



Art Semro Legion Family News



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Post & Auxiliary Meetings

2nd Thursday 7PM

E-board 4th Thursday 7PM

Lounge Hours

Monday thru Saturday 12PM – 7PM

Sunday

9AM – 5PM

The Commander's Dispatch

As summer winds down and we head into fall, thank you for your dedication to The American Legion Art Semro Post 28. Whether you volunteer, attend events, or stop by the lounge, your involvement keeps our Post strong.

September is a month of remembrance. On Patriot Day (Sept. 11), we honor the lives lost in 2001 and those who served afterward. On POW/MIA Recognition Day (Sept. 19), we reaffirm our commitment to those still unaccounted for.

Schedule Changes:

General meeting moved from Thu., Sept. 11 to Wed., Sept. 10.

Early-Bird Dinner in October will be the first weekend of the month.

Bylaws Review – The Post Bylaws are being reviewed. Copies are available at the Post, and members are encouraged to submit suggestions to the Bylaws Committee.

Policy Updates – We are implementing updated employee policies and house rules, along with revisions to Room Rental and RV Park policies.

ATM Update – The recent ATM issue has been resolved, and it is now fully functional.

Insurance Fundraising – Thank you to all who have contributed. We've made progress, but still have a way to go. If you haven't donated yet, please consider doing so—your support protects our Post and ensures we can continue serving veterans and the community. Donate at the Post or online: <https://www.ala-28.org/home-pages/to-donation>

Color Guard – We need more members to represent the Post at ceremonies, parades, and events. Training is provided, and participation is flexible.

Your participation keeps our Post thriving. If you can spare a few hours, please help at upcoming events or volunteer opportunities. Thank you for your support—let's carry the momentum from summer into the months ahead.

Yours in Service,
Alexander Duncan
Commander

The American Legion Art Semro Post 28

Dear Members,

I'm proud to share that our unit has reached—and exceeded—our 100% membership goal! This is no small achievement, and it wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Jane Montaney and everyone who helped recruit and retain members. Thank you for your efforts and commitment to keeping our unit strong and vibrant.

As we celebrate this milestone, let's remember that membership is more than just numbers—it's the lifeblood of our programs and our ability to serve veterans, military families, and our community. One of the best ways to ensure the future of the Auxiliary is to bring Junior Members into the fold. They are not only the future of our organization, but they bring fresh ideas, energy, and passion.

Here are a few ways we can involve juniors:

- Host a monthly Junior Member activity, such as making cards for veterans, organizing care packages, or participating in community events.
- Pair junior members with mentors so they can learn about our traditions and mission.
- Give juniors a role at meetings or events to encourage leadership skills.

I'd like to ask each of you to consider volunteering once a month to work with juniors as we build a strong program for them. Together, we can make their experience meaningful and engaging.

I'm also happy to report that our yearly audit was conducted in early August and all monies were accounted for. Thank you to Jane and Meghan for your excellent recordkeeping and attention to detail.

Our meetings will resume in September—mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. This date was chosen so we can all attend the Patriot Day Ceremony on September 11. I look forward to seeing everyone and starting a new season of service and camaraderie.

Finally, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the staff at the Legion Hall. Over the last few months, I have never felt more welcomed. Your warm smiles, helpful attitudes, and dedication make such a difference. You are truly amazing!



See you in September,
Sunshine Pray
President, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 28

Tumbleweed Gallery

Handmade Sterling Silver Jewelry by Don
Agate Paintings by Arla

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September 2025

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2 Ace of Hearts 6PM Burger Night V-J Day	3	4	5	6 Pioneer Day Grant County Museum with Legion BBQ stand
7 Breakfast 9 to Noon	8	9 Ace of Hearts 6PM Burger Night	10 Post & Auxiliary meeting 7PM Dinner 5:30	11 Patriot Day Ceremony 5:30 at Grant County Courthouse	12 Ace of Hearts Steak Night	13
14 Breakfast 9 to Noon	15 Cattlemen	16 Ace of Hearts 6PM American Legion Day Burger Night	17 Constitution Day	18 USAF Birthday	19 National POW/MIA Recognition Day	20
21 Breakfast 9 to Noon	22	23 Ace of Hearts 6PM Burger Night	24	25 Post Executive Committee meeting	26 Salmon Dinner	27 Veterans Standdown Grant County Fairgrounds
28 Breakfast 9 to Noon Gold Star Mothers Day	29	30 Ace of Hearts 6PM Burger Night	Aug 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 Oct 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			

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2026	Jason Wilson	Carol Shutt
2027	Don Deycous	Myra Wentworth
2028	Dale Best	Terri Moncrief

From the Editor

Our goal is to have your newsletter in your hands by the first of every month. To accomplish this goal, we have established a **deadline of the 20th of the month** for all input to be in the hands of the editor. This gives us time to write, assemble and prepare for mailing, so we can still have it in your hands before the 1st. The best way to get input to me is by E-mail. Please send it to www.Post28alwanews@gmail.com Otherwise, you can drop it off at the post home. If you change your mailing address, please let us know. Otherwise, your newsletter will be sent to your old address and not be forwarded. Thank You Post 28