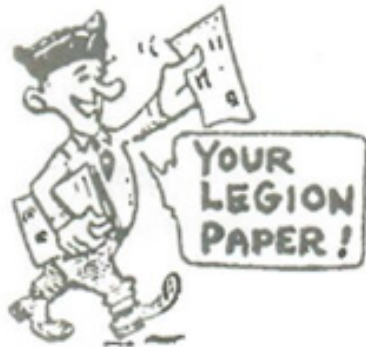




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Commander	Bob Clark
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Chaplain	Steve Hatfield
Sergeant at Arms	Roy Corson
Historian	Vacant
Judge Advocate	Wade Samuelson

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	Vacant
Finance Officer	Vacant
Sargent of Arms	Kiason 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!

All times are subject to early closing

LOUNGE BOARD

Vacant	1 Year
Vacant	2 Years
Vacant	3 Years
Vacant	4 Years
Vacant	5 Years

EXECUTIVE BOARD

TJ Mendez • Mike Williamson
 Roger Tower

FROM THE COMMANDER

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable Saint Patrick's Day and appreciated our traditional corn beef and cabbage dinner. I would like to provide a brief update on the ongoing enhancements at our Post. We have successfully retrofitted all hall lighting with LED technology. Our meeting rooms are currently being upgraded with advanced audio and visual equipment, and a new public address system, complete with new speakers, has been installed for bingo in the main bar area.

Regarding our exterior signage, a new sign is slated for installation at the front of the building. We are actively collaborating with the sign company, engineers, and city officials to ensure a secure mounting process. We anticipate this new sign will be a significant improvement and well-received by all. The lounge operations are progressing positively. We have recently welcomed new staff members to our bar team. Please extend a warm welcome to them and kindly understand if they request identification or a credit card, as this is part of their training and adherence to our policies. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Overall, the Post is performing well. I extend my sincere gratitude to all volunteers for their invaluable support. The recent surge in volunteer engagement has been truly inspiring, and I am particularly pleased with the dedication of individuals willing to contribute their time and skills.

Furthermore, we are onboarding a new team member who will be assuming responsibility for our webpage. I am confident that these developments will lead to positive outcomes.

I wish you all a productive and pleasant April.

For God and Country,

“BE THE ONE”

Respectfully,

Robert “Bob” Clark
Commander, Grant Hodge Post 17

FROM THE AUXILIARY

I don't know about you, but I'm ready for summer. April showers bring May flowers....

Here are a few updates:

We are currently reviewing and updating our bylaws. Elections will take place in May, so if you've been thinking about getting more involved, now is the time. Please reach out if you're interested in a position. We also voted at the last meeting to take part in this year's Poppy distribution, which is taking place on the Friday before Memorial Day. This effort raises funds for veterans, active-duty service members, and their families. We have updated and ordered new posters, and we will need volunteers to help do 1-to-2-hour shifts. This is a very important event, and your support really makes a difference. We will continue our monthly breakfast, as they are a big success. And not to bet a dead horse.... PLEASE come to a meeting, they are on the first Thursday of every month for only ONE hour!!

Sincerely,

Chris Anderson, President

Mr. Crunch

Last month, Kiason Mendez-Martinez completed an epic quest and successfully tracked down Mr. Crunch. Nice work! We hope he enjoyed his well-earned free drink (a soda, of course). Now it's time to get ready for another round of the hunt. On the first of the month, Mr. Crunch will be sneaking off to a new hiding spot somewhere around the bar. Keep your eyes peeled while you're hanging out, he could be anywhere! If you're the lucky one who finds him, let the bartender know right away and you'll score a free drink as your reward. Happy hunting!

Most people may not know this, but our computer recently crashed, and we lost our ability to print the mailing labels for the Outpost. It caused quite a setback behind the scenes. A huge thank you to our Commander (Bob Clark) for putting in countless hours to get everything back up and running.

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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.

Last month, we had great success hosting the Blue and Gold Dinner for the Cub Scout Pack we proudly sponsor. The turnout was fantastic, and it was great to see members of the Legion join us for the ceremony. The Scouts and their families were very appreciative of our support and the taco/potato bar was such a hit that there was hardly anything left!

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped make the evening such a success.

Elections are coming up soon. If you're interested in getting more involved, please reach out, we'd be happy to talk with you about opportunities.

The SAL is working with the Legion to make it possible for us to have virtual meetings for those that cannot physically make it to the meetings.

We are trying to put together a corn-hole tournament. If you are interested, sign up at the bar. No experience is needed, one of our seasoned player will be glad to show you the ropes!!

SAL Vice 1st Commander, James Boggs

SERVING THE POST WITH PRIDE

Many of you may have noticed that we had a few different bartenders behind the bar last month. We've been working hard to keep things running smoothly and maintain the level of service you expect. While each bartender brings their own style and strengths, they all share the same goal, providing a great experience and being part of the Post. As they continue getting familiar with our members, you may occasionally be asked to show your card. This isn't meant as a sign of disrespect; it simply helps them learn names and faces while making sure we're following our policies. We appreciate your patience and support as everyone settles in.

GREETINGS FROM VFW POST 2200

Another month is upon us!

New avenues to seek and new favors to respond to. We of the VFW post are thankful for the Legion allowing us to rent the meeting room once a month, it gives us a feeling of belonging to more than you can imagine. Though your goals are the same we have different ways to go about our mission. We served in the past and will do so in the future helping and aiding those veterans and their families as needed. Your God and yours keep allowing us the do our duties.

Roger Towers VFW post Commander

“DON'T FEED ON NEGATIVITY! IT DRAINS AND DIVIDES US; SPREAD HAPPINESS INSTEAD.”

THE ADJUTANT CORNER

Sorry I haven't been around much lately, I've been dealing with some health issues, along with bowling tournaments and a Moose convention. I'll be back around the Post more regularly now through at least early May. If you've paid your dues but haven't received your membership card, please give me a call at 360-304-2474. I'm looking forward to the District Meeting being held here on April 18. It should be a great opportunity to hear some good information, so I encourage you to attend.

In May, we'll be hosting the Past Commanders and Presidents Dinner. I don't have the exact date, but it will be on the May calendar. Hope to see you there. I hope everyone is doing well. If you or another member you know is ill, please let us know so we can reach out. Love & Peace

Ron Keller Adjutant

Election of Legion Officers:

At the March 5th membership meeting, nominations for the 2026–2027 officers were opened. The following members were nominated:

- *Commander: Bob Clark*
- *1st Vice Commander: Clint Larson*
- *2nd Vice Commander: Jim Baker*
- *Adjutant: Ron Keller*
- *Finance Officer: Robyn Olson*
- *Sergeant-at-Arms: Roy Corson*
- *Chaplain: Open*

Jim Reason was nominated for one of the Lounge Board positions. One additional Lounge Board position remains open.

The Lounge Board representative positions for the Auxiliary, S.A.L., and the VFW will be nominated by each respective group and ratified at our May membership meeting. TJ Mendez, Mike Williamson, and Roger Tower were nominated to serve on the Executive Board.

These nominations will be read again at the April and May membership meetings, with voting taking place at the May meeting. Any Legion member may nominate someone for these offices from the floor during the April or May membership meetings.

Anyone interested in serving in any of these positions is encouraged to contact me so that your name can be placed in nomination.

Bob Terrell Nomination Chairman

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April 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts Full Moon Aprils Fool's Day	Auxiliary & SAL's Meeting 6 pm Membership Meeting 7 pm	Good Friday Game Night 5 pm National Find a Rainbow Day	Burger Night/ Meat Draw 6pm National Jeep 4x4 Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter Gold Star Spouses Day	BINGO/Dinner 5 pm National Sorry Charlie Day	National No Housekeeping Day National Beer Day	Honor Guard Meeting 6:15 pm Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm	Joint Planning Meeting 6 pm Legion Riders 6 pm Former POW Recognition Day	Game Night 5 pm National Siblings Day	US Submarine Force BD
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
For the Twelves Day	BINGO/Dinner 5 pm	Sharon Care 10:30 am VFW Meeting (in meeting room) 7 pm US Air Force Reserve BD	TAX DAY!! "YUCK" Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Queen Of Hearts	National Wear your PJ's To Work Day	Game Night 5 pm	Distract Conferences 10 am Steak Night 6pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Aux Breakfast 9- 11	BINGO/Dinner 5 pm National 420 Day		Liquor Raffle 5:30 Earth Day	Legion Riders 6 pm US Army Reserve BD	Game Night 5 pm	
26	27	28	29	30		
Pitch Tournament 12:30	BINGO/Dinner 5 pm National Prime Rib Day			National Military Brats Day		