

# The Northerner

## Mark A. Moore, Post No. 3



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### 2019-20 Post Officers

- Commander: Robert McMillen
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Vacant
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Vacant
- Chaplain: Pat Natseway
- Co-Adjutant – Fava and McMillen
- Finance Officer – Rick Paterson
- Sgt. At Arms – Vacant
- Post Historian – Vacant
- VA Benefits Officer – Pete Fava

### Executive Committee

- Pete Fava
- Rick Paterson
- Pat Natseway

### Past Commander

John "JT" Thompson/Deceased  
Jake Phelps

### American Legion Auxiliary

- President: Wildene Rodriguez
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Bev Muns
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Mary McMillen
- Secretary: Vacant
- Treasurer: Margret Jamillo
- Chaplain: Vacant
- Sgt. At Arms: Vacant
- Historian: Vacant

### SAL Squadron #3

- Commander: Michael Brabee
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Jim Southern
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Vacant
- Secretary: Vacant
- Treasurer: Ric Hudgins
- Chaplain: Kelly Teague
- Sgt. At Arms: Kelly Teague
- Legionnaire Advisor: Vacant

**Commander:** For this newsletter, I am asking for help with the post duties. I am not as young as I used to be, and my time is coming to an end, being your Commander. I've held many positions in this organization including 1<sup>st</sup> Vice for many years but in recent history, as your Commander due to the resignation of Jake and the passing of "JT" Thompson. I keep saying that I will not run for any officer position but what I will maintain is being the BINGO Manager... I like that job! Somehow, I get back into the top three!

This past 13 April 2021, was nominations, that I presided over. There were three extra members at the meeting besides the officers listed even though this meeting was advertised for a month, at the post. We had a quorum to start the meeting, not all the positions were filled with a nomination. Many times, the current officers expressed they are burned out and this commitment of being an officer has gone too far. Its time for others to step up. On 11 May 21, will be nominations, elections and Installations of new officers. It is our hope more people received the vaccine and will help in 2021-22 year. We need your ideas and participation!

### Upcoming Events:

#### March & April calendar

- Monthly meeting is on the second Tuesday at 6pm.
- BINGO every Wednesday of the month. Doors open at 530pm, and Bingo starts at 7pm. The kitchen is open!
- Blood Drives are happening, Call post for times.
- Friday night Fish & Shrimp Fry's at the Legion sponsored by the American Legion. Which starts at 5pm
- BINGO every Saturday of the month. Doors open at 11am, and Bingo starts at 12 noon. The kitchen is open!
- Check out the social media pages for more info.
- Doors open six days a week, 1pm to closing.

**All events/times are subject to change! Emails will be sent w/updates!!**

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## Membership Meeting

**Chaplain's Corner:** Hello members, family , and friends – 2021 is starting of good with three vaccines available to our members and family! This is great news. I have to say again, this COVID-19 was no joke and to say we lost a few good legion family members, is not saying enough. Please keep all members that you know who were taken early by COVID, in your prayers. . I'd also like to say our hearts are out to you if you've had any difficulties family-wise.

To Echo the Commander, we need your participation, not only being an officer but help around your post. We really do need collective brain-storming on how to survive from this past year for many years to come. Our 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday of The American Legion Mark A. Moore Post 3 is right around the corner, 6 JULY 2021. We should celebrate this, not let it go by as we have for the past several years . **Pat Natseway**

**Post Adjutant:** 2020 is a year we will remember and not forget, I'm sure! Pretty soon, The American Legion National headquarters will be sending out renewal notices for all the members nationwide. Please take care of that notice as soon as you get it or else, you will get monthly reminders. If you renew, please call the post and tell us if you mailed in your dues or you did it online (optional). We are always fielding phone calls about membership card delays and let me tell you, we are trying our best to receive the payments and turning around with getting the cards out. HELP is appreciated if you can spare an hour. We nominations 13 April 2021 and no one was nominated for this much needed position. Speaking of nominations, it was a dismal showing on nomination night. Several positions went unfilled. This cant happen to your post. We need all positions filled... not like the last two years, we've had the same few officers do everything and then some. Please consider attending the 11 May meeting and be apart of your post. (Pete Fava stepped up to the plate to be Commander but he will need some help, so please!)

**Finance Officer:** 1<sup>st</sup> vice and Finance officer Paterson report still has a debt with Mountain High Plumbing, and now that the first quarter is almost over, our building/bar/hall insurance payments will start, monthly! You would be amazed at the price we pay for insurance here. Even today, the COVID-19 pandemic still affects us daily to the point of being thrifty with the money we do have. We still have restrooms that require fixing. That bill is estimated to be \$40K! (if we, do it right). For the past ten years, the post endured lots of weather damage to the hall/kitchen roof that was not fixed in 2010, when the Bar roof was fixed. Last newsletter, I reported that we had our roof inspected by five different roof companies and the price to fix is through THE ROOF! Well, we still have not received any insurance payments for our roof so that before the monsoons start, we can get the Hall/kitchen roof repaired.

We are looking for grant writers and community tax deductible donations to assist us with this and other projects we have around the post. Please come support the cause. Richard Paterson, Finance Officer.

**Bingo Committee Chair:** Bingo is alive and doing well now that we are inside on Saturdays and Wednesdays! On Wednesdays, the doors open at 530pm and the games start at 7pm. The kitchen is open at 6pm. On Saturdays, we open at 11am and start at noon with the kitchen open for lunch! We want to thank ALL of the Post members who have supported the Bingo in the last 12 months, and this includes those bar patrons who order from the kitchen on Bingo days! Please sign up at the bar or talk to Mary McMillen about helping. The Bingo Committee is here every Wednesdays/Saturdays and would love to see you come in and see what is happening and lend a hand when you are able. Again, thanks for your support! Robert "Mac" McMillen (Bingo Manager) and Mary McMillen Events Coord.

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**Club Facilities Mangers:** If you are not on social media, you should be. We have a Facebook account and I try to put all the events, both announced and unannounced on there. If you want to know what is going on, our social media page is a good source!

**Next Membership Meeting:** ALWAYS on the SECOND TUESDAY of the month at 1800 (6pm). Please join us!

**Special Post Meeting:** Scheduled at the request by membership or Commander of the post

### **From the VA Benefits Officer: Pete Fava**

Are you or do you know of an American Legion Member that was in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War? Do you know what the Blue Water Navy RVN Act of 2019 allows? Did you know the presumptive illnesses of Vietnam? The Blue Water Navy (BWN) Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 (PL 116-23) extended the presumption of herbicide exposure, such as Agent Orange, to Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975. The diseases now on the VA's Agent Orange list are ischemic heart disease, lung and trachea cancers, prostate cancer, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Parkinson's Disease, type 2 diabetes, peripheral neuropathy, AL amyloidosis, chronic B-cell leukemia, chloracne, early-onset peripheral Neuropathy. As the VA Benefits Officer of this post, I can and will assist veterans and surviving spouses on submitting their claims to the VA. I have been told that if you received a letter that explains this new law as it pertains to you... you first have to see the Vietnam registry folks at VAMC Prescott. Then call the post and use extension #5.

### **From the Post Executive Board:**

Many thanks to the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the volunteer bartenders, who have helped Post #3 become a hub of Family-centered Veteran service and support. We don't have lots of money, but we are NOT writing rubber checks and pleading with our creditors to give us more time to pay our bills, as we once did. We no longer have long-term contracts for equipment we do not need at prices we cannot afford.

Mary (Events coordinator) and "Mac" (2019-2020 Commander) McMillen, Bev Muns (Kitchen Manager), Waldine Rodriguez (Auxiliary President), Pete (VSO/EB), Pat Natseway (Chaplain) and Richard Paterson (Finance) are ALWAYS generous with their time, energy, and great ideas when it comes to post events and BINGO!

There are, of course, more people to mention and thank, including every member of our core group, who always show up and turn to, and seldom get recognition. We all know who you are, and we're grateful. Let's go forward into 2021 and have fun!!

If you have some input, please submit to the Bartender, Adjutant Box, or Email us at [FlagstaffAL3@Gmail.com](mailto:FlagstaffAL3@Gmail.com)

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Executive Committee