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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 2022-2023

Director Steve Deuel **Assistant Director** Dennis Geiger Paul Stray Secretary Treasurer Dave Shook Road Captain Craig Bower Safety Officer Bob Johnson Geoff Moore Chaplain Dennis Geiger Sergeant at Arms

Club Hours

Monday – Friday 2 pm to 8 or 9 pm* Saturday: 1 pm to 8 or 9 pm* Sunday: 1 pm to 7 pm Holiday hours may vary Phone: (360) 736-3755

*Subject to early closing due to lack of patronage

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 2022-2023

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Dave Stezaker
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LOUNGE BOARD

Al Gray, 1 year Ray Denman, 2 years Pat Althauser, 3 years Steve Baker, 4 years Andy Althauser, 5 years

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bob Terrell Steve Hatfield

Rolly Badavinac

Commander's Corner

I'm so amazed that our Post 17 family has stepped up to the challenge for membership goals. We have made our membership goal every month. This is a HUGE accomplishment that shows the dedication of our members to keep this post around. We need volunteers to help with some upcoming events. If you have a food handler or your MAST card, please let Andy Althauser or Michelle Edwards know. Please check out our Facebook and website granthodgepost17.org for information about future events. If you would like to host an event, please come to our planning meeting and let's hear your idea.

There are a lot of events going on in March and April. March is considered the month we should be doing Community Service and giving priority to the Boy State selection by the end of the month.

March 15 is the designated birthday of The American Legion. On that date in 1919, the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris. Much as the birthday of the United States is celebrated on July 4 - for the date in 1776 when patriots declared the independence of the British colonies and the spirit of America was born - March 15 is the date when The American Legion came to life.

Corned beef and cabbage on March 17, April 8 is our Past Commanders & Presidents Dinner, and on April 22 Chris Guenther & the Honky Tonk Drifters will be playing in the ballroom celebrating their 25th anniversary. There will be a \$10 cover.

Please come down and help support your post. Review the calendar of events and our Facebook page to stay up with all the great events happening and come down to support your post.

Bob Clark, Commander

Lounge Business

I want to thank you all for the opportunity to work for you as the new Bar Manager. I will do my best for our American Legion family.

It's nice seeing all the new faces coming into post and I am thankful for the ones I see regularly. Come on down and join in the camaraderie.

Michelle Edwards, Bar Manager

Auxiliary Message

Hello Ladies,

Hope all is well. Monday BINGO is great. Lots of happy winners and \$5 dinners keep you out of the kitchen.

If you missed Judy Steele's celebration, you missed a great time. We are sad to see Judy leave us. Come and visit us lots.

I would love to see more members take part in our events and bring new ideas.

Our kitchen menu and volunteers are great. You don't know what you're missing.

We look forward to seeing you

Ann Shirer, Auxiliary President

Adjutant Request

We are one of the fortunate Legion Posts that has our own building. With that, comes its own set of challenges. Our building needs some TLC. Currently we are focusing on the elevator and roof that both need some work but there is a big list of things that need to be done. If you, or someone you know, has the skills to help us do improvements on the building please contact me at 469-735-1364 or adjutant@granthodgepost17.

Kim Shires, Adjutant

SAL Appreciation

Thank you to all that attended our Spaghetti feed in February. We love the annual tradition of the American Legion Band kicking off their season at Post 17. It was great to see so many that we hadn't seen in a while.

This year the spaghetti feed donations went towards our annual Back Pack Drive. After expenses we took in \$265 for school supplies for our local kids.

The Legion Band also received \$325 in donations and are extremely grateful for your generosity!

Chris Thomas, SAL Adjutant

ST PATTY'S DAY



Tyson will be serving up our annual corned beef & cabbage. We will also celebrate the American Legion Birthday with a birthday cake.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO



Every Monday night from 5-7 PM

\$\$ CASH PAYOUTS \$\$

Food will be available for purchase.

Senior Center Visits

Join our Veteran's on either of our two monthly visits. The Sharon Care Center on the second Tuesday and the Twin Cities Senior Center the third Wednesday of the month. Both meet at the centers at 10:30 am.

FACEBOOK



To see what's current at the Post and get notification of our upcoming events, please like and follow Grant Hodge Post 17, @granthodgepost17.

If you have an event to post, or information you want to share with everyone please email all details and pictures to Kim at adjutant@granthodgepost17.org.

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KARAOKE



We have 2 karaoke events in March! One for the whole family and another for just adults.

Check out the calendar for dates and times.

GOOD EATIN' IN POST 17

There won't be a steak night in March but be sure to come enjoy the corned beef & cabbage on the 17th.

4 Guys Burger Night is the first Friday of every month and always good eatin!

Don't forget on Tuesdays and Wednesdays the kitchen is usually open. One of those Tuesdays will be Soup & Sandwich night!





Outpost

If you would like to contribute an article to the outpost please bring it to the post or email the adjutant by the 20th of the month. This is your newsletter. We need articles to keep it interesting and worthwhile.

SPAGHETTI FEED

You don't have to cook on Saturday the 11th! For a \$10 donation you get a spaghetti meal!

This is a fundraiser for elevator and roof repairs.

PITCH TOURNAMENT

Sunday, March 26th 1:00

Check-in at 12:30

\$20.00 per player

----March Birthdays----

William Anholt, James Baker, Bruce
Bishop, Craig Bower, Steven Craig, Judy
Dean, Milton Elliott, Ruth Ethell, Joyce
Goodale, Thomas Gowdy, Truman
Hatfield, Patricia Hodges, Shane Inmon,
James Ion, Charles Johnson, Charles
Johnson, Joseph Kerr, Clinton Larson,
John Mccrosky, Caroline Mckinnell,
Leona Merryman, Laura Miller, Fred
Moon, Bruce Nelson, Marilyn Pollock,
Kathleen Powell, Dennis Ray, Kathy
Riebli, Bertha Saldana, Leonora Shirer,
Robert Shirer, Vicki Stout, Roger Towers,
Susan Tupper, Teresa Wiswell

----March Anniversaries----

William & Marcy Anholt Don & Theresa Conners Tim & Barb Mallgren Karin & Myron Struck Joyce & Steve Svinth Roger & Loraine Towers

If you had a birthday or anniversary and it's not listed here, we apologize. Please email it to the adjutant at adjutant@granthodgepost17.org. Thanks.



MARCH 2023

POST 17

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| | February 27 | February 28 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | Lounge Board Mtg 4 pm BINGO 5 p to 7 pm | Executive Board Meeting 7 pm | Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm | Auxiliary Mtg 6 pm Legion Mtg 7 pm | 4 Guys Burger Night 6 pm TX Hold'em 6 pm | |
| | Marine Corps League Mtg 7 pm | | | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm Pack 9301 | Kitchen Open 3 pm to 6 pm | Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Honor Guard | ALR Meeting 6 pm | TX Hold'em 6 pm | Spaghetti Feed 6 pm |
| | Meeting 5:30 pm | | 6:30 pm | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Family Karaoke 3 pm to 7 pm | BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm | Senior Center 10:30 AM | Senior Center 10:30 AM | Joint Planning Meeting | St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & | Karaoke Night 7 pm |
| | | VFW Meeting 7 pm | Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm | 6 pm | Cabbage 6 PM TX Hold'em | |
| | | Kitchen Open 3 pm to 6 pm | | | 6 pm | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm | Soup & Sandwich Night 3 pm to 7 pm | Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Honor Guard 6:30 pm | ALR Meeting 6 PM | TX Hold'em 6 pm | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| Pitch Tournament 1 pm | BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm | | Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm | J. | TX Hold'em 6 pm | |
| | League Mtg 7 pm | | | | | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE AMERICAN LEGION ON MARCH 15!