



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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## **FROM THE COMMANDER**

Fred Segler

Well hello again the time sure does fly. First Grand Daughter just graduated from high school and heads to Drake University this fall. I can't be that old.

It was a smashing success, the Memorial ceremony a bigger crowd than last year and all went well. Great crowd at the club afterward. Fishing is fair no big ones but lots to eat. If gardens grew only half as fast as the weeds but nice. If anyone needs tomatoes this year see me I quit counting plants when I went past 70.

Club has been painted, thanks Girls it's always nice to see freshly painted walls and ceiling. Please drop by and check it out. Thank the Auxiliary. We had a very nice Flag disposal June 12th at the club many old, torn flags were put to rest by a very touching ceremony. Boy Scouts were present and helped out, Thanks a bunch, also Scouts and some of the parents cleaned up the Memorial before Memorial Day Thank you, It makes all of us proud and happy to see the young people helping out. Don't forget the Auxiliary dinners on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month the last one was great, BB ribs yummy. Hope all stay well, and if you are having problem get well soon. See you at the club Fred

## THE VA MEDICAL CENTER

Has an excellent urgent care facility. It's located just inside the main entrance. If your medical need is more than home treatment can solve, this is your answer. Service is fast the staff will bend over backwards to help.

They also have a dental clinic that just came on line.

## **POST SERVICE OFFICER**

Charles Anderson

Choice program updates see flier at legion for more.

DFAS Retired and Annuitant pay changes Mailing address. See flier at legion.

VA co pays. You may need to complete a VA form 10-10EZR a renewal of your enrollment and review of financial information. This is only if your financial

situation has gotten worse.

Truth, Honesty and Persistence. The Road map to challenging the VA.  
Agent orange issues with the VA

Updated Powered Wheel Chairs and Scooter Available. Contact:  
[Greg.Peterson@co.brown.mn.us](mailto:Greg.Peterson@co.brown.mn.us) See flier at legion bulletin board.

Bill SF 605 the State Omnibus Finance Bill Passed both houses and was vetoed by Governor Dayton. This bill affects the Veterans homes, no funding for the Duluth, Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery. No repairs and maintenance funding for the veterans cemeteries and 50 state owned building

10 year cost of living round down pertaining to cost of living adjustments for disability compensation, Dependency and indemnity compensation and some other benefits for the next 10 years.

Individual Unemployables and social security offset. They want to scale back the VA's Individual Employability Program for thousands of veterans.

Veterans Bills Approved:

H. R. 1329 Cost of living adjustments. H. R. 2288 Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017. H. R. 1725 A bill that would require the VA to provide detailed reports to congress. H. R. 1005 Legislation that would improve the payments to state veteran's homes offering medically based adult day health care services. H. R. A bill that would require VA medical Centers to comply with regulations pertaining to scheduling medical care appointments. H. R. 1162 A bill that would authorize a pilot program to offer veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, military sexual trauma, chronic pain, and opiate addiction EKG/EEG-guided resonance therapy.

You can land your dream job. The DAV is hosting ALL VETERANS CAREER FAIRS through out the USA. You can contact them at 877-426-2838 ext.2055, or [employment@dav.org](mailto:employment@dav.org). See flyer on bulletin board in legion.

Blue Water Navy calls the President. Who's VA it it? Call the President's VA hotline @ 855-948-2311, 8am till 5:30 pm.

VA Cemetery Advance Eligibility Determination. Need for all Veterans to have their DD214 on file with your Local County Veteran Service Officer Office. It makes it easier to find when the Veteran Passes away. They are no longer accepting e-mail submission of VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery. Mail to: National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151. Fax (toll free) 1855-840-8299. Or Visit <https://www.cem.va.gov/pre-need/>

State Bill Tracker: Vetoed 2, Approved 27, Introduced 19, Laid over 5, Included 13, Veterans rest home 1, Signed By Governor 1.

Federal Bill Tracker: Introduced 4.

Operation wedding gowns. Celebrate our heroes, July 2017. Who Qualifies: Active duty Veterans, Active First Responders. Contact: [www.bridesacrossamerica.com](http://www.bridesacrossamerica.com) See flyer in legion.

Soldier on, life after deployment. Three women confront the challenges of readjusting to civilian life after their post 9/11 deployments. See flyer in legion. H. R. 2288, Passed the house. Legislation would significantly improve the ability of veterans to receive more timely and accurate decisions on their claims, and appeals of denied claims for earned benefits.

I have a print out of all the different medical equipment that the DAV will accept and not accept. Also a print out of the equipment that they have and the location of it. You will however have to go get it. See flyer at legion.

ST. Cloud VA has a new system for. Self schedule primary care appointments.

View or Cancel existing clinic appointments. Make requests for help scheduling. Download app. At: <https://mobile.va.gov/appstore/> , Help desk at 1-877-470-5947, benefits support at 1-800-983-0937 see flyer at legion.

Jog Openings:

MILLE LACS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES OFFICER. CLOSING DATE 6-23-2017. See flyer at legion.

Correctional officers Hiring State Wide. See Flyer at legion.

Family Assistance Center Specialist, for Camp Ripley. Find application on Skyline a job assistance or localjobnetwork.com

## **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Your post color guard represented themselves well at Memorial Day. Members of the Patriot Guard were also present to add pageantry to the event.

Keep uniforms squared away. One event, somewhat distant, the interment of FFC1 (Fireman First Class) Elmer T. Kerestes USN on SATURDAY, 29 July. He was KIA on 07 December 1942. He is being returned to Holdingford. We will be in attendance. This is an important event. SAL member Robert Kerestes is one of the few remaining living relatives.

## **YOUR POST AND SAL OFFICERS 2017 – 18**

At the June membership meeting the listed officers were elected: Commander – Fred Segler, First Vice Commander – Jim Wolf, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Charlie Fuchs, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Joe Voigt, Finance Officer – Floyd Hinkemeyer, Service Officer – Charles Anderson, Chaplain – Don Miklos, Sgt.-at-Arms – Jim Segler, Historian – Chet Seviola, Judge Advocate – Pat Smoley and appointed positions – Jim Hovda Adjutant and Charlie Fuchs Gambling Manager. Jerry Lage was appointed to serve on the Bar Committee.

SAL – No quorum and Jim Wolf (Commander) appointed Scott Bierman as First Vice Commander, Robert Kerestes, Finance Officer and Jim Hovda Adjutant.

## **WARRIORS COLUMN**

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

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Don Miklos

**Brothers and Sisters, Comrades,**

**Again the Lord of all life has taught me the measure of my days. By placing a bit of sadness into my life, he has taught me, once again, that I am a stranger in his land; and that I am only here for a short while.**

Last week I performed a burial service for a very dear, life-long friend. It was a request and I obliged. The only time since boy-hood that we were separated was my military service time, and that only because he would not serve. I knew his secrets and hurts in this life and he knew mine.

We buried him in a private place he had selected, with a small private ceremony Later when everyone departed, alone with my thought of sadness, there came to mind a story an old monk from St John's had related to me.

The father of a family in New York City told his young son, age 8, he was taking him to see a Yankee's game in Flat-bush. This was really a big day for him because his father said he would be navigating the sub-way home all-alone; a very scary thought because they lived across the City and it required a lot of transfers. His dad had taught him everything he needed to know, so tickets and transfers in hand, scared stiff, he bid good-by to dad after the game. Dad assured him his mother would be waiting for him on the last stop platform and not to worry

After what he thought was a scary and harrowing ride, he exited the last train and sure enough, there stood mom, all smiles and ready with a big hug, Then he heard a very familiar voice behind him, "Congratulations my son, I knew you could do it. The son turned and there exiting the same car was his father, who had never really left him alone. His father, who had secretly watched over him all the time!

That story lingered my mind as I remembered that my life-long friend was a good man, a hard worker, always there when you needed him, a comrade in every sense of the word. However, life had thrown him quite a few curves. A lot of health issues, two failed marriages along with other problems in life and sometimes he felt that God had forgotten him.

As I stood there, alone, over his grave, I realized it was God who had called him to that realm in the west, beyond the sun-set and the evening star where only beauty and goodness dwell. Our God had created him, had cared for him and now certainly would not desert him to the dust! I knew! I knew I had played a small part in his life and hopefully eased a little of the burden. I said a prayer then and with a small smile on my face I whispered, "Thank you Lord for his presence in my life, and Thank you Lord for EVERYTHING!

In Faith, your Chaplain

Don L. Miklos

### **THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX**

Darlene Hiscock  
"AKA" Ms. Tackle Box.

A little story about a father-son fishing event. Nate Larson takes is son Ben to Itaska State Park, Lake Ozawindib. They fish for bass, northern, walleye and pan fish.

The family land at Gulsvig landing was the first canoe landing on the Mississippi named after Nates Grandfather. The Larson Family has fished on the lakes in Itaska for years and hopefully Ben will continue the tradition.

We have a dandy Lake of the Woods walleye (26") Jim's friend who lives on the north end of LRL. One northern pike (17") caught by Dale Hiscock.

Not many fish turned in. With grad parties, weddings and other events slowed things down. Nope, I haven't been out yet either. The wives of our regulars must have short leashes on the guys.

Safe fishing and God Bless.

Darlene Hiscock - - "AKA" Ms. Tackle Box



Jebb Wilis 26 inch Walleye June 8m 2017

**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 \$150.00. 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

If I could only keep the rabbits out of my garden I would be so happy. I've been dusting plants with cayenne pepper and it seems to help; now I just need to get the wind to stop blowing.

The painting of the legion looks great. Thanks Pat and Auxiliary. Two days but Pat and I got it done without incident.

Remember bingo on Wednesday night at 7pm. Pot is \$1199. Also Sat night meat raffle and "Key for Cash" drawing that starts at approximately 7pm. Help support our club.

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### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Joyce Segler

Summer has arrived with gardens becoming plentiful. Radishes, green onions, strawberries and very soon peas will be ready to be picked, doesn't get much better than this. Sometimes it is nice having a resident gardener.

The July Auxiliary dinner is on Tues July 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. The dinner is fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy and salads and desserts made by the ladies serving. They are Cheryl Walberg, Marge Cariveau, and Cecil Huston. Meals are adults \$8.00 children under-12 \$3.00. Hope to see you there.

Until next time, Joyce

## **JULY 2017 LEGION CALENDAR**

**01 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**

04 Happy b'day America. (Fly flag)

**05 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**

**08 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.**

**10 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Leg, Aux & SAL)**

**11 AUXILIARY DINNER 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post. Fried Chicken mashed potato, gravy, salads desserts**

**12 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post**

**15 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.**

**19 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post**

**22 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.**

**26 BINGO, 7:00 P.M. POST.**

27 Korean war ends. (1953) (Fly flag)

28 WWI Began. (1914)

**29 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat rafle 7:00 P.M.**

Legion meetings start w/the bar committee 6:00 P.M. followed by the BOD meeting at 6:30 and ending with a combined SAL and Leg membership meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Pine Country Bank meeting room. The auxiliary will NOT meet July and August. All members are encouraged to attend.

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