



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Members we just held the annual Flag disposal at the club it was well attended with many adults and lots of Scouts. They were very helpful and quite respectful during the ceremony. If you have not attended this it would be nice to see a few more members attending. It still gives me goose bumps hearing the Bugle play to the colors; good Job Jim never missed a note. We are considering marching in the Bowlus parade on July 3rd. if you are interested please let us Know. I recently had my eyes checked at the VA and was very impressed with their professional work. This is available to Vets check it out. Again we need a better attendance at our Legion meetings, Every 2nd Monday at the Pine Country Bank at 7:00 pm. hope to see more of you there. Remember the Legion works hard fighting to keep and expand your benefits.

Thanks, Commander Fred W. Segler

## 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 that just came on line.

## POST SERVICE OFFICER

Charles Anderson

I had the good fortune of meeting our County Veteran Service Officers of Benton, Stearns, and Morrison County. I also got to meet the Veteran Service Officers at the Veterans Administration. I got some good feed back and am also have gotten the lines of communication opened up so that I can try and keep you up to date.

Dates to remember: July 14 and 15 2016 Disabled American Veterans will be at the County Government Center in Little Falls, They have many services that you can take advantage of, also if you have a claim issue or appeal they will help with that.

October 7, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to give Flu shots.

September 17, 2016 Veterans Rendezvous from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. All veterans welcome.

June 1, 2016, Governor Dayton Signed 2016 Minnesota session Law Chapter 189 H. F. No. 1749 Supplemental Budget Bill. That exempts Military Retirement pay from being taxed. It amends statues Chapter 290. Make sure your tax preparer is aware of it.

V. A. Announces community care call center to help veterans with choice program billing issues. Phone Number [1-877-881-7618](tel:1-877-881-7618) Press 1 at prompt.

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/gov/ebenefits/homepage> to get an account to access your v. a. benefits, obtain important documents, pay, certificate of eligibility education, and v. a. home loans.

Also veteran's preference and employment assistance.

If you have wheel chairs and walkers and crutches, Hospital beds that you want to get rid of call Dace Wenzel at [1-651-291-1212](tel:1-651-291-1212) e-mail at [dave@davmn.org](mailto:dave@davmn.org), Also if you need one you can call him.

If you need to contact me Call me at [320-393-2108](tel:320-393-2108) and leave message. Thank You. More to come Later

God Bless America and all its Veterans. Charlie Post Service Officer

## **WARRIORS COLUMN**

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



First Sergeant (Ret) U.S. Army with an honor guard of former army airborne troopers in WWII uniforms at the funeral of WWII Paratrooper Ray Nagell, Jr. in Richfield, MN.



## **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

We will try to make the parade in Bowlus. It's fairly long, and the last two have brought really hot weather. The parade is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and we need to be at the parade starting point about 10:30 A.M. I'll have Kilroy there.

## **LEGION, AUXILIARY AND SAL MEMBERS**

Our Honor Guard will provide a prayer service and/or graveside service for our deceased Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members. The family must request whichever services they would like (wake prayer service, participation at the funeral and/or graveside service), usually through whoever at the funeral home is in charge of the arrangements. If a funeral home is involved we must work with them as they are in charge of all the arrangements and they deal directly with the family members.

Our Honor Guard does not contact the family directly upon receiving notice of a member's death. If a member would like such a service when they pass on, it would be helpful if they would let their family members know their wishes. Often the family members are unaware that their loved one belonged to an American Legion Post, Unit or Squadron, or they don't know which Post, Unit or Squadron their loved one belonged to. They may be are unaware of the services we offer. It would be helpful to them if their loved one gave them a heads up before the service is needed.

The prayer service is usually done at the wake, but we will work with the funeral director if other arrangements are desired. The graveside service can include taps and/or presentation of a flag (and, in the case of a Post member, a rifle squad). We can and will provide any or all of these services upon the family's request.

We do not contact family members upon notice of a member's death because we do not wish to intrude at a time of great distress. We work with the funeral home as they are in the best position to present the option of Legion participation without putting the family in a position of feeling pressured to something they may not want to do.

If you have any questions about what we do for our Post, Unit or Squadron members in regard to Honor Guard participation at the death of a member, please contact the appropriate Chaplain, listed on the last page of the newsletter.

### **YOUR NEW LEG/SAL OFFICERS FOR 2016-17**

Elected and took the oath of office for the legion were: Commander Fred Segler; 1V and Finance officer, Floyd Hinkemeyer; 2V, Charlie Fuchs; 3V, Charles Keeney; Service Officer, Charlie Anderson; Chaplain, Don Miklos; Sgt-at Arms, Charles Keeney; Historian, Chet Seviola and Judge Advocate, Pat Smoley. SAL Officers: Commander, Jim Wolf; Finance Officer, Scott Biereman and Chaplain, Emil Williams.

### **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Don Micklos

**Dear Comrades;**

**A while ago, I wrote about St. Paul being knocked from his horse by God's hand as sort of a wake-up call. No, I did not suffer anything that drastic but I did rescue sort of a reality check. While attending the funeral of a young friend and while the pastor was talking about her accomplishments, for some reason two Latin words popped into my mind "Carpe-Diem" (Seize the Day). I hadn't thought about these words since I was in the service! Why now? The words were emblazoned on a Regimental crest and told the world that this unit had accomplished a great victory and now their legacy was printed on their crest. And they wore it with pride!**

The pastor related how, still in her tender years of life this young lady had gone on missions to foreign lands to help less fortunate people. He spoke of her compassion for others and her loyalty to her friends and her undying faith to our Lord, Jesus Christ. How she had done all these things in a very short life span, as she was now only eighteen years old “Carpe-diem”, my friends. She seized the days and made them her own! Her legacy is written in our hearts because she cared and acted on opportunists to help others, by the Lords request.

God gives us opportunities daily. We have but to recognize them and then act. Don't put off doing what you believe is right. Pray that God grants us the courage, even though it may not be politically correct! Pray even harder that he gives you wisdom to discern what you should do, as he did for my young friends. He gave her the ability to accomplish in her short time what normally takes us our entire life. The reality is God moves according to HIS plan, not ours! For a short time we were graced with her presence and then he took her to himself and now, as our intercessor, she can do far more for us than we can imagine. Press her to your heart oh Lord, keep her safe and happy in your company; and may she help us to “Seize the Day”, in your name. (“Carpe-diem”!)

Your Chaplain Don Miklos

## **THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX**

Darlene Hiscock

Well, the fishing season is on – only one northern pike, 33 inches and one walleye 24 inches were turned in. Dale Hiscock got them both on Memorial Day weekend along with a bunch of sunnies.

Commander Fred is too busy pulling weeds along with Don Miklos – gardens first. Then, I hear that the walleye bite is on in Little Rock Lake ????. What gives here?

Now there is Mr. Hovda - - - He sent me a picture of a 42-inch musky and tried to tell me it was a northern pike. The picture even tried to talk to me. Not only that, he was mute on where the fish was caught which makes me believe it was caught in CANADA. I think I'm going to call Sheriff Troy Heck and give Hovda lots of HECK. Does he forget the fish has to be caught in MN? I'm going to bring the picture to the club and post it on the bulletin board and you good folks can be the judge.

Remember to fish safe. Watch the weather and wear your PFD. GOD BLESS.

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

Happy Fourth of July everyone. Please take time to thank all of our veterans for our freedom and say a prayer for all those serving in our armed forces everywhere. It's a time to say thank you to them for all we have in this our "United States".

Would like to say a happy birthday to Floyd Henkemeyer. Had a great party here at the club. If any of you would like to have a birthday, anniversary or any type of party please call us at the club and set a date.

Would like to say thank you to all our bartenders for all of our sting operations. We have passed all. Underage people come in to club and try to buy cigarettes or booze and we make sure they are of age. This month Melissa was tested. Thanks Melissa for checking ID's.

Please remember our meat raffles and "key for cash" drawings on Sat evenings and bingo on Wednesdays.

Cheryl

**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.

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Joyce Segler

Auxiliary Dinner July 12, 2016 is chicken rouland, mashed potatoes, salads and desserts. We will not be meeting for the summer (July and August)

## **JULY 2016 LEGION CALENDAR**

01 Battle of Gettysburg begins. (1863)

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

**03 Bowlus Parade Line-up at 10:30 by the water tower.**

04 Happy Birthday America.

05 First combat ground forces arrive in Korea. (1950)

**06 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

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

**11 Legion meetings. (See below)**

**12 Auxiliary dinner. 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Post. Chicken rouland, mashed potatoes, salads, and desserts**

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25 Allies break out of Normandy. (1944)

**27 Bingo. 7:00 P.M.**

29 WWI Begins. (1914)

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

**LEGION MEETINGS WILL BE AT THE PINE COUNTRY BANK.** Meetings start with (1) Legion Club Committee 6:00 P.M., (2) Legion Board of Directors at 6:30 P.M. & (3) Legion & SAL meeting 7:00 P.M. SAL members meet w/Leg. (3) **Auxiliary at the Joyce Segler residence, 9565 Isaac Rd NW Rice 7:00 P.M. NO MTGS DURING THE SUMMER...**

## IMPORTANT POINTS OF CONTACT:

### LEADERSHIP

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