



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

June 2015

FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

Commander Chet is incapacitated down in Florida, so there is not a regular Commanders article. Chet has two broken legs so keep him in your prayers; he hopes to be back in Minnesota in a week or two.

In June the Legion will have a new Commander Fred Segler. Be sure to Welcome him to the position and offer prayers for him as he takes this leadership position.

S.A.L UPDATE

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

On the 11th of May, SAL members met with the legion and reviewed the activities accomplished and future activities. The SAL will be partnering with the legion color guard to do meat raffles for the color guard every Saturday night in June. You may be getting a call from Jim Wolf. It is an easy and fun hour, 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

WARRIORS COLUMN

Jim Hovda, First Sergeant, U.S. Army (Retired)

Pictured below, are John Duea and Tom Hyslop receiving certificates for sixty-year continuous membership in the American Legion. John Duea has served this post in several positions both as an officer and longtime member of our color guard. John was busy firing with the rifle team under Sergeant Fred this past Memorial Day.

Tom Hyslop served as adjutant of this post for at least two terms several years ago. He has actively supported the American Legion with both donated time and dollars. The award was presented at the Sauk Rapids VFW Post 6992. Tom has a couple of physical limitations that make travel difficult and the VFW post is only a few blocks away from Home. It was an honor to be able to stand in for Commander Chet to present the award. As a side note, there was a long article about Tom in the Sauk Rapids Herald telling about his wartime service in the Korean War with the United States Air Force by Anna Saldana. It is a MUST READ.



Tom Hyslop receiving his 60-year continuous membership certificate from Post Adjutant Jim Hovda. Tom's dedication to veterans is demonstrated by superior service to the American Legion. Tom served as adjutant a few years ago.



John Duea receiving his 60-year continuous membership certificate from Commandar Chet Seviola. John is currently serving as Judge Advocate. John's dedication to veterans and their issues are demonstrated by his service to the Rice American Legion.

THANKS, THANKS & THANKS

Jim Hovda – Adjutant.

Commander Chet and incoming Commander Fred Segler asked me to recognize the many folks who helped make our Memorial Day events a meaningful and successful event for our community it was.

Up front were the color guard w/rifle team and bugler along with members of the Patriot Guard. Chaplain Jan with a special Memorial Day Prayer, participation from Deacon Carl Nord and wreath placement by members of the Legion Auxiliary Unit, outstanding! Everyone missed the presence of the Sauk Rapids-Rice High School Band.

Then there were the “behind the scenes” folks, Legion and SAL members doing burgers, Auxiliary ordering and coordinating the food. Manager Cheryl ensuring that the bar and post facility ran smoothly. Rick Zima trimming and cleaning the monument. RPD Chief Ross Hammon ensuring that the flag was at half-staff. Lastly, our American Legion thanks all our good and loyal American Citizens who took time from family to remember and honor our veterans. I sure hope I did not miss anyone.

2015 – 2016 LEGION OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED

Newly and reelected officers for the coming term will be installed after then next legion meeting at the post on Monday, 08 June at 8:00 P.M. Officers to be installed are: Commander – Fred Segler; 1st Vice Commander – Floyd Hinkemeyer; 2nd Vice Commander - Charles Fuchs; 3rd Vice Commander – Jim Wolf; Service Officer – Duane Cekalla; Chaplain – Don Miklos; Judge Advocate – Charles Keeney and Historian – Chet Seviola.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Thank you to all you members who took time from family and friends to be at the three cemeteries on Memorial Day. Your presence was important. Uniforms looked good.

We were able to recruit two new members: Army veteran Jason Marthaler and Sammie Braswell. Sammie will be our Purple Heart Flag guardian. Thanks for volunteering. Your help will be deeply appreciated.



Lagonia Township Cemetery Boy Scouts marched from Legion to cemetery

MEAT RAFFLES FOR THE POST COLOR GUARD

Will be conducted by members of the legion, SAL and color guard to put dollars in the coffers for items needed to carry out our mission. The meat raffles will be held every Saturday in June just before our Keys for cash, 7:00 P.M. your support will really be appreciated.

THE POST PRAYER BOARD

Your Chaplains

The prayer board at the legion is a place we place names of folks (upon request) who are in need of our prayers. We do not list why, just that they need the help from Our Lord. Anyone can be placed there. You do not need to be part of the legion family. These folks could use a prayer (or two): Chet Seviola, Holly Schreiner, Tom Chies and Randy Klug.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Chaplain Emil Williams

Fathers' Day

I want to say "Happy Father's Day" to all of you dads out there. It is certainly not easy these days to raise children who are respectful, responsible, and resourceful. I could develop a whole sermon around those three adjectives but it would take up too much space, so I will steer it in another direction.

The Bible gives examples of good and bad earthly fathers. Those who were good examples always wove the principles of God's standards into their lives and those of their children. For starters, let's look at Ephesians 6:4. It says "and you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." And Deuteronomy 6:7, "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." Some dads seem to think they can just remove all restraint from their kids and let them grow up. That is like sowing wild oats. The Bible is clear on what to teach our children. Is it easy? Do the children always like it? NO! But as good fathers, we need to lead by word and deed (Mostly by deed).

I have a plaque in our bathroom that one of our boys gave me. On it are these words, "A father is God's reflection of Himself." I find it a good daily reminder for me to use in my everyday life.

Speaking of God, we see Him as the perfect Father because He showed love and taught us responsibility. They have to go together. Here are some verses to tell us what He is like:

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Ephesians 2:8-9, "⁸ for by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast."

These are just a few verses from the Bible that tell us of God's love for us imperfect earthly fathers and our families. God bless you, and may you have a God-blessed Father's Day!

Chaplain Emil Williams, SAL

THE FISHING TACKLE BOX

Here we are and the beginning of a new fishing season. I had the privilege of going with our son and son-in-law on the opener. We had a good time and I out fished the boys. I got a 17-inch walleye and a 20-inch northern pike. So, I'm on the board with two winners.

Boy, do I have a story to tell you folks. I have a "snitch" AKA Fred Segler told me a whopper that Commander Chet went to Florida fishing to try and get on the board with one of those "spoiled" red fish. Well, he fell and broke parts of both legs. Now he will have to do "dock" fishing. I don't have the full report on exactly what our commanders' injuries are, but we need to keep him in our prayers.

The pan fisher guys are getting some great "sunnies" When you accidentally get a walleye, catfish or northern pike call or let me know so I can get you in the monthly contest. A picture would be better so I can get in the NL. It could be good for a \$5.00 gift certificate at the post.

I received a report from Jim Hovda that Vince Goering (N shore of LRL) caught a 67.5" sturgeon that the DNR chart said weighed 90 lbs. They had to put a rope around its tail to get in the boat, it took 45 minutes to land. It went back in Rainey River. I would have liked to see a picture of that fish.

Until next month, fish safe, wear your PFD. Don't become a statistic. God bless.

Darlene Hiscock
"AKA" Ms. Tackle Box.

HOLD YOUR EVENT AT THE RICE LEGION you can host a party or other event at our Legion Post FOR FREE... No clean up and we can provide a bartender. Catering is an option, or you can host your own food. Catering can be done by Creative Catering.

KEYS FOR CASH FREE MONEY, a take-off from the Alamo. Cheryl and Sandy have a different twist. **EVERY SATURDAY** at 8:00 P.M. the bartender will draw a time, anywhere from 8:00 – 9:00 P.M. whatever time is drawn, that is when the cash drawing will be held. How do you get in on this bonus? Just stop in at the post and enter your name. It's free. No money. You'll be given a number and if it is drawn, you win. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**. As of the writing of this article the cash is \$400.00. The prize will hit a maximum of \$500.00. Eventually, someone will take home the cash. Don't miss the Saturday evening meat raffles, proceeds benefit area groups, come on over and try your luck.

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

I have to start out by telling Sarah Stang and Jessica Justin a huge congratulations. They won the \$1199 blackout bingo at the legion last month. We will be having bingo all summer long. Stop in and play bingo and you could be the one that walks out with over a \$1000 more in your life. I think we would all appreciate that.

Key for cash is another way to put extra dollars in your life. The pot is up to \$400. That starts at 8pm every Saturday night. At 7pm we try to start our meat raffle, great packages of meat. Come join us for all the fun.

Memorial day was a wonderful day at the legion. Our Color Guard did an awesome job again. Thanks to all our participants. Also thank you to all who have served and are serving in all of our Armed Forces.

Message from a Rice resident:

Thank You to Mary Bulhuis for leading the crowd in singing America the Beautiful. She did a great job! You all really looked sharp in your uniforms! !!. It was a beautiful service, Thank you.

Also we would like to say Thank You to the singer at Graham for helping us with America the Beautiful.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Hello Ladies,

Thanks to all of you who came to the Memorial Services and who brought a dish to share for the cookout. Even with the icky weather and not having the band there to play, the services were still great.

At this point our membership is at 73 adults and 4 juniors. If you need to renew or would like to join please send in your membership or drop by the club and leave it there or pick up an application there.

There will not be monthly meetings the months of June and July. We will resume August 10th with the place to be published in the July newsletter.

The menu for the June dinner will be Fried Fish, tater tots, salads and desserts. Our servers will be Michelle Brown, Brenda Marthaler, Maryanne Keeney, Sue Beierman. If for some reason you can't make it please let Pat Fuchs know asap at 393-2339, thanks.

Please consider signing up for our Brat Sale, which is August 1st. We only have one day this year as compared to two in past years. This is a nice fundraiser for us. Contact me, Janice, if you can help....393-2410 thank you!



Reading the names of those interned in the cemetery.

JUNE 2015 LEGION CALENDAR

03 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

06 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00.

06 D-Day, 1944. (Operation Overlord) 71st Anniversary.

08 Leg CC, BOD & Leg, SAL - Membership meetings. See below.

09 Auxiliary dinner. 5 – 7:00 P.M. at the post. Fried Fish, tater tots, salads, desserts

10 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

13 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00.

14 Flag Day. U.S. Army established. (1775) (Fly Flag)

17 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

18 War is declared on Great Britain. (War of 1812)

20 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.

21 Father's Day. (Fly Flag)

22 Pledge of Allegiance recognized by congress. (1942)

24 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

25 Korean War begins. (1950)

27 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:30 P.M.

Meetings start with (1) Legion Club Committee 6:00 P.M., Pine Country Bank (2) Legion Board of Directors at 6:30 P.M. PCB. & (3) Legion, SAL meeting 7:00 P.M. at PCB. SAL members meet w/Leg. Officer installation at the post at 8:00 P.M.

THE VA MEDICAL CENTER

Has an excellent urgent care facility. It's located just inside the main entrance. If your medical need is more than home treatment can solve, this is your answer. Service is fast the staff will bend over backwards to help.

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