



**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**GRANT HODGE POST #17**  
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# Outpost

## AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

Commander	Bob Clark
1st Vice Commander	Clint Larson
2nd Vice Commander	Vacant
Adjutant	Ron Keller
Finance Officer	Robyn Olson
Chaplain	Steve Hatfield
Sergeant at Arms	Roy Corson
Historian	Vacant
Judge Advocate	Wade Samuelson

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Director	Dennis Geiger
Asst Director	Greg Bower
Secretary	Paul Stray
Treasurer	Toni Stray
Road Captain	Geoff Moore
Safety Officer	Bob Johnson
Historian	Craig Bower
Sergeant at Arms	David Belles

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander	Gary Mersereau
1st Vice Commander	James Boggs
Adjutant	Mark Jorgenson
Finance Officer	Mark Jorgenson
Sargent of Arms	Kaison Mendez-Martinez
Squadron Advisors	Bob Terrell
	Bob Clark
	TJ Mendez

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

President	Chris Anderson
Vice President	Darlene Hughes
Secretary	Nancy Rodriguez
Treasurer	Judy Carter
Chaplain	Margo Blue
Sergeant at Arms	Mary Justice
Membership	Kim Ronnell

## CLUB HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
2 pm - 9 pm  
Saturday: 1 pm - 9 pm  
Sunday: 1 pm - 7 pm

**Please show your card. It's  
mandatory!**

## LOUNGE BOARD

Judy Carter	1 Year
Doc Wilson	2 Years
Chris Thomas	3 Years
Mike Williamson	4 Years
Jim Baker	5 Years

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

TJ Mendez • Mike Williamson  
Roger Tower

*All times are subject to early closing*

## FROM THE COMMANDER

Hope everyone's starting the New Year great! As we kick off the New Year, remember everyone's membership expired December 31st. If you don't renew by February 1st, you won't have access to the lounge or its perks anymore.

We'll also be advertising for a kitchen manager, which will probably be a paid position. Soon, we'll also be looking for a volunteer to be an event coordinator for the post. If you're interested in any of these, contact lounge committee or anyone on the executive board. Janelle will be doing karaoke every Tuesday from 6-8, so come support!

Our bingo, karaoke, and dinners are open to the public. If they're not a member or invited guest, they can't have alcohol. Those privileges are just for members or signed in guests.

Post elections are coming up soon for the Post Officer positions. If you're interested in one, reach out to Bob Terrell, and he can give you more info.

For God and Country,

"BE THE ONE"

Respectfully,

Robert "Bob" Clark  
Commander, Grant Hodge Post 17

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### Queen of Hearts

Is held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. The next game is on February 11th, and the pot is up to \$1,349.

Feeling lucky? Come try your chance!



### Mark your Calendar:

Super Bowl Pot Luck 2/8  
Valentines Day dinner 2/14  
American Legion Band/ Dinner 2/21  
AUX Breakfast 2/22  
Scouts Dinner 2/28

## FROM THE AUXILIARY

The holidays are behind us, and everyone can finally catch their breath.

Our Christmas raffle was a tremendous success, and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and supported it. Your generosity and hard work truly made it possible.

As we look ahead to February, the Aux has a full and exciting schedule. We will be hosting a Valentine's Day dinner, and to add a little extra fun to the evening, we'll be playing a free game of The Price Is Right. It promises to be a great night of food, laughter, and good company. We'll also be holding a breakfast on February 22nd, so mark your calendars and come enjoy a relaxing morning with friends.

As I write this, the Seahawks just handed the 49ers a big loss!! Go Hawks! With football season in full swing, we'll be keeping the excitement going by hosting a Super Bowl potluck. Bring a dish, cheer on your team, and enjoy the game together.

We hope you'll join us for these upcoming events and help make February another great month for the Post!

*Sincerely,*

*Chris Anderson, President*

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### Mr. Crunch

No sign of Mr. Crunch this month. Suspicious? Absolutely. Are our bartenders stepping up their hiding game? Has he had one too many and taken a tumble somewhere? Is there a covert anti-Crunch operation in motion? Or have free drinks quietly become a thing of the past? Whatever's happening, the search is on Mr. Crunch, if you're out there, send a signal preferably in person. Until then, stay sharp, keep your glass topped off, and don't let that Crunch radar drop for a second.

Trivia Answers:  
1 - Nebraska, Texas and Virginia  
2 - Swan  
3 - 2005

Do you have something you would like to share? Send an email to robinoutpost@yahoo.com, BEFORE the 15th of the month.

## **FROM THE S.A.L.**

We're officially one month into the year; so far, so good! We hope 2026 has started off strong, smoothly, and maybe even a little legendary for all of you.

A gentle nudge (okay, maybe a firm but friendly one): membership renewals are due. If you haven't renewed yet, now's the time. We'd really like you to stick around pull up a chair, grab a drink, and raise a glass with your fellow Legionnaires.

Speaking of showing up... we could use a little more love at our monthly meetings. They're held the first Thursday of every month at 1800 at the Legion. If that time doesn't work for you, tell us, we're open to change and are even exploring virtual attendance. Don't be surprised if you get a call soon; it's just us checking in and asking what works best.

### **Upcoming Events**

(See the info board for the full scoop and reminders)

- First Saturday of every month: Burger Night
- February 28: Blue & Gold with the Cub Scouts
- March 7: Corn-hole Tournament (details coming soon... start practicing your aim)

None of this happens by magic (or by itself). We need helping hands to make these events—and more—happen. If you're willing, able, or just curious, please ask how you can help.

Good times are better when we build them together.

SAL Commander  
Gary J.C. Mersereau; Sr. - BSN/RN

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### **Trivia Questions:**

1. Three U.S. states have towns named "Valentine" or "Valentines." What are they?
  2. What animal mates for life and symbolizes love?
  3. What season saw the first trip to the Super Bowl for the Seattle Seahawks?
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**" BELIEVE YOU CAN AND YOU'RE HALF WAY THERE."**

## **THE ADJUTANT CORNER**

So, we are entering the month of February so don't forget your flowers or candy for your loved ones.

There are several things planned for this month I just don't remember them all. Come up join us for at least one activity, and we will be glad to welcome you. I'm trying to start an annual bowling trip for the veterans and their families to have an enjoy together. There will more information here in the outpost I have to figure everything.

We still need volunteers so if you want contact one of your officers and they will work out a task and time that is good for you. I hope you can join us.

The membership is at 87.4 which is great keep it up thanks.

love and peace  
Ron Keller  
Adjutant

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## **GREETINGS FROM VFW POST 2200**

Welcome February!

A new month is on us already! New challenges, and new opportunities.

Last month Post 2200 welcomed 5 new members Matthew Conner, David Conner, George Wallace, Chris Baker, and Gary Grabhorn. If you see them at the lounge take time to introduce yourself and welcome them to our organization!

As we move into 2026, make an effort in finding new ways to make our Post better. Consider volunteering, inviting a friend or relative join, serving as an officer, or any other way you can help to make our Legion Better.

I hope everyone had a Wonderful Holiday season!  
Bring on 2026!

Warm regards, Roger

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### **Membership Event:**

We will be holding a Membership Drive on February 21st and 22nd. This is a great opportunity to bring your friends and family, introduce them to what we do, and get them signed up. Membership keeps our organization strong, so spread the word and help us grow!



# February 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
National Freedom Day  Full Moon	<b>BINGO/Dinner</b> 5 pm  Ground Hog Day	<b>Karaoke</b> 6pm  <b>Executive Board Meeting</b> 7 pm Four Chaplains Day	<b>Liquor Raffle</b> 5:30 pm  National Hemp Day USO Birthday	<b>Auxiliary &amp; SAL's Meeting</b> 6 pm  <b>Membership Meeting</b> 7 pm Shower with a Friend Day	<b>Game Night</b> 5 pm	National Ice Cream for Dinner day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Super Bowl Pot Luck</b> 3 pm  National Boy Scouts Day	<b>BINGO/Dinner</b> 5 pm  National Pizza Day	<b>Sharon Care</b> 10:30 am  <b>VFW Meeting</b> (in meeting room) 7 pm  <b>Karaoke</b> 6pm	<b>Liquor Raffle</b> 5:30 pm  <b>Queen Of Hearts</b>  National Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day	<b>Joint Planning Meeting</b> 6 pm  Cub Scout meeting 6 pm	<b>Game Night</b> 5 pm  Friday the 13th..	<b>Valentines Day Dinner</b> 5-7
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	<b>BINGO/Dinner</b> 5 pm  Presidents Day	<b>Karaoke</b> 6pm	<b>Honor Guard Meeting</b> 6:15 pm  <b>Liquor Raffle</b> 5:30 pm  National Drink Wine Day	USCG Reserve Birthday	<b>Game Night</b> 5 pm	<b>American Legion Band &amp; Spaghetti Feed</b> 5:30- 8:30
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<b>Aux Breakfast</b> 9- 11  <b>Pitch Tournament</b> 12:30  National Margarita Day	<b>BINGO/Dinner</b> 5 pm	<b>Karaoke</b> 6pm	<b>Liquor Raffle</b> 5:30  <b>Queen Of Hearts</b>	National Set A Good Example Day	<b>Game Night</b> 5 pm	<b>Blue &amp; Gold Scouts Dinner</b> 6pm