

American Legion

Neal E. Fonger Post 179



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Commanders Corner

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 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 subsequent closing on March 16th due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. During the closure we took the time to Prime and Paint the Club Room, Clean up and 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, it was such a success that Post 154 setup lunch for First Responders in the Grandville fire departments parking lot, During tough times the Legion and it's family will always support our communities.

In May 2020 we lost our Finance office to complications from the flu, in June 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, 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 to serve our members, and the Auxiliary has decided to hold Bingo at our post again and the Sons are going to have their annual fish fry. 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.

As always you can contact me at

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Have a safe and peaceful new year

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