



THE AMERICAN LEGION

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

My daughters hosted me on a tour of the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Before you stop reading remember that the Air Force started in 1947, so back to 1910 the Army and Navy did the flying. They are there with a lot of airplanes. I was really impressed with the amount of aircraft on display and there are many more planned in the future.

The visit begins with hot air balloons that started in the Civil War. There is a replica of the first aircraft, a Wright Flyer. In 1910 the military accepted its first Wright Flyer aircraft. The military accepted a kit aircraft and a correspondence course about how to fly. When you look at the wood and cloth fighters of World War I you wonder how they had the courage to even take off.

You can clearly see the improvement in aircraft as you move through the exhibits. The open cockpit three engine bomber changes to a sleek closed high altitude bomber. As you walk into the World War Two room it is clear the aircraft are modern looking and high flying. The B-25, which was famous because of its raids on Japan, was a very interesting exhibit. The German early jets were also on display. There was a display of the four engines Boeing B-17 bomber. My favorite plane was the Boeing B-29 and the two atomic bombs, which were dropped ending WWII. I went back to it several times.

There is a B-52 on display. As you walk under it you are amazed at the huge size. Your next thought is how huge the bomb bay area is. It holds many bombs. Then there is the little two places O-1 "Bird Dog." What a contrast.

There are many more planes and support equipment. A new wing is being built now, which will expand space by 25%. We are going as soon as it is open. The admission is free. It is so popular that it has a million visitors a year. Make a trip to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The web address is www.airforcemuseum.com.

TO THE POST EVERLASTING

Sergeant Amanda Stewart U.S. Army National Guard on 31 December 2014. Our prayers go out to the family and friends.

S.A.L UPDATE

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

On the 12th of January, SAL members met with the legion and reviewed the activities accomplished and future activities. All members are invited to the membership meeting that will be held on the 9th of Feb at 7:00 P.M.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

Two of our warriors, Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Army (Retired) and WWII Coast Guard member William “Bill” Bridges and Sergeant Amanda Stewart are now members of the American Legion Post Everlasting. Bill served more than thirty years of military service. Your post Honor Guard participated with members of the United States Coast Guard from Duluth in rendering honors. Sergeant Amanda Stewart served honorably with the U.S. Army National Guard and was deployed to Iraq for a deployment. The honor guard participated in the wake, funeral and interment of Sergeant Stewart.

Both deserve recognition in this column, as they were both serving members of the United States Army at the time of their passing

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Our annual training and appreciation dinner will be conducted on Sunday, 22 February 2015 starting at 5:30 with training at the Immaculate Conception Church for about an hour, then to the post for a social time and appreciation dinner.

If you are interested in joining, or are a member you are welcome to attend. Invitations will be sent out to current members. **If you plan on attending, it is imperative that you RSVP (REPLY) NLT than 18 February so I can get a head count to Creative Catering. No response, no food.** The training (review) of what we do is important. Appearance and professionalism at our special events is very important. Call me at 393-4339 or email jhovda.rice@jetup for confirmation will work.

THE FISHING STRINGER

Only one fish, a 17-inch walleye by SAL member Bob Kerestes caught at Lake of the Woods. Jerome Nelson, Randy Fernholz, Fred Segler, Don Miklos and the rest of you anglers are you all MIA? Only a few days left in the fishing season to get your name in this article. I've not even heard any rumors from the pan fish crew.

God Bless and be safe.

Darlene Hiscock

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Emil Williams

I never seem to tire of reading and hearing the true story of four chaplains who gave up their life jackets so that others may live. It is a story of self-sacrifice and devotion on the part of four Chaplains. So here is a rather short version of what happened on the third of February 1943.

THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

“Early on the morning of February 3, 1943, the U.S. troop transport “Dorchester” was wallowing through icy seas off Greenland. Most of the 900 troops on board were asleep in their bunks. Suddenly a torpedo smashed into the Dorchester’s flank. Frantically pounding up the ladders the troops milled in confusion on the decks.

“In those dark moments of panic, the coolest men aboard were four U.S. Army Chaplains — First Lieutenants Clark V. Poling (Reformed Church of America), Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), John P. Washington (Catholic), George L. Fox (Methodist). The four chaplains led the men to boxes of life jackets, and passed them out to the soldiers with boat-drill precision. When the boxes were empty, the four chaplains quietly slipped off their own precious life preservers, put them on four young GIs, and told them to jump.

“The Dorchester went down 25 minutes later in a rumble of steam. Some 600 men were lost, but the heroic chaplains had helped save over 200. The last anyone saw of them, they were standing on the slanting deck, their arms linked, in prayer to the one God they all served.”

In closing, John 15:13 says, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” That is what Jesus did for us. He died on the cross for us that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Truly, that was love!

May God help us understand and receive that love from Him and know that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Emil Williams
SAL Chaplain

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 \$500.00. 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.

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

January was busy time at the club. We had a couple of parties and a dart tournament.

February brings Valentines Day. Remember Feb 14th the auxiliary will be serving a great dinner here at the club. Need no reservations and the price is very reasonable. Come join us for a great meal with your special someone.

The legion will be getting a face-lift in the next few months. New flooring will be installed. Thank you Mark Soderholm for all you do. Also thank you to Home Depot for your donations to the club. Thanks also to Jim Hovda for the help.

Having a party ?? Call the club and set a date. We will be happy to help.

Remember bingo on Wed. eve at 7 and meat raffle Sat. at 730 along with key for cash beginning at 8pm. It's a great time and you can win CASH...

AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Hello Ladies

We would like to THANK Cheryl and Sandy for their help during the Widows Night that was held in November. Sorry we missed your names in the last newsletter.

Our work day for Valentines for Vets went very well. We could have used a few more helping hands but thanks to some of our volunteers who worked from home before hand, we met our 500 items to be taken to the VA in St. Cloud for Valentines Day. We met at the Watab Township Hall, which is always a very warm clean homey place to meet. Thank you Watab Township! They never charge us and truly appreciate the work we do for Veterans and children. Thanks Nancy for organizing all the materials we needed to complete the projects!

At our meeting January 12th, we discussed if we wanted to do the Brat Sale at Coborns this year. I will be accessing and filling out the application this year online. We have no choice as to what they give us. We can only suggest what we prefer. What they give us is a crapshoot but we are grateful for what they give us.

I am looking for a person to lead our Auxiliary into 2015 as president. I would like to scale down a bit but will still be active in many activities in the Auxiliary. Please let me know if someone would like to take on this position. You won't be alone. There are many of us who have held this position and are eager to help train you in!

If you haven't turned in your membership yet you still can, especially if you want continuous years of membership. Remember, your membership helps the Veterans! Our membership fee is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youngsters 18 and younger.

Our February Auxiliary dinner will be **Saturday**, February 14th this year compared to our normal Tuesday evening dinner. The menu will be Prime Rib, baby red potatoes, salads and desserts the cost I believe, if I remember Pat right, is \$11.00. Watch for the dinner posters to be placed around the community and at the Legion.

Our next meeting will be February 9th at the Legion club starting at 7:00 pm.



Isabelle making pony bead USA ornaments



We delivered five boxes of items (500 items) to St Cloud Veteran Hospital



FEBRUARY 2015 LEGION CALENDAR

02 Army Nurse Corps established. (1901)

04 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

07 Keys for Cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.

09 Leg CC, BOD & Leg, SAL & Aux - Membership meetings. See below.

10 Auxiliary Dinner is Feb 14th

11 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

12 Lincoln's Birthday. (Fly Flag)

14 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.

14 Valentine's Day. **Auxiliary Dinner Guys take your sweetheart to this one Prime Rib Note this is Saturday night not our normal Tuesday.**

16 Presidents Day. (George Washington's B'day observed – Fly Flag)

18 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

21 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.

22 Color Guard training and appreciation dinner. 5:30 Im Con Cath Church.

25 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

28 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.

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, SAL & Auxiliary meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Legion Post. SAL members meet w/Leg

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