

POST 328, SAINT JOSEPH

# AMERICAN LEGION



## FAMILY

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This bimonthly newsletter's purpose is to inform all the patriotic members of American Legion Post 328 of the good works and upcoming events of our Post.

### A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

Happy Spring! We are almost there when you receive this newsletter-no matter what the ground hog predicted!

Thank you to all who worked on the Membership Dinner. Everyone pitched in from Rich Schwegel, who chaired, to all who set up and take down things, the Auxiliary for deserts, and all the kitchen help who cleaned up. You all did a wonderful job making it an enjoyable evening.

We are continuing to assess what we must do to maintain our building. We expect to have to put money into the building to solve our AC or negative air flow issues. It will be discussed in detail at our Feb 24th meeting. Your input, especially if you have AC/heating experience is needed. To solve these issues, we must also prioritize how we want to operate going forward. Please make a point to come to our/your meetings.

In March, we actually start our next election cycle. Consider running for a position, as mentioned above we need participation. Training is available. We would pay for your training if you want to go to The American Legion College April 23rd to 26th at Camp Ripley. We would also pay for training for Gambling Manager, which is a paid position at the post that Todd Corrow fills so very well right now. Even if you would not serve immediately, it is valuable to have trained willing

members to serve. Other needs are volunteers for Bingo. We need workers all the time. The more we have, the more we can spread the jobs out. We especially need a Bingo manager. It does not demand a huge time commitment. We get asked about the kitchen and meat raffles. But we cannot expand for sure without involvement.

So, come out and help with our activities. The more you help, the more we can do. Again, come to the meetings. They last a good hour or so, and we can always play cards or something after we close them.

Finally, we have set up a new website. Rebecca Callahan and Mike Twedt have worked hard on that. Go to "johnkuebelbeckpost328.org." You will find tabs to open and activities planned on the site. Becky and Mike will continue to build things into it. Suggest what you might like to see it used for as well. Expect Memorial Day information in April on the site.

Happy St Patrick's Day and Easter,

**Thomas Kremer, Commander**

## VOLUNTEERS

### Mike Twedt Fundraising Chair

Holy Snow Melt, get your seeds out. There are many events and happenings coming up this spring.

1.--- Our new Saint Joseph Legion website is up and running. Please take a look, you will be impressed ([johnkuebelbeckpost328.org](http://johnkuebelbeckpost328.org)) also want to add an event or happening please contact Mike Twedt or Rebecca Callahan.

2.--- We have our dates for the upcoming season for the Hamburger/brat sales. PLEASE, PLEASE mark your calendars to volunteer. The dates are---- May 1st & 2nd, June 5th & 6th, and Oct 2nd & 3rd all at the meat market, then on July 3rd from 10am-5pm on the Legion grounds.

3.--- The Minnesota Legion bowling tournament will be held in Dayton MN. at the Sundance Lanes on March 28th & 29th. We will be having 4 teams representing the Saint Joseph Legion.

4.--- Last but not least, Memorial Day is May 25<sup>th</sup>. I will be needing volunteers to post flags at the Cemeteries the day before, and the day after to remove the flags. Save the dates please.

5.--- Any questions, feel free to contact me. **Mike Twedt Fundraising Chair**

The Legion Spring ditch cleanup is planned for Monday, April 20th with an alternate date of Monday, April 27th, in case of poor weather. Please meet at the Clubhouse at 12:45 to get a safety vest and garbage bags. **Mark Gohmann, Adopt a Highway Committee Chair**

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The first Auxiliary Meeting for 2026 is Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Legion. Please bring your volunteer hours – the report is due on April 15th to the State.

The next casino trip is planned for Thursday June 4th, destination to be determined.

I contacted Kerri Schwegel from the Veteran Resource Enrichment Center who wanted recycled plastic and she said they met their goal and will receive a bench for the outside of the building.

Delrose Fischer and I went shopping for the Veterans and delivered the goods to the VA. We had many sweat pants, sweatshirts, and hooded sweatshirts. All monies used was from the Poppy Sales. Elaine Eisenschenk will start the Poppy Sales the end of March. Please contact her to volunteer.

**Bonnie Gohmann, American Legion Auxiliary President**

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

**My Fellow SAL Members.**

We hope to grow because new members add enthusiasm. If you know someone that could become a SAL Member, ask him/her to join. Our next meeting is on Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Chad Phillipp, SAL Commander

## MEETING DATES-MARK THEM DOWN

(NOTE: LEGION MEETING DAY – THE 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH)

March SAL Meeting.....	March 2nd, 7:00 pm
March Auxiliary Meeting.....	No Meeting
March Executive Board Meeting.....	March 24th, 6:00 pm
March General Membership Meeting.....	March 24th, 7:00 pm
April SAL Meeting.....	April 6th, 7:00 pm
April Auxiliary Meeting.....	April 7th, 6;30 pm
April Executive Board Meeting.....	April 28th, 6:00 pm
April General Membership Meeting.....	April 28th, 7:00 pm

## MEMBERSHIP

We only have four months left to hit our goal of 214 members. We are presently at 198 (93%) members paid up for 2026 dues. If you see the request for 2026 dues lying around the house, send it in and help declutter the house. Don't be hesitant to suggest membership to a veteran you may know or meet. If you have any questions or concerns about membership, please contact me.

**David Menzhuber, Membership Chairman**

### Gambling Donations

We made some contributions the last couple months from Gambling Funds.

December: Quiet Oaks \$500, St Cloud Senior Fun Singers per Gene Vanderheyden \$500, Veteran's Empowered \$500.

January: American Legion Family Hospital Foundation \$300, Connect Ability \$300.

We also gave Kerry Schwegel a \$100 dollar stipend out of the general fund for her to apply to the Veteran Resource and Enrichment Center she spoke about at our Membership Dinner.

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## **For God and Country - The American Legion**



**POST 328 LEGIONNAIRES BONNIE BRAUN, REBECCA CALLAHAN, ALICIA SCHWEGEL & JUDITH HANSEN POSE WITH GUEST SPEAKER LEGIONNAIRE KERRY SCHWEGEL AT POST 328 MEMBERSHIP DINNER**

