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- SAL – more members than last year.
- 2nd Vice to check on Park for Post Picnic. Last year cancelled due to Covid. Hope to have this year.
- Baseball fundraiser normally held in March has been cancelled.
- Honor Guard did inventory of rifles – 14 total. Dinner VFW March 17, 5:30 pm.
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- New member Cathy Moreton welcomed.
- Membership: 84
- Treasurer's Report reviewed and filed for audit.
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- Leo Martin has home canned goods available, call him at 952-854-5122 if interested.
- December meeting cancelled due to Covid. Motion via text made by Proctor/Boerner to not hold meetings in January, February or March due to snowbirds and weather considerations. Passed.
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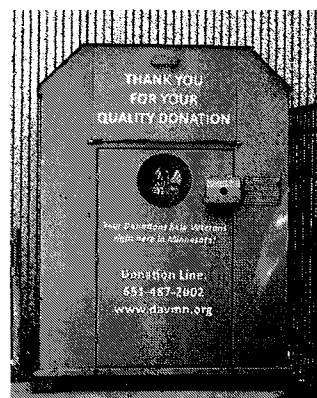
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Questions concerning VA Benefits: call Legion Dept Service Officer, Jeromy Wolfsteller (612) 970-5402 or Hennepin County Veterans Officer (612) 348-3300

**GAMBLING IS FUN**



**SPORTS PAGE BAR & GRILL**  
 Pull tab hours:  
 Sun 9-11, Mon-Sat 11-11

**Scholarships** are available through the Department of MN and National. Requirements vary and deadlines are as early as March 1. For details check out the following websites: [www.aiaforveterans.org](http://www.aiaforveterans.org) [www.mnala.org](http://www.mnala.org) [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)  
 Applications must be submitted to the Unit President before being sent to Department. If you have any questions, please call Bonnie Proctor at 612-869-5375.

**Honor Guard requests**, please call Dan Welch (c) 952-607-8786

**Bingo Help Wanted.** If you can help with bingo at the Veterans Home on the 3rd Wednesday of the month or Wealshire on the 3rd Thursday of the month, please call Jim Mead 612-876-0952.

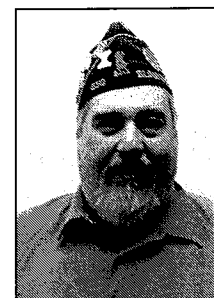
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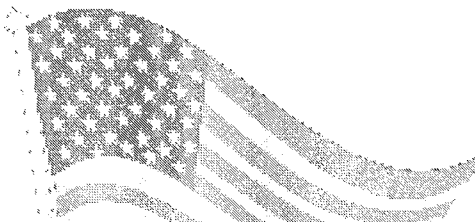
**Commander's Column**

My Fellow Legionnaires, we are in a time of unparalleled change due to the pandemic. We are holding meetings and moving forward. Our gambling is open, not at full capacity, so not much has been going on these past few months. That said, we are moving forward, and will have nominations for elections in April, and elections in May.

Thank you for rallying with us through these difficult times. We are getting back to the business at hand in a slightly different way. As the Legion Family, this is how we succeed together.

Thank you again.  
 Sincerely,

Luis Campero  
 Commander – Post 550



**President's Column**

**HAPPY SPRING!** I hope this finds you all healthy; both emotionally and physically.

COVID has taken a toll on all of us--not being able to hold family gatherings, no hugging, no happy hours with friends. I am glad to see vaccinations

becoming more and more available and the 14-day positivity rate going down. I am sure you have all experienced changes - some good (I get to work from home on a permanent basis) and some bad (businesses closing). I for one am looking forward to getting together with the Unit beginning again in April. Please join us on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

At the Department level, we held two events--the Sweetheart Rally in Paynesville and the Appreciation Rally in LaCrescent. Both were hybrid events; you could attend in person or by Zoom call. It was great to see all my Legion Family. District Convention will be held June 5 at Osseo and Department Convention will be held July 15-17 in Redwood Falls. Please let me know if you are interested in attending either event.

Remember to track all the hours you spend helping our veterans, their families and the community.

Thank you and God Bless!

Jody Hassing  
 Unit 550 President



**In Memoriam**  
 Marjorie Anderson  
 Doris Atkinson  
 Paul T. Creagan  
 Charles Ritmire  
 Donald Rud  
 Glen G. Walters

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**Monday, May 31, 2021\***

Parade 9:00 a.m. from Ziegler's (94th & Bryant) South on Lyndale to Bloomington Cemetery (10340 Lyndale), followed by Memorial Service at 10:00 a.m.

\*Pending government approval



**Just A Reminder**  
 Please donate all your used clothing to the D.A.V. box located at our club.

**POST OFFICERS**

Commander.....	Luis Campero
1st Vice.....	Ron Nenovich
2nd Vice.....	Clarence Bunkholt
Adjutant.....	Rick Warren
Finance Officer.....	Jerry Narragon
Chaplain.....	Jim Mead
Sgt At Arms.....	Rick Walker
SAL.....	Jim Mead

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

President.....	Jody Hassing
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