



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

May 2013

National Day of Prayer

Chaplin Emil Williams

The 62nd annual National Day of Prayer will be held May 2, 2013 at the Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church in Rice, MN. All four of the local churches (Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Rice Community Church) will be participating in praying for various areas of need.

A light lunch will be served from 5:30-6:15 when the program begins. A free will offering basket will be available to help defray the cost of the lunch.

Everyone is welcome. We hope many will come and take part in this vital community effort.

From the Commander

Chet Seviola

In case you like winter, do not worry. It is only two months until the days get shorter. In the meantime we are looking forward to summer activities. Be sure to get your uniforms in shape. We are starting with posting the colors at the National Day of Prayer on May 2nd. We are expecting a bus with touring Legion people on May 4 at about 5:00 at the club. On May 15 at 11:30 we will host a police officer's tribute at our monument across from the creamery cafe. On May 27 we will do our Legion events at the three cemeteries followed by refreshments at the club. On Saturday June 1 we will attend the District 6 convention.

The Rice American Legion Post 473 extends a sincere Thank You to the Rice Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber provided a \$420 grant for the annual lighting of the Veterans Memorial. Chamber treasurer Linda Bueckers presented a check to Charlie Fuchs at the Chamber meeting.

Last year I caught a fish in the Gulf of Mexico and Ms. Tackle Box refused to accept my entry into the fish contest because this is a Minnesota contest. So here is a picture taken on the boat of my fish I caught on April 18 at Little Rock Lake. Ms. Tackle Box please enter this fish in the contest. Please do not ask what kind of fish this is because I don't know. I know it has lots of big sharp teeth. Note the rag I needed to protect my hand.



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

Jeff Gondeck

Gentleman, Things are starting to heat up for May as we are slowly creeping towards spring. With the warm weather comes exciting news that our squadron was picked to sell brats at Coborn's in Foley on Friday May 17 from 11:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday May 18 from 10:00am to 5:00pm. This is a huge event for us, as we will have the opportunity to get out in the public and spread our word as the great things that are happening at our post. I would like to hear from our members as if you would donate a couple of hours for this on either day. I am putting a schedule together for workers so we can divide up our time. Please contact me asap if you can help out.

We are honored by having our brother Jeff Kampa organize our omelet breakfast supplies and costs for upcoming events. THANK YOU KINDLY JEFF!!!!!!!!!!!! Stay tuned we are getting closer on this goal!!!!

A HUGE THANK YOU ALSO GOES TO OUR BROTHER BOB KERESTES FOR THE DONATED GRILL TO DO OUR HASHBROWNS!!!!!!!!!!!! I can smell them already! I \$ YOU WILL DO A FANTASTIC JOB!!!!!!!!

There are plans in the works for having a food stand for Rice Fun Day this year! Stay tuned! This will be fun!!!! There are many plans in the works at the post for fun and frolic and this cannot be possible without YOU THE MEMBERS!!!

With the warm weather upon us soon, on Sunday May 19 there is a benefit ride for St. Paul Officer Dan King. Officer King was wounded in the line of duty October 23rd 2012 His prognosis is good but does not know when he will be able to return to work. Lets bring the Thunder down for the brave men and women who put their lives on the line who proudly wear the badge! I would like your thoughts on this as in where we should meet and what time? Registration for this event is from 10:00 til 12:00 at The Well Sports Tavern 35 Coon Rapids Blvd {763-792-0800} what are your thoughts riders? Lets hear from you!!!!

The \$ 5.00 didn't go out at our last meeting so the pot is up to \$10.00 Easy money! All you have to do is attend and hopefully your name is drawn!

I look forward to all the exciting things we are planning and hope you will be apart of them!

Serving you proudly your Commander Jeff Gondeck!

Until then At Ease Gentlemen!

HONOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Memorial Day is here again. Members of the color guard need to muster at the post NLT 8:30 A.M. we have three cemeteries to do honors at. Be sure to bring your jackets. Those with military uniforms, we can use each of you.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

I received an email from Sergeant Major Ron Klug (formerly of Holdingford) is now back in Afghanistan. He is the senior enlisted advisor for a joint service provincial reconstruction team. He sent me some pictures but for some unknown mystic reason the computer eliminated my saved messages and they all disappeared. (Sorry SGM) It was good to hear from the good sergeant major. Chris James a member of the MN State Patrol and post member has just departed for Afghanistan also. No word from him. No word from our Tomb Guard Jacob Davenport.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Don Miklos

Greetings, My Christian Legion Family:

Last winter your chaplain had knee-replacement surgery. After a stint with infection and a rather long recovery, I had the misfortune to slip on the ice and break the same leg. It definitely was a lesson in humility. Indeed, I thank God for all the cards, letters, calls, prayers and help that I received from you, my comrades. I thank you sincerely.

In appreciation and thinking of this, I recalled a story related to me by a fellow chaplain. Please allow me to share this horse story with you.

There is a field with two horses in it, and from a distance they look alike. But closer up, looking into their eyes, you notice one horse is blind. His owner has chosen not to put him down. This alone is amazing. But as you listen you hear the sound of a small bell, a bell attached to the halter of the other horse.

You notice he checks on his blind friend, periodically shakes his head, letting the blind horse know where he is so he can follow. In the evening, when headed to the barn, he looks back to make sure his blind friend is not too far behind, so he can hear the bell.

Like the owner of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect. He watches over us and brings others into our lives to help us when we need it. At times we are the blind horse guided by the bell. Other times we may be the guide horse, sent to help others find their way through their hardships and trials. Whichever you are called upon to be, remembering be kinder than you actually need to be. Most people you meet are fighting some kind of battle in their lives and really need to hear that little bell of encouragement. Be the one to bear that bell and the owner will be very appreciative for he is truly compassionate and loves all those in his care.

**May God be with you Comrades
Your Chaplain,
Don Miklos**

FROM THE TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

Ok all you talented catchers of fish. The opener is only a couple of weeks away. At least one interesting question comes to the front. Will the ice be off the lake you want to fish? Hovda reports that his latest recorded ice out for Little Rock Lake was April 21st. I'll bet it will be this month before the ice is out of the dead sea.

I'm putting you all on notice – I plan on putting a line in the water. The pan fish crew – do I have the “right of passage” to join you, or you afraid I'll show all of you big men how to put fish in the boat?

Anyway, keep safe and wear your PFD's. God bless.

Darlene Hiscock
AKA - Ms. Tackle Box

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

Well its spring today for the first time. During the month of May we at the club are asking you to come and sign up for our Key-for-cash drawing that will begin on May 4th. If you are signed up you will have a chance to win \$\$\$\$\$. We will start out the drawing at \$50 and add 25 every week and draw one key out of our bin. If you are the lucky key chain number you win the prize. Should be fun so come and get yourself registered.

Thanks to all who helped spring-clean the legion. We very much appreciate it.

Thank you also to Charlie and Jeff our bingo callers. Without you our gambling fund would not be what it is today, also to Anthony and Andrew our sellers.

Our softball teams will be starting to play ball in May, Thursday nights at the softball fields. Come out and cheer them on. Good luck guys.

Stop by or call the club if you would like to host a party there. Free of charge. 320-393-4545 Or leave a message for me

Thank you
Cheryl Bovy

Rice Legion Website

Check out the Legion Website at post473.com this is the ordinal Website we had only updated, there are Newsletter on and events. Check it out.

Auxiliary Newsletter

Janice Martin

Happy Spring finally!

Annual reports are done and have been mailed.

At our last meeting I had to report that we hadn't heard from Coborns regarding our annual fundraiser. Well the day after the meeting I received a letter confirming our Brat Sale for June 26 and 27th at Coborns in Sauk Rapids....more to come on that later.

The 62nd Annual National Day of Prayer Gathering is scheduled for May 2nd at Shepherd of the Pines church in Rice starting at 6:15 pm. Please plan to attend this gathering in light of the recent bombing and attempted bombings we need prayer for our country more than ever.

Our next meeting is May 13th at the Legion Club starting at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing Memorial Day and other up coming events. Please come and add your thoughts!

At our April meeting we discussed the charges that the city has imposed for the usage of the cities buildings...especially the Old City Hall that we use for the Christmas and Easter programs that we put on for our communities children. We have decided that we will contact the Watab Township Hall and see if we can book the two dates with them.

May dinner schedule is: Baked Chicken, mashed potatoes, veggies, salads and desserts \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids 10 and under. May dinner crew will be Libby Levinski, Nancy Anderson, and Cherie Ablan.

Memorial Day ceremonies will be Monday, May 27th. Line up at the Legion at 9:00 and then head to the Langola cemetery by 9:30 after that will be the Catholic cemetery then Graham cemetery. Picnic lunch at the Legion club after all the ceremonies. Ladies we need salads and desserts for the picnic as we usually do every year. Hope to see you all there!

Have a Marvelous May!

May is Poppy Month

May is Poppy month we will be sending letters to everyone along with Poppy's for you to wear. We hope you will be able to help us out with a donation again this year. 100% of the money donated goes to Veterans we do not use this money for anything else. The funds are use in the area for Veteran programs at the VA Hospital in St Cloud and the Rice Legion members. A great way to say Thank You to our Veterans.

LEGION MAY 2013 – CALENDER

- 01 Operation Bingo. Post 7 – 9:00 P.M.**
- 02 National Day of Prayer. Shepherd of the Pines. 5:25 P.M. (Fly Flag)**
- 04 Battle of Coral Sea begins. (1942)
- 08 Operation Bingo. Post 7 – 9:00 P.M.**
- 08 Germany surrenders. (VE Day) (Fly Flag)
- 10 Military Spouses Day.
- 12 Mother's Day. (Fly Flag)
- 13 Legion meetings. 4:30, 5:00 and 7:00 P.M.**
- 14 Auxiliary dinner. Post 5 – 7:00 P.M.**
- 15 Operation Bingo. Post 7 – 9:00 P.M.**
- 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day. Flag ½ staff until noon.
- 18 Armed Forces Day. (Fly Fag)
- 21 S.A.L. Meeting, Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 22 Operation Bingo. Post 7 – 9:00 P.M.**
- 26 Memorial Day at MN St Vets Cemetery, Little Falls. (Noonish)**
- 27 Memorial Day Activities Rice. 9:30, 10:30 and 11:20 A.M. (Fly Flag ½ staff until noon)**
- 29 Operation Bingo. Post 7 – 9:00 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 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

Two items for you airborne folks. First, in WWII the German 21st Army surrenders to the 82nd and 17th Airborne Divisions in Germany. (1945) Second, On May 1, 1963 the 6th Special Forces Group (Airborne) activates.

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