

# American Legion Newsletter

## Post 577, Post 474, P.A.C. & A.L.R.

November, December, January 2017-18

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### From the Commander, Post 577



The past few months serving as Commander of this amazing organization have flown by, perhaps faster than any other time in my life. Post 577 is filled with great people doing great things. Just when I think we are working as hard as possible, ranging from improving our building to helping those in need in our community, we step up, and raise our hands to do more. It seems we gather energy and motivation from each other to continue to move forward and improve any way we can. So for that, I want to say a huge THANK YOU to all who are part of Post 577's fantastic American Legion Family.

This month I had the honor of presenting flag streamers for the Post, the Auxiliary and the SAL for achieving 100% membership last year. The significance of this, and the reason we earned the American Legion Family 100% flag streamers, is that it was the first time in our history that all three organizations achieved this goal in the same year. The streamers are now hanging proudly on our flags. Now, for my challenge...let's not let this be the only time we achieve this distinction. Let's do it again this year, and each following year. We have a strong Post, let's work to keep it viable for all future generations!

For anyone who hasn't been to the Post in the past couple of years, I urge you to stop in and see all the changes it has gone through. It has been transformed from a dark clubroom area with an old outdated hall, to an updated interior that is bright and welcoming! Not only is it aesthetically pleasing, there have also been (and continue to be) many upgrades that are not so visible, such as roof repairs, parking lot and apron replacements, plumbing, electrical, kitchen work, etc. All in all, we are dedicated to making our Post a place we can all enjoy and be proud of. Many of our members have shared a responsibility in making these improvements happen, far too many to list in this publication. But I encourage all who have not seen our awesome facility to stop by and check it out, I guarantee you'll be pleasantly surprised.

As we attempt to bring Post 577 further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, I want you to be aware of two major changes in our operations. First, we have begun accepting credit cards as payment. Our guests are able to run a tab and pay with a credit card when they are ready to leave. So if our old policy of "cash only" has stopped you from visiting, please come on back. Second, after this issue, we will be switching to mailing our newsletter out electronically. If you wish to receive the newsletter moving forward, please be sure we have your email address on file. We will make

accommodations to continue to mail out paper copies upon request, but the standard will be via email, so please call or email the Post with your e-addresses.

We have a few upcoming events going on at the Post that I invite all to attend:

- **Monthly membership meetings** - Held the third Monday of each month at 1900hrs (7pm for those of us who no longer live under military time).
- **Veteran's Day Breakfast** – Free to all veterans, Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 0900-1300hrs. Thank you for your Service, please join us in honoring our nation's veterans.
- **Shop, Ship and Share** – Care packages are packed and shipped to military members deployed around the world. Please help us at the Maplewood Mall on Friday and Saturday, Nov 30-Dec 1 to make the holiday season a little brighter for our deployed military women and men.
- **Salvation Army Holiday Bell Ringers** – Each year District 4 members help the Salvation Army by ringing bells to get their kettles filled with donations. This year we will be ringing bells on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by the Post to sign up for a two-hour shift to do your part.
- **Children's Holiday Party** – Kids of all ages are invited to come celebrate the season. There will be food, games and gifts for all on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12-4 PM
- **Mid-Winter Conference** – This year's conference is taking place at the Arcade-Phalen Post on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 0900-1500hrs. Please join your compatriots in District 4 for an interesting, educational day. Learn what is going on in District 4 and hear speakers who will address a variety of veterans' issues.

Finally, as I said in my last newsletter article closing, I am honored to serve as your Post 577 Commander this year. We've had an amazing, productive year so far...let's keep up the momentum as winter now sets in!!

Commander Deon Ford

## From the Commander, Post 474

Top of the Morning Legionaries,

This is the last newsletter so be sent out because of the cost of printing and mailing. Please see the insert for information regarding this. If you have any questions please call me

Be Safe & Good Speed  
Chuck McCormick  
Post 474 Commander  
651-222-7931

## From the Auxiliary, Post 577



Greetings Everyone,

As the year comes to an end. I want to thank all the volunteers that have helped out throughout the year. We had a very successful booya and bake sale this year. Check the club room bulletin board for upcoming events. We are looking always for new members. See Ladonna Osborne if you are interested in being a member of the Auxiliary Our Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 PM

I would like to Thank You for your continued support

Jeanne Rossini  
President

## From the S.A.L.



Greetings everyone.

From the entire staff at the Legion,

**I want to thank the S.A.L. staff members & others who volunteered and attended the Booya last weekend. I believe this was another success for the Post. I would also like to again that the staff who made the 10<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament a tremendous success.**

### Thanks Again!

The cleanup efforts in the basement has also been a tremendous success, we will continue to clean the needed areas, which will provide more secured storage space for all factions of the club. The North basement wall will need to be touched up due to a leak on the outside South Wall near the alley. This has now been repaired on the outside of the building. We also would like to paint the stairwells leading downstairs at both of the exits from the basement.

Another upcoming project that we will need volunteers for is the remodeling of the basement bathrooms, both men's and women's. Please contact Bernie for more information on this.

**The 2018 S.A.L. membership drive has started, we are hoping for another increase in our S.A.L. membership from 81 in 2017 to 85 or more in 2018. See Mark Gallagher, Bernie or Jeff Chaney. ( Cont.)**

We encourage all existing members to take some time and volunteer where needed at the Post. This coming Fall / Winter will be another busy time for volunteering and I encourage you to reach out to the other organizations here at the post and offer your assistance as needed. Everyone notices and commends all the good things we do, and I know it is greatly appreciated.

Our S.A.L. meetings will continue to be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Please check the board for a few of our off site meetings / gatherings as well.

**S.A.L. meeting dates for the fall / winter months of 2018 are as follows:**

**Wednesday November 14th, 6pm**

**Wednesday December 12th, 6pm**

**Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6pm**

Bernie Biebighauser

## From the Club Room



Come join us for Sunday Football!!  
Join our VIP for special offers. See Bear or the bartender for details.

## Voiture 838

**1129 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55106**



## Standard Unit Meeting Days:

**P.A.C.** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 3 P.M.

**A.L.R.** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, 7 P.M.

**S.A.L.** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6 P.M.

**Past Commanders** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 1 P.M.

**577 Auxiliary** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6:00 P.M.

**Post 577** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 7 P.M.

**40/8 Voiture 838** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7 P.M.

**Post 474** – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6 P.M



## From the A.L.R. President

Wow where did summer go? Well it was a good summer but in my opinion, it wasn't quite long enough. Your ALR took part in many different events this year, parades, charity rides and just being out riding visiting other Legion Posts. It is my hope that we represented you and the Legion Family well. It was also a safe summer for us as we did not suffer any mishaps as all of our members were safe in their travels this summer. I'd like to thank you all for your support of the Legion Riders this year. Remember that we are all part of the Family and if you know a disabled veteran that is interested in becoming a member of the Legion Riders they are most welcome to join us. We have many different things upcoming, such as Fall Conference, Mid-Winter Convention the ALR 577 Veterans and Family Ice Fishing Event at the Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake. And Don't forget the Winter Carnival Grand Day Parade and joint membership Rally in January (BRRR) each event will have representation by the Chapter present.

Thank you all again for your support of our Chapter of the American Legion Riders and hopefully we shall have a bit warmer weather so we can put some more miles on our bikes.

John Weiss 577 American Legion Riders President

[A.L.R. annual MN Veteran Home Ice Fishing Tournament – Saturday, February ? at Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake. As it gets closer, full details will be at the Post](#)

**Come watch the Minnesota Vikings with us at the Legion!**



November 30<sup>th</sup>- December 1 2018  
10am- 5pm



### Help Sponsor a Care Package by donating for postage

Local area schools will be collecting needed items to be sent overseas to local military units.



A monetary donation from you in any amount will help ship the packages in time for the holidays.

American Legion 4th District  
Packages for the Military  
PO Box 17035  
St Paul MN 55117-0035

### Thank you and Happy Holidays!



**Veterans needing help with housing, employment, medical assistance please contact John Weiss at:**

[jweissmn@hotmail.com](mailto:jweissmn@hotmail.com)

If you would prefer to receive the Newsletter by email, visit <http://www.arcadephalenlegion577.org/>



To the families of your departed loved one, from the Commander and the members of Arcade Phalen Post 577 Our sympathy and prayers go out to you for our departed loved one and our comrade.

May they rest in peace with those comrades that have gone before them.



### BREAKFAST FOR VETERANS

**WHE: Monday, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**  
**WHERE: ARCADE-PHALEN POST 577**  
**TIME: 9:00 A.M. to 12:00. or until gone**  
**COST: DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

**Post-Christmas Party**  
**December 8<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
**7PM-PM**

**LIFE LINE SCREENING**  
**DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 9AM-4PM**

## FROM THE CLUB ROOM

### MANAGER GREG SPEISS

#### HALL RENTAL CONTACT:

Greg Spiess "Bear" at 651-428-1419

The hall is available for all of your events... Book your event today! We also have wireless connections for meetings, call 651-771-8778.

#### CLUB ROOM EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY – LUCKY BUCK \$5/PER TICKET – GUARANTEED**

**THURSDAY– NEW FOOD MENU 5-8 PM**

**THURSDAYS – BIG MONEY BINGO!!!**

#### 6:30 EARLY BIRD SESSION

7:00 P.M. in the hall, 10 Games.

**Games 1-4 & 6-9**, \$1.00 for a 3 face card

**Game 5**, Progressive Coverall, \$2.00 for a 3 face card, cash prize \$300

**Game 10**,

#59 Coverall, \$2.00 for a 3 face card, cash prize \$1,000

**FRIDAYS – FREE BINGO**

6:00 – 8:00 P.M., in the club room, arrive by 7:00 P.M. to play for the cash coverall!

**FRIDAYS – THE BEST MEAT RAFFLE IN TOWN!**

The Raffle starts at 5:00 P.M. in the club room, cost \$1.00

**FRIDAY– KARAOKE!**

8:00 P.M. to Close, in the club room.

#### CLUB ROOM HOURS

**SUNDAY – THURSDAY 12:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 A.M.**

**HAPPY HOUR – MONDAY THRU FRIDAY – NOON TO 6:00 P.M.**

**Date: December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Sign up to ring the bell at the Post**



We want to ensure that our newsletters go out to the correct address. If you have a change of address, please send your change to our email address: [arcadephalenlegion@gmail.com](mailto:arcadephalenlegion@gmail.com)

Or you can use our "Contact Us" page on the Post 577 Legion website

You can also drop a line to Arcade-Phalen Post 577 at 1129 Arcade St., St. Paul MN 55106

**To become a member of Post 577 stop by the Legion or contact the following Membership Officers:**

*Legion: Mary Cole*

*Auxiliary: Ladonna Osborne, 651-230-9785*

*Sons of the American Legion: Jeff Chaney*

*Post 577 ALR Chapter, Dee Dee Buckley*



#### CHILI FEST JANURAY 6, 2019

Noon till gone \$4.00/bowl (all you can eat). Please donate your favorite crockpot of Chili for this event.

Contact Chris @ 651-222-3719

**Winter Carnival Parade  
January 26th 2019**

# Children's Christmas Party



**Sunday December 2<sup>th</sup>, 2018 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Gifts for Children: New born to 12 years**

**Respond by November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Welcome... Post 577, Post 474 and PAC members... you're invited!

There will be lunch and fun for all. SANTA will be visiting, so please fill out the form below and return to the club. Then, Santa can choose an appropriate present and be sure to have one for each child.

See YOU there!

FYI... Santa needs your help. Your donation(s) of a NEW unwrapped toy(s) are greatly appreciated. Please put in the "large gift wrapped collection box" in the Club by November 27<sup>th</sup>. We truly THANK YOU.

"Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly Merry Christmas". Peg Bracken

Volunteers are needed for decorating, undecorating during the holidays: present wrapping and stocking stuffing on December 1st at 1:00 pm - done.

**Mail form to the Post or drop off in the Club Room by November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Blank forms are available at the post**

Member's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one) >> 577 474 PAC

Member's telephone no. \_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children attending \_\_\_\_\_ (including ages 13 - 17)

Boy - Age \_\_\_\_\_

Girl - Age \_\_\_\_\_

Boy - Age \_\_\_\_\_

Girl - Age \_\_\_\_\_

Boy - Age \_\_\_\_\_

Girl - Age \_\_\_\_\_

If child is under 1, please list how many months.

**Post 577 Gambling Program - License #00935  
Charitable Gambling Manager...Dan Stark**



**Pull-Tabs**

**BINGO – EVERY THURSDAY – 10 GAMES**

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday 12-11pm

Sunday 11:00AM -11PM

Friday - Saturday 11:00 AM-1AM

Games 1-4 & 6-9, \$1.00 for a 3 face card  
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\$2.00 for a 3 face card,  
Game 10, #59 for \$1000 Coverall,  
\$2.00 for a 3 face card, cash prize \$1000  
Early Bird Session...6:30 Pm  
***IN THE POST HALL ... 7PM – 10P***

**OFFICERS –POST 577**

**Commander: Deon Ford**  
**1st Vice: Mary Cole**  
**2nd Vice: Britney Broch**  
**3rd Vice: Kim Elledge**  
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**Finance Officer: Lane Stunkel**  
**Service Officer: John Weiss**  
**Chaplain: John Weiss**  
**Historian:**  
**Sgt. at Arms: Dennis Morris**  
**Asst. Sgt. at Arms Randy Williams**  
**Membership: Mary Cole**

**Contact-email:**  
veterans4americapost577@gmail.com

**OFFICERS – AUXILIARY POST 577**

**President: Jeanne Rossini**  
**1st vice: Jenni Oerhlein**  
**2nd vice: Amy Lindner**  
**Secretary: Jennie Oerhlein**  
**Treasurer: Heidi Brown**  
**Chaplain: Sheri Lein**  
**Sgt. at Arms: Sandy Eelledge**  
**Membership: Ladonna Osborne**

**OFFICERS – POST 474**

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**Adjutant: Robin Picray**  
**Finance Officer: Robin Picray**  
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**Scholarship: Denny Kirchgatter**  
**Sgt. at Arms: John Grams**

**OFFICERS – AUXILIARY POST 474**

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**1st Vice: Carole Snyder**  
**2nd Vice: Open**  
**Chaplin: Open**  
**Treasurer: Penny Vance**  
**Secretary: Mary Schlattman**

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**Vice President: Kim E**  
**Secretary: Melissa Mazzara**  
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**Membership Chairman:**  
**Dee Dee Buckley**  
**Ride Captain: Leo Bosard**  
**Historian: Shawn Hampton**  
**Chaplain: Jim Mueller**

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**Sgt. at Arms: Joe Stark**  
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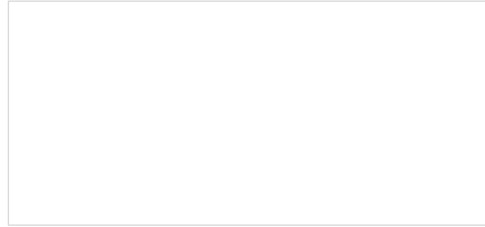
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...not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.  
...not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.  
...not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.  
...not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.  
...not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.  
...not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.  
...who salutes the Flag,  
It is the Veteran, who serves under the Flag.



In remembrance...  
American Legion,  
Arcade-Phalen Post 577



**Come and Join us at the Legion!**  
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**Phone: 651-771-8778**