

Robert Ihlang American Legion Post 537, Auxiliary & Sons of The American Legion



Commander's Corner

Comrades, Clients & Citizens!

Happy New Year! The first of the year has brought its cold Minnesota winter temperatures with it... No snow in close future but definitely more frozen lakes for great ice fishing! Hope the New Year brings us all a start to a great year.

Thanks to all who came out to enjoy our magnificent New Year's Eve Dinner! Great times and even better company. Special thanks to our cooks and staff to make the celebration another successful event!

We also had two great events to show our appreciation and thanks to you our customers and our employees. The Customer Appreciation Day was a success with a full house of our great customers. A much deserving Employee Holiday Party was an enjoyable and celebrated event! Once again, much thanks to our staff and all involved for the successful events!

Always remember, in these cold and dark winter days you are always welcome to join us for our monthly dinner specials, live entertainment, bingo, great drinks and even better times!

There are no local or country's Military/Veteran observances this month. Please do remember to respect and honor all their current and past sacrifices daily...

As always, please keep our servicemen/women and Veterans in your thoughts and prayers. Especially our local family and friends currently serving and/or deployed. It is a dangerous world out there and our guardians and protectors stand ready to do their best to ensure our freedom.

Respectfully submitted,

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Auxiliary News

Happy New Year!

I hope all had a very festive Christmas season. Winter sports are in full swing, lets support our local teams.

Our regular meeting was held Monday December 16 with a meal and a few games to follow for fun and fellowship.

Things of note to share:

Thank you to all who assisted with blood mobile to make it a success. I appreciate our unit's helpfulness and willingness to volunteer on various projects.

We are nearing our goal for membership. Please turn in your dues to Mary if you have not yet done so.

Junior members had a Fun Day this fall. They had a blast. Jrs and S.A.L. worked on VA&R patches, made cards for Veterans, played games and had a district leadership presentation with temporary tattoos of the new ALA Jr. and S.A.L. wordmark. If there are any Junior members that you know of, let them know of this great learning experience. They must be eligible through the American Legion, see <https://www.legion-aux.org/Eligibility> if interested. There are 2 Upcoming events for Jrs.: March 29, 7th Dist. Conference, Clinton MN and April 11-12 Dept. Jr. Conference.

Be the one to reach out to a Veteran or service member for support, this may be a sincere kind word and conversation. Thank you all who served and are currently serving.

Upcoming Events:

Sewing Day: Thursday January 2
Regular Meeting: Monday January 20
(Meat Raffle: Tomi, Mary, Carol J)
Work Day: No need

Respectfully submitted, *Kathy Kessler*

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S. A. L. News

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas last week! It is always nice to get together with friends and family and just enjoy the Holiday season and all the magic that this time of year brings.

At this month's meeting we will be discussing the Special Olympics Polar Plunge, which will be held January 25th, on Green Lake at County Park #4. The S.A.L. will be happy to sponsor any member of the Legion family that wants to take the plunge for this amazing group. Let us know if you're up to the challenge!

We will also be covering the upcoming Spring events, disbursement items, and our Holiday celebration scheduled for February 1st.

Meat raffle for the SAL will be Monday, the 6th of January and Monday January 27, 2025.

With a new year a couple days away, please keep those currently deployed, their families and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers. Holidays are always a difficult time for those deployed.

Freedom has a price, and those serving and our veterans understand the cost and sacrifice! Please take time to thank a veteran, not just this month, but every month.

Happy New Year to all, and I hope your 2025 is filled with amazing things for you and your families! The S.A.L. will meet on Monday, January 6th, 2025, at 6:30 pm, in the Fireside room.

Respectfully submitted, *Steve Marquardt* Commander, Squadron #537



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Service Officer Report

The Color Guard has not had a funeral since October 25th. But good things do come to an end, we lost a 40 plus years member Del Haverly.

The Color Guard did have the honor of presenting the colors at the Church of Cash music concert at The Smilin D arena in Colfax Township. That was a very enjoyable experience. It was fun to be a part of something fun with the Color Guard. It was great meeting and working with David Riegstad, the owner. He was very appreciative for the Color Guard to come and be a part

of the program. We will be doing it again on January 4th, for the Bull Riding competition. Really looking forward to that.

It's nice to do something enjoyable with the Color Guard.

Hope everyone has a Happy and Prosperous New Year. As always keep our current military in your prayers to keep them safe.

Dean Rood, Service Officer

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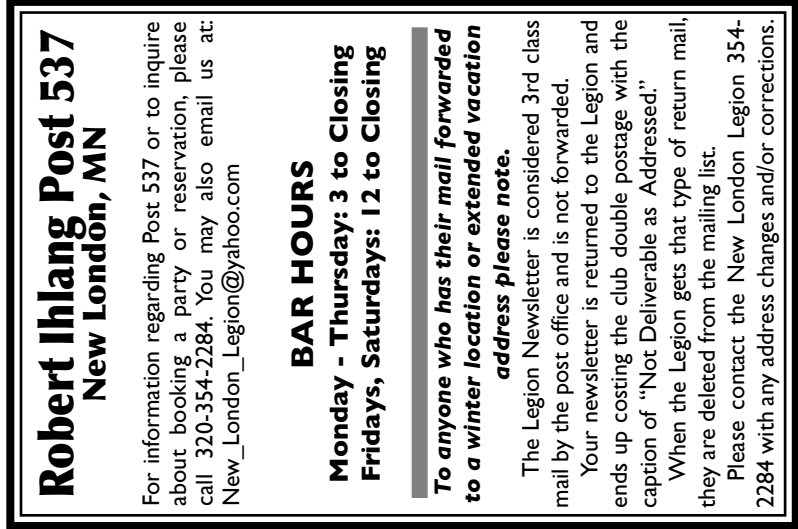
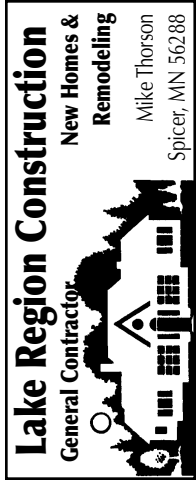
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Thursday: Grilled or Battered WALLEYE
with Choice of Side

Friday: Chef's Special

Saturday: Homemade Meatloaf
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	Meat Raffle 5:30 Jeff James 6 - 10pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	S.A.L. 6:30pm Meat Raffle 5:30			Thirsty Thursday Karaoke with Giddy Up 6-10pm		Meat Raffle 5:30 Gig Noonan 6-10pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Meat Raffle 5:30	BINGO 6:30pm				Meat Raffle 5:30
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Meat Raffle 5:30 Legion 7pm Aux.Meeting 6:30			Thirsty Thursday Karaoke Dan Burns 6-10pm		Meat Raffle 5:30
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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