



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

June 2018

FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Here we go again, this month has flown by, it seems like the older we get the faster time fly's. We had a nice ceremony to remember the personnel in Law Enforcement at the Memorial, a small attendance but it's the first time we have done this. Highway Petrol, DNR, Sheriffs Dept and the Rice Police were in attendance. We recognized all the Officers that had lost their lives in MN. This is something we can build on.

The drawing for the Veterans Quilt was held and we raised 858.25 after all expenses . The winner was Jessica Brenny, she seemed very happy to have this very beautiful Quilt. Thanks to all who sold tickets and to Judy Segler and her helpers that made the Quilt. It was very nice. At last winter has passed and we can chase the fish, Walleyes have been biting on little Rock and we expect to see some fish listed by our fisherman and Ladies.

Memorial Day will have passed and hopefully we will have had nice weather for our remembrance. This remembrance gets bigger every year and its super nice and our duty to stop and think how much was sacrificed by so many. Hopefully you were all there. We are looking for some one or group that will accept the job of tending the Memorial, pull a few weeds clean the benches and keep an eye on the flags, If you could do this Call me at 320 393-2484. Here's hoping this finds you all well and staying that way. Fred

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. They also have a dental clinic. **NEW** - - Also, walk-in services Audiology to have hearing issues taken care of.

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POST SERVICE OFFICER

Charles Anderson

State bill tracker, 19 signed by Governor, 30 approved, 25 introduced, 9 laid over, 3 included, 4 passed by House and senate.

Federal bill tracker, 5 introduced, 1 passed Senate.

Honor Run/Walk Sept. 15th, 2018, Morrison County is holding the Walk/Run.
Veterans Job Fair, June 27, 2018. 2pm-4: 30pm, Minneapolis VA Medical Center.

Aspen Dental, Day of Service, 9am-3pm, Saturday June 9.

MN Veteran Outdoor Programs Physically Disabled Veterans Deer Hunt, October 9th-11th, 2018

The St. Cloud VA is adding collages of Veteran pictures to the Vietnam War exhibit, they are looking for photos of Veterans.

Coffee Talks, June 8th 2 pm, bldg 4 room 114.

Whole Health June 1st Noon bldg 28, room 67, June 18, 10am bldg 4, room 114

Military Order of the Purple Heart to shut down at the end of June. Contact your County Veteran Service Officer.

Isakson, Testor applauds House Committee Approval of Legislation aimed at Improving Veterans Community Care.

What is National Poppy Day? Honor the Fallen, Support the Living.

Judge rules Non-Profits can sue Monsanto for Misleading Labeling of Popular Herbicide Roundup.

Credit Card Scammers targeting retailers, Self-checkout lines.

Minnesota Veterans 4 Veterans Trust Fund (V4V) Awarded Three Grants Totaling \$42,000 to Assist Veterans. VINE Faith in action \$25,000, MN VFW Auxiliary \$7,000, Middle River Veterans outdoors inc. \$10,000.

Legion memorializes B-17 crew. Sheridan, Arkansas.

House panel supports Agent Orange coverage for Blue Water Navy Veterans.

House panel backs plans for another big VA funding Boost.

Lawmaker advance VA health care overhaul, Medical Marijuana research for Vets.

Agent orange testing draws concerns, While GAO will not conduct own testing.

The darker side of the Pentagon's sexual assault report.

National Nurses week: Remembering nurses and their contributions to Military Medicine.

Iowans gather to honor Vietnam Veterans. Recognition day aims to 'right that wrong' of 50 years ago.

DAV and Auxiliary, Please help us to pass Critical Legislation to expand caregiver benefits and strengthen Veterans health care.

DAV, fwd: H.R. 3605 and S. 2038, Fairness for Korean DMZ Veterans Act of 2017.

DAV, Support S. 2565, the Veteran Employment and child care act of 2018

DAV, H.R. 5467, the Purple Heart Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018.

DAV, H.R. 4898, keeping our commitment to ending Veteran Homelessness Act of 2018.

DAV, VA Mission Act of 2018, H.R. 5674.

DAV, H.R. 5467, the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Access Act of 2018.
DAV, Support S. 1072, the Homeless Veterans Prevention Act of 2017.
DAV, S. 2356, Stronger Medical Workforce Act.
DAV, SUPPORT H.R. 5452, Reduce Unemployment for Veterans of all Ages Act.
VVA President to USA President: Please don't rush to Judgment for next nominee.
VVA calls for more Action on Military Base Toxic Exposures.
VVA President to the President: Grant Iraqi, Afghani Interpreters Entry to the U.S
Agent Orange Flash Update 05052018, Distribute to all Lists
FWD: House Veterans Affairs Committee passes VVA top Legislative priorities H.R. 299 Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act and language in H.R. 5674 VA Mission Care Act extending Benefits to Pre-911 Veterans.
CMS opens Medicare evidence-based diabetes prevention services model to community healthcare organizations.
Sexual assault legal loophole prevents victim military transfers, lawmaker says.
Fieldwork begins to look into possible Agent Orange use.
California holds successful inaugural Legion College.
First person: A California American Legion College Journey.
House takes strides to improve health care for women veterans.
Long-term direction of VA uncertain: 50 days without a secretary.
Navy SEAL Master Chief Britt Slabinski to receive the Medal of Honor.
Valuable Tax Benefits are available to Minnesota Military Service Members.
Mielke , Lubricants route Driver,
Maintenance Mechanic (Military Veterans Only), WG-4749-10. See all stories and flyers at Legion.

**POW/MIA
Charles Anderson**

As of May 20th ten more Veterans have been accounted for, year to date 70 Veterans have been accounted for, WW2-9, Korean War-2, Vietnam War-0.

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.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Emil Williams

Dear Comrades,

As usual I seek the Lord for His leading as to what to share so it will be a blessing to those who read the article.

The other day, the phrase came to me: “but God!” There are many examples in the Bible when God intervenes in the lives of individuals and groups. I want to share some of those events from the Bible to encourage us to trust more in God’s love and grace. We all experience hurts and trials, sickness and death. Therefore we all need to be encouraged in this journey called life.

We find in the book of Genesis that Abraham and Sarah were childless and wanted a child. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was around ninety-one years of age. But God alone could bring about conception at those ages. God gave them a son named Isaac, which means “laughter”.

Skipping over many other examples we will go to Judges, chapter 6. The Midianites had invaded the land of Israel and were taking their food, animals and homes. God appears to Gideon and tells him to go fight the hoards of the Midianites and that He would be with him. Gideon gathers 32,000 troops to fight against them. God tells Gideon, “Lest you take the glory to yourself, the number needs to be pared down to only 300.” This is an example of “But God” intervening to bring about victory for the nation of Israel.

We can learn a lesson from these examples. Even though the odds are against us, nothing is impossible with God. We could list many, many more examples but turn now in your Bibles to the greatest miracle of all. We read about it in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. They recount how Jesus was born to a virgin named Mary. Again, this cannot happen in the natural even though I have heard of some girls saying it happened to them.

The short story of why this happened is so Jesus could live a sinless life, be crucified on the cross for our sins, and rise from the dead for our justification which means we become sinless in God’s sight through Jesus Christ our Lord. This takes place by faith and is one of the mysteries of the gospel.

Romans 5:8 says, “But God demonstrates His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” The Just for the unjust; talk about the love and grace of God! Again, “But God!” He did for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

God specializes in what we call impossible—JUST FOR US! I pray that this lesson will encourage us to believe that God is for us and not against us, as the devil would have us believe.

From now on we will list the names of those who need prayer and are listed on the prayer board at the Legion. The current names are: Philly Miklos, Len Smallwood, Randy Fernholtz, and Jerry Hiscock, Tom Hyslop.

We encourage each one to remember them in your prayers. We ask our Heavenly Father to wrap His arms of love around them and show them His mercy and grace.

God bless you until next time. SAL Chaplain Emil Williams

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Your post color guard was busy in May. First, we were present at the Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony at the Memorial Monument. Then we had the honor of conducting honors at the “Gene” Kivi interment at Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church then it was “all hands-on deck” for the three Memorial Day ceremonies at our local cemeteries.

We welcome two new members to our organization, Erik Bonde and Tammy Kilman. Thanks for volunteering to be part of our team

PULL TAB DONATIONS - May

You good folks who take your chances at winning lots of \$\$\$\$\$ also make it possible for your post to donate to many causes. Also, the good folks who sponsor meat raffles raise money for those in need. Donations include: To lawful purpose organizations under various codes and your post color guard.

We would be remiss if we did not extend our appreciation for the outstanding support of the meat raffles. Many in our community have benefitted from your generosity

Our post thanks everyone for their support.

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

Ready – set – go – Season has started.

Got some phone calls to start the season off, the same two guys are bucking heads again. They have been competing for years – yup – you guessed it, Fred Segler and Don Miklos. I think it’s been more than fifty years.

I got to go fishing on opener. It was so peaceful I thought I died and went to heaven. Caught a bunch of Northerns. No “eyes”, God were they good.

Got Jerry settled in Good Shepherd Nursing Home. Transition went well. And, by the way, you good post members, if you have the time, we have these members there too: George Gazette Tom Hyslop and past member Debbie Ludwig.

All for now – fish safe, wear your PFD (more deaths on water this past week) and watch out for the new Northern Pike size limits.

Darlene Hiscock
“AKA” Ms. Tackle Box.

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 \$250.00. 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

My garden is coming along great. It would be better if we would get rain.

As many of you know I have given my notice at the club to retire. I said I would stay on until they found a replacement. If you know anyone that is interested in working 15 hours per week please have them stop at the Legion to fill out an application. Thank you.

Bingo will start up again in June. We will have a whole new program to try and attract more people. Also don't forget our meat raffles and our key for cash on Saturday nights. Starting approximately at seven.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Joyce Segler

Spring is here. I have been waiting since January for this bit of good news. Tulips and daffodils are blooming, I can smell the lilacs as I walk in the yard and my snowball bush has my favorite snowballs.

After trying for a couple of years thanks to Mary Ann Keeney's perseverance the Auxiliary has a date to do a fund raising event at Coborns in Sauk Rapids on June 23rd. Any and all help is greatly appreciated, please call if you can help that day or you may be hearing from Pat Fuchs or me as we line up workers. THANKS

Our June dinner is Tues June 12; servers are Sue Beierman, Brenda Marthaler, and Theresa Esterly. Dinner is homemade pot roast, potatoes, carrots and gravy, homemade salads and desserts. Hope to see you there.

The Auxiliary is not meeting in the summer months but I will keep you informed of dinners and who is serving.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Memorial Day Services.

Blessings, Joyce

JUNE 2018 LEGION CALENDAR

02 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.

06 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.

06 Operation Overlord D-Day. Allies invade Normandy. (1945)

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

11 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Leg, Aux & SAL)

Flag retirement following the Legion meeting.

12 AUXILIARY DINNER 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post. Homemade Pot Roast, potatoes, carrots, and gravy, salads, and desserts

13 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.

14 Flag Day. (Fly Flag) HAPPY B'DAY U.S. ARMY. (1775)

16 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.

17 Father's Day. (Fly Flag)

18 War of 1812, War declared on Great Britain.

20 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.

21 First day of summer.

23 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.

25 North Korea invades South Korea. (1950)

27 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.

30 KEYS FOR CASH 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.

NOTE MEETING TIME CHANGES.....

Legion meetings at the Pine Country Bank meeting room start w/the bar committee 6:30 P.M. followed by the BOD meeting at 6:45 and ending with a combined SAL and Leg membership meeting at 7:00 P.M. The auxiliary will not meet for June, July, August. All members are encouraged to attend.

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