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# FONGER'S HIGHLIGHTER

MARCH, 2021

## FROM THE COMMANDER...

It is my hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy this new year. With 2020 in the rear-view mirror, I felt it was important to reflect on the last year at Post 179.

We started the year with a change in command and a change in the Club Room as well as the Club Room being closed. We had a fantastic Grand opening on February 29th and sadly a closing on March 16<sup>th</sup> due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. During the closure we took the time to prime and paint the Club Room, cleaning everything up to get the place ready to open. We decided to use the time and the generous donations by our members to serve free lunch and dinners every Saturday and Sunday to Veterans and all First Responders; it was a huge success- at the peak we did about 70 lunches! The free meals were such a success that Post 154 setup lunch for First Responders in the Wyoming fire department's parking lot. During tough times the Legion and its family will always support our communities.

We lost our Finance officer in May of 2020 to complications from the flu, then on June 1<sup>st</sup> I was asked to serve as interim finance officer. After reviewing the post finances, I found inconsistencies and brought it to the attention of the post commander. In October 2020 the post commander submitted his resignation to me, so the Executive Board asked me to serve as temporary post commander. We also notified the Walker police of the discrepancies in the finances of the post and notified the 5th District commander. There currently is a court case pending.

As we look forward to the new year, we are hoping the Club Room will be able to be opened at more than 50% capacity to serve our members. The Auxiliary has decided to hold Bingo at our post again

## IMPORTANT DATES

St Patrick's Day Party.....March 17 @ 5:00 PM  
Riders Meeting.....March 28 @ 12:30 PM  
S.A.L. Meeting..... April 5 @ 7:00 PM  
AUX Meeting.....April 12 @ 6:30 PM  
Legion Meeting.....April 13 @ 7:00 PM

and the Sons annual fish fry is a huge success. We will be taking all possible precautions to keep our members safe when we reopen to serve you. I encourage you to come to meetings held by your respective groups to find out more about what is going on at the post.

We will be having Post Nominations for Officer positions in April with elections in May; there are many positions open and we appreciate your help and input. Have a safe and peaceful spring!

**Patrick J Burns, Commander, Post 179**  
commander@AmericanLegionpost179.com



*Fish Fryers Penny Costen and Julie Postma*

**Copies of the newsletter are available at the clubhouse and are emailed every month. If you aren't getting an email, please let us know.**

## ***FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER***

Fish Fry, 2021 is going very well during the Covid restrictions of 2021. We have enjoyed increasing numbers each week; YES we are Socially Distanced and at reduced seating capacity. We are also preparing a great volume of TOGO dinners. Stop on by some Friday evening between 5pm and 7pm and pick up your dinner. Fish Fry will be open every Friday evening up to and including Good Friday, April 2, 2021. SAL members we can always use your help on Friday evenings for the Fish Fry.

Remember that the SAL meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 PM and our next meeting will be Monday, April 5, 2021.

**Roger Meyers, SAL Commander, Post 179**  
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## ***FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT***

Spring is right around the corner fellow Auxiliary members! With the governor loosening restrictions Post 179 will be commencing with activities. Keep an eye on the Facebook page and newsletter for updates.

Monthly membership meetings are continuing the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the hall, please join us to see what exciting things we will be doing.

Bingo has started up again now back at our own post! Tuesday and Friday mornings, doors open at 9 am, first game at 10:30 am. Safety protocols are adhered to. Spread the word!

Fish Fry's have started, the Auxiliary has a dessert table again this year, please send in desserts if you can or you can have fun and volunteer for a couple of hours at the Fish Fry!

I will be stepping down as President of 179 after three years at the helm. It has been an honor to serve the American Legion Auxiliary. Please consider nominations for any officer position, we will need to make nominations in April with elections to follow in

May. If you have the heart for service to our veterans and to our community, consider running for Unit 179 President.

As always, I will be in my patriotic hat when at the legion and let's continue to support our posts events and activities because together we can accomplish great things. I can still be contacted by Facebook, Messenger, email, or smoke signal!

**Sheila Manning, Auxiliary President, Unit 179**  
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***Bingo at the Post 179***

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## ***FROM THE 179 RIDERS...***

Last year was lost so the Riders are in reboot mode. We are looking into a biker rodeo sometime this summer. Any and all input would be greatly appreciated. Meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM. Hope to see you soon! Ride On!

**Bones Postma, Director of the Riders, Post 179**  
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**Please bear with us while we straighten out some membership issues. If you have any problems, please leave a message at the bar for the Adjutant or Commander.**

