

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
Hasso Briese Post 0473
NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2012**

Commander's Column

I am looking forward to Rice Fun Days on August 18. Rice has many events including our Legion activities at the Post, in the parade and at the ball field. We will hold the annual softball tournament to include Lowell's famous hamburgers and brats. Join us for a shift to help serve food and beer. We especially need help during the parade when a lot of us are marching.

Come to the front of the club during the parade. It is a great spot to sit and the kids get lots of candy thrown to them from the parade vehicles. The club will have beverages, food and their usual friendly service.

We will lead the parade with a large unit. It will be led by the Glory Bike. If you tell me the number of flags flying on the Harley I will buy you're a beer. The Glory Bike will be joined by eight other riders. Next will be our marchers, flags, drummer and Kilroy. Be sure to check the cadence of the marchers. We are proud to the ability the march in step by a group of volunteer marchers. If you need proof go the club and check the picture from last year's parade.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the club, the ball field and at the parade.

Chet Seviola

Cemetery Mowing

We will mow again at the Rice Cemetery west of town near the ball field. Be there at 0930 on August 7th. Riders work best, but we need a walk behind and a weed whip to trim around graves. Charlie Fox trimmed around grave markers and it really made the cemetery look sharp. We will see you there.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS & S.A.L. SQUADRON 473

Jeff Gondeck

Greetings fellow member,

July has been a busy month. I am proud to report 8 new members to our squadron, with more on the way. I would like to get past members signed up at your earliest convenience. Please contact me 320-469-6752 With Rice fun day parade soon approaching we are looking for motorcycle riders to be part of our American Legion Riders charter. We would like to have a good turnout for the parade to welcome all participants and to honor old glory! Remember all this cannot be done without our members. We look forward to hearing from you until then at ease gentleman.

Your commander at your service
Jeff Gondeck

HONOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

The Rice Fun Days Parade on **Saturday, 18 August. Be at the post NLT 2:00 P.M.** Also, make sure uniforms are all ready for unscheduled events.

We received a nice thank you card from the Arnold Schmit family along with a donation for our participation in the funeral of Arnold Schmit. The donation will be used for honor guard operations. We thank the family for the donation. It is greatly appreciated.

And, welcome aboard new honor guard member, SAL Commander Jeff Gondeck. Also a member of the newly formed American Legion Ricers.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

According to my memory (which is in doubt most of the time) the following members are currently serving in the active or reserve component. If I missed someone, please let me know. These members deserve our heartfelt thanks. They are alphabetically not by rank: HOLEWA, Glen - HUNTINGTON, Jerold W. - KEDROWSKI, Sarah, - KLUG, Ronald - McGUIRE, Daniel P. - MILLER, Aaron and REDFIELD, David. Will work on retirees next month.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Dear Members of our Legion Family:

Take a break, smoke 'em if you got 'em." Remember those welcome words from our drill sergeant in basic and advanced training? Another, "Take a break in place." A break, a rest, we all need it at times. Those in pastoral ministry know full well how rigorous serving others can be. Vacations, marriage, college students, professional careers are likewise demanding. The demands of those around us and the giving of ourselves to others. We hardly have time for ourselves or for God.

I have come to realize, especially as I get older, this "down time" is very important. Perhaps with age comes a little more wisdom? I have come to realize, I need rest, not from something, but for something.

And so, I go to my favorite spot in the woods, sit on an old stump and there, surrounded by God's creation, birds, little animals, flowers and yes, even insects, I close the door on the days pressures and ask our Lord to help me renew my commitment to life in general. God knows how wearying our lives are and he invites us to come to an out-of-the-way place to rest awhile so we can serve him and our neighbors with a renewed and refreshed spirit.

During these interludes I am always reminded of Psalm 23: which begins, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." The words of this Psalm are very calming and they do refresh my soul. Then, you may ask, Lord, what was this break for?" You may well be surprised at the answer. As your mother probably said many times, "Try it, you'll like it."

Please feel free to call me if you are in need of a friendly voice, word of encouragement or just a friendly ear. I'm here to serve each and every one of you. (320/584-5825)

Please keep Don Weyer and Harvey Meinert in your prayers. Health issues are their concern.

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

FROM THE CLUB:

Well August is coming soon and that means Rice Days Celebration. We again will be serving tacos in a bag. The club will be open early so stop in anytime on that day. If you are a legion rider stop in and say hello. As you know we are starting up a legion rider group sometime soon. We can get you info on who to talk with to come aboard.

Bingo numbers and pot are getting higher and higher so stop in on Wednesday night at 7pm and try to win a few dollars.

On August 24th we will be having a meat raffle. The cause is Casting-for-a-cure. Please join us and the Karash family to help fight cancer, a great cause.

In September we again will be holding our annual bouja feed and customer appreciation day. The actual date will be posted in club and in next month's newsletter.

The Rice American Legion had a team in the Chamber Golf Tournament this year. It was great fun and very, very hot. I, my brother Mike Huls, cousin Bob Warzecha and friend Dan Brady golfed. We ended up 17 under par but were not close enough to beat the Bremer Bank team with 25 under par.

We are hosting a birthday party in August and if we can help you with any parties that you would like to hold let us know. You can call me at the legion at 393-4545.

Thank you Cheryl Bovy

THE TACKLE BOX

Finally, some folks who are putting lines in the water. In the northern pike division, none other than Harvey Meinert who caught a 35" fish was the winner. He was probably in the company of his favorite fishing partner, Don (I catch the fish) Weyer. What happened Don? Have you lost your magic touch with the fish?

The walleye division saw two come forward with fish. Jim Larson, a legion member caught a 23" fish in Little Rock Lake and was solidly in first place until my grand daughter Kayla Hiscock landed a 26" fish in N. Long Lake with the winning fish.

Tho not in the cash award end of the fishing contest, the sunfish slayers, Fred Segler, Howard Cariveau, Roger Athman, Don Miklos and Jim Laumeier have not been doing well according to my secret sources. Complaining about hot weather and a poor bite? I'll show you boys how to catch sunfish. And, not the tiny ones that Fred takes home. They don't call me Ms. Tackle Box for nothing.

LeRoy Cekalla, Floyd Hinkemeyer and Jim Hovda are three legion members leaving for Lake of the Woods at the end of the month. Maybe I should show our local heros how to really fish!!!

Be safe and land those big ones. God Bless.

Ms. Tackle Box - Darlene Hiscock

MINNESOTA STATE VETERANS CEMETERY - LITTLE FALLS

Jim Hovda

This veteran's cemetery, for some, is the best-kept secret of all. Located next to Camp Ripley (not part of the camp) is the hallowed resting place for more than 4,365 veterans. They are being interred at the rate of as many as seven each day. Some are being moved from the National Cemetery near the international airport by Ft. Snelling.

Our post has a number of former members interred at the MSVC. This cemetery has been rated by the folks who inspect all the veteran cemeteries as one of the top three cemeteries in the nation for the past several years.

Currently, a major art project is in progress. They portray the history of each branch of service. The paintings are eight by ten feet in size. The army painting is complete and work is progressing on the navy painting.

If you or a relative has been pondering about your final resting place, I would encourage you to pay a visit to this remarkable place. You can call 320/616-2527 to obtain information about hours of operation and eligibility for interment.

Our post honor guard has participated in several interments and donated monies for wreaths at Christmas.

Auxiliary Newsletter

Now that the lazy days of summer are here there isn't much to report. Just remember that there isn't an Auxiliary meeting in August but we will start up again on September 8th at Twin Pines back room at 9:00 am.

Don't forget to support the next Auxiliary dinner August 14th from 5 to 7 pm. They will be serving grilled steak, baked potato, salads and desserts. Your hosts will be Maryanne Keeney, Cindy Moen, and Pat Fuchs.

Also I know the guys are looking for help at the ball field on August 18th, Rice Fun Days, if you can help that would be great. There is a sign up board at the club.

Enjoy the rest of the summer....Fall will be here too soon!

Janice



AIRBORNE HERITAGE

On the 13th of August 1940, the army's Parachute Test Platoon makes the first jump from C-33 aircraft at Ft. Benning GA. Two years later the famed 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions were established

LEGION - AUGUST 2012 - CALENDER

01 Initial bombing of the oil fields in Ploiesti, Romania. (1943)

01 Operation BINGO - Post 7:00 P.M.

01 Air Force Day. (Fly Flag)

02 Operation Desert Shield begins. (1990)

04 U.S. Coast Guard established. (1790)

06 First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima Japan. (1945)

07 Badge of Military Merit (Purple Heart) established. (1782)

Mowing at cemetery west of Rice at 0930

08 Operation BINGO - Post 7:00 P.M.

09 Second atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki Japan.

11 All Airborne Days,- MN Air Guard, Ft. Snelling. 1200 - 1700 hrs.

13 Legion Meetings - Pine Country Bank. (See below)

14 Auxiliary dinner. Post 5 - 7:00 P.M.

15 Operation BINGO - Post 7:00 P.M.

15 Empire of Japan accepts unconditional surrender. (1945)

16 National AIRBORNE Day.

18 Rice Fun Days & Parade. Honor Guard 2:00 P.M. at the post.

20 Civil War officially declared over. (1865)

22 Operation BINGO - Post 7:00 P.M.

25 Allied forces liberate Paris. (1944)

26 Woman Suffrage. (1920)

29 Operation BINGO - Post 7:00 P.M.

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.

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