



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Jerry Lage

From the Commander:

"The Heat is On" and July is in full swing of Summer. I hope you are enjoying it. Hot summer days do not last long and then we turn the corner back to BRRR!

I am honored and excited to be Post 473 Commander. 2018 - 2019 is the 100-year Anniversary of the American Legion. 100 years of supporting and celebrating Veterans serving the Armed Forces of America. Thank you for serving this most worthwhile organization. Thank you also to the new elected and appointed Board. I appreciate all of your talents and dedication.

Retaining membership and signing new members is the lifeblood of our Legion post. With the 100 year Anniversary, any member that signs up a new member to Post 473 will receive a 100-year Anniversary pin. Signing two members and you will receive an American Legion 100 year Anniversary cap. With active members we are able to accomplish much more for our Post, Veterans and Community.

Upcoming events:

July 31 - Aug 5 "Remembering Our Fallen" at the Benton County Fair.

Aug 13 Post 473 Membership Meeting

6:30 (18:30)pm Board

7:00 (19:00)pm Membership

Aug 18 Rice Community Fun Day Parade Color Guard

Sept 11 Patriot Day

For God, Country and family the American Legion serves.

Jerry Lage, Commander Post 473

## **POST SERVICE OFFICER**

Charles Anderson

State Bill Tracker, No change. Federal Bill Tracker, No change.

H. R. 4556, Opening VA Dental Care to All Veterans. 9.1 Million Veterans enrolled in the VA health care system.

H. R. 4843, To Include Military Installations in Thailand to Herbicide Exposure.

H. R. 5671, the Burn Pits Accountability Act.

Letter from Steve Womack, to Mike Enzi, on VA Mission Act, and the Veterans Choice Act.

Air Force Crews Get New Rifle for Defense in Case of Crash, Ejection.

Wilkie Pledges No VA Health Care Privatization.

VA Nominee Wilkie's Top Priority: Getting Vets in Front of a Doctor.

VA secretary nominee testifies in Senate confirmation hearing.

Job Seekers: Getting Through It If You Don't Get the Job.

Veteran sets himself on fire in Georgia to protest VA conditions.

200K Veterans overpaid in 2016: Proposed Law would keep them from debt.

Veteran Service Organizations come together for Blue Water Veterans.

House bill to provide Agent Orange health coverage for 'Blue Water Navy' vets of Vietnam War Passes 382-0 in the House of Representatives.

Support disaster victims with NEF contribution.

Long overdue Medal of Honor to be awarded to 1Lt Garlin M. Conner.

Legion appeals court decision to remove 93-year-old memorial.

Bladensburg WW1 Veterans Memorial case appealed to the Supreme Court.

Legionnaire remembered for his Medal of Honor Flag Design.

National Desert Storm memorial site selected.

Desert Storm Memorial to be built on National Mall. To rest and reflect.

In Alaska, a Glacier Recovery Mission Delivers Ghosts of Fallen Troops.

Teaching youth while growing the Legion.

VVA Applauds House Passage of Blue Water Navy Act: Calls on Senate to Follow Suit ASAP.

Home Before Morning. A Memoir of a Vietnam War Army Nurse.

With held HHS Study on Base Water Contaminants is Out-and it's Not Good.

Secret VA Nursing Home Ratings Hide Poor Quality of Care from Public.

Smithsonian Reveals Winning Design for Native American Veterans Memorial.

Joint Retiree Appreciation Day (JRAD) Please see the registration page on this website for registration details.

VA Nursing Homes, Beyond Inflammatory headlines & Into The Data.

Take Command, Enhance Your TRICARE Experience. Changes in marital status, Changes in TRICARE coverage.

Kirsten Gillibrand Pleads for Military to review Sexual Abuse, Domestic Violence Allegation: We have Grave Concerns for their Safety.

VA Releases State- level Veteran Suicide Data, National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide.

American troops involved in Thai cave rescue.

VA secretary nomination heads to Senate Floor for a vote.

The real story behind the MAVNI discharges.

Memorial for Native American Veterans slated for D.C.  
Legion post back from the brink.  
Legion report calls for action to reduce Veteran suicide.  
More than just a visit to a fellow Veteran.  
Boys State volunteers give of their summer to give back to the program.  
VA doctor shortage fueled by management issues, poor pay.  
Eligible Veterans Can Seek Refund for Taxes on Disability Severance Payment.  
More cancer treatment options opening to veterans thanks to new partnership.  
Why are Vietnam Vets, Families Still Waiting for VA Caregiver Benefits?  
Wisconsin documentation sparks effort to honor World War I female phone operators with Congressional Gold Medal.  
Trump loyalists at VA shuffling, purging employees before new secretary takes over.  
Major League Baseball honors military during All-star Week.  
Restoring honor.  
Chairman Roe Opening Statement: The VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act: One Year Later.  
VA and IBM Watson Health Extend Partnership to Support Veterans With Cancer.  
What's Eating America's Navy? Problems That Need Fixing Immediately.  
Nonprofit unites veterans through water sports.

## POW/MIA

Charles Anderson

As of July 29, 2018 85 Veterans have been accounted for.  
WW2-6, KW-6, VW-0.

Missing In America Project. It's The Right Thing To Do! They are searching and giving Military Rights and Honors to the unclaimed remains of America's Fallen Hero's.

The American Legion of Iowa, Missing in America Project.

Remains of 8 Veterans, long unclaimed, buried in San Antonio.

## THANK YOU PINE COUNTRY BANK

FOR MAKING YOUR COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM AVAILABLE FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS. IT'S A PERFECT SETTING. HAVING A PLACE FOR GROUPS LIKE OURS TO MEET IS A POSITIVE REFLECTION ON YOUR BANK.

## 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. Call first at: 320/255-6370 X4370.

NEED A RIDE TO A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT AND LIVE IN BENTON COUNTY - CALL FOLEY AREA CARE. THEY WILL TRY TO GET YOU TRANSPORTATION. 968-7848

These folks can use more volunteer drivers. Jim Hovda is one of the volunteer drivers and volunteers to drive veterans from the Rice area. This is a really good cause. The same phone number applies.

## COLOR GUARD COLUMN

### Jim Hovda

Jim & Marilyn Larson represented us at the Monticello MN parade. It will be all hands-on deck for the Rice Fun Days Parade on Saturday, 18 August. Members need to be at the post NLT 2:00 P.M. We'll need everyone.

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Emil Williams

### **Do you ever get discouraged?**

**I think probably most of us have experienced that sometime in our lives. Maybe this is news to you, but there are accounts in the Bible of individuals who got discouraged too.**

**The great prophet Elijah who predicted a severe famine in Israel, was fed by ravens, fed by a widow whose barrel of flour and jar of oil never ran out during the famine, raised a boy from the dead, and made a sacrifice to God who caused fire to come down from Heaven and consume his offering, well, you would think he would never get discouraged. But he did (Elijah's story can be found in 1 Kings 17-19).**

**We may say, "Oh, if only God would do this or that for me, I would never doubt Him again."**

**But we as humans have a short memory sometimes and forget all that God has done for us.**

**Elijah was much like us. Also, after a great victory over the prophets of Baal (idol worshippers), we see him running for his life because the wife of King Ahab had threatened to have him killed.**

**He runs south to Mt. Horeb, which some scholars think may be the same as Mt. Sinai. There he has a real pity party and tells God he is the only one left who worships Him. God shows Elijah His great power, tells him there are 7000 who haven't bowed the knee to Baal, and then speaks to him in a whisper and tells him to return to Israel because He has a job for him to do. Through all of this, Elijah receives encouragement and confidence from God and does God's work.**

**When we get anxious, burdened down with care, and discouraged, Jesus tells us to come to Him, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30) 1 Peter 5:7 says, "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." That includes our finances, sicknesses, addictions, marriage problems, etc. Jesus wants to help us.**

**To get discouraged is human but to go to Jesus with our sorrows is divine. May God bless you! I pray that this short example will be of help when you think the whole world is against you**

**Emil Williams SAL Chaplain**

**As many of you know, there is a white board at the Legion with the names of individuals who need prayer for various reasons. We encourage you to please lift up these individuals to our Heavenly Father, and petition Him for comfort, healing, and help in each person's time of need.**

If you know others who need prayer, please call Don Miklos (320-584-5825), Emil Williams (320-393-2203), or the Legion (320-393-4545).

These are the name of those on the list currently. Randy Fernholz, Jerry Hiscock, Philly Miklos, Steven Erickson, and George Gazette.

## THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

Can you believe the year is half over already? I only got out fishing three times so far.

Mr. Hovda is like most people who live on a lake doesn't fish. Should we have him committed? Usually, he's trying to enter fish from a foreign country. I heard that his two summer trips got cancelled. My spies don't know why. And, he has not tried out his new multi-million dollar electric trolling motor yet. Come on Mr. Hovda, let's get with the program.

I've also heard thru the grapevine that we may have an active angler, Mark Soderholm who lives next door to Mr. Hovda. If he's such a hot fisherman, let me see some fish. He's also a SAL member.

Got a call from Jim Segler, he got a 25-inch walleye and an 18-inch catfish. It looks like he is in competition with Fred. A 32-inch northern pike was landed by Eugene "Bones" Warrick, Not sure of the lake.

Also, MIA from the fishing scene is Chaplain Don Miklos and the Wolf boys. Did you all lose your fish poles?

It was good to hear Fred and Joyce are doing well health-wise. And, we. Could use some prayers for Jerry, he is not doing well.

Last, I'm working on **the possibility** of getting some of your fish on the TV screen at the post. At this time, it is just a MAYBE. So, if you can take a picture that can be sent by email, do it. I'll keep you informed.

Fish safe and give me a call (393-2106) with info about your fish.

GOD BLESS

Darlene Hiscock - - "AKA" Ms. Tackle Box

## PULL TAB DONATIONS - July

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.

**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.

### **FROM THE CLUB**

Cheryl Bovy

August is harvest time. So that's what's keeping me busy this month.

We now have E tabs at the Legion. They are like a miniature slot machine that you can play right at the bar. The money made from these will go directly to gambling along with the pull-tab donations.

Happy Anniversary to Wayne and Brenda Carriveau who had a get together at the Legion in July.

Don't Forget about Rice Days the 18th of Aug. Stop by the Legion and say hello. And visit with friends. The meat raffle that day will start approximately 5 o'clock. also at seven along with Key for cash at 8.

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Joyce Segler

August Auxiliary Dinner is August 14 with Grilled steak, baked potato, vegetables, salads and desserts. Servers are Pat Fuchs, Char Lage, Maryann Keeney, Tammy Kilman.

**Membership Dues will be coming soon just a reminder we had to increase our due to \$25.00 to the cover the increase we have to send into to District.**

## **AUGUST 2018 LEGION CALENDAR**

- 01 BINGO. 7)pp P.M. Post**
- 04 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 06 First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. (1945)
- 07 Purple Heart Badge established. (1782)
- 08 BINIGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 09 Second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki. (1945)
- 11 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 13 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Leg, Aux & SAL)**
- 14 Auxiliary Dinner, 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 14 Japan Surrendered, ending WWII. (1945)
- 15 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 16 National Airborne Day
- 18 Rice Fun days. Color Guard at post 2:00 P.M.**
- 18 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 22 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 25 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 29 BINGO. 700 P.M. Post.**
- 31 Large veterans display at the BC Fair 31 Aug – 05 Sep.

### **NOTE MEETING TIME CHANGES.....**

Legion meetings at the Pine Country Bank meeting room start w/the bar committee 6:00 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. All members are encouraged to attend.



## IMPORTANT POINTS OF CONTACT:

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Rice Legion Website [www.post473.com](http://www.post473.com)

Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255

National Suicide Prevention 1-800-273-8255