



FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

For God and Country



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed, Feb. 17, 2021
Ash Wednesday

Thursday, Mar. 4, 2021
Monthly Meeting @
Legion Hall

Wed, Mar. 17, 2021
St. Patrick's Day

Thursday, Apr. 1, 2021
Monthly Meeting @
Legion Hall

FOR ZOOM MEETING

An email will be sent the day prior to each meeting with a Zoom meeting link.

SAL Membership Dues

Please contact Adjutant Les Bonter to pay your \$20 dues for this year.

Our Troops

Please keep our troops both at home and abroad in your thoughts and prayers, especially those who are away from their families.

Honor Guard Uniform

It is an honor and an extraordinary opportunity to be asked by the Legionnaires to participate in the Honor Guard. Brian led a small group in determining what the SAL uniform will be:

- White shirt – *SAL patches on right sleeve with "Honor Guard" below and the left chest with "Squadron 297" below and the American flag on the left sleeve.*
- Royal blue tie – *SAL emblem*
- Blue Columbia jackets – *SAL emblem on the chest and a 6" emblem on the back with "Squadron 297" below*
- Navy blue dress pants – *Not provided by SAL*

All of pieces of the uniforms have been received and we are now in the process of getting the necessary articles of clothing embroidered. Originally, we planned on using Trophy House, however their actual price ended up being more than double the estimate. The decision was made to reach out to Rick Deal to see what it would cost for him to embroider our uniforms. His early guess sounds reasonable though we are awaiting his official estimate. A motion was made and passed in December for the Sons to pay \$175 towards each uniform (4 uniforms total) that would need to be purchased, though amending this amount was discussed at this month's meeting. We have decided to wait for an official estimate from Rick and will vote on a potential amendment at the March meeting.

St. Catherine's Fish Fry – Take Out Only

St. Catherine's will be hosting their Lenten Fish Fry available for take-out only on Fridays starting this week on Friday, February 19. They will be donating money from their proceeds to the Legion and the Fire Department this year.

Potential Legion Rifle Raffle Coming Soon

From the Legion meeting earlier this month it was mentioned that if the Legion could manage to find a rifle that they would like to hold a raffle with the drawing on Memorial Day.

Flags for Sale by the Legion

The Legion has American, POW MIA, and military branch flags available for purchase in a variety of sizes.

Legion M1 Garand Rifles – New Slings Installed

As a thank you to the donors who covered the purchase of the gun stocks, the Sons decided that it would be appropriate to have each donor's name put onto one of the leather gun slings for each rifle. After approaching Greg Patterson about getting the slings stamped with the names of the gun stock donors, Greg informed us that he and his wife, Bethany, had purchased a new laser-etcher for their local business, Green Roof Gallery. They decided to do the etching for us using their etcher and some of their own material at no cost to the Sons as a donation of their own. Greg said thinking of his grandfather, Ike Helsen (a past member of the Legion), while doing this made it all worthwhile. Thanks Greg and Bethany!

