



THE POST newsletter

May 2020

STEWARTVILLE AMERICAN LEGION POST 164

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Upcoming Events in May

May 4	VFW Meeting	7pm
May 11	Legion Board Meeting	7pm
May 18	Auxiliary Meeting	6:30pm
May 18	SAL Meeting	6:30pm
May 18	Legion Meeting	7:30pm
May 25	Memorial Day	

Commanders Message

Hello to all, I certainly hope everyone is staying safe, staying at home and staying sane. This is a crazy time in which we are living, but I am confident it will change for the good in coming months. I'm sure you all are aware that the Legion is not open for business and therefore we are not having any meetings. If the Governor allows us to open up before May 18th, then that will be our next meeting. So, pay attention to any announcements from the State. That will be an important meeting to make as we will be electing officers and new board members. I have contacted all our current officers and they all told me they will assume their current positions for the next year. The exception is the Commander position as I will be stepping down in June. If anyone is interested in being the next Commander, please let me or Roger Barsness know. I assure you; it has been a pleasure to have been the Commander again and thanks to all who have helped me during the past year. Also, we need two new board members as Dean Ramaker and Greg Olson are done.

Recently, due to this pandemic shut-down, the Legion applied for and was granted a \$34,800.00 SBA loan to assist with expenses during the shut-down. We will be able to request that any part of that money that we use can be forgiven and we won't have to pay it back. There are more details, but you get the idea. We should be able to make it through this pandemic just fine. Don't worry, we will open again just as soon as the Governor gives his okay.

If we remain shut down through the end of May, the Memorial Day activities will be cancelled. However, if we are able to gather in larger crowds, then we will pay tribute to our fallen comrades just as we have always done in the past.

The 1st District Convention for this year has been cancelled and all District Officers will remain in place for another year.

I guess that is it for this newsletter. Hopefully I will get a chance to see you at the Legion sometime within the next month.

Commander Thom Blade

Auxiliary President Message

What an April we have all had, all that is important is that everyone is healthy and safe! As I write this newsletter, we will have to see when we are able to meet again from Governor Waltz. It may not be a meeting as we know, but a virtual meeting from our homes. We may all have to practice up on our tech skills!

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American Legion Post 164 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED
3 CLOSED	4 <u>VFW Mtg 7pm</u> Burger Nite 5:30-7pm	5 Ladies Day Happy Hour All Day! Taco Tuesday 5:30-7:00 Margaritas \$2.50	6 Bingo 7pm Bar menu 5:30pm	7 Men's Day \$11 Domestic Buckets	8 Meat Raffle 6pm \$1 Off Large Pizza	9 Happy Hour 12-5 pm \$2 Mich Gold Light Tap
10 Happy Hour All Day \$11 Buckets	11 <u>Legion Board</u> 7pm Burger Nite 5:30-7pm	12 Ladies Day Happy Hour All Day! Taco Tuesday 5:30-7:00 Margaritas \$2.50	13 Bingo 7pm Bar menu 5:30pm	14 Men's Day \$11 Domestic Buckets	15 Meat Raffle 6pm \$1 Off Large Pizza	16 Happy Hour 12-5 pm \$2 Mich Gold Light Tap
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24/31 Happy Hour All Day \$11 Buckets	25 Memorial Day Burger Nite 5:30-7pm	26 Ladies Day Happy Hour All Day! Taco Tuesday 5:30-7:00 Margaritas \$2.50	27 Bingo 7pm Bar menu 5:30pm	28 Men's Day \$11 Domestic Buckets	29 Meat Raffle 6pm \$1 Off Large Pizza	30 Happy Hour 12-5 pm \$2 Mich Gold Light Tap

Beer of the Month—On Tap IPA Hazy Little Thing

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Auxiliary President Message (continued)

May is Poppy Month for the Auxiliary, and I hope that our Legion Family members will continue their great support for the Poppy Cross Campaign. Through your generous support we have been able to help our Veterans with the following.

Hastings Veterans Home , Fischer House at the VA , Servicemen's Center at MSP Airport , Brain Science and the Creative Arts Programs for PTSP, Thanksgiving and Christmas Anonymous , Our Veterans at the Care Center, to name a few.

During May, the crosses remind us of our loved ones who served or those currently serving our great country, I encourage everyone to show their appreciation for this great tribute to our Veterans!

100% of the funds raised through Poppy donations is used to support our assist our Veterans and their families. National Poppy Day is Saturday, May 23rd. Remember to wear a Poppy!

First District Convention has been cancelled till May 2021. Department Convention has been cancelled to July 2021 and National Convention has also been cancelled till August 2021.

Our National Auxiliary has stated that all officers from National on down, are to stay in their present positions unless they choose to resign or be reassigned.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 18th – 6:30pm (to be determined closer to date)

Remember our Past and Present Veterans and their families as we celebrate Memorial Day! To you and your families, please stay healthy and safe!

Wanda Prescher-Unit 164 President

Lisa's Fun Facts

- Butterfly's taste with their feet.
- All Polar bears are left handed.
- I hope everyone is doing good. The bartenders, Mary & I miss each other & all of your friendly faces. Remember, everything happens for a reason. Look for the positives in each situation. This too will pass and we will all come back from this stronger and better friends & neighbors to our community.
- The Catfish has over 27,000 taste buds (more than any other animal).
- An Ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain.