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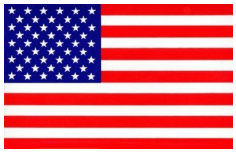
THE AMERICAN LEGION PREAMBLE

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.



From the Editor

March ushers in Spring on the 20th , though February seemed springlike! Inside includes a reminder of the February Pancake Breakfast fundraiser and the February Minnehaha County Legion meeting. In March you will find a soup supper, Military History night, Legion meetings, and a community breakfast every Friday morning. Details for the March District 7 meeting are included.

Rick Larsen - Editor

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 Commander

This newsletter is sent ahead of the monthly Legion meeting because of a medical procedure. The Legion Baseball Pancake Breakfast fundraiser is Sunday, February 22nd. Preparations start at 6:30 am. Serving is from 8 am to 1 pm. Cleanup done by 2 pm. Helpers include Brandon Post 318, Valley Springs Post 131 and baseball players working the serving table. On the menu are pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, sausage links, orange drink, coffee, and water. There will be a 50/50 raffle. All profits will go to support our American Legion Junior and Senior baseball teams.

March 12th is the date for the next Soup Supper Fundraiser. Serving times are from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Preparations start at 2:30 pm and cleanup will be done by 7:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to work the hours you can support. On the menu is chili, bean soup (our Lent option), and our guest soup is by the award-winning soup maker Lory Johansen with her white chicken chili soup. Chips, corn bread muffins, hot dogs, soda pop, water and coffee will also be available.

March 15th at 6:30 pm is the next Military History program. Kari Beck is doing a presentation on “Stonewall Jackson.”

Reminders were sent to those who have not turned in their 2026 dues. We are very close to the 100% membership goal. Please take care of the renewals soon and I look forward to announcing we have reached our goal in the April newsletter!

The Minnehaha County Legion meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24th at Brandon VFW at a 7 pm start time. Brandon Post 316 will be hosting this meeting. Food and drinks available for purchase at the bar.

The District 7 Legion meeting is on Saturday, March 28th at Sioux Falls Legion Post 15. The meeting starts at 3 pm or 15 minutes after the arrival of department officers.

Rick Larsen - Commander

Military History
Sunday, March 15th
6:30 pm

Join us for the March presentation. Kari Beck is presenting on “Stonewall Jackson.” This is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

2026 Legion Dues

We are closing in on reaching 100% of our 2026 membership goal! Those who have not renewed received a reminder. Please contact Commander Larsen or Adjutant Bodewitz if you have any questions.

Soup Supper Fundraiser
Thursday, March 12th
5 pm to 6:30 pm

Join us for a warm bowl of soup! We will be serving chili, bean soup (Lent option) and white chicken chili by Lory. Muffins, chips, hot dogs, sodas, water, coffee, and condiments will be available. All profits will go to the Post remodeling fund. Hope to see you there!

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Breakfast 8 am	7
8	9	10	11	12 Soup Supper 5-6:30 pm	13 Breakfast 8 am	14
15 Military History 6:30 pm	16 Meetings Sons 6 pm Legion 7 pm	17 	18	19	20 Breakfast 8 am—First day of spring	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Breakfast 8 am	28 District 7 Legion-Meeting Sioux Falls Post 15—3 pm
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Our Post dues are a low $45 per year. Auxiliary dues are $30 (senior) and $5 (junior) per year. Sons of the American Legion dues are $25 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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