

Commander's Corner

It's been a great start for 2023 at Grant Hodge Post 17. We have a lot of activities going on and I am so proud of the support that everyone is giving.

One of the events that just started is family karaoke on selected Sunday afternoons once a month. This is a great event for all ages. The look on some of those kids faces was priceless. We need more ideas for future events so come to a post or planning meeting and let us hear your ideas.

During the February Legion Membership meeting, a committee will be formed for recommendations for next year's post officers, so if you are ready for a rewarding adventure throw your hat in.

There is a FREE self-paced training online and again its FREE. The BASIC TRAINING course provides a pillar-by-pillar understanding of American Legion services, programs and history. The mobile-friendly online training is available free for members of The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. BASIC TRAINING is a five-part course offered under the American Legion training banner at legion.org/basictraining. Core topics covered are History & Organization, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Each core topic includes suggestions on ways that American Legion Family members can influence and strengthen their local communities. Course graduates can download and print a certificate of completion and order a pin from Emblem Sales. I highly encourage everyone to take it.

Finally, I'm thinking about making a daily 7 pm toast for all who have served, are still serving, and for the ones that paid the ultimate price. Here is the toast: "*To those that went, To those that are still there, To those that return and to those that never will. Salute.*" Please let me know your thoughts on this at the next meeting.

Thank you all for your support in making Grant Hodge Post 17 a warm friendly Legion family environment.

Bob Clark, Commander

THANK YOU

Dear Legion Family,

I am still reeling from the wonderful anniversary party you held for me. I feel very honored and blessed to have you in my life. When I joined 30 years ago I had no idea I would acquire a second family to love and support. Together we kept the lights on at Post 17 and had so much fun along the way.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Judy Steele, Club Manager

Not So Gentle Reminder

We continue to park in the 3 spots in front of the bank. Additionally, we have been double parking by our building which prevents the bank employees from being able to leave after work. Please remember the parking lot belongs to the bank not the Post. **They can have cars towed away at owner's expense.**

MEETING DATES CHANGE IN FEBRUARY

For one month only, we are conducting the Executive Board and Legion Member meeting the following week. That means that the **Executive Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 7th at 7 pm** and the **Legion Membership meeting will be Thursday, February 9th at 7 pm.**

ALL OTHER MEETINGS WILL BE THE SAME. We are ONLY changing the 2 meetings mentioned about.

♥ **BUDDY CHECKS** ♥

Come on down to the post on the 11th at 1 PM to help us call on our fellow veterans and see how they are doing.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO



Every Monday night from 5-7 PM

\$\$ CASH PAYOUTS \$\$

Food will be available for purchase.

Senior Center Visits

Join our Veteran's on either of our two monthly visits. The Sharon Care Center on the second Tuesday and the Twin Cities Senior Center the third Wednesday of the month. Both meet at the centers at 10:30 am.

 **FACEBOOK** 

To see what's current at the Post and get notification of our upcoming events, please like and follow Grant Hodge Post 17, @granthodgepost17.

If you have an event to post, or information you want to share with everyone please email all details and pictures to Kim at adjutant@granthodgepost17.org.

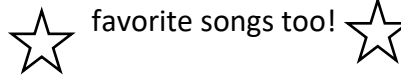
SUPERBOWL LVII

Join us at 3:30 on February 12th to watch the Superbowl! Can't wait to see those crazy commercials!

FAMILY KARAOKE

Karaoke isn't just for adults! Kids like to belt out their favorite songs too! ★

Pinky will be our DJ for family karaoke on Sunday the 19th from 3-7.



GOOD EATIN' IN POST 17

Steak nights is always a big hit! You have the option of a steak dinner for \$15 or salmon for \$12. Reservations required. Call the post to save your steak today!

4 Guys Burger Night is the first Friday of every month and always good eatin!

Don't forget on Tuesdays and Wednesdays the kitchen is usually open. One of those Tuesdays will be Soup & Sandwich night!



Outpost

If you would like to contribute an article to the outpost please bring it to the post or email the adjutant by the 20th of the month. This is your newsletter. We need articles to keep it interesting and worthwhile.

Spaghetti Feed with the American Legion Band



Join us for the annual kick off of the Legion Bands season! They love to start every season at Post 17! Let's make them feel welcome! Check calendar for date and time.

----February Birthdays----

Charles Sprigg, Yuki Averill, Dawn Avery, Duke Ferris, Keith Mckinley, Robert Jones, Robin Ronnell, Larry Heinz, Leo Helling, Mike Hall, Eunice Howard, Gay Crawford, Betty Frink, Tom Straka, Kenneth Bonom, Linda Haggett, Joseph Haman, Bryan Groendal, Steve Keller, William Rouse, Timothy Mcneill, Aaron Rollins, Vivian Kingbury, Ronald Brumbaugh, Paul Meyers, Jeremie Countryman, Robert Terrell, Paul Brooks, Verona Moore, Verona Noore, John Sweeney, John Ross, Melinda Patterson, Lisa Thacker

----February Anniversaries----

Mike & Nancy Hall (1981)
Larry & Cheryl Boehm

If you had a birthday or anniversary and it's not listed here, we apologize. Please email it to the adjutant at adjutant@granthodgepost17.org. Thanks.



FEBRUARY 2023

POST 17

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 29	January 30	January 31	1	2	3	4
Pitch Tournament Check in at 12:30 pm	BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm Lounge Board Mtg 6 pm		Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm	Auxiliary Mtg 6 pm	4 Guys Burger Night 6 pm TX Hold'em 6 pm	VFW District Meeting 11:30 am
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	BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm	Pack 9301 Meeting 5:30 pm Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Valentine Gift Raffle 6:30 pm Honor Guard 6:30 pm	ALR Meeting 6 pm Legion Mtg 7 pm	TX Hold'em 6 pm	Buddy Checks 1 pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Superbowl LVII 3:30 pm	BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm	Senior Center 10:30 AM VFW Meeting 7 pm	Senior Center 10:30 AM Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Planning Meeting 6 pm	Spaghetti Feed & Legion Band 6 pm	TX Hold'em 6 pm	Steak Night* 6 pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Family Karaoke 3 pm to 7 pm	BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm	Soup & Sandwich Night 3 pm to 7 pm	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Honor Guard 6:30 pm	ALR Meeting 6 PM	TX Hold'em 6 pm	BSA Blue & Gold Ceremony 6 pm
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	BINGO 5 p to 7 pm Lounge Board Mtg 6 pm Marine Corps League Mtg 7 pm	Executive Board Meeting 7 pm	<p>*Call the post to reserve your steak or salmon meal. (360) 736-3755</p> <p>Kitchen open 3-6 most Tuesdays except the 21st for soup and sandwich night.</p> <p>Kitchen open on Wednesdays</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!</p>			