

# **THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**Hasso Briese Post 0473  
NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2012**

## **From the Commander**

For those of you that like airplanes, kicking tires and looking inside I have a suggestion that I am sure you will enjoy. The 133rd Minnesota Air Guard located at the North East corner of Minneapolis St Paul International Airport hosts a tour of the aircraft the 133<sup>rd</sup> flew and other historically significant aircraft. The airplanes are open to look inside, crawl around and sit in the pilot's seat. We went with my family to show my grandson Ian what grandpa flew while in the Air Force. I enjoyed the many airplanes as much as he did. The next open cockpit day is scheduled for Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 to 3:00. Directions to the gate are on the Internet at <http://www.mnangmuseum.org/contact.html> Information about exhibits is at <http://www.mnangmuseum.org/exhibits.html>.

I am looking out the top hatch of a C-130A model.

Chet Seviola

## **HONOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

No scheduled events. 11 November the parade at the VA Medical Center. I plan on taking Kilroy there. Anyone wants to ride or bring a flag, let me know.

## **WARRIORS COLUMN**

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

I do not have any info on any of our active/reserve duty folks. If anyone has info that should be in this article, please drop me a line or give me a call.

## **FRONT & CENTER SERGEANT COOPER**

Jim Hovda

For those of you who were not able to attend the Rice Fun Days Parade, Sergeant Cooper, is the proud Golden Retriever who owns Jim Larson. Jim Larson is the proud owner of the replica WWII motorcycle with the sidecar that Sergeant Cooper rides in. And, when necessary, operates the .30 cal machine gun.

Jim, a member of our post belongs to a Golden Retriever Rescue group, Retrieve a Golden of Minnesota. A photo of Sergeant Cooper was selected for their 2013 calendar for the month of June. There were more hits on their website for Sgt. Cooper than any other submitted photo.

A tip of the hat to Sergeant Cooper and his pet, Jim Larson. And, thanks for being in the Rice Fun Days Parade.

Photo taken by Teresa Anderson.

## **CHAPLAINS CORNER**

**Dear Members of our Legion Family:**

**Have you ever said to God, "Let's make a deal?" Because we're human, I'm guessing you have. I have to admit, I did. I wanted a young lady friend with four children and a case of terminal cancer to live so badly, I tried to bargain with God. When she left us I knew frustration and anguish and I asked "Why?" The answer came as I read Psalm 46, "Be still and know that I am God." These words are a prayer that quotes his fundamental promise, "I am with you always."**

**But, we would rather bargain with God: I'll do this and never do that and, you will help me in my great distress. But God doesn't bargain and he doesn't break his promise to us. You proposed a deal, but God didn't agree to it. Therefore he hasn't betrayed your trust. Trust in God's wisdom for he delivers those who trust in him.**

**Instead of a bargain pray: Bless me, O God, with a renewed sense of your presence, that I may be at peace with what you give me. Instead of a deal, make me to know your will.**

**God will send a word or a sign to let you know he is indeed with you.**

**My brothers and sisters I will pray for you and I ask that you do the same for me.**

**With the Grace of God -**

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

### **From the CLUB**

We had a great time in Sept. We had a meat raffle on Sept 21st put on by the Rice Women of Today. We also had a vendor show on the 22nd of Sept. Sept. 29th was our annual bouja feed.

Come join the fun on October 13th. We have our fall pub tour. There are some very funny games we play. All the spectators and we have a great time. If you would like to get a team to play just call me at the club. The entry fee is \$20 and all of that goes back to the players as prizes.

Also in Oct on the 18th we have a financial seminar for any one to come in and get ideas for your retirement.

October 30 we have another meat raffle put on by the Rice Women of Today. Mark this on your calendar and come in and try your luck. If you are interested in putting on a meat raffle for a special cause, just call me at the club. 393-4545

Thank you  
Cheryl Bovy

### **THE TACKLE BOX**

I'll report the winner of the Northern Pike first. The winner is member Mark Larsons Grandson, Gavin Moen, 10 years old. He was with the St. Stephens Lions Club at Woman Lake. While he was fishing off the dock Gavin caught a crappie. While he was reeling it in, a 22" Northern Pike grabbed the crappie. With help, Gavin was able to land both fish.

I'm the month's champion for walleyes. I was fishing with my brother Teddy who is from Starbuck and landed a 19" fish.

Ok you guys who claim to be sunfish killers. Where the heck are they? Hovda tells me that hears reports of monster sunfish from "secret" lakes ????

Miklos and Segler seem to be fostering these stories. According to Hovda, Miklos and Segler have been to Camp Ripley assisting with the training of new DNR "Fish Cops" and did well ????? while doing their instructing.

OK boys, let me in on the action and I'll show you how to catch sunfish. Years ago, I showed Hovda a thing or two about that on the ice.

Nelson, Donnie Weyer and Harvey Meinert. Where have you been? Did you guys catch everything in Little Rock Lake? The crappies should start biting off the docks as the lake temperature has dropped to 56 degrees (F) and this is before the frost.

Be safe, wear your life vests and God Bless.

**Darlene Hiscock (AKA) Ms. Tackle Box**

## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Dear Ladies...

At our September meeting we decided to omit meetings the months of June, July and August. These are busy times for everybody and since we really don't have any major events happening we thought we could take a summer break.

Auxiliary dinner October 9<sup>th</sup> will be Fried Chicken and mashed potatoes. Servers are Jeanette Miller, Barb Freberg, and Janice Martin.

We will be having an Oktoberfest dinner on October 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be the same cost/time as our monthly dinners and Mark Larson will be catering the meal. We will have a guest speaker coming at 6:30, Alex Rau, and he will be talking to us about his trip to Germany which the Auxiliary sponsored.

National upped our membership fees to \$25.00 this year. We are only charging our members \$20.00. To offset this difference we are going to sell a few candy bars to raise the difference. So if you can take some candy to work to sell, let me know. We will be selling these at the dinners also.

Janice

## LEGION - OCTOBER 2012 - CALENDER

- 03** **Operation Bingo. Post - 7:00 P.M.**
- 07 Operation Enduring Freedom begins in Afghanistan. (2001)
- 08** **Legion Meetings, (3) Pine Country Bank. See below.**
- 08 Columbus Day. (Fly Flag)
- 09** **Auxiliary Dinner, Post 5 - 7:00 P.M.**
- 10** **Operation Bingo. Post - 7:00 P.M.**
- 10 Battle of Heartbreak Ridge. (1952 Korea)
- 13 Happy B'day U.S. Navy. (1775)
- 13** **Auxiliary Meeting at Twin Pines 9:00 a.m.**
- 15 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Nat'l Law Enforcement Off's Memorial  
Dedication.
- 16 Cuban Missile Crisis begins.
- 17** **Operation Bingo. Post - 7:00 P.M.**
- 17 British surrender at Saratoga. (1777)
- 19 British surrender at Yorktown. (1781)
- 20** **Octoberfest Dinner 5-7:00 p.m. Post Speaker Alex Rau**
- 24** **Operation Bingo. Post - 7:00 P.M.**
- 25 U.S. Forces invade Grenada. (1983)
- 27 Navy Day. (Fly Flag)
- 31** **Operation Bingo. Post - 7:00 P.M.**
- 31 Halloween.

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. We usually go to the club for pizza between the BOD and membership meeting.

## AIRBORNE HERITAGE

For those of you good military folks who did not know that at one time, the USMC explored the possibility of forming large numbers of airborne (paratrooper) units. As it turned out, this did not happen. This concept was first explored on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October 1940 when a class of forty "Paramarines" began training at NAS Lakehurst, NJ. Today, the USMC does have an airborne capability with the "RECON" marines. Current member Len Smallwood and Wayne Carriveau were former airborne marines. Len Smallwood made his first parachute jump after training in Africa on a "rescue" mission.

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