



St. Stephen American Legion Post 221 Newsletter February 2026

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Meetings—First Tuesday of the Month

February 3rd—7:30 PM

Rusty Nail Bar—St. Stephen MN





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Eastern Stearns County Council

Commander-Dave Wells—720-244-3565

The next County Council meeting will be at Waite Park on Wednesday, March 11th, at 7:00 PM. A great opportunity to share ideas. All Legion and Auxiliary members are welcome. Lunch will be served.

Our Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are a great way for all our veteran members to get to know one another and participate at a level in the Legion that you are comfortable with and that your time allows. As a member of the Legion you can continue to serve our country, veterans, community and youth. To those of you that make the meetings—thank you—to those that don't —come and check us out.

A Face to a Name



**Commander
Leo Supan
Air Force**



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Air Force**



**Its easy —Just Google
American Legion
Be the One**



As part of The American Legion Be the One mission to end suicide, the Legion has joined forces with Columbia University to develop training to those who want to learn more about interacting and responding with veterans who may be in crisis.

After the training, participants will be able to:

Use the Columbia University Suicide Severity Rating Scale to determine at-risk individuals. —Identify risk factors and warning signs.—Outline the types of suicidal ideation and four behaviors that indicate imminent risk.—Communicate effectively with an individual who may be at risk of hurting themselves.

We ask that all our Legion members take this online course. About 20 veterans commit suicide every day and you can help change this. The course is about 35 minutes long. All you have to do is pick a course date that works with your schedule and take the course. Let us know when you have completed the course.—text 320-469-1766.

Commanders Corner

Greetings fellow veterans: A Happy New Year to all!!! As veteran Legionaries I would like to again remind you make an effort to get out and either call or better yet visit your fellow veterans who are home bound, don't get out much or just need someone to talk to—Be The One. Maybe you could do little things for them like—snow removal—transportation—take them treats or just visit with them. On a different subject—Congress is going back in session and we need to express to lawmakers to advance bills and proposals that would improve the quality of life for our servicemembers, veterans and their families. The Legion was instrumental in the passage of the GI Bill, Department of Veterans Affairs, Mission Act, Pact Act, Agent Orange Act, Veterans Preference, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the U.S. flag Code and more. Working together through the Legion we can get things done.

**Our Veteran of the Month
For February 3rd meeting**

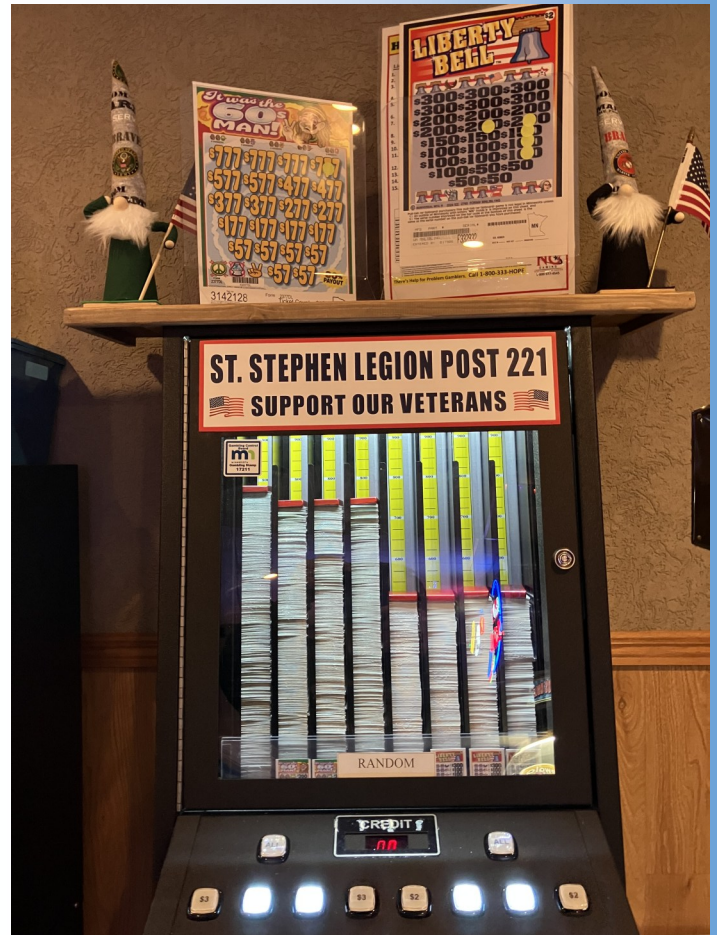
Jon Schave



6:30 PM

Prior to our February 3rd meeting at the Rusty Nail We ask everyone to come and recognize Jon for his service to this great country. This includes all veterans—veteran members—family and friends.

**Look What's Back
Gambling Paper Pull Tabs**



Its been 5 years since we last had gambling. The profits from our Charitable Gambling will be used to fund projects that benefit our veterans, community and youth. Things like uniforms for our color guard when a veteran passes away, scholarships, or community projects. The Legion and our veterans need your support. Gamble Responsively.



St. Stephen American Legion Post 221 Auxilary

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Supporting the Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who served by enhancing the lives of veterans, military members, and their families. For God and Country, the Auxiliary advocates for veterans, educates citizens, mentors youth, promotes patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.

American Legion Auxiliary-Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is a cherished, decades-old tradition (since 1928) where volunteers set up holiday shops in VA hospitals, allowing hospitalized veterans to select gifts for loved ones at no cost, offering them dignity and connection during the holidays. The program is funded by donations and fundraising efforts by the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) units nationwide to support veterans and their families.

ALA members collect donations or purchase brand-new items throughout the year. Some of the gifts included are: gift cards, sweatpants, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, scarves, purses, backpacks, personal care items, travel mugs and toys. Volunteers assist veterans in selecting gifts and wrapping them beautifully. The shops provide emotional support, bringing smiles and reducing stress for veterans during the holidays. It's a long-standing, beloved tradition, with some volunteers participating for decades to ensure veterans feel remembered and valued.

This year three members, Tara Slivnik, Jessie Rosenow and Althea Heim, of the St. Stephen American Legion Auxiliary volunteered to help at the St. Cloud VA Gift Shop on December 1st, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. We had a wonderful experience and would definitely do it again. Lunch was provided and we also received a tour of the donation/clothing room in the basement of Bldg. 8. Their greatest clothing need at this time is men's jeans in the medium size range: waist 36 or 38 X 32 length. Our unit is in the process of purchasing some items for them. All items need to be new.

We would like to take a moment to remember our member Lavone Smoley, who passed away on December 11, 2025. Lavone was a longtime Auxiliary member having joined in 1972. She was always willing to help where needed at the Legion and Auxiliary events. May she Rest in Peace.

