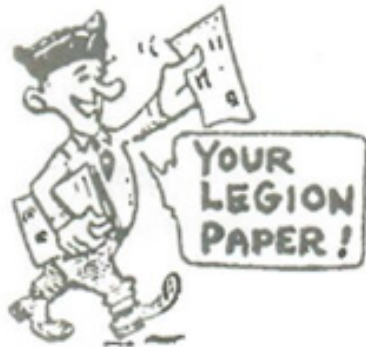




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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander	James Boggs
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CLUB HOURS

MONDAY - Saturday
 3 pm - 9 pm

Sunday: Closed-except for the last Sunday of the month for PITCH.

LOUNGE BOARD

Vacant	1 Year
James Boggs	2 Years
Will Knox	3 Years
Jim Reason	4 Years
Kim Ronnell	5 Years

Please show your card. It's mandatory!
All times are subject to early closing

EXECUTIVE BOARD

TJ Mendez • Mike Williamson
 Roger Tower

FROM THE COMMANDER

As the summer season approaches, we encourage your active participation in our upcoming activities, leveraging the favorable weather conditions. I extend my sincere appreciation to all volunteers and contributors who supported the organization of Memorial Day events and other initiatives at our post. Your dedication is crucial to our ongoing achievements.

I wish to address a query that has been raised regarding appropriate protocol during our 7 pm toast. I consulted with a respected female legionnaire post officer concerning the removal of hats by women during events at the post, such as prayers or our 7 o'clock toast. Given the distinct fashion styles for men and women, I also conducted extensive research to determine if hat etiquette for females has evolved over the years. Subsequently, I requested the female post officer legionnaire to establish the policy on this matter.

Within our post, it is a required practice to uncover for all. The research I discovered I have listed below.

Historically, hats were often considered fashion accessories, secured with pins, which rendered their removal impractical.

According to research by Janice Zerbe, from the Michigan State University Extension, published on April 17, 2017, in a paper titled "General etiquette guidelines for ladies wearing hats:"

The hat etiquette series discusses when women should remove their hats and when they may retain them. Women have worn hats for many years; however, the type of hats worn by women has evolved. Women have traditionally worn fashion hats, or hats considered "women's hats." These hats include ribbons, bows, feathers, flowers, or other ornamentation, and are typically crafted from delicate materials in various colors. Fashion hats also encompass small hats worn at the front of the head, also known as fascinators. Today, more women are opting for baseball-style caps and hats.

When a woman wears a fashion hat, different rules apply compared to when a woman wears a baseball-style cap.

Women should remove baseball-style caps:

- * In someone's home.
- * At mealtimes, at the table.
- * While being introduced.
- * In a house of worship, unless a hat or head covering is required.
- * Indoors at work, unless required for the job.
- * In public buildings such as a school, library, courthouse, or town hall.
- * In restaurants.
- * At any indoor performance.

* When the National Anthem is played.

* When the flag of the United States passes by, as in a parade.

Cancer patients are exempt from hat rules. They may keep their hats or caps on at all times if they wish.

For example:

Unless participating in events such as the Kentucky Derby or other activities that necessitate a highly fashionable hat, it is required at Grant Hodge Post 17 to stand and uncover for the 45 seconds as we pay utmost respect to our veterans at 7 PM.

Members with medical reasons are obviously exempt. From standing or removing their head cover. Remember, we're all part of the Grant Hodge post 17 family for a purpose.

To honor and assist our veterans.

The Legion Executive Board has approved the new building signage, and production is currently underway. We anticipate installation during July or August.

For God and Country,

"BE THE ONE"

Respectfully,

Robert "Bob" Clark

Commander, Grant Hodge Post 17

FROM THE AUXILIARY

In May, we held elections and voted on our new officers. We would like to thank everyone who participated and showed their support. To stay updated on upcoming events, announcements, and other important information, please visit our website regularly.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to hand out Poppies. Your dedication and support are truly appreciated. Because of your efforts and the generosity of our community, all of the money collected will go directly toward helping veterans and supporting programs that make a difference in their lives.

We are excited to announce we will be hosting a Father's Day Breakfast. We invite everyone to come out and enjoy a great meal. All fathers will receive a free breakfast as a small token of appreciation for everything they do. The cost for all other guests will be \$10.00.

As summer approaches, please remember that we will not be holding meetings during the months of July and August. We hope everyone enjoys a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer filled with family, friends, and fun. Thank you again for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to seeing everyone back in September!

Sincerely,

Chris Anderson, President

FROM THE S.A.L.

Hello Post #17 Members, thank you to everyone who supported the Mother's Day breakfast.

We approved \$1,500 to support this year's campership for the Cub Scout Pack sponsored by our post. This campership helps Cub Scouts who need financial assistance to attend summer camp.

My goal is to build greater growth and consistency in our Squadron monthly meetings. We are asking Squadron #17 members to give just a couple of hours on the first Thursday of each month so we can reach a quorum for our meetings.

SAL State Camp Out (Convention) will be held June 26th - 27th, 2026. Peace Arch Post #86 will host the Convention this year. If any Squadron #17 members are interested in attending the convention please contact a squadron officer.

Let's keep moving forward!

James A. Boggs Squadron #17 Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Burger Night June 6th

Poker Run Legion Riders June 20th

Steak Night June 20th

Father's Day Breakfast June 21st

Rainers Baseball Game "OCW" June 30th

Post Picnic at Borst Park August 2nd @ 12pm

The Post is looking for donated bottles for the picnic

Rainers Game on June 30th Reminder:

To be eligible for a complimentary ticket, individuals must be available to perform volunteer duties at the stadium. These responsibilities may encompass, but are not limited to, assisting elderly veterans with food and seating, aiding individuals with mobility challenges upon their bus arrival, managing a membership drive booth, or assisting with the setup of membership tents and tables. We require support for various tasks.

New Hours UPDATE:

Beginning June 1st, the post will be closed every Sunday except for the last Sunday of the month, which will remain open for Pitch Tournaments.

Monday-Saturday Opening at 3:00

"GREAT MINDS DISCUSS IDEAS; AVERAGE MINDS DISCUSS EVENTS; SMALL MINDS DISCUSS PEOPLE."

INCULCATE?! WHAT IS THAT?

BY WADE S. SAMUELSON, JUDGE ADVOCATE

At the start of every monthly membership meeting, everyone reads aloud the preamble to the post's constitution. It declares that one of the Legion's purposes is "to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation" (emphasis added).

The American Legion's constitution, including its preamble, was adopted in 1919 and included this word "inculcate." Legion posts typically adopt this preamble as part of their individual constitutions as well.

So what does it mean--how does one "inculcate" something? According to the website www.dictionary.com, to inculcate is "to implant by repeated statement or admonition; teach persistently and earnestly." Obviously, "inculcate" is a very carefully chosen word; all we do as legionnaires is born from this ideal--to serve those around us. It is our individual obligation; one that we embrace.

There--now you know! Go forth and
INCULCATE!

Mr. Crunch

Last month, Kiason Mendez-Martinez conquered the hunt and found the legendary Mr. Crunch, earning himself a free soda pop and some serious bragging rights.(second time this year) But Mr. Crunch never stays hidden for long. Starting on the first of the month, he'll be tucked away in a new spot somewhere around the bar.

Think you can find him next? Keep your eyes peeled while you're here. Spot him, tell the bartender, and claim your free drink. The hunt is on.

Trivia Questions:

1. What feminist was fined for voting in a US presidential election on June 6, 1872?
2. What phrase was added to the US Pledge of Allegiance June 14, 1954?
3. Which color appears on more national flags than any other color?

1- Susan B. Anthony 2- Under God 3- Red
Trivia Answers



June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	BINGO/Dinner 5 pm National Say Something Nice Day	Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts	Auxiliary & SAL's Meeting 6 pm Membership Meeting 7 pm	Game Night 5 pm National Doughnut Day	Burger Night/ Meat Draw 6pm D-Day
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	BINGO/Dinner 5 pm National Best Friends Day	Sharon Care 10:30 am VFW Meeting (in meeting room) 7 pm	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Honor Guard Meeting 6:15 pm	Joint Planning Meeting 6 pm Legion Riders 6 pm	Game Night 5 pm National Women Veterans Day	National Blame Someone Else Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Flag Day ARMY Birthday	BINGO/Dinner 5 pm National Smile Power Day		Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts National Root Beer day	National Go Fishing Day	Game Night 5 pm Juneteeth	Steak/Salmon Dinner 6 pm RSVP National American Eagle Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day Breakfast Father's Eat FREE 9 to 11 1st Day Of Summer	BINGO/Dinner 5 pm National Kissing Day		Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm	Legion Riders 6 pm	Game Night 5 pm	PTSD Awareness Day
28	29	30				
Pitch Tournament 12:30	BINGO/Dinner 5 pm National Dart day FULL MOON	Rainer's Baseball Game "OCW" 6 pm				