



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

December 2016

FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Hi you all,

It's that time again for Fred to clue you in on the happenings. We had a nice time at the Rice Elementary School several vets showed up to spend time with the students. Kids asked questions and listened to what we had done in the Service. They had a nice program about how the National Anthem was created. Then some of the student recognized their relatives that served, my great grand son recognized my son and I, very nice. The scouts presented colors and they did a very good job. All Veterans that attended were recognized and ask to stand I did not count but there were a goodly number. I asked several about joining the Legion but so far no one has.

Also we are ordering new jackets, with the Legion logo cost is approx. \$83.50 with name. If you are interested call 393-2484 and we can help. There is a jacket at the Legion if you want to see what they look like. Also Legion dues are due if you haven't got a renewal notice please stop at the club and pay your dues. Many members have not received the notices. We are trying to correct this problem but so far no luck.

Christmas party at the Legion on Dec 12, gifts is not required but you must bring one to get one. \$10.00 limit. Hope you were successful Deer hunting some good reports others not so good your commander scored a nice 9pt the Seglers will eat this winter. Legion meetings 2nd Monday of each Month we need some more members to attend, Pine Country Bank at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget meat raffles and Bingo at the Club. Also at the last legion meeting we had two ladies give presentation about therapy using horses it was very interesting. They are working with the VA to help vets if you are interested call Chaplin Don Miklos for more info.

Hoping this fine all of you in good health and having lots of good times.

Please let us know if there are any changes in your address, phone number, or e-mail Thanks.

Commander 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 that just came on line.

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Charles Anderson

Blue water navy is asking people to contact their legislators to pass H. R. 969 and H con Res 161. Tell them to pass S.681 and S.con.Res 51.; so that they can get their benefits. Veterans demand reform in V. A., Retired Navy commander John Wells for top spot. Senator Blumenthal supports the blue water navy. DAV is asking for veterans to reach out to members of congress and request there support of appeals reform legislation contained within S.3328, S.3170,H. R. 5083, and H. R.5620

No new bill passed in the federal or state legislatures for veterans.

Social Security and Veterans Affairs partnership means faster disability decisions for veterans. Veteran's court finds "Facility Wide" use of herbicides at Fort McClellan.

New study could pressure VA to expand Agent Orange benefits. Trumps VA chief to decide on new Agent Orange ailment benefits. Women vets feel their service isn't valued. Leadership changes on SVAC and HVAC. CT to help vets with "Bad Paper" discharges. VA Exec. Who ran vets charity scam allowed to retire with full benefits? Meditation and PTSD; Veterans PTSD Symptom presentation may determine medication they receive.

St. Cloud VA health care system, health focus Thursdays announced. Veterans mental health survey, can be done on line or receive a mail in version. 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7. Special Forces Association Christmas Dinner, Dec. 10.

When you come to the Legion in Rice make sure to check the bulletin board, I am adding stuff all the time for Veterans, There is also some Job Opportunities that come every now and then.

God Bless America and her Veterans, Charles Anderson

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Several members were involved in giving presentations and answering questions at the Rice Elementary School for Veterans Day activities. Post members also provided articles for the school display of veteran's items.

Members will be involved in the "Posting of the Colors" at the annual post membership Christmas party.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM COMMEMORATION

VIETNAM VETERAN LAPEL PIN

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone that served in the Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location are eligible to receive one lapel pin.

It is not too late to get this pin just call me and we can set up a date and time, and place to meet and I will present you with a pin.

CONTACT ME AT: Home Phone 320-393-2108

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POST VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Charles Anderson

Anyone that was in the service at this time is eligible to receive this pin; you *do NOT* need to have been in Vietnam to receive this pin.

OR

You can visit Benton County Service Officer

George Fiedler

OR

Morrison County Veteran Service Officer

Kathy Marshik

OR

Stearns County Veterans Service Officer

Cory Vaske



CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Emil Williams

An early Christmas greeting to all my comrades! Where has the year gone? It seems like just a few short months ago that we celebrated Christmas, 2015.

Christmas is a time for giving! However, human nature seems more about getting. God set an example for us by giving His very best gift to us! It was His Son, to die on the cross for our sins so we could go to heaven and be with the Father for all eternity. John 3:16 says it so clearly: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." This is the best Christmas present we will ever receive.

However, some would say, "I would rather have five hundred thousand or a million dollars." That is short sighted compared to eternity. Jesus strictly said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Simply put, there is no other way to heaven except by receiving Jesus as the way. Jesus also said, "I am the door," meaning the way to heaven.

There is absolutely nothing we can add to God's way. Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us that we are saved by His grace by faith, faith in His Son, and that he paid the penalty for our trespasses and sins. What a wonderful and everlasting gift!

Material gifts that we get for Christmas will wear out, break, or rust away. Not so with God's gift. It will last for all eternity. No wonder the shepherds, the angels, and the wise men along with many others rejoiced when they saw His day.

Let us gladly join with the multitude of believers and rejoice over such an unspeakable gift. May the Holy Spirit open our understanding to see God's gift in a new way this Christmas season. Again, let me wish you a truly very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with the blessing of the Lord!

Emil Williams

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

Time of year already to give thanks and eat turkey – but I will be eating CROW...

Last month I said Pat Popp took Art along to net her fish. Well, Art not only netted Pats' fish but he also caught a dandy northern pike. Pat's was 36 inches and Art's was 35 inches. SORRY ART.

No fish reported this month and Mr. Hovda informs me that Little Rock Lake is still full of algae or something. His secchi disk reading is only 1 ft. 9 inches.

Everyone had a safe deer hunt. Ice fishing is coming up. PLEASE – make sure the ice is safe and wear your ice cleats. Bring an ice pick or phillips screw driver in case you do go thru so you can pull yourself out. (I'm a veteran of that trick.) Don't fish alone. Especially at the start of the ice fishing season! Our color guard does enough interments.

God Bless, stay safe

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.

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

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 \$500.00. 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.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Joyce Segler

Hello all, here we are almost to December,

We baked and brought treats to the Rice Elementary Staff to celebrate education week. Thanks to Sue Beierman, Theresa Duea, Lucy Hovland Janice Martin, Libby Levinski and Peg Seviola we had a wonderful assortment of goodies!

The Legion Christmas party will be held Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. There will be a \$10.00 gift exchange, if you want to take part bring a gift to receive a gift. Please mark your gift for man or lady.

Auxiliary will hold a short meeting at the club at 6:30. Beginning in January the auxiliary will hold their meetings at the club at 7:00p.m. The first meeting in January is Jan.9 hope to see you there!

Merry Christmas and New Years blessings,

Joyce



DECEMBER 2016 LEGION CALENDAR

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

07 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post

07 Japanese Attack Pearl Harbor. (Flags as ½ staff sunrise-sunset) (1941)

08 U.S. Declares war of Japan – Japanese attack Philippines. (1941)

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

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

12 Legion meeting – 6:30 P.M.

12 MEMBERSHIP (Leg, Aux & SAL) Christmas party 7:00 P.M. AT THE POST.

13 Saddam Hussein captured by U.S. troops. (2003)

14 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post

15 Iraq War Ended. (2011)

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

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

21 BINGO, 7:00 P.M. First day of winter.

24 Christmas eve, limited club hours.

25 Christmas Day. (Fly Flag)

28 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

31 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M. New Year's Eve.

**Legion , Auxiliary and SAL Dues (2017) are due. LEGION
MEMBERSHIP IS DELINQUENT AS OF 01 JAN. Let's get Commander
Fred and President Joyce and Commander Jim Wolf (SAL) a
100% this year.**

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