



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

December 2012

From the Commander

I am looking forward to the Legion Christmas party. We will have a short business meeting followed by a great meal, fellowship and a gift exchange. George Fiedler who is the District 7 Benton County Veterans Service Officer will be our guest speaker. If you want to participate in the gift exchange bring a gift marked for a male or female valued at less than \$10.

If you are not familiar with Jeff Gondeck I want to tell you about his work. He has volunteered to build the American Legion Riders & Sons of the American Legion Squadron 473. Jeff has been contacting and organizing potential, current and past members of SAL Squadron 473 as well as folks who have an interest in the American Legion Riders program. If you want to become active or you know of possible members let Jeff know. His contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

Your Legion made a presentation to the Pine Country Bank to thank them for the use of their conference room for our monthly meetings. Please take a moment to drop by the bank and say thank you to Lorna Lange the branch manager.

Chet Seviola

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS & S.A.L. SQUADRON 473

Greetings Gentleman, Things are moving forward at our post. We had our first meeting and Past Commander Hovda has sworn in Jared John as our treasurer, the adjutant is Jim Hovda and myself as Commander. We will need more officers to fill the vacancies. They are as follows historian, chaplain, 1st and 2nd vice commanders. Anyone interested please contact one of the officers. There is a Christmas party at our post on December 10 at 1900 hours. If you like you can participate in the gift giving. Please buy a gift (no more than \$10 dollars) and mark it for male or female. Hope to see you there! Everyone have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Until then At Ease Gentleman!
Your Commander Jeff Gondeck

HONOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Your post honor guard participated in the wake, funeral and interment of member and former chaplain, Dick (B.J.) Molohon. Commander Chet extends a "Thank you" for all the members who participated. The first ever navy "Two Bell" ceremony was conducted at the wake. Commander Dan Severson U.S. Navy (Ret) did the reading and a family member Captain John Majhler, U.S. M.C. rang the navy bell. It was an impressive part of our legion wake ceremony. Editor Nancy Anderson is posting some pictures of the event.

Remember; keep uniforms "squared away" for unscheduled events.



WARRIORS COLUMN

Jim Hovda, 1SG U.S. Army (Retired)

The only soldier I've heard from is PFC Jacob Davenport. If you all remember, I wrote about our newest post member and his assignment as a guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. Here is a picture of him walking his first tour at the Tomb. If you take a trip to Washington D.C., this is one place you should place on your "events" list of places to go. Maybe you will see "Our Soldier" on duty.



CHAPLAINS CORNER

Dear Members of our Legion Family:

I apologize for not drafting my usual article to you, my legion family. My knee replacement turned out to be a much more difficult issue than anticipated. Yes, your chaplain can use a prayer or two too.

Thank you to Pastor Emil Williams for taking my place at the wake and interment services for our former chaplain, Dick (B.J.) Molohon on the 16th and 17th of Nov . It was, I believe, fitting for you to be able to participate and “take the reins” in this event as you were a close friend of Dick Molohon.

I'll challenge our membership to remember the true meaning of Christmas. The birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. No “Xmas or happy holidays” from this house. It will be “MERRY CHRISTMAS.” I'm going to be politically correct with my Lord and Savior.

In closing, pray for all those in need for whatever the reason. I hope to be back “in service” in the near future.

**I remain, Your Chaplain,
Don Miklos
Chaplain American Legion Post 0473**



MS. TACKLE BOX

Well, well Mr. Commander. I use bigger suckers for bait in our lakes than you can catch in the ocean! Take me along with you and I'll show you a thing or two about fishing.....

Now, on to you sunfish and crappie folks. I guess I am going to have to take you all fishing on the hard water to show you how to nab pan fish. We will wait until our good chaplain Don is able to go. He'll complain like heck if he is not included in my fishing lessons on how to fish.

Now on to a serious issue. Please be careful on the ice. No fish is worth injury or death. I do worry about all of you. Bad things can happen in a flash. Fish with a friend and carry a Phillips Screwdriver in case you break thru to get yourself out. Our early ice folks are in the greatest danger.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Be safe and God Bless.

Darlene Hiscock (AKA) Ms. Tackle Box

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From the Club

Help-Help-Help. We are looking for volunteers to come and help out with our bingo nights. If you have a strong voice and can make change we would love your help with bingo. Our bingo brings in a good supply of the gambling profits and there are just a few of us that make this happen. Please give Charlie Fuchs or myself a call and we would love to bring you aboard. Once a month or as often as you can help would be great. Bingo numbers are getting high and the pot will soon reach \$1199. Come and join in the fun and excitement of winning.

Christmas season is here and I'd like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The club will be open on Christmas Eve til 6 and closed Christmas eve and Christmas day. We are also closed on New Years Day.

I would like to say thank you to Floyd and Janis Henkemeyer for all the time and hard work decorating our club outside. It is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to hold a meat raffle anytime in the month of Dec. or Jan. please give me a call at the club. 320-393-4545 This is a great way to raise money for your organization.

Cheryl Bovy

AUXILIARY NEWS

Dear Ladies,

Well here it is the end of another year, hard to believe.

The Widow's Weekend was exciting. Nancy Anderson, Maryanne Keeney and myself helped with the food and selling gift baskets. The Legion was packed and everyone had a great time. First time I had ever played deer bingo.

Thank you to all the ladies who made bars for American Education Week! The staff is always appreciative and sent us a Thank You note. The staff also sent a thank you card for the bag of goodies and one of the classrooms sent a "Thank You" card to the Auxiliary for the bag of goodies and the Legion men for the apples that they got! Attached are a couple pictures from the Veteran's program that as held in the school gym. Pictured is Jim Hovda and Henry Smoley (Army Air Force) WW11and Jim Hovda and Nate Rudolph (Rice Elementary principle).

We have approximately 24 unpaid members that have not renewed membership for 2013. Please try to get your membership paid as soon as possible and get your free drink ticket until December 31, 2012.

Our annual Children's Christmas party is scheduled for December 1st starting at 1:00 pm. Please come if you can help out. It only runs for a couple of hours and we are a little short handed.

Our Annual Club Christmas party is planned for December 10th starting with a brief meeting at 6:30 and the meal to follow. There is a \$10 gift exchange for the men and women and door prizes. Hope to see you all there!

Placement of wreaths at the Little Falls Veterans Cemetery is planned for December 8th at 11:00 a.m. plan to get there early. Our Auxiliary sponsored quite a few wreaths.

The Kemps milk cap program has been terminated so there is no need to save these. We are still saving pop can tabs, Campbell labels and food club receipts.

After 2 1/2 years, Nancy Anderson worked hard, but received our money from Schwan's for the truckload sale we had. Next year we are looking into another fundraiser. Candy bar sales are slow and we probably won't do that again but you don't know unless you try.

Janice Martin



Jim Hovda and Henry Smoley (Army Air Force) WW11



Jim Hovda and Nate Rudolph (Rice Elementary principle).

AIRBORNE HERITAGE

Jim Hovda

On December 31st 1968, then Captain "Nick Rowe" escapes Viet Cong after five years of captivity. Rescued by U.S. forces, Rowe Nick wrote a book, Five Years to Freedom. Later promoted to Colonel, Rowe was assigned to the Philippines where he was killed in a ambush while riding in a vehicle to a headquarters.

I had the opportunity to meet Nick Rowe at a Special Forces convention and can say he was a remarkable man, a real soldier.

LEGION - DECEMBER 2012 - CALENDER

05 Operation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.

07 Japanese aircraft attack Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Flag ½ staff until sunset. (1941)

08 U.S. Declares war on Japan, Japanese attack the Philippines.

10 Legion Auxiliary and SAL meeting and membership dinner/party. Post 7:00 P.M.

11 U.S. Declares war on Germany and Italy. (1941)

12 Cavalry Branch of the army established/B'day of the armor branch. (1775)

12 Operation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.

13 First muster of the Massachusetts Bay Colony Militia. Birthday of the National Guard. (1636)

16 Ardennes - Alsace (Battle of the Bulge) begins. (1944)

19 Operation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.

20 Operation Just Cause begins. (Panama) (1989)

21 Winter begins.

25 Christmas day - Club closed.

27 Operation Bingo.

31 Official end of WWII (1945) New Years Eve.

NOTE - - The three legion meetings start with (1) the club committee

at 4:30 PM (2) board of directors at 5:00 PM and (3) membership meeting at **7:00 PM. The membership mtg this month will be at the post because of the Christmas membership party. Aux & SAL will also be there.**

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