

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings to all!

I hope everyone is doing well this winter whether you spent it here in the tundra or somewhere that's warm and sunny! For those of us who are here the end is soon in sight.

I'll start out by announcing that the new kitchen hood is installed and running! A big thank you to all who helped get it going. This wasn't a simple task and your help was greatly appreciated. It makes a huge difference in the kitchen, not only filtering the air but also the added light above the stove and fryer. There are just a couple of minor adjustments and the remodel project should be complete. We also will be installing new overhead Led lights and a couple more shelves.

The next exciting news is that we have joined up with JR's NO. 19 BBQ to operate our kitchen on Fridays and Saturdays. They came on board in January and things are going well. We have had many people come in and try their BBQ menu. Their smoker is on premise and the food is excellent. Please come in and try it and also check out the menu on our Facebook page. So, congratulations to JR's and welcome aboard!!

Also another change this year is that our Gambling manager, Ron Swenson is resigning his position as of this month. We would like to thank Ron for his hard work and dedication these past 3 years of managing the gambling. You did a tremendous job and you will be missed!

We would like to welcome our new manager, a veteran herself, Paula

Hassinger (Poppy). She has been training with Ron the past two months learning the ropes. We are very excited to welcome her to our Legion family. As you know gambling is very important to the operations of this Legion. So, I am asking for a few more volunteers to help out with our meat raffles and bingo. It very well could be the end if we don't get more help. We already have many dedicated volunteers but we are in need of at least 3 more teams. This is a very easy and fun way to help out, it usually is only one time a month that you have to commit to, so please sign up, your help will be very much appreciated

Upcoming events for March will be St. Urho's day on March 11th. Come in and play the game that will be set up in the back room and enjoy JR's BBQ. Also, St Patrick's celebrating is on Saturday the 18th. JR's will be serving the best smoked Ruben in the lakes area! Come in for a great time and show your support.

Last of all I really would like to thank all the winter volunteers who stepped up and helped when we were very short staffed. Thank you for your dedication, we could not have stayed open without your support.

For God and Country,

*Mike Rickard*, Commander

## AUXILIARY NEWS

The Auxiliary received reports of good grades from all four of our 2016 scholarship recipients, so they have been paid the \$500 each we granted. Congrats to all of them on a good start to their continuing education.

We will be holding a bake sale on Mar. 17-18 to celebrate St. Pat's Day. The sale starts at 5pm on Fri. Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please donate baked items and/or come and buy some yummy baked goods. There may even be TRUFFLES!

The Auxiliary decided to help pay for 15 new bar stools for the front bar. We can't wait to place the order (they are badly needed) and we will get our name engraved on a nameplate placed on each chair we donate.

Poppy Days are coming up in May. In April, we'll be posting a sign-up sheet to distribute them and collect donations. Any of your time or donations to this important cause will be appreciated.

Thanks again to all our Auxiliary and Legion members who support our projects and our veterans!

*Pam Vaughan*, 1<sup>st</sup> VP & Treasurer

Hello to all,

It's been a busy and challenging winter for all and I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped the Legion this winter in the kitchen, special events and our weekly Meat raffle and Bingo days! Y'all have a special place in my heart and I'm looking forward to seeing you all this Spring and expressing my deepest thanks to all of you!

There was so much work and time that brought the fruition of JR's BBQ to become a part of our Legion family by our dedicated Executive Committee, Legion members and Auxiliary Members. Thank you to all who worked so tirelessly in keeping the Legion a vital and important

addition to the City of Crosslake as well as honoring our Veteran's.

Pray for our Troops,

*Pam Wiltsey*, Auxiliary President

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

3/1- CASINO BUS LEAVES @ 9:30PM  
CONTACT MEL @ 612.810.4682 TO SIGN UP  
3/11 ST. URHO'S DAY-JR'S BBQ SPECIAL  
3/14- AUXILIARY MEETING 5PM  
3/14-EXECUTIVE & GENERAL MEETING 6:15PM  
3/17-3/18 AUXILIARY BAKE SALE  
3/18-43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CROSSLAKE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE STARTS @ 2PM- JR'S BBQ SPECIAL

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have a change of address or email please contact Deanna @ [ken4dee@gmail.com](mailto:ken4dee@gmail.com) or Pam Wiltsey @ [thunderbirdwomanjewelry@gmail.com](mailto:thunderbirdwomanjewelry@gmail.com) In order to receive your newsletter electronically on your membership renewal form there is a place for you to add your email. Due to high costs, **out of state members and Snowbirds will be sent the newsletter by email or access it at the Post's website. Our web page is [www.post500.com](http://www.post500.com)**

**If you can help the Legion during Hot Beef, Burger or Pizza nights please let us know. A couple of hours a month will lighten the load for all and keep the Legion running smoothly! Your help is greatly appreciated.**