American Legion
Post 225 Forest Lake, MN

American Legion Post 225, Club and Lounge, Auxiliary Unit 225, Sons of American Legion, 40 & 8, Legion Riders

Fellowship in the Company of Equals

June Specials:
Sundays Super Bloody Marys, Chef’s Choice Home style dinner $7.99 4—8 pm. Bingo 2 pm. Jam session & Texas Hold-em 6:30 pm
Mondays Domestic taps $1.50. Hamburger basket $3.50. Cheese + .50
Tuesdays Margaritas $4, Beef tacos $1.50. Zingo 6 pm
Wednesdays 50 cent wings. 6 pm Bar Bingo
Thursdays 4 pm—8 pm $1.25 bottle beer, ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI $7.99
Fridays 4—8 pm Fish Fry, meat raffle 5:30 pm, Texas Hold-em 7:30 pm
Saturdays Meat Raffle noon til gone. LIVE music 8 pm.

Happy Hour 2PM to 6PM every day.

Post 225 Breakfast
3rd Sunday, Legion Riders. 4th Sunday, Post volunteers.
9 a.m. till Noon — All you can eat—$8. Scrambled Eggs, made to order Omelets, Sausage, Bacon, potatoes, Biscuits & Gravy, Toast, Fruit, and French Toast ....yum!!

Meetings:
2nd Monday, 5:30 pm House Committee
2nd Monday, 6 pm Sons of American Legion
2nd Monday, 6 pm Gambling Committee
2nd Monday, 7 pm Executive Board
3rd Monday, 7 pm Membership
3rd Monday, 7 pm Auxiliary
1st Wednesday, 7 pm Legion Riders
3rd Thursday, 7 pm 40 & 8 Cheminot & Promenade

Make our Legion Post the place to be!!
Chaplain

Greetings everyone, hope you are enjoying this great weather. We have a lot of events coming up this month as we come into our Fourth of July Celebration; this is our biggest event of the year. We are still in need of lots of volunteer to help pull this off; sign up is behind the bar.

At the June 16th membership meeting we will be having our annual membership dinner. Social hour at 5, dinner at 6 and the meeting at 7. Come on down and enjoy your Post Club, hope to see you all at these events. Get out and enjoy the summer.

Ron Miller, 651-464-5549

Auxiliary

Greetings Ladies: We now have a list of officers for the coming year: President, Lorry Houle; 1st Vice, Kathy Dunaway; 2nd Vice, Pearl Hummel; Sgt at Arms, Irene Nelson; Treasurer, Dorothy Nelson

I want to send a big thank you to Dorothy and Pearl for organizing the garage sale which was held the 15th thru the 17th. Thank you to those who volunteered and came in to help those three days. We were able to make a donation of $800.00 to the Legion for the 4th of July celebration. Thank you also to those who donated items for the garage sale. We had a lot of useful items that came in, and the remainder of the sale was donated to the Family Pathways in Forest Lake. A special thanks to Bob Kendall and Lee Goodrich for the trip to White Bear to pick up items for the garage sale. Also thanks to the Parenteau family for taking our many boxes that were left from the garage sale to the Family Pathways. Greatly appreciate all your help.

Poppy money is coming in from the newsletter that was sent out; we enclosed a poppy in them. David, our poppy king from last year did a splendid job again this year, and exceeded his total from last year. Think that he will be made "Emperor" of the poppies this year!!!

Enjoy the Memorial Day weekend; we will look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Irene Nelson, President

Sons of the American Legion

Hello S.A.L. members. It finally feels like summer....which means July 4th is right around the corner!

We are selling raffle tickets for 2 chances to ride along in a T-6 WWII Texan Trainer Plane over the parade route, 3rd place is a very nice "Americana" quilt + $100. If you are a member of the S.A.L. and can sell some tickets, please let me know! I will meet you at the Legion or even drop them off at your house if I need to.

Our bingo tent hours this year will be: Thursday 7/3, 6 pm - Midnight; Friday 7/4, Noon - 8 pm; Saturday 7/5, 6 pm - Midnight; Sunday 7/6 2 pm - 8 pm.

Please come to our next meeting on Monday, June 9th at 6:00 PM. If you can’t make it, please send me an e-mail if you are able to help, Kevin225@outlook.com. Thank you.

Kevin McDowell

Ted DeGraw, Commander Post 225

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Legion Riders
Well the fund raising for the Fireworks and 4th of July Festivities is under way. The Red White And Blues still has some tickets and wrist Bands left. All profits go to the Legion for this cause. Get your cars and Bikes out and come celebrate Independence with us.

Thanks to all Who have donated their time and monies to the Cause. Elections will be coming up for the ALR. Keep the Shiny Side up

Rick, Director for the ALR

Hello Legion Riders, I want to remind you that starting on June 3rd we will be having Wednesday night rides every week for anyone who wants to join us. Time is 6:00 p.m. at the Forest Lake legion. June 7th is our Red White and Blues Bike and Car Ride. It will be a great event invite all your friends. I hope everyone has the chance to get out on their bikes and enjoy this great weather. The 4th of July is coming up so look at your schedules to plan for our booth and security. I look forward to seeing everyone soon and getting out on our bikes. Have a great month and see you at the legion. Keep the Shiny side up!!

Robin Kunkel, Assistant Director

Voiture 44
Greetings from Voiture 44. I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying this nice weather. Upcoming events: “BEER,” it’s what we do during the fourth of July celebration for our Nurses Training Scholarships fund. We need help and will be calling you to sign up to help work the BEER WAGON. Also the Legion is looking for help; please help us ALL out. Congratulations to the incoming officers: Chef de Gare, Terry Steele; Chef de Train, Ted DeGraw; Souse Chef de Train, Nick McNamara; Garde de la Porte, Dwight Dupey; Acting Correspondent, Jenny Rich; Commissare Intendant, Angela Steele; Aumonier, Sam Mattson.

Our next Promenade will be June 19th at which time we will be having a white collar wreck for 6 Goofs that Voyageur Nick brought in. Also Voyageur Dwight will be giving away a nice 40/8 belt buckle and knife set to a lucky Voyageur that will be attending the Promenade. Be there.

For God and Country, Terry Steele Chef de Gare V44.

Look What’s Happening at the Legion….

5/31 Revvv, White and Blue Classic Car Show – 4th of July Fundraiser
6/7 Red, White and Blues Car and Bike Run -- Barbeque Bash, 4th of July Fundraiser
6/16 Membership Dinner
6/28 Dumpster Hot Tub Party – Friar Tucks 4th of July Fundraiser
7/2-5 4th of July Celebration 7/3 Music 8 p.m. – Midnight -- Live Music with Bullseye, TJ the DJ and Metro DJ
7/4 Parade 10 a.m., Fireworks 10 p.m. Live
7/4 Music 8 p.m. – Midnight -- Live Music with TJ the DJ and Metro DJ
7/5 Music 8 p.m. – Midnight -- Live Music with TJ the DJ and Metro DJ
8/10 American Legion and VFW Family Picnic

Breakfast – Every 3rd and 4th Sunday – Best Breakfast in Forest Lake
Meat Raffles – Wednesday, Friday and Saturday Mega Meat Raffle
Bingo – Sunday, Tuesday (Free Zingo and Regular Bar Bingo) and Wednesday
Forest Lake American Legion

Celebrating 90 Years of “Patriotism”

4th of July Event Schedule

Saturday, June 28th
“Salute to the Troops” with KQRS and Brian Zepp
Starts @ 7 – Drink Specials and the Miller Girls
Steak Fry – hosted by Forest Lake S.A.L.
8 oz. Steak, Baked Potato and Coleslaw starting @ 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 2nd
Carnival 3-10 Wristbands 6-10
Bingo 6 p.m. - Midnight

Thursday, July 3rd
Carnival Noon-10 Wristbands 1-5
Bingo 6 p.m. - Midnight
Music 8 p.m. - Midnight  Bulls Eye
8 p.m. - Midnight  TJ the DJ
8 p.m. - Midnight  City Lights Music and Entertainment

Friday, July 4th
Parade 10 a.m.
Carnival Noon-midnight (Food till 12:30)
Bingo Noon – 8 p.m.
Music 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. TJ the DJ
8 p.m. - Midnight City Lights Music and Entertainment
Fireworks 10 p.m.

Saturday July 5th
Carnival Noon-midnight (Food till 12:30) Wristbands 6 – Midnight
Bingo 6 p.m. - Midnight
Music 8 p.m. - Midnight TJ the DJ

Sunday, July 6th
Carnival Noon-5 p.m.
Bingo 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
America’s Veterans “Strange People”

There’s some strange people in town. They often gather in cares, parks, or bars. Sometimes they are uncomfortably loud, sometimes they are strangely quiet.

We don’t know much about them. They seem to come from a different time. They remember friends long dead by marching in parades... standing by graveside in small cemeteries, wearing uniforms that don’t always fit. They go to these graves even when it is raining, cold, or when no one else is there.

Two or three men fire old guns in honor of fighting men who are sometimes not even buried there. They do this to commands of a comrade... even these commands seem out of place to everyone but these strange people.

We see them carrying a flag at various sporting events. They seem serious about carrying the colors. Almost like someone died.

They wear strange caps. They gather at a bar. I wonder if they to there to remember, or do they go there to forget?

You’ll see people snap to attention when the flag comes by in a parade. If you look closely, you may eve see a tear in that person’s eye.

At the Veteran’s Memorial, they’ll go and touch the stones here.. tears again. Strange people.

If these unusual people are remembering battles and friends, or living with the memory of horrors and death that Hollywood can’t even come close to imitating, why do they do everything they can for our community?

Why do they put on a Boys and Girls State? Why do they give money to scholarships, and donate time and sometimes scare dollars to the Veterans Homes and V.A. Hospitals? Why do they sponsor Scouting programs? Why do they sponsor baseball teams? Why do they give blood and support drug education? Why do they want us to learn how to speak so eloquently at an oratorical competition on the United States Constitution?

It’s because they have fought for freedom. They know freedom is not free. They live everyday with the memories of battles or sacrifice. They know that if we don’t always watch out for our freedoms... someone will take them... even from inside our country.

While some people were thinking of proms, honor societies, band, and what college to go to... these strange people had to put all of that on hold to fight and die to protect our Constitution so we could go to prom, and graduate and speak on the Constitution so eloquently.

These strange people know that protecting the Constitution doesn’t always have to be done on the battlefield.

So by instilling in us the values of freedom and liberty and encouraging us to be superior communicators when it comes to the Constitution.. You and I will protect it. First with our words and then if necessary with our lives.

By now you should have some insight as to who these strange people are. These are our Veterans.
Arabs thank G.I.s for Desert Storm ↓

Pictured at left with your editor during a family conference in Doha, Qatar in April of 2014 are Humoud and Amel Alqashan. They decried the World Trade Center bombings and expressed gratitude for the freeing, under President George Bush and General Norman Schwartzkopf, of their native country Kuwait from the clutches of Saddam Hussein.

Both Humoud and Amel have PhDs from Penn. State University. They would like to visit Forest Lake this summer, my wife’s health permitting.