

American Legion
Grant Hodge Post 17
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Outpost

AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2022-2023

Commander	William Anholt
1 st Vice Commander	Bob Clark
2 nd Vice Commander	Roger Towers
Adjutant	Kim Shires
Finance Officer	Dave Shook
Chaplain	Mike Webb
Sergeant at Arms	Dennis Geiger

AUXILIARY

President	Ann Shirer
Vice President	Glennda Thomas
Secretary	Chris Anderson
Treasurer	Judy Carter
Chaplain	Linda Patraca
Sergeant at Arms	Mary Justice
Membership	Judy Steele
	Kim Ronnell

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 2022-2023

Director	Dave Shook
Assistant Director	---
Secretary	Paul Stray
Treasurer	Dennis Geiger
Road Captain	Craig Bower
Safety Officer	Bob Johnson
Chaplain	Geoff Moore
Sergeant at Arms	Dennis Geiger

Club Hours

Monday – Friday
2 pm to 8 or 9 pm*
Saturday: 1 pm to 8 or 9 pm*
Sunday: 1 pm to 7 pm
Holiday hours may vary

*Subject to early closing due to lack of patronage

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 2022-2023

Commander	Dave Stezaker
1 st Vice Commander	Gordon Spencer
2 nd Vice Commander	Ron Feist
Adjutant	Chris Thomas
Finance Officer	Chris Thomas
Chaplain	Wayne Ferris
Squadron Advisors	Bob Terrell
	Bob Clark

LOUNGE BOARD

Al Gray, 1 year
Ray Denman, 2 years
Pat Althausser, 3 years
Steve Baker, 4 years
Andy Althausser, 5 years

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bob Terrell Steve Hatfield

Rolly Badavinac

Adjutant's Message

Welcome September! Summer is ending and fall will soon be here, along with all the end of year activities at the Post. As you can see on the calendar we have a lot going on this month. I would love to see each of you there; attending, socializing and helping wherever you can. These activities are only possible with our active and amazing volunteers.

I want to thank each of you for your support as I move into the Adjutant role. I have some big shoes to fill, and a great mentor in Bob Terrell, to help me get there. As I learn the many aspects of this job, I ask that you please be patient with me. Thank you for the welcome, support and grace you have already shown me. I look forward to meeting those I have not yet met and continuing to build friendships with those I have already gotten to know.

Most importantly, I want to make sure all of you come out for Bob Terrell's retirement party. We owe this Legionnaire a huge thank you for all he has done for this post and I know he will love to see each and every one of you there on Sunday September 11th.

Kim Shires, Adjutant

Auxiliary News

We hope everyone had a great summer. September is the start of our year and we are excited to see a full calendar once again. It's especially nice to see Steak Night is back. Please note it was necessary to move the dates around this month but we will be back with the normal schedule next month. Please call in your reservation so we can set a table for you.

Our first meeting after the summer break is Thursday, September 1. We voted last year to begin our meetings at 6:00 PM, an hour earlier. Please come to our meeting. Meet some really wonderful members and see what we do.

*Judy Steele
Membership Co-Chair*

SAL Corner

The SAL had a great month of August! The 1st Annual Backpack Giveaway was a HUGE success. We received \$1821 in donations. All the monies collected went back into school supplies and food for the event. All supplies were given away within 20 minutes of starting and the food was gone within 45 minutes. The American Legion Band even came out to play for everyone.

With that success, we are going BIGGER next year and starting our fundraising efforts sooner. We have a goal of collecting \$5000 in donations. To start it all off, there will be a yard sale at Kim Shires home on September 9th and 10th. If you have anything to donate please email Kim at adjutant@granthodgepost17.org to set up a time to drop your items off. All donations need to be in by Wednesday, September 7th at 6 PM.

SAL meetings are now held every other month on the last Saturday of the month. Our next meeting is on September 24th at 2 PM at the Post. Chris has a lot of exciting business to share with all of you.

Department Convention Update

Department Convention was held July 21-24 in Pasco Washington.

It was exciting to see a lot of new delegates from all over the state, ready and willing to serve the Legion. The convention gave us the ability to learn how the Legion operates. The relationships built and camaraderie shared made it a great experience for all that attended.

During convention we voted in James Cook as our new Department Commander and Kenneth Christian as our new Vice Commander for Area 2.

You will be happy to hear that our own resolution to endorse Bob Clark for National Commander was unanimously passed at Department Convention. As Bob is a member of our post, we are thrilled to see him move on to the next step.

Area 2 Round Table

The Area 2 Round Table will be hosted at our post again. Follow our Facebook page. Details coming soon!

RETIREMENT PARTY



Please join us on Sunday September 11th at 2 PM at Grant Hodge Post 17 and help us thank Bob for his many years of service!

LOUNGE CLOSURE – FALL CLEAN UP

Please help us clean up the post on Sunday September 18th at 9 AM. We will mop, scrub, dust and store unused items. ★

We will have a pizza party to congratulate ourselves on a job well done!

LET'S MAKE OUR POST SPARKLE!

PITCH TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 25th

1:00

Check-in at 12:30

\$20.00 per player



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. This is separate from the Facebook friend "Grant Hodge Americanlegion".

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.

MONDAY NIGHT BINGO



By popular demand, BINGO is staying with us through September. Hope to see you there!

\$\$ CASH PAYOUTS \$\$

Food will be available for purchase.

GOOD EATIN' IN POST 17

Steak nights are back in September! While it is normally the third Saturday of every month, we will have it the 4th Saturday in September only. 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 also back in swing! While they are usually the first Friday of every month, in September they will be on the 16th.

Don't forget that we always have burger baskets on Tuesdays and the kitchen is open on Wednesdays during the Liquor Raffle.



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.

Senior Center Visits

Join our Legionnaire's on a monthly visit to the Twin Cities Senior Center the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am.

----September Birthdays----

- 01 - Allen Carter
- 02 - Lawrence Pendleton; Jesse Garner; Gary Carmichael
- 05 - Eleni Voulgaris; Frankie Hanson
- 06 - Robert Eko
- 07 - Gene Stray; Doris Nordby; James Long
- 08 - Diane Baine; Ken Nutt; Mark Jorgenson; Candis Lunke
- 10 - Mike Risner; Roberta Froschauer
- 11 - George Whitlock; Karen Mattis; Clara Ralph
- 12 - Mryna Erickson; Rob Hangartner
- 13 - Keith Drop; Del Strickland
- 19 - Gregory Fagner
- 20 - Gordon Spencer; Lisbeth Ion; Julie Pendleton; Bob Benjamin
- 21 - Albert Bergeron; Cary Inman
- 22 - Robert Lund
- 24 - George Pearce
- 26 - Russell Severson; Cheryl Seifert; Shari Walker
- 27 - Neilan Johnson; Barbara Muth; Ron Avery
- 28 - George Zaikowski; Scott Weinert; Bob Terrell; Keith Christopherson
- 29 - Duane Snelson; Kim Schlittler; Terry Masters
- 30 - Louis Snyder

----September Anniversaries----

- 01 - Roy & Veal (1965)
- 04 - Al & Kathy Gray (1965)
- 07 - Richard & Claudia Peake (2002)
- 14 - Ken & Kristin Nutt (1996)
- 15 - David & Julie Pendleton (2012)
- 15 - Julia & Larry Blackledge
- 23 - George & Doreen Whitlock (1961)
- 30 - Janice & Tom Cole (2006)

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.



SEPTEMBER 2022

POST 17

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	August 29th	August 30th		1	2	3
	Lounge Board Meeting 6 pm	Executive Board Meeting 7 pm		Auxiliary Mtg 6 pm Legion Mtg 7 pm	TX Hold'em 6 pm	Quilt of Valor 1 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	LABOR DAY Happy Hour Board 3 pm to 5 pm BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm	Burger Baskets 3 pm to 6 pm	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Kitchen Open	ALR Meeting 6 pm	Backpack Yard Sale Class Reunion TX Hold'em 6 pm	SAL Backpack Drive Yard Sale
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
PATRIOT DAY Bob Terrell Retirement Party 2 pm	Happy Hour Board 3 pm to 5 pm BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm	Burger Baskets 3 pm to 6 pm VFW Meeting 7 pm	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Kitchen Open	Joint Planning Meeting 7 pm	4 GUYS BURGER NIGHT 6 pm TX Hold'em 6 pm	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
POST CLOSED FOR FALL CLEANING Cleaning 9am	Happy Hour Board 3 pm to 5 pm BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm	Burger Baskets 3 pm to 6 pm	Senior Center 10:30 AM Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Kitchen Open	ALR Meeting 6 pm	TX Hold'em 6 pm	SAL Meeting 2 PM Steak Night* 6 pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Pitch Tournament 1 pm	Happy Hour Board 3 pm to 5 pm BINGO 5 pm to 7 pm Marine Corps League 7 pm	Burger Baskets 3 pm to 6 pm	Liquor Raffle 5:30 pm Kitchen Open		Texas Hold'em 6 pm	

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