

American Legion Newsletter

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

February-March-April 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See articles in this newsletter for complete details

Feb

- 11th PAC Meeting 3pm
- 12th ALR Meeting 7pm
- 13th Past Commanders Meeting 7pm
- 19th Post Meeting 7pm
- 21st 40/8 Voiture 838 Meeting 7PM
- 28th Post 474 Meeting 7pm

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- 12th ALR Meeting 7pm
- 13th Past Commanders Meeting 7 pm
- 14th Aux Meeting 6pm
- 18th Post Meeting 7PM
- 21st 40/8 Voiture 838 Meeting 7pm
- 28th Post 474 Meeting 7PM

April

- 12th Post 577 Auxiliary Meeting 5:30 P.M. – Election
- 16th Happy Easter!
- 17th Post 577 Meeting 7 P.M.
- 19th 40/8 Voiture 838 Meeting 7 P.M.

MAY

- 4th May Day's Dance 7:00-11:00 P.M.



From the Commander, Post 577

Welcome to winter American Legion Family! As my year as Commander flies by I

continue to be amazed at what an active Post we have. Our Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders are busy both in the Post as well as out in our community doing great things for veterans and their families as well as others in need. We have so many members who are incredibly dedicated to what the American Legion Stands for.

At this month's Post meeting I was proud to host a group "American Legion Basic Training" session. We learned about the history and organization of the American Legion as well as what it means to be a member. We talked about the meaning of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion and the significance of the American Legion Emblem. Most importantly, we learned about the four pillars of American Legion service – Veterans, Defense, Americanism and Youth. Everything we do, every dollar we donate, is related in some way to these four pillars.

If you did not attend the training session, I encourage you to do so. It is important to understand the role you play in this great organization. You can complete the course online by going to the following link: <https://www.legion.org/alei/basic-training> You will be asked to log in, then you can take the course on your own time. You can stop and resume at your convenience, it does not need to be done in one sitting. Once you complete the course you will be able to download and print your certificate of completion and order an American Legion Basic Training course pin.

As always, there is a lot going on in our Post. We will be leading off the Winter Carnival Parade on Saturday, January 26th. Meet us at the Post to catch the bus downtown and remember to dress warm! After the parade we'll gather back at the Post to warm up, eat lunch and have fun with our fellow members of our Legion Family. Under the pillar of Youth, Post 577 "ROCKS" (to steal the phrase from John Weiss, our Service Officer/Chaplain)!!!! We will be sponsoring two Johnson High School JROTC cadets to attend Minnesota Boys State this year, and we also had two who participated in this year's Oratorical scholarship contest. We also voted to donate to the American Legion college ROTC scholarship fund and will be sponsoring the Metropolitan State University Veterans Center as well. The Legion Riders will again be raising money for the Legacy Scholarship, a program that provides scholarship money to children of Post 9/11 veterans who died on active duty or have a combined VA disability rating of 50% or greater. (cont)

To learn more about what we do in all four pillars and the programs for Veterans and their families that we support, I encourage you to join us at a Post meeting, held the third Monday of every month. Your Post is doing great things, so please come be a part!

Finally, my year as Commander will be ending this June. We will be holding elections for all Post Officer positions with nominations beginning at the April meeting. We are looking for dedicated Legionnaires to serve, so please consider being a part of something so important. Positions up for vote include Commander, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Commander, Treasurer, Chaplain, Adjutant, Historian, Sergeant at Arms and Service Officer. We need great leadership to keep our Post moving forward.

I wish everyone a wonderful winter, and I'll see you at the next meeting!!!!

From the A.L.R. President



From the P.A.C. President

Polish American Club Information

Greetings to all PAC members from your new Club prez Mark Kawalczak. First I want to extend thanks to Jim Mueller for his leadership to the Club over the past many years!! You have done great things for the Club!! Thank you from all at the Club.

Second, I want to summarize our 2019 meeting schedule. Feb 10, March 10, and April 8 are all second Sundays of the month. Meetings will start at 3:00 PM.

NOTE - May meeting will be on the 1st Sunday, May 5. Meeting time is 2 PM. This is our May Days meeting and Polish dinner banquet (Members only) with food being served by Marinos. **NOTE** - Please call Daelene Wandersee by April 24 with your reservation, tel #'s 612-845-0336 or 651-276-2034 (If Dar does not answer, leave a detailed message on # attending with your name. Thank you).

No meetings in June, July and August. (cont.)

September 8, 3 PM meeting. Recommendations for donations are due.

October 13, 3 PM meeting. Nominations for the Board of Directors.

November 10, 3 PM meeting. Finalize contribution plan.

December 8, 3 PM meeting. Board of Directors election and Christmas dinner banquet.

Enjoy winter and stay warm.

Your Club Prez, Mark Kawalczak



**From the Commander,
Post 474**

From the Auxiliary, Post 577



Happy New Year!!

I want to thank everyone for support of gifts and help for the Children's Christmas Party. It was a great success. Looking forward to a great 2019. We have some great fundraising projects in the works. More to come on that. We gave basket full of blankets, pillows etc to women's Veterans home and gift cards to homeless women's shelter. Great job done by all. Hope to see you at the meetings.

Jeanne
President



From the S.A.L.

From the entire staff at the Legion,

I want to thank the S.A.L. staff members & others who volunteered and attended the Casino Trip to Danbury Wisconsin on January 19th. A great time and successful trip. Great Job Matt Morrelli.

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. One of the major projects in progress right now is the remodeling of the Women's bathroom in the basement, which has been out of commission for several years. We have several SAL members helping out with this project. And we appreciate the help of several others as we decommissioned old items in this room.

We hope to be completed within the next 30 days.

Mark Gallagher will be sending out another email with 2019 upcoming events directly to our SAL members as well.

Please note, we have signed up to attend a St. Paul Saints game on Wednesday July 17th at 1:05 in the afternoon. See Bernie or Mark for more information and prices.

2 other upcoming SAL events, curling at the **St. Paul Curling Club on February 16th**, see **Mark Gallagher** for details. And we will be doing another casino **SAL casino trip to Turtle Lake on March 23rd**, See **Mark Gallagher or Bernie** for signup information on this as well.

The 2019 S.A.L. membership drive has started, we are hoping for another increase in our S.A.L. membership this year as well. See Mark Gallagher, Bernie or Jeff Chaney.

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 2nd 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 2019 are as follows:

Wednesday February 13th 6pm

Wednesday March December 13th, 6pm

Wednesday April 10th, 2019 6pm

Best regards, Bernie Biebighauser

From the Club Room



Come join us and watch the Super Bowl game on our big screen TV's

Minnesota Twins baseball is on the horizon.



Voiture 838
1129 Arcade St., St. Paul,
MN 55106

Standard Unit Meeting Days:

P.A.C. – 2nd Sunday of the month, 3 P.M.

A.L.R. – 2nd Monday of the month, 7 P.M.

S.A.L. – 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 P.M.

Past Commanders – 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 P.M.

577 Auxiliary – 2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 P.M.

Post 577 – 3rd Monday of the month, 7 P.M.

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

Post 474 – 4th Wednesday of the month, 7 P.M.





**Veterans needing help with housing,
employment, medical assistance please
contact Post Commander Lane Stunkel at:**

lanewstunkel@yahoo.com

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



*St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Corn Beef & Cabbage/Rueben's -
Noon till Gone on March 16th*

FROM THE CLUB ROOM

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 \$577.

THURSDAY – KITCHEN OPEN 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

Game 10, Progressive Coverall, \$2.00 for a 3 face card, cash prize \$1,000

FRIDAYS – FREE BENG0

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

MONDAY- FRIDAY 12:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11:00 P.M. TO 1:00 A.M.

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



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

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 Buck,

651-492-6823



American

Legion 577

Schedule 4:30-7:30 pm



3/8 –

3/15 –

3/22 –

3/29 –

4/5 –

4/12 –

4/19 –

Join us on Friday's
at the Post for Fish
Fry's hosted by
several organizations
in March and April.

See you there!

All you can eat!

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



Pull-Tabs

Hours of Operation:
Sunday-Thursday Noon-11PM
Friday & Saturday 11:00 AM-Midnight

BINGO – EVERY THURSDAY – 10 GAMES

Games 1-4 & 6-9, \$1.00 for a 3 face card
Game 5, Progressive 23 and Free,
\$2.00 for a 3 face card,
Game 10, Progressive Coverall,
\$2.00 for a 3 face card, cash prize \$1000
Early Bird Games starting at 6:30pm
IN THE POST HALL ... 7PM – 10P

OFFICERS –POST 577

Commander: Deon Ford
1st Vice: Mary Cole
2nd Vice: Britney Broch
3rd Vice: Kim Elledge
Adjutant: Andrew Livingston
Finance Officer: Lane Stunkel
Service Officer: John Weiss
Chaplain: John Weiss
Historian:
Sgt. at Arms: Mike Buhl
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 Lean
Sgt. at Arms: Sandy Eelledge
Membership: Ladonna Osborne

OFFICERS – POST 474

Commander: Chuck McCormick
1st Vice: Norm Clark
Service Officer: John Grams
Adjutant: Robin Picray
Finance Officer: Robin Picray
Chaplain: Russ Scheidler
Scholarship: Denny Kirchgatter
Sgt. at Arms: John Grams

OFFICERS – AUXILIARY POST 474

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

OFFICERS – POST 577 ALR Chapter

President: John Weiss
Vice President: Kim E
Secretary: Melissa Mazzara
Treasurer: Bob Leslie
Sgt.at Arms: Jim Jolly
Membership Chairman:
Dee Dee Buckley
Ride Captain: Leo Bosard
Historian: Shawn Hampton
Chaplain: Jim Mueller

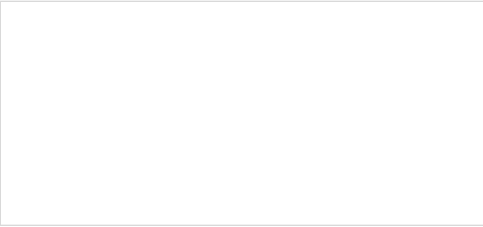
OFFICERS –POST 577 S.A.L.

Commander: Bernie Biebighauser
1st Vice: Jeff Chaney
2nd Vice Mark Gallagher
Finance Officer: Russ Zahradka
Adjutant: Dave Mazzara
Historian:
Chaplain: Stu Sonnee
Sgt. at Arms: Joe Stark
Membership: Jeff Chaney

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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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