



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

February 2013

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Your Legion provided honors at the wake of Ted Symanietz. All of you that participated should be proud. Your uniforms and your actions were outstanding. You honored Ted and his family with a military ceremony that paid tribute to a departed comrade.

The funeral reminded me of a conversation I had with my dad before he died. He was slowing down and getting to be a couch potato. I told him he needed to get out more. He asked what I suggested that he do. When I told him to go visit old friends he observed that he did not have any because they were all dead.

It makes me feel good when I think about my time to change to the eternal post. There will be a Legion service and my Legion comrades will be doing their ceremonies and presenting a flag to my wife. In the time left for me to do our Legion funeral ceremonies I promise to honor all of our members and their families. I hope this makes you feel good about your Legion.

Chet Seviola

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### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS & S.A.L. SQUARDRON 473**

Gentleman, I'm starting this month's letter with an apology for not getting January's newsletter out in time. The next time you see me, I will buy you your favorite beverage at the club! I would like to thank you for your prayers for Chaplain Mikolos. His surgery went well and he is up and running performing his duties better than ever! He is even doing his best to decimate the fish population! Glad your back Don !!!!! I'm proud to announce a few new members to our post, they are Bob Kerestes Jeff Kampa and Emil Williams. Emil has blessed us with becoming our Chaplain. Thank you kindly Emil !!!! I've put in an application to Coborn's to sell brats and burgers this summer. The dates will be determined by Coborn's in March. When I have the dates I will pass on the information. This will be a important event for us for with the proceeds with help fund other events at

the club like our omelet breakfasts which in turn we can help other areas like our disabled vets enjoy a fishing or hunting trip. I ask for your support in this matter to show what the SAL Post 473 can do !!!

With spring coming upon us I would like to tell our Legion Riders to dust off their bikes and clean their leather. It won't be long folks! I have been working with other posts for rides this year! Stay tuned for more info. Please take time to thank a veteran for all they've done. They deserve it! Until then at ease gentleman!

Serving you proudly!

Your commander Jeff Gondeck

### **HONOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

On the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> of January members participated in conducting ceremonies at the wake, funeral and interment of past member Ted Symanietz. Ted was an air force veteran of the Korean War. The commander and family asked me to thank everyone involved for their time and efforts. On behalf of all our honor guard members we were honored to be present and accounted for.

### **HONOR GUARD TRAINING AND APPRECIATION DINNER**

Members should report to the Immaculate Conception Church at 4:45 P.M. on SUNDAY 17 Feb. We will do about an hour training reviewing wakes, funeral and interment proceedings. I'll cover some administrative issues you need to be aware of. It was a fun time last year.

Only a couple of blocks away, we go the legion for beverages and a hosted dinner catered by none other than Mark Larson and the Creamery Café. If you are a member of the honor guard or wish to join, feel welcome to participate in the training and dinner. Be sure to follow the RSVP instructions as I will need a head count. [jhovda.rice@jetup.net](mailto:jhovda.rice@jetup.net)

## WARRIORS COLUMN

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

My spies have informed me that Sergeant Major Ron Klug is now in Afghanistan. No specifics, I hope that I can get some additional info from the good SGM.

We do have some of our active reserve component folks doing some interesting training and missions. I need you folks to let me know what you are doing. [jhovda.rice@jetup.net](mailto:jhovda.rice@jetup.net) will work for me.



Jerry Huntington and his father Jerry Huntington Sr. who was a paratrooper serving in the Korean War.

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

**My Dear Christian Comrades:**

**According to Matthew's Gospel, "The Epiphany Of The Lord." Ch. 2: 1-12, The Magi (Wise Men), came to visit Mary and Joseph's home to see the baby Jesus. It speaks to the message "Christ came for all people."**

**For as long as I can remember, once a year, my parents re-dedicated our home to this event. Above the ranch house door was printed, in chalk, these letters and numbers, "20+C+M+B+13." This represents the year and the Latin words**

**“Christos Mansionem Benedicat.” (May Christ bless this house) C-M-B also represents the names given to the Magi, (Casper, Melchoir, Balthasar). At this time we would say this prayer “Lord our God, may all who come to see our home rejoice to find Christ living among us. We ask your blessing on this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others reflects your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**This prayer, these words, welcome any and all to this house. During the great depression years of the 30’s and early 40’s, my mother never turned away a cowboy or any weary traveler who was hungry or in need. She lived that prayer with her life. To this day, she is still my role model!**

**Would you print these letters and numbers above your doorpost? It is an awesome challenge! Would you welcome everyone? The world may not know what they mean, but our God does!**

**-All are welcome here-**

**In Christ Jesus, I remain, Your Chaplain,**

**Don Miklos**

**Chaplain American Legion Post 0473**

### **TO THE POST EVERLASTING**

Member Theodore “Ted” Symanietz on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Ted was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served during the Korean War. Ted was also a member of Sauk Rapids VFW Post 6992 in Sauk Rapids.

### **THE TACKLE BOX**

No article submitted.

## **FROM THE CLUB**

February has hopes of bringing a little warmer weather.

At the post this month is a meat raffle starting the first of Feb. at 7pm. It is also the night of our softball teams winter party. Come join in the fun.

If you need to have a party the club is always available to you **FREE** of charge. Just call at 393-4545 and set up a date.

Bingo numbers are climbing and so is the jackpot. Wednesday nights at 7pm is when the party begins.

Our Auxiliary women are putting on a prime rib dinner for Valentines Day. The date is February 12th. \$10 a plate is a great price for such wonderful meal. Serving from 5 til 7pm. Bring your significant other for dinner and a cocktail.

Cheryl

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## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello Ladies

February is here already!

We had a very good workday at the Watab hall making Valentines for Veterans. If anyone can get their hands on a copy of the Sauk Rapids Herald you can see seven pictures of all the hard workers and some of the crafts we worked on. If not, I'll include some in this newsletter. I always look forward to this day every year because I have so much fun. Thanks to Nancy Anderson for gathering all the supplies and delivering the final products to the V.A. Hospital in St. Cloud. I would love to go along sometime and watch all the excited faces Nancy sees each year when she delivers them. We have been making these crafts for some 10 plus years. Nancy will be boxing up some of these crafts along with some other fun stuff and sending this to some of our active veterans also.

The Brat sale application has been filled out and submitted. We will find out some time towards the end of March what our date will be. I requested June or July.

Some of our members will be representing our Auxiliary at the Mid Winter Conference in Waite Park on February 2nd.

Our Auxiliary will be helping out at the Don and Karol Weyer Christmas Fire fundraiser at the Royalton Legion to be held on February 23rd. Anyone wishing to donate an item to the silent auction contact me, the Legion club here or anyone of the guys.

Our next meeting will be February 11th at the Legion club. Please plan to attend with your spouse. We will be discussing the Easter Egg Hunt for the kids set for Palm Sunday, March 24th at the Old City Hall. come share you ideas!

Our special "Valentines Auxiliary Dinner" will be Tuesday, February 12th, from 5-7 featuring prime rib at the special price of \$10.00 per person.

So far, we have 70 paid members with 13 who need to renew their memberships. So, if you are one of the 13, please get your membership dues in to the Legion club to the attention of Nancy Anderson.

Have a Fabulous February!

Janice





### **AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP**

If you receive a renewal for your membership and you already have your 2013 card through the renewal away. We have had several of our members send membership in and they were already paid. Then have been some that are unset with the renewal when they already paid. This is not something we can control it is done on the national level. For some reason some of the memberships were not updated before the letters went out. So check your card if it does not say 2013 then you need to send in membership dues. If your card says 2013 disregard the renewal notice. I am very sorry for any confusion.

### **LEGION - FEBRUARY 2013 - CALENDER**

02 Army Nurse Corps established. (1901)

03 Four Chaplains Sunday.

04 USO Incorporated. (1941)

**06 Operation Bingo. Post 7 – 9:00 P.M.**

**11 Legion Club Committee and BOD Mtgs. P.C. Bank (See below)**

**11 Legion & Auxiliary membership meetings. 7:00 P.M. Post.**

**12 Auxiliary Valentines Day Dinner. 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post.**

**13 Operation Bingo. Post 7 – 9:00 P.M.**

14 Valentine's Day.

**17 HONOR GUARD TRAINING AND DINNER. (See article)**

18 President's Day. Washington's Birthday observed. (Fly Flag)

**20 Operation Bingo. Post 7 – 9:00 P.M.**

**23 Weyer Fundraiser – Royalton Legion. 3 – 8:00 P.M.**

**27 Operation Bingo. Post 7 – 9:00 P.M.**

27 Desert Storm Ground War ends after 100 hours.

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**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 1945, the last paratrooper assault mission of WWII occurred on Camalaniugan in the Philippine Islands, to prevent the Japanese from escaping. Due to high winds on the drop zone (25 – 30 knots) members of the 511<sup>th</sup> Airborne sustained 7% jump casualties. OUR PAST MEMBER, CORPORAL BEN STELLMACH made that parachute jump. Ben held several leadership positions in our post. He was a well-decorated soldier and paratrooper.

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