



January 2025 Bugle Call

A publication of Richard Howard Ferrell Post 46

American Legion Post 46

108 1st Street NE Little Falls MN 56345

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Monthly Meetings

Post 1st Wednesday of the month 6:30pm

Executive Board 5:30 pm same night

Auxiliary 1st Wednesday of the month 6:00pm

Legion Riders 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM

SAL Quarterly at 7 PM



Post 46 Officers 2024-2025

Commander - Michael Schmidt

Adjutant - Megan Ross Francis

1st Vice Commander - Jessica Warzecha

2nd Vice Commander - Sharon Bryant

Finance Officer - Steve Zander/Robin

Arjes Chaplain - John Justin

Sgt of Arms - Matt Wagle/Zach Fleckner

From the Auxiliary:

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT! January 1st is the first Wednesday of January in 2025. As this is a Holiday we will not be meeting until the following Monday. Make sure to update your calendar for Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00 PM. See you there!

A big thank you to Carol Tillman and Deb Manlick who volunteered at the St. Cloud VA Gift Shop in December. The Veteran's were so happy to have the opportunity to provide their families with gifts for Christmas! Both ladies conveyed that it was an awesome experience. If you've never had the chance to go, I would challenge you to consider it in the future. It is one of the most rewarding experiences I've been a part of.

It's 2025! HAPPY NEW YEAR! I issued a challenge a year ago to every member to attend at least ONE meeting during 2024. I issue that same challenge to you all this year. Don't stay home on your couch – come and get involved. We are a fun bunch, and we know you could make us even FUNNER!

Mid-Winter conference is happening January 18th in Melrose. If you are interested in attending, please give me a call. January is also National Security Month so don't forget to wear RED (Remember Everyone Deployed) on Fridays!

Gail Lattimer
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**January Burger Night
Tuesday, Jan 7th
5:30 to 8:00
Meat Raffle at 5:30 PM**

Greetings fellow Legionnaires and American Legion Riders!

Welcome to 2025! Who'd of thought...and time scoots along, fortunately the Winter Solstice passed on December 21st and the days will continue to get longer again. The ALRs finished up a great year, with an excellent Christmas meal together to close out the year, as well as participating in the yearly "Wreathes For The Fallen" wreath laying event at the State Veterans Cemetery. The Annual Chili Cook-Off with the Brainerd Chapter of the ALRs right thereafter the event also turned out exceptionally. The weather even cooperated!

The ALRs volunteer hours for the year well exceeded 700 hours. The Chapter is in the process of creating another opportunity for a 2025 Scholarship based on our fundraising. Not really enough room to list too much here, however, as the current ALR Director, I am extremely proud and humbled by the accomplishments of an extremely committed group of Legion Family members. Look forward to seeing more from our Chapter in 2025.

The ALRs have decided to continue to meet at our regular monthly meeting times throughout the winter, the second Tuesday of the month, in this case, the 14th of January, 2025, at 1730. We are grateful the American Legion Riders is a program of the American Legion and is open to all our American Legion, SAL Auxiliary members from Post #46, as well as other Legion Posts that may not have a Chapter established. Current Membership is \$20.00 per AL Rider and \$20.00/year thereafter. For information on Post #46 AL Riders, please feel free to call Chuck Parins at 320-232-9554 or Byron Nelson at 320-267-3139.

Greetings Fellow SAL Members:

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written." Melody Beattie

Get out there and make your life what you want it to be, and give a little of it back. Even though the SAL did not have a lot going on in December, it doesn't mean you can't go and help out someone else. I know that a lot of you already involved in many things. Did a commitment of yours just end? Do you find yourself with extra time? We need people out there that are willing to give their time and resources, in order to make our community and our world a better place. Lets make this next chapter a good one.

We are so close to meeting our 2025 membership goal. Just a few people left. I will be sending out reminders in January. They will come on a BLUE post card. The dues are \$20. Thank you for your continued support over the years. You can drop them off at the club in person, or mail them in. I find that dropping them off in person is more fun. Who knows who you will run into.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 15th. We also have a burger night in January. New voices are always welcome, and often more needed than we realize. Please reach out to me if you have any questions. Whether or not we have an SAL event happening, you can always volunteer for any event happening at the Legion. Just stop in and talk to Shannon Salber, Alex Warzecha or Mike Schmidt. They will be able to point you in the right direction.

Upcoming Events:

SAL Hosted Burger Night: January 7th, 2025

Meeting: January 15th at 7pm

Respectfully,
Matthew Joseph Derry, 320-360-3551

From the Chaplains Desk:

"True peace is not merely the absence of some negative force-tension, confusion or war; it is the presence of some positive force-justice, good will and brotherhood." Martin Luther King Jr

The approaching of a new year is often associated with a new start. It brings an opportunity to pray for and strive for peace. There are two types of peace. There is the peace that represents a lack of conflict in the external world and there is the type of peace that can only be found within oneself.

We have limited control over world view external conflicts, but we can be instruments of internal peace. I, you, all of us, can spread peace with others. It must begin with us. We can find peace in meditation, prayer, religion, and in our interactions with others.

We can also find peace by limiting exposure to Intolerance, hate speech, political discourse, and other negative stressors. I wish and prayer for this inner peace for all of you this 2025 year.

The mental health crisis line is 988 and press 1 if a veteran.

January 16 is National Religious Freedom Day.

TAPS: Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the families of our departed Comrade: David J. Hiemenz, and Leslie O. Wessels

For God and Country
Chaplain: John Justin 632-6752

From the Commander

Legionnaires,

Happy Holidays and a Merry Christmas from all of us here at the American Legion!

I've heard there was an excellent turnout for everyone involved in the Chili Cook Out, sorry I couldn't make it!

Just for everyone's awareness, the next meeting will be on Thursday January 2nd at 6:30, so that we don't have our meeting on New Years Day

For God and Country,

Michael Schmidt

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Return Service Requested

Club Hours

- Every Sat & Sun Noon to 11 PM
- Monday - Friday 3 to 11 PM

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Sloppy Joe w/ Chips \$6.00	4
5 BINGO 2:00	6 Queen of Hearts 4:00-6:00	7 Burger Night and Meat Raffle 5:30	8 Post/Aux Meetings 6:30	9	10 Chicken Alfredo w/ Bread sticks \$9.00	11
12 BINGO 2:00	13 Queen of Hearts 4:00-6:00	14	15	16	17 Chili w/ Bread stick \$7.00	18
19 BINGO 2:00	20 Queen of Hearts 4:00-6:00	21	22	23	24 All You can Eat Taco Bar \$12.00	25 Party 2 -pm
26 BINGO 2:00	27 Queen of Hearts 4:00-6:00	28	29	30	31 Pizza Special \$2.00 off	

Club Manager

Hello Everyone.

Happy New Year Everyone...

In January we will be having Burger night January 7th. we will be serving \$6.00 Burger Baskets from 5:30-7:30!! Since its been cold and we have had many people calling and asking. We will be doing Friday night meals. January 3rd We will have sloppy joes and chips for \$6.00. On the 10th we will have a Chicken Alfredo with a Bread stick for \$9.00. On The 17th we will Chili with a Breadstick for \$7.00. On the 24th we will have a all you can Eat Taco Bar for \$12.00. On the 31st we will have \$2.00 Off any Pizza. We will be serving from 5-7!!

And just a friendly reminder if you using the kitchen please be more careful. We have had lots of broken items lately and we also have had appliances left on all night. Please check everything before leaving. Thank You

Gambling Manager

Sunday Bingo has started. Please add your name to the volunteer sheet on the bulletin board near the popcorn machine in the Club. All of these "fun" things we host cannot continue without volunteers. December charitable gambling donations were made to Wreaths for the Fallen, Department Commander's Project, Legion Brain Sciences Center, Heartland Symphony Orchestra, MN Military Family Foundation, 2025 Little Falls Grad Bash, Hands of Hope, Kinship Christmas Gifts, St. Cloud VA, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Horizon Health, ICE Fest, Evening 4 Education, and the Morrison County Historical Society. If you'd like input regarding our monthly donations, please attend the Post Meetings.

Thanks for all you do,
Alex Warzecha