



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

June 2013

FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

On Friday May 4 we greeted a group at the club. They were from the St. Augusta Legion. They rented a bus and were out touring American Legion clubs in the area. They are a similar size Legion to Rice. It would be fun to join them next year. We may have to rent another bus. I will bring up the idea next year in the March newsletter.

Congratulations to Floyd Hinkemeyer our membership chairman and congratulations to all of you who paid your dues on time. We reached our goal and will be recognized at the District Conference on June 1st. Floyd and I updated our membership board at the club. Stop by and check to see that we have your name on the paid up members board. Let Floyd know if the board needs a change.

Ms. Tackle Box refused to accept my entry into the fishing contest because this is a Minnesota contest. I have three honorable gentlemen witnesses who will vouch that I caught the fish on Little Rock Lake on April 18. Here is a picture of the fishing trip. It cost me several cases of beer to get them to vouch for me.



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS & SAL SQUADRON 473

Jeff Gondeck

Gentleman, Even though the rain has fallen on days when it made things look dreary, our fundraiser at Coborn's was a Success !!!! I Wish to thank all who gave their precious time to this, Emil Williams Robin Gondeck, Jared John, Kyle Wright, Jeff Kampa, and 2 young girls Paige Efterfield and La La Martinez. There is no bigger heart given when it comes from a volunteer !!!!! THANK YOU KINDLY !!!!!

Saturday June 1st I will be attending the summer conference in Nisswa. I will be honored to bring forth the good news that are squadron has done and planning on doing in the future! June 1st at Stone Creek Golf Course there is a benefit for Jared John's Mother in law Golf silent auction spaghetti diner fun and frolic by all! Please plan on attending! Billie Joe Messener is in need of a wheel chair and the squadron sponsored a hole for this worthwhile event! I know a lot of the items on the auction are great and 1 in particular is a Mosin Nagant Rifle WOW !!!! What a great donation !!!!!

Sunday June 23rd The Legion Family is planning on a Family Day at Wild Marsh Sporting Clays Gun Range. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. The day will start at 12:00 noon and run until 5:00pm Handgun and rifle range will be open along with sporting clays if interested. Please let me know asap if attending, I would like a head count.

With the holiday weekend upon us let us remember our fallen veterans, Say a prayer and give them thanks for without their sacrifice we would not have freedom!

I almost forgot at our last meeting Emil Williams name was drawn for the pot but was not in attendance Sorry Chaplain! The pot continues to grow, as it is now \$15.00 Easy Money!

Serving you proudly Your Commander Jeff Gondeck

Until next time, At Ease Gentleman !!!!!

CHAPLAINS CORNER

EMIL WILLIAMS
SAL Chaplains

Here it is my turn to write the Legion Chaplain's letter again. My, how time does fly!

I know Mothers' Day is past, but I want to honor them because they play such a vital role in society. The old saying is still true, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

Here are some condensed thoughts from the message I gave in our church on Mothers' Day. First, what kind of a mother did God choose for His Son? Matthew 1:23 starts out by telling us that she was a virgin. "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a Son, and they shall call His name 'Emmanuel' which is translated 'God with us'." 700 years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah prophesied that it would be a virgin whom God chose.

Luke 1:28 says she was highly favored and the Lord was with her. The Latin language puts it this way: "She was full of Grace."

Next we notice she was submissive to God's will, even though under the Law she could have been stoned to death for becoming pregnant before she was married to Joseph. God spoke to Joseph in a dream and quickly got that straightened out by telling him that Mary's baby was the Son of God.

Last, but certainly not least, Luke 1:45 says that she believed what God told her, "Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

To recap what God looked for in the mother-to-be for His Son, first she was a virgin, second she cultivated the presence of God in her everyday life, third she was blessed among women, fourth she was submissive to God, and fifth she believed what God told her.

Happy belated Mothers' Day to all you mothers. May God bless you.
Behind every good man there is a good woman!

HONOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Commander Chet asked me to pass along a "well done" to all those who participated in the Memorial Day ceremonies. No special events scheduled for June. Who knows, keep uniforms ready.



Picture by Teresa Anderson by monument

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

Two items: First, a big thanks to Sergeant First Class Sarah Kedrowski who was home on leave from Ft. Hood TX where she is serving with the army's First Cavalry Division for volunteering to participate in our Memorial Day activities. SFC Sarah was the bell ringer at the Memorial Monument. She is also slotted to attend drill instructors school in the near future. Speaking from experience, her uniform was really "squared away" and I suspect she is in excellent physical condition, a requirement for that school. My quick evaluation of this soldier tells me that she will be a superb instructor teaching new soldiers their job and responsibilities as soldiers. The army only selects the very best from their ranks to attend. Second, I now have the address for our member and newly deployed soldier, Staff Sergeant Chris James. He is serving in Afghanistan. Please, take a moment and expend forty-six cents to send a card, article from a newspaper. Or better, a magazine that might help pass the time. Remember when we were young soldiers now important mail call was?

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FROM THE TACKLE BOX

No info from Darlene.

Darlene Hiscock
AKA - Ms. Tackle Box



Picture by Teresa Anderson echo Taps Sauk Rapids Rice Band

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

Just a reminder that our legion softball team is playing softball on Thurs night at the Rice softball fields. Come out and cheer them on. They would love it.

Thanks to Jeff and the SAL for donating new flags to the club. They are up and flying thanks to Jim Hovda.

On June 13th Pete Byam a well-known singer and entertainer will be at the club. He will be playing from 6pm til 8:30ish. Dancing and some great music will be heard. He is also a comedian, so come on in and have some fun.

We will be starting our key-for-cash drawing on June 1st. On that night if you are registered you may win \$50. Stop into the club and register free of charge. If you are present and your name is drawn you will win. If the person whose name is drawn is not present we will raise it \$25 each week til someone wins. We are topping the prize off at \$500. Drawing will be between 8 and 9 o'clock every Saturday night. That's easy money.

If you would like to raise money for your charity come on in and have a meat raffle. A youth baseball team raised \$450 and two girls raised \$656 for Susan G Koman by having a meat raffle and bake sale. Need info call me at the club.

AUXILIARY

Janice Martin

Well the weather held off so our Memorial Day was at least dry if not sunny. I thought all the services of the cemeteries went well. The lunch at the Legion club afterwards was great. Thanks to all who brought salads and deserts.

We are rounding out the poppies for the month of May. If you haven't made your contribution there is still time.

Our brat sale will be held June 26th and 27th starting at 10:30 am at the Coborns in Sauk Rapids. If you can help call me, 393-2410, or I will call you. We would like people to work a 2-hour shift. I will have a sign up in the Legion club.

Our Auxiliary dinner for June 11th will be BBQ ribs, baked potaotes, salads and deserts. Our servers are Jan Hovda, Brenda Marthaler, Delores and Michelle Brown. If for some reason you cannot make it call me.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 10th at 7:00. See you there!

Janice

TAPS

Last month the Auxiliary lost a member, Shirley Trutwin. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Just a reminder that the Auxiliary provides a prayer service for deceased members at a wake and/or a graveside service where we present a flag to the next of kin. These are done by the family's request only and can involve the Rice Legion Honor Guard as well. If you need more information about these services, please contact the Auxiliary Chaplain.



Picture by Teresa Anderson Graham Cemetery

LEGION JUNE 2013 – CALENDER

- 04 Battle of Midway begins. (1942)
- 06 Operation Overlord – D-Day. Allies invade Normandy France.
- 10 Legion meetings – See below. (Retire old flags after meeting)**
- 12 Operation Bingo. 7:00 P.M. at the post.**
- 14 Happy B'day U.S. Army. (1775) Flag Day. Fly flag.
- 16 Father's Day. (Fly flag)
- 17 Battle of Bunker Hill. (1775)
- 18 War of 1812 declared on Great Britain.
- 19 Operation Bingo. 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 20 Army Air Corps becomes Army Air Forces. (1941)
- 21 Summer begins.
- 22 Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress. (1942)
- 23 Shooting sports & shooting fun at Wild Marsh. Noon - ?**
- 23 Last Confederate forces surrender. (1865)
- 24 Berlin Airlift begins. (1948)
- 25 Korean War begins. (1950)
- 26 Operation Bingo. 7:00 P.M. Post.**

NOTE - - The three legion meetings start with (1) the club committee at 4:30 PM (2) board of directors at 5:00 PM at the Pine Country Bank and (3) membership meeting at 7:00 P.M. **At the post for both the Legion and Auxiliary.**

AIRBORNE HERITAGE

June 6th, 1944, 13,144 airborne troops parachuted into France in support of Operation Overlord. It was one of the largest airborne drops in army history. On the 22nd of June 1955 the first authorization of the Green Beret for Special Forces was authorized.

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