



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

May 2016

FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Well here we are again, Gardening is going well, onions, beets, peas, potatoes, radish and corn are in, hope it will not freeze again. Meat raffles are going well could win a little more often but that life. Flag retirement will be after meeting on the 9th of May. It would really be nice to see a few more members attending. If you take a look on the north side of the building you will see a new legion sign Public welcome. It looks like it pays to complain Saturday night won 2 T-bones Sunday fired up the grill and picked fresh Asparagus from garden yum yum. Memorial Day is fast approaching Hope we will have a good turn out and the National Day of Prayer on 5th of May. Also the VA has some really good programs one is the move program for weight loss, your Commander is enrolled and has lost almost 30 lbs. They have many other programs give them a call and check them out.

Stay safe and well. Thanks 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.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

One of our newest members of the post and a color guard member, Colonel Todd Waytashek, US Army Reserve will grace this column.

Colonel Todd did his active duty with the 25th Infantry Division in Germany, 1983 – 85, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii with training in Korea and New Zealand. He left the active army as a sergeant.

Colonel Todd joined the Mn Army National Guard two years enlisted and twenty-four as an officer. That included three deployments. The NGB, plus time in Germany, Denmark and Lithuania. Other deployments include Bosnia (03-04, Kuwait (06-07) and Iraq 09-10).

From the Army National Guard it was off to the U.S. Army reserve taking an assignment to the Pentagon and then to his current assignment in Charlotte, N.C. Total service time, thirty-three years of military service and counting. He hits the mandatory retirement in November 2017.

As a member of the color guard, Colonel Todd will be a flag presenter along with the other military officers who are honored with this task.

Colonel Todd, thanks for all your military service and choosing to be a member of our fine club and color guard.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

There lots of things happening this month. First the National Day of Prayer on THURSDAY the 5th. Note the article in this NL. Second, Memorial Day on MONDAY the 30th. Color guard members need to be at the Legion NLT 08:30. We will be doing ceremonies at Langola, Graham and the Memorial Monument, in that order. Then it's off to the Legion for beverages of choice and burgers. We should be done by noon.

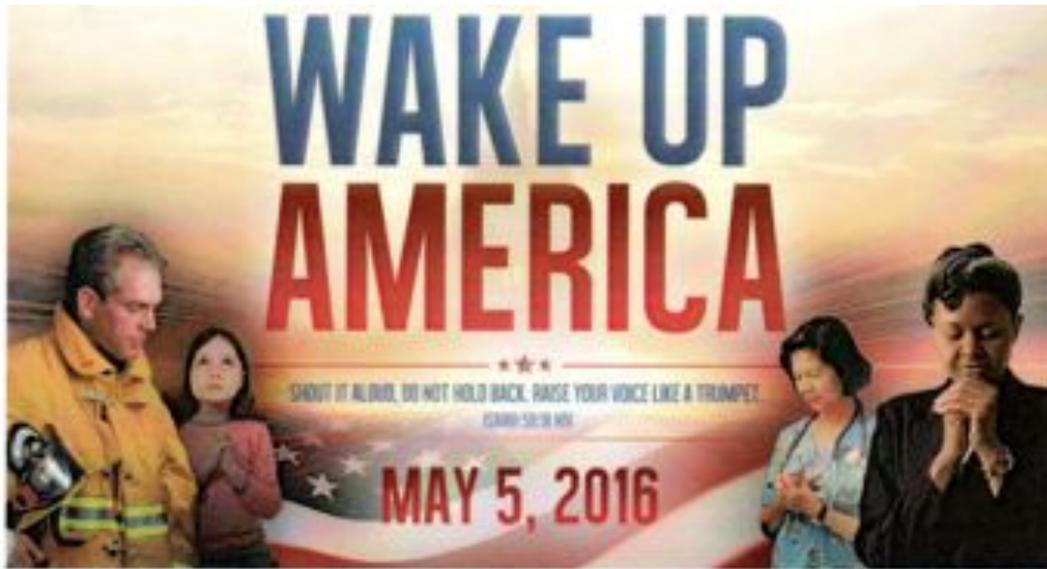
This does not include unscheduled events. Make sure your uniforms are ready which includes any cleaning if needed.

MEMORIAL DAY

The three ceremonies will be held at Langola Cemetery (9:20 A.M.) Graham Methodist Cemetery (10:15 A.M.) depending on the arrival time of the Sauk Rapids Band and then the Memorial Monument (11:30 A.M.)

Some information that is important – For those attending at Graham and the Memorial Monument a lawn chair would be a consideration worth considering. At the Memorial Monument placing yourself in front of the lectern instead of by the road will allow you to hear the program much better.

There will be refreshments at the Legion after the events at Graham and the Memorial Monument. We encourage you to attend and honor those who have served their country.



**The 65th Annual
National Day of Prayer Gathering
Thursday, May 5, 2016
Meal: 5:30pm
Event: 6:30pm**

**Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church
1950 125th Street NW
Rice, MN**

Our theme for 2016 is Wake Up America, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to return to the God of Fathers in reverence for His Holy Name.

To further highlight our theme, we've chosen Isaiah 58:1a as our Scripture for this year:

"Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet."

MARK your calendar this should be a very uplifting evening.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENT
Don Miklos

Dear Comrades,

Mark your calendars for the 65th Annual National Day of prayer. It is Thursday, May 5, 2016. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. for a light meal and start the event at 6:30 p.m. The place is Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran church in Rice.

If you have never attended, I urge you to go. It is a very worthwhile experience. As Christians, we are disciples of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and as such are called upon to bear witness for him. We need prayer more today than ever before in the history of our Country. Especially with people vowing to wipe all Christians from the face of the earth!

On that day, May 5th, the entire country will come together in prayer, from Maine to Hawaii. Our theme this year is, "Wake up America", and to further that theme we have chosen Isaiah 58:1a as our scripture for this year. "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice, like a trumpet."

How appropriate. Can you imagine all the people who will be raising their voices that day? So I implore you, come, join us, as we pray and sing together in honor of our Lord and God. And we shall ask him for his love, his mercy and his power in our struggles with our enemies. We have the finest military in the world, but without God's blessing, we stand as nothing. The warhorse is a vain hope for victory, and despite its great might, it cannot save. But with God's council comes victory!

For it is written, "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom God has chosen as a heritage," I accepted with pride the nomination to represent you in this endeavored my comrades, and as an ambassador for Christ, I will carry the banner to the best of my abilities as your Chaplain. But come, stand with me, raise your voices like a trumpet, so that God may hear the cries of his children and like a compassionate Father, save us in our distress.

In Christ, I remain, Your Chaplain Don Miklos

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.

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

It's time to get ready for the fishing opener that occurs at one minute after midnight on the 14th. Get your ducks in order, current fishing license, boat license. Check out your equipment including tossing out those really old PFD's. Get out your checkbooks!

Now, on to other items: MIKLOS – no "finger" fish, F. SEGLER – no baby fish, Col. CHET – no red fish that were caught in the ocean, NO FIBBING, HOVDA – try to enter a fish that you caught in Little Rock Lake instead of one that was caught elsewhere and where are the NELSONS with their annual catfish haul?

Lastly, I'd like whoever borrowed by Vexlar a year or so ago to return it. Time flies by and I will need it for the coming winter fishing Please, I need my vexlar!

My spies tell me that Hovda and some of his cronies (R. Fernholz to name one) have just got back from sturgeon fishing. Sturgeons are not walleyes! Still, I think you readers will be interested in fishing on the Rany River.

WEAR YOUR PFD. I DO TOO MANY INTERMENTS AS IT IS. God Bless.

Darlene Hiscock
"AKA" Ms. Tackle Box.

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

April has come and gone and hopefully spring has sprung.

We had a few parties and an anniversary party at the club last month. Thank you to all who attended. Hope the visit to the club was enjoyable. Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Arndt, hope you have many more years of marital bliss. If you have a party that you would like us to host; please contact me at the Legion. We also had the pub-crawl in April. Good times.

May starts our softball season. Thurs nights are the big night. You can call the Legion to find out the times of the games. We will get a schedule as soon as they are printed.

Don't forget our Memorial Day festivities. Call the club when the day gets a little closer and we can give you times of the cemetery visits.

Don't forget about our meat raffles and Key for Cash drawing on Sat. nights and bingo Wed. at 7pm

Cheryl

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 \$400.00. 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.

ATTENTION AUXILIARY LADIES

Our Honor Guard will provide a prayer service and/or graveside service for our deceased Auxiliary members. The family must request whichever services they would like, 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 Unit 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 Unit, they don't know which Unit their loved one belonged to, or they 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 to the designated next-of-kin in recognition of the Unit member's support of and service to veterans. 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 Auxiliary 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 Unit members to recognize their contributions to veterans as an Honor Guard, please call me, Chaplain Jan Hovda, at 393-4339.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Hello ladies,

May 5th is the National Day of Prayer held at the Shepherd of the Pines Church. A light lunch will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by the ceremony at 6:30 pm. The ceremony will be held inside the church with music provided.

We still haven't heard anything from Coborns regarding our application to do Brat sales. Hopefully they are just late getting back to us.

Our membership is standing at 67 seniors and 5 juniors. If you haven't renewed your membership or know someone who would like to join the Auxiliary we have membership forms at the Legion club and I have some also.

Our May dinner will be served on May 10th. Our menu will be BBQ ribs, baked potatoes and the fixings at a cost of \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under. Serving runs from 5-7 pm. Our servers for May will be Libby Levinski, Nancy Anderson, Cherie Ablan.

We are considering discarding our old membership board with a new and much lighter one. Membership names will be updated at that time.

On May 6th, Friday, Rice Elementary will be hosting their 9th annual Walk For Life. This year the time will be extended from 3:45 to 7:00 pm. to accommodate those who wish to come and walk after work. There will also be Walk for Life items for sale. This year we are selling; home made crocheted hats, see attachment.



Our next membership meeting will be held at Joyce Seglers at 7:00 on the 9th of May. This will be my last meeting as president. We still haven't had anyone step forward with interest at president. When we resume in the fall there will be no active president.

MAY 2016 LEGION CALENDAR

01 Poppy Disruption Month

01 National Correctional Officers Week.

04 BINGO. 7:00 P.M.

05 National Day of Prayer – Shepherd of the Pines Church

06 Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

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

08 Mother's Day. V-E Day Declared. (1945) (Fly Flag)

09 Legion/Auxiliary meetings. (See below) Flag Retirement after meeting

10 Auxiliary dinner. 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Post. BBQ Ribs, potato, salads, desserts

11 BINGO, 7:00 P.M

14 FISHING OPENER - - 00:01 hrs. Ladies & Gentlemen.

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

15 Women's Army Auxiliary Corps established. (1942)

15 Peace Officers Memorial Day. (Flags ½ Staff until sunset)

18 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

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

25 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

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

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30 Memorial Day – Three cemeteries. (Fly Flag ½ Staff until noon)

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.**

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