



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

The July 2014 issue of The American Legion magazine has a cover stating, "Where does it all end? American Legion National Commander Daniel M. Dillinger. Patient deaths are tragic. Preventable patient deaths are unacceptable. But the failure to disclose safety information, or worse, to cover up mistakes, is unforgivable."

We read daily articles about problems in the system. These need to be fixed, so let us work hard to fix the problems, get rid of the people who caused them, and prosecute those that broke the law.

But, let us recognize we are talking about a huge system with tens of thousands of good people who are working hard to provide health care to those of us that served. I can't speak for everyone in the American Legion, but from my checking with eight people from our small post, all were very pleased with the service and the care they received.

Most of this service came through the St. Cloud Veterans Hospital. Their staff and volunteers are courteous, very friendly and efficient. When you get a chance say Thank You. They deserve it.



Have a great 4th of July.

S.A.L UPDATE

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

No scheduled activities. Remember, all SAL members are most welcome to attend the legion membership meeting on the 14th.

WARRIORS COLLUMN

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

Post member Sergeant Travis Peterson who is stationed in Afghanistan is home. I met him at the VFW meeting last month. I think he is in Alaska doing some fishing. He hopes to land a job in Camp Ripley.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Not for sure, but 98% a “go”, the Bowlus Parade on SUNDAY, the 6th. I think line up time is 10:00 A.M. Jim Larson with his WWII MC with Sgt. Cooper is slated to be there also. If you have an interest, give me a call.

A reminder put Rice Fun Days Parade, 16 August on your calendar. We'll need everyone for that event. It's 2:00 P.M. at the post.



CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Don Miklos

Dear Comrades;

I wish to bestow upon all Legion members and all who took part in the Memorial Day Services a truly heart felt, "Thank You". You really earned it!

Memorial Day to me is very special, more meaningful than the other national holidays, partially because my two older brothers served their country during World War II. But mainly because of what our Comrades did during those years. They distinguished themselves as no others; their acts of heroism in the face of battle will likely never be equaled. Places such as Normandy, Anzio, Iwo Jima, live in our memories still and the acts of courage accomplished by our Comrades are almost unreal. Because of their acts of valor and their sacrifice of lives they bought for us who followed a much better chance to survive, not one day goes by that I don't give thanks to the Almighty for sending us such courageous young men and women at a time when they were needed most.

For those who lost a member of their family Memorial Day is not just one day a year, but it is Every day of the year! Their youthful faces are forever etched in our memories, forever young. These are the young warriors who by giving their lives left us an awesome legacy. A legacy, which should and does, weigh heavily on our shoulders. That legacy is perpetuated each and every day by the freedom we enjoy. May God grant that as Americans and fellow comrades we never forget the measure of debt owed by our generation to those who fell in battle to secure that freedom. They gave their lives so that we would not have to.

Lord God, grant each and every one of our fallen brothers a place in your heavenly mansion. Press their battle weary bodies to your bosom and make them your own.

May God's blessings be upon you, my Comrades, in faith I remain, your Chaplain, Don Miklos

THE FISHING STRINGER

Darlene Hiscock

Only one fish was entered this month. Darren Meehl landed a 17-inch walleye in Big Swan Lake. I must report to all of you that I was in the boat with him and will use the excuse "they were not biting." All I caught was a 16-inch northern pike and he went back in the lake to grow up. My spies tell me that

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

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.

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 \$375.00. 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

Janice Martin

Hello Ladies,

We have a wonderful opportunity to do a mini fundraiser at Shady's grand opening (previously the Alamo) June 28th. We will be serving hot dogs and taco in a bag and the proceeds from this will go directly to the Auxiliary. We will start serving at 3:00 pm until ? I am hoping for dry weather as they are having a band also. If you would like to stop by and help, that would be great! Tacos are \$5.00, Hot Dogs are \$2.00 and bottled water is \$1.00. A big Thank You to Pat Fuchs and her connections for organizing this event for us!

Our annual Brat Sale at Coborns is fast arriving. There is a sign up sheet at the Legion Club. Please help out when you can. The dates are July 16th and 17th (Wednes. and Thurs.). I will be there each day to start off the Brat Sale and I have the times put into 2 hr blocks. GUYS you are invited and encouraged to help out if you can also. I know the middle of the week is hard for some to find time and the summers are always busy but we have been working this event for about 5 years now and is a nice fundraiser for us. The time of the Brat Sale starts at 10:30 am and ends at 6:00 pm. The last shift is from 4:30 to 6:00.

Our July Dinner will be held on Tues, July 8th from 5-7 pm. The menu is Chicken Rouladen, mashed potatoes, salads and desserts. Our workers are: Cecil Huston, Charyl Walberg and Marg Cariveau. Dinner prices are, adults \$7.00 and kids 10 and under \$3.00. Take-outs are always available.

Up coming.....August Rice Family Fun Day the Auxiliary was asked to sell tacos in a bag during Rice Fun Days with the profits going to the Auxiliary. Price is Tacos \$5.00 and bottled water \$1.00.

Since our May meeting, and as last year, we will not be having a June and July meeting. There will be an article in the newsletter for those two months but since it is such a slow time for all of us to just enjoy the summer!

Janice

JULY 2014 LEGION CALENDAR

02 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.

03 Battle of Gettysburg ends. (1963)

04 Happy B'day United States of America. (Fly Flag)

05 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.

08 Auxiliary Dinner at the post. 5 – 7 P.M.

09 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.

12 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.

14 Legion meetings. See below.

16 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.

16 – 17 Auxiliary will be selling Brats at Coborn in Sauk Rapids

19 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.

23 BINGO at the post 7:00 P.M.

25 Allies break out of Normandy. (1944)

26 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.

27 Korean War Armistice signed. (1953) **(Fly Flag ½ Staff until sunset.)**

28 WWI Began. (1914)

29 Army Chaplain Corps established. (1775)

30 Bingo at the post 7:00 P.M.

NOTE: The legion meetings start with (1) Legion Club Committee 4:30 P.M., Pine Country Bank (2) Legion Board of Directors at 5:00 P.M. P.C. Bank & (3) Legion & Auxiliary will not be meeting in July, meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Legion Post. SAL members welcome at Leg. Mtg.

AIRBORNE HERITAGE

Jim Hovda – Former paratrooper

Three major airborne operations were conducted in WWII in the month of July. (By date) On the 3rd in 1944, 1,424 troopers jumped into Noemfoor Island, New Guinea named Operation Table Tennis. On the 9th in 1943, troopers of the 505th and 3rd Bn/504th Parachute Infantry Regiment jumped into Gela, Sicily, 3,406 made the jump. Two days later the remainder of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment (2,304 troopers) joined them. Airborne troopers unpacked a lot of parachuted in July.

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