

# THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



## LEGION CORNER

Greetings!

I think it's finally spring, and I'm so excited that I have nothing else to say. Since Patti ended up using most of our ink allotment this month, I'll be brief for the benefit of economy.

That doesn't mean that everyone has to be quiet; in fact, this month, it's time to make your views known as to how our post will go in the next year, because it's time for officer nominations.

Come in and be heard!

Matt Hordyk  
Post Commander



# THE NEWSLETTER

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY - POST 566

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### Special Article:

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**Taps: None at the time of print.**

### Legion Family events:

SAL Breakfast April 13  
SAL Casino Trip April 26

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UPDATE EMPOWERING WOMEN, INSPIRING COMMUNITIES

Time is flying by! This month is nominations for officers for the 2014-2015 Auxiliary year. We get lots of questions about what our Auxiliary "does". If you are someone who has that question, get involved, come to our meetings and find out. There is a lot going on each and every month. You may not see our active Auxiliary members frequently socializing in the bar, but you will see them supporting events held at the Post. We are actively working the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary each and every day. Whether it is Membership, Finance, Poppy, Education, Junior Activities, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation or Girls State, we are working our tails off to make things happen for veterans, our active military, our community and kids. We invite you to learn about our organization and get involved. Educate yourself about our programs. There is something that interests everyone and we are always looking for volunteers. If fundraising is your "thing" we need you! The same few members cannot continue to make it all happen.

I need to share with you how proud I am of our Junior Auxiliary! They recently attended their 10th District Junior Auxiliary Conference in Delano. Junior President Morgan gave her report for our Juniors and it was fabulous! Our Juniors were the most active in the District! On a personal note it was a very special day as well because my daughter, Kiana Coleman-Woods was elected and installed as the Honorary 10th District Junior Auxiliary President! Her theme for the year is "Veterans Add Sparkle to Our Lives". Watch for her and

her "sparkle" this year! Serving the District along with Kiana will be Chloe Sutherland who was elected Honorary 2nd Vice President and Morgan Lesch who will be the Historian. Congratulations Junior Auxiliary members!

Interviews have already taken place for our Girls State participants for 2014. The decision is always tough as we would always love to send each and every girl who is interviewed. We do sponsor 2 girls from Centennial High School to participate and this year they will be Raygen Brown and Hannah Weed. Rashauna Johnson will be our alternate. I look forward to watching them grow in their knowledge of the MN governmental and political processes throughout the week as I will once again volunteer on the staff at ALA MN Girls State for the entire week at St. Thomas University. It is truly an amazing opportunity for these young women.

Our 10th District Convention is coming up June 21-22 in Hopkins, MN. Please plan now to attend and broaden your awareness of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. You will learn and make new friends from other Post, Units and Squads within our Mighty Tenth District. All are welcome to attend!

May you enjoy the Easter holiday with your family, friends and little ones. Let's hope it warms up by then!

For God and Country,

Patti Coleman  
Unit 566 President, [Pic3555@aol.com](mailto:Pic3555@aol.com)

## MESSAGE FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Greetings,

On behalf of myself and the SAL members, we would like to apologize for canceling the March SAL breakfast at the last minute. With spring break and our volunteers absent or on vacation, we were short staffed . We will extend all SAL breakfast coupon offers for the next breakfast on April 13th, 9am - noon.

A big thank you to Mike Grubbs and SAL members for excellent recruitment of new members.

We are still planning our Casino bus trip for April 26, from 11a.m until approximately 6 p.m. You must contact Mike Crouch or Beaner (Rick) so we can get final planning in place.

Our next Membership meeting will be April 21, 2014 @ 6 p.m. The SAL officer positions are elected positions. Nominations will be accepted @ the April meeting. The election will be in May and new officers will take office in June.

Terry Dolney, SAL Commander

## GET TO KNOW THE FOLKS OF POST 566

Mr. Mike Grubbs or "Grubbs", is a man who wears many hats at Post 566; literally and figuratively. Need a ride home after a long night out, call Grubbs. Ready to join the SAL, call Grubbs. Looking to learn more about what's happening in the Mighty 10th District, ask Grubbs. Want to get the skinny on the Department conventions, Grubbs has got the scoop.

Mike is a dual member currently holding the office of Chaplain in the SAL, and Sergeant of Arms for the Legion. He has held various positions at the District level as well! This guy could outrun the Energizer Bunny (skip the shades, he got lids).

What you'll notice about Mike is that he willingly helps with the details that can be overlooked. New ideas or tried and true annual events, he's there to lend a hand. His quiet demeanor and warm smile welcome all who walk through the door.

Thank you Mike, for all that you do for Post 566.



## JUNIOR AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SHOUT-OUT

Spring is here!

In March we had our 10<sup>th</sup> District Junior Conference in Delano. Kiana ran and was elected Honorary Junior President for the 10<sup>th</sup> District. Kiana's theme is "Veterans Add Sparkle to our Lives." She appointed me as her Historian which I'm very excited about. Chloe ran and was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Kiana won 1<sup>st</sup> place for making a Poppy Display, I won 1<sup>st</sup> place for making a Poppy Wreath and I also won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for making a Poppy Corsage. Our 2014 Department Junior Conference will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Hopkins.



Pictured: Larry Woods, Patti Coleman, Kiana Coleman Woods, and Jerry Coleman



2014 - 2015 10th District Junior Auxiliary Officers

Good Luck to Kiana, she is running for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the Department!

I hope everyone has a nice Spring!

Morgan Lesch  
American Legion Honorary Jr. President, Unit 566

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDER ROADSIDE ROUND-UP

We endured a Spring blizzard and now I think we may even hit some actual seasonal temps! Woo Hoo! Time to make that tune-up appointment for the bike! :)

Lino Lakes American Legion Chapter 566 is excited to be the host location for the kick-off of the Legion Riders Memorial Weekend Ride on Saturday, May 24. Registration starts at 10 AM, kickstands up at Noon. \$15 per vehicle (two wheels, three wheels or four!) to benefit the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

We will travel to the Coon Rapids American Legion, karaoke will be provided by Ame Jo at Music Box Entertainment. Thanks to Matt Berens for coordinating this entire event. Volunteers needed and welcomed the day of the event for registrations.



Watch for our motorcycle icon on the calendar to indicate rides that we are participating in!

Connie Sutherland  
Director, American Legion Riders Chapter 566

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# April 2014



**SUN      MON      TUE      WED      THU      FRI      SAT**

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<b>SAVE THE DATE:</b> May 24 - Legion Riders Memorial Weekend Ride						
6 Bloody Mary Bar Summit Sundays - \$1 off tap Summit	7 Men's Night Bar/Building Mtg 6:00 Gen Membership 7:00 AL Riders Mtg 7:30	8 BINGO 6 PM Kitchen until 8:00 PM	9 Cribbage Noon \$1.50 Burgers or Fish 5-8 PM	10 Ladies Night 6-9 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM Free Apps "Eggs & Legs"	11 \$1.00 Tacos 11-4 PM 5-8 Fish Fry - Team 6 Karaoke 8 PM	12 Blood Mary's All Day \$3.50 Cribbage Noon Meat Raffle 2 PM
13 <b>SAL Breakfast</b> Bloody Mary Bar Summit Sundays - \$1 off tall tap Summit	14 Men's Night AL Auxiliary Mtg 6:30	15 <b>Tax Day</b> BINGO 6 PM Kitchen until 8:00 PM	16 Cribbage Noon \$1.50 Burgers or Fish 5-8 PM	17 Ladies Night 6-9 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM Free Apps "Eggs & Legs" Mr. Whoopee the One Man Band 5-9 PM	18 \$1.00 Tacos 11-4 PM <b>LAST CHANCE:</b> <b>5-8 Fish Fry - Team 1</b> Karaoke 8 PM	19 Blood Mary's All Day \$3.50 Cribbage Noon Meat Raffle 2 PM
20 <b>Easter</b> Bloody Mary Bar Summit Sundays - \$1 off tall tap Summit	21 Men's Night SAL Mtg 6:00	22 <b>Earth Day</b> BINGO 6 PM Kitchen until 8:00 PM	23 Cribbage Noon \$1.50 Burgers or Fish 5-8 PM	24 Ladies Night 6-9 PM Meat Raffle 5:30 PM Free Apps "Eggs & Legs"	25 <b>Arbor Day</b> \$1.00 Tacos 11-4 PM Karaoke 8 PM	26 <b>SAL Casino Trip</b> Blood Mary's All Day \$3.50 Cribbage Noon Meat Raffle 2 PM
27 Bloody Mary Bar Summit Sundays - \$1 off tall tap Summit	28 Men's Night	29 BINGO 6 PM Kitchen until 8:00 PM	30 Cribbage Noon \$1.50 Burgers or Fish 5-8 PM	<div style="background-color: green; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 50%; display: inline-block;"> <b>Tuesday BINGO</b> Always a chance at <b>\$1,000!</b> </div>		

### FRIDAY FISH FRY TEAMS

Team 1			Team 5			Team 6		
Connie H	Carol	Date: 4/18	Jeff W	Dave J	Dates: 4/4	Michelle L	Paul L	Dates: 4/11
Laura	Bruce		Jim W	Kathy J		Connie S	Matt H	
Tim H	Mike G					Eileen S	Greg S	

### FISH FRY



Fridays During Lent

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## American Legion Family Meetings

(regular schedule)

1st Monday, 6:00 Bar and Building Committee\*  
1st Monday, 7:00 Legion General Membership  
1st Monday, 7:30 American Legion Riders (ALR)  
2nd Monday, 6:30 American Legion Auxiliary (ALA)  
3rd Monday, 6:00 Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

\*there is no longer an "Executive Board Meeting".

Let's spend the weekend  
pulling out the winter  
clothes we put into  
storage last weekend.

someecards



## Happy Hour

Monday 8-6, 10-close  
Tuesday- Friday 8-10, 2-6, 10-close

## Monthly Special

Busch Light \$2.25  
Bacardi Limon \$2.50

## Kitchen Hours:

Sat, Sun & Mon Closed  
Tuesday 11 AM - 8 PM  
Wed & Fri 11 AM - 4 PM  
Thursday 11 AM - 3 PM

## Hours of Operation:

Sunday 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM  
Mon - Thurs 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Fri & Sat 8:00 AM - 01:00 AM

## HISTORY OF ARBOR DAY

Among the pioneers moving into the Nebraska Territory in 1854 was J. Sterling Morton from Detroit. He and his wife were lovers of nature, and the home they established in Nebraska was quickly planted with trees, shrubs and flowers.

Morton not only advocated tree planting by individuals in his articles and editorials, but he also encouraged civic organizations and groups to join in. His prominence in the area increased, and Nebraska Territory, which provided another opportunity to stress the value of trees.



On January 4, 1872, Morton first proposed a tree-planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day" at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture. The date was set for April 10, 1872. Prizes were offered to counties and individuals for planting properly the largest number of trees on that day.

It was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day.

Arbor Day was officially proclaimed by the young state's Governor Robert W. Furnas on March 12, 1874, and the day itself was observed April 10, 1874. In 1885, Arbor Day was named a legal holiday in Nebraska and April 22, Morton's birthday, was selected as the date for its permanent observance.

During the 1870s, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day, and the tradition began in schools nationwide in 1882.

To learn more visit:  
<http://www.arborday.org/arborday/history.cfm>



“ Each generation takes the earth  
as trustees.”  
—J. Sterling Morton