



# St. Stephen American Legion Post 221 Newsletter March 2026

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Meetings—First Tuesday of the Month

March 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 TO BE DETERMINED 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**

**CAN YOU MAKE THIS MEETING?? We need your help selling meal tickets for the Steak Fry and 50/50 Raffle tickets for this event on April 11th. Its easier when we all work together.**

## **County Council Meeting**



**ConnectAbility of MN—2901 3rd St S, Waite Park MN 56387—-320-253-0765—email [hello@connectabilitymn.org](mailto:hello@connectabilitymn.org) made a presentation at our meeting. They provide inclusive events and a wide range of transportation and home-based services with one goal in mind-empowering individuals with physical and invisible barriers to reach their full potential. Serving individuals of all ages—from seniors wishing to remain safe and independent in there homes, to children with special needs, to veterans preparing to re-enter the workforce. Collaboration is at the heart of what they do. Collaborative Services include county-waivered services, insurance reimbursements, care service brokerage. Accessibility services include home modifications, education and resources. Visit there web site or give them a call. Best of all there services are FREE!**



**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: As we put out this news letter every month it is our goal to keep all of our Legion members informed on what is going on like meetings, fundraising events, honoring our member veterans, helping our member veterans and anything else that is important to our members and Post. Our Monthly Newsletter is just one way for us to communicate with all of you. As members all of you get the Legion magazine monthly, and I am sure all of you read it from cover to cover when you are sitting on your throne in the morning??? This magazine has allot of very good information on what the Legion is doing on a National level and also many very good articles about our country and its history. You also receive the Legionnaire paper—9 times a year—which is put out by what is referred to as Department or the state. This paper has many great articles of what the Legion is doing on a state level. Our Post Newsletter, Legion Magazine and Legionnaire paper are published for you to keep you as veteran Legion members informed.**

**February  
Veteran of the Month**



**Jon served in the Army taking both his Basic Training and AIT at Fort Leonard Wood MO being trained as a heavy equipment operator—dozers, graders etc. His unit was one of the first from Minnesota to be called up to serve in Iraq. He also served in Korea, Croatia, Qatar and Kuwait. Jon was discharged with the rank of Sergeant E5. Thank you Jon for serving this great country.**

**Quilts of Honor**

**March 3rd Meeting**

**Recognizing and Honoring the following veterans.**

**John Janu—Air Force**

**Shannon Martinson—Army**

**Edward Mensinger—Navy**

**Hunter Merten—Marines**

**Donald Mugg—Army**

**James Murray—Air Force**

**Allen Scherr—Army**

**Daniel Slivnik—Navy**

**Raymond Supan—Army**

**Scott Yamry—Army**

**We would like to invite friends and family of these veterans to come out and recognize and honor these veterans for their service to this great country.**



## **St. Stephen American Legion Post 221 Auxilary**

**Pres. Tara Slivnik—320-266-2393—Email—adams\_589@hotmail.com**

**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-Armed Forces Service Center**

**The Armed Forces Service Center has been at the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport, since November 22, 1970, with no USO affiliation. It was founded by Mrs. Maggie Purdum as a 501 ( c )(3) tax exempt nonprofit, 8 months after her son died in a plane crash in Vietnam. The AFSC is the longest running private military airport lounge.**

**It is designated for use by traveling active-duty military, Purple Heart recipients, and Dept. of Defense ID card holders (includes dependents, retirees in 100% DAV). It is located inside security at the MSP Terminal 1. The facility offers free food, beverages, TV lounge, computer, CAC reader, luggage storage, dining room, playroom w/TV, separate bunks for men and women with a crib, 3 bathrooms, lactation stations, shower and a separate refrigerator for military guest to store items during their stay.**

**Pre-pandemic the AFSC was open 24/7 since 1970. Currently the daily hours of operations are 8:00 AM—10:45 PM. The lobby is available 24 hours a day.**

**It has been used by over 1 million military guests to date. In addition to Center volunteers there are additional volunteers that serve as Troop Greeters. Post 9/11 they have assisted over 500 military charter flights, deploying/returning troops wounded military and the arrival of fallen military at MSP.**

**The Armed Forces Service Center is one of the programs American Legion Auxiliary proudly supports with our donations.**

**With a follow up from last month's newsletter in regarding donations to the VA clothing room. A grant was secured for \$250.00, clothing was purchase and delivered to the VA in St. Cloud: 8 pairs of men's jeans, 8 pair of joggers and 40 t-shirts were delivered on January 28!**





