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Calendar Events

Jun 16 Exec Council Meet
Jun 17 Weds Night Social
Jun 20 Wedding Reception
Jun 24 Weds Night Social
Jun 26 Fish Fry
Jun 28 Gorshe Party
Jul 1 Weds Night Socail
Jul 4 Happy Birthday USA!
Jul 8 Weds Night Social
Jul 11 Legion Meeting
Jul 12 Waffle Breakfast
Jul 15 Weds Night Social
Jul 21 Exec Council Meeting
Jul 22 Weds Night Social
Jul 24 Fish Fry

Legion Meeting: Jul 11, 2026 0900; Coffee, fruit and donuts at 830. Please bring a friend or potential member.

Executive Council Meeting
Jul 21, 2026 at 1800hrs.

Sick Call: Bob Bonorden, Denny Cox, Bob Davidson, Jim Happel, Neil Hartman, Verner Jaschen, Arlan Laube, James Meyer, Duke Schneider, and Jerry Swanson.

Officers:
Commander: Mike Gorshe 319-269-8847
Adjutant: Brian Bartels 319-239-0948
1st Vice: Robert Schmitz 319-230-1437
Chaplin: Butch Milius 319-939-7792
Finance: Candi Lanning 319-239-2646
Service: Joel Wikner 319-415-2228
Sgt at Arms: Harold Hyde 319-415-1115
History: Ron Milius 319-239-5976

Executive Committee:
James Kurtt 319-240-3901
Darrell Groth 319-390-0718
Robert Platte 319-240-5052
Rick Mortenson 319-559-1524
Wayne Bramstedt 605-929-6874

As always, feel free to call any of us if you have questions concerning Legion business. For God and Country, **Mike**

Commanders Corner
Mike Gorshe

Greetings Legion members. Check out the Calendar of Events. The upstairs is done with only some small items to complete. Our first rental event was the wedding reception on May 23rd. Lots of positive comments on the remodel. The next rental was a wedding reception on June 6th. Also went well. Audio visual is up and running and the sound is great. Presented 4 $500 scholarships at the May 17 May award ceremony at the school auditorium. On the Jun 14 we had our annual Flag Burning Program. Next Month is nominations and election of Officers and Committeemen for next year. Lots of opportunities to serve.

Nominations for Officers and committeemen for the new year started this last month at the regular meeting. These positions are for one year. I asked our current officers and committeemen to let me know what their intent for next year is. All have expressed to continue in their current positions for next year except for two positions. Nominations will

continue at the July meeting in order to get a clean slate of candidates. Voting will be in July and Installation ceremony in August. The nominations are: Cdr - Mike Gorshe;
Vice Cdr - Richard Beery
1st Vice Cdr - Robert Schmitz
Adjutant - Brian Bartels
Finance Officer - OPEN
Service Officer - Joel Wikner
Chaplin - Butch Milius
Historian - Ron Milius
Sgt at Arms - Harold Hyde .
We also need to fill one of the Executive Committee positions All members, please consider accepting and serving on one of these positions.
Lastly, effective in AUGUST, we are changing our Regular Scheduled Legion Meetings to the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6PM; and our Executive Committee Meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6PM.
Thank you
For God and Country, Mike

God's Little Lessons for Leaders: Conflict

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity. *Psalm* 133:1

In The Fall of Fortresses, Elmer Bendiner tells of a miracle that happened to him and a few others aboard their B-17 bomber, the Tondelayo. During a run over Kassel, Germany, the pane was barraged by Nazi antiaircraft guns. That in itself was not unusual, but on this particular flight the fuel tanks of the plane were hit. The following morning, the pilot, Bohn Fawkes asked the crew chief for the shell as a souvenir of their unbelievable luck. Bohn was then told that not just one shell had been found in the gas tanks, but eleven! The shells were sent to the armorers to be defused. Later they informed the Tondelayo crew that when they opened the shells, they found no explosive charge in any of them. One of the shells, however, contained a carefully rolled piece of paper. On it was scrawled in the Czech language: "This is all we can do for you now." The miracle had not been one of misfired shells, but a peace-loving hearts. If you want peace in your life, you first must disarm your weapons- your painful words, prideful looks, and hurtful attitudes. As a leader, it is important to diffuse conflict in favor of unity; then God will flood your life with His peace and love.

Chaplin's Corner Butch Milius Thanks so much to all the Legionnaires family members, Boy Scouts, and volunteers that helped with the huge job of erecting the 130 flag poles and flags for our Memorial Day 2026 Avenue of Flags. Thanks again to Mike and Nancy Gorshe for cooking the very tasty ham for our potluck. Thanks also to Joel Wikner for the using his Ranger that holds our four Member Legion Color Guard to lead the parade. Thanks to Harold Hyde and Legion Members who took part in our firing squad for the Memorial Day Program. Thanks to Robert Platte for his work in setting up the cemetery, and to Curtis Lehman for setting up chairs and speakers for the program. Thanks to Brother Ron and his wife Jeanne for helping decorate the nine cemeteries with flags and poppies. Ron also helped locate and mark all the holes for the 130 flag poles. Hours of work and tons of help to make a successful Memorial Day. It's all worth it to see the beautiful Avenue of Flags flying in the breeze. At our Legion Meeting on June 6, we were pleasantly surprised to see Darrel Brandt. Darrel is a 40 year member of our Post, and he presented a scrap book that his mother filled with all Bremer County Veterans that were serving in WWII. There are a lot of familiar names from Denver, and it is at our Legion for anyone to look thru.
***Note: Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you wont have a leg to stand on*. :)**
For God and Country, Butch