are paid for our American Legion Senior and Junior teams. Tax forms are filed with the IRS for 2023. An increase in rental rates was approved. The new rates are on Page 4. The increase is 20% as the rates have not changed in over 7 years. The rentals scheduled will remain at the old rate. The new rate will start for rentals put on the calendar starting on April 16, 2024.

Flag Day is Friday, June 14, 2024. A dignified disposal of flags ceremony will start at 10 AM at

the Legion Park. Flags that are no longer serviceable will be destroyed by burning. Anyone who has a flag in need of disposal can give it to any Legion member or bring it to any Legion Hall gathering.

Membership remains unchanged from last month. Seventy-six members so far with the goal of eighty-three. Communications continue with those who have not renewed their 2024 Legion membership. We remain at 91.57% of our goal. Those needing to renew for this year can contact Adjutant Ken or Commander Rick.

The Legion District 7 Spring meeting and the Up to Now from State Headquarters were reviewed. Automania is on Saturday June 29th starting at noon. There will be an information table in front of the Legion Hall to provide information on Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons programs.

The Brandon Loyalty Day Parade is on May 5th. Meet at the High School parking lot at noon to ride on the Post float.

The Facebook page has been removed from the header as it is out of date and there is no way to update it. Can anyone help develop a new one?

Rick Larsen – Post Commander

Auxiliary President's Report

The Legion Auxiliary met on April 15, 2024, at the Legion Hall. Because April 15 is military child's day and is designated by the color purple, a lot of purple was seen at our meeting! When attending the Legion soup supper on Friday night be sure to note the military child's table set up. Information regarding the meaning of the table is provided as well as other information of interest.

Officers were voted on and all officers remain the same for the coming year. The tax report for our Auxiliary has been completed and submitted. (thanks for the help, Commander Rick).

Reports were given on District 7 Auxiliary meeting (held April 7 at Alliance) membership, poppies and Memorial Day lunch was discussed. President Carol will turn in end of year reports and volunteer hours and expenses will be calculated.

We welcome new member Lori Johanson, welcome!!

Carol Kooi - President



Photos from the March 15, 2024 soup supper fundraiser. Top photo: supporters of the event! Below photo: volunteers are vital to the success of the supper by preparing, serving and cleanup.



Photos by Steve Baatz

**Barbeque Fundraiser
Friday, May 24, 2024
5 PM to 7 PM**

Join us at our first barbeque of the 2024 season. We will grill hamburgers and hot dogs. Barbeques, chips, fruit salad, coleslaw, drinks, and condiments will also be served. All profits will go into the Legion Hall remodeling fund to improve our parking lot.

Spring Cleaning

Come join us for our Post spring cleanup day on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. We will start at 9 AM and with many helpers, things will go fast. Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, or any friend of the Legion is welcome to join us! Cleaning the carpet and all the chairs is on the to do list along with general cleaning. We provide all cleaning supplies!

Legion Hall Rentals

24-hour Rentals (midnight to midnight)

Large Room	\$180 per day
Small Room	\$120 per day
Large/Small Room	\$300 per day

24-hour time includes setup and cleanup.

6-hour Rentals

Large Room	\$90
Small Room	\$60
Large/Small Room	\$150

6-hour time includes setup and cleanup.

Set Up Day Before/Clean Up Day After

Large Room	\$ 90 per day
Small Room	\$ 60 per day
Large/Small Room	\$150 per day

A cleaning and sanitizing crew is available to cleanup after the event for \$150. The cleanup crew time is outside the rental hours.

A consumption permit is required for serving alcohol during the rental. The permit is applied for at Valley Springs City Hall and needs to be approved by the City Commission at a Commission Meeting before the event. There is no cost.

A one-day liquor license is required if alcohol is sold during the rental. The license is applied for at the Valley Springs City Hall at least 60 days ahead of the rental. The license cost is \$5.

WANTED

All worn out and tired flags. Post 131 is retiring flags on Flag Day, June 14th starting at 10 AM. The ceremony will be at the east end of Legion Park. Flags can be dropped off year round at any Legion Hall gathering or given to any Legion member.



May 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Meetings Auxiliary 1 PM Sons 6 PM Legion 7 PM	21 Post Spring Cleaning 9 AM	22	23	24 Barbeque Fundraiser 5-7 PM	25
26	27 Memorial Day Program 11 AM Cemetery Lunch	28	29	30	31	

Our Post dues are a low \$40 per year. Auxiliary dues are \$30 (senior) and \$5 (junior) per year. Sons of the American Legion dues are \$20 per year.

It Is Not The Price You Pay For Membership, It Is The Price You Paid To Be Eligible To Join; It Is The Value Of Being A Member.



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