



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

First of all, I have installed a POW/MIA flag on our monument. And am receiving some flak about it. I would like the membership to weigh in on this, please give me a call yea /or nay. Thanks. 393-2484 We have held many meat raffles at the club and have a 500.00 check to deposit in the building fund, Thanks to the color guard. We will continue to hold meat raffles on any Saturday night that is not scheduled for any other group. We need help anyone interested in helping run them please contact Fred at 393-2484. They are a lot of fun and if we are going to grow we need the funds in the building fund. The back lot at the cemetery needs cutting does any one know, anyone that has a brush hog and would be willing to help? Fishing has been slow, as far as I know the past Commander Chet has the biggest walleye 18" I hope to have biggest catfish at 24". Weather sure has been nice and with Deer Hunting just around the corner I wish everyone luck and a safe hunt. Also we are trying to establish a planning group for our future, this needs more than our present officers and board members. Please give this some thought, as we need to plan for our future. Our Veterans Service Officer was at our last club meeting, answering question on our veterans benefits, and we all learned a lot. If you have any questions about your benefits give him a call. There are cards at the club. Thanks and hope to see you at the club

Your humble Commander Fred Segler.

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.

S.A.L UPDATE  
Jim Hovda – Adjutant

No report. Need your dues if you have not already sent them in.

## **WARRIORS COLUMN**

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

No information for the column. If anyone knows of persons who should be recognized, let me know.

## **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

Waiting on Info about our program at the Rice Elementary School.

Jim Hovda

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Don Miklos

Looking back on my life the other day, I realized I had not attained a goal I set for myself when I was young. I was going to be famous! Thank God it didn't happen. But really, who among us did not want fame? Now, stop to think. Who remembers Olympians, Super Bowl Stars, Actors or Actresses from thirty or forty years ago? Very few for sure, but you do remember a special teacher, your very best friends, a fox-hole buddy who always had your back, a cop or paramedic who helped you in an accident.

**"Do not seek fame, it is fleeting, but rather seek to serve, it is lasting." Mark 9:30 – 37** Jesus loved to use parables or stories to teach. One such story concerned a child. The little children were drawn to him and were crowding Jesus so the apostles tried to disperse them to give him breathing room. In those cultural times, slaves were the least ranked they meant nothing. Children were next, and then women. Men were all it, especially the scribes and Pharisees (leaned men). What does Jesus do? He picked a small child a girl child, a "double whammy", of sorts, embraced her and said, "Let the little children come to me, for whoever causes one who believes in me to sin, (to cause harm), better a millstone be tied around his neck and they be cast into the sea and drowned," for by vengeance will be great and they shall be cast into Gehenna where the fire is never quenched and the worm never dies." What was Gehenna? A valley just outside Jerusalem where people took all their refuse, basically a dump, where there was a fire burning at all times, and worms, lots of worms!

Strong words from our Savior, are they not? No "ifs" "ands" or "buts" about that one. Still want to be number one? Where are your passions for prestige and greatness leading you? Do you bring peace or conflict community or competition?

Then Jesus tries to tell the apostles about this impending death, what do they do? Argue about who among them will be the greatest after he is gone. When Jesus hears of this, he tells them, "The one among you who will be the greatest

is the one who serves the most.” Comrades, the choice is yours. I pray it be the right one.

**Your Chaplain Don Miklos**

**Thought for today: Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember Moses started out as a basket case.**

### **LEGION FOLKS RECEIVE AWARD**

N Anderson

Chuck Rau of the Benton County Soil & Water presented a gift certificate to Jan and Jim Hovda for their more than twenty five years of continuous weather reporting. The reporting required daily readings of precipitation and reported once a month. This weather-reporting program is part of a statewide program to chart rainfall. I can tell you that when Jim & Jan were on vacation I had the task of taking the readings. Congratulations Jan and Jim.



## FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

(October NL) You sure can tell summer is coming to an end. Not many fish caught. It happens every year.

Seems like Fred Segler is using his retirement wisely – he was only one of two folks to turn in a fish. It was a 16-inch walleye from the Mississippi River. Fred gives new meaning to snagging fish. Our commander snagged in a bunch of old fishing line that had a rapalla on it and attached to it. He'll probably sell it when he goes south this winter.

The other fish turned in was a 13-inch catfish caught by none other than our good chaplain, Don Miklos. The story is clouded. I got the impression that he snagged it. He won't tell.

Most of the anglers are getting ready for deer hunting. Now is the time for some of you to hit your docks. You'll be winners. And, where the heck has Hovda been. I hear rumors of all the fishing trips – where are the fish?

God Bless, wear your PFD's especially when the water temperature drops. Hovda reported that the LRL water temp was 65 degrees on the 26<sup>th</sup> but that will change rapidly.

(This issue) Boy, do I have fish stories this time. Chet Seviola gave me a 18 inch walleye. Then Fred Segler got a 24-inch catfish and gave it to Don Miklos because Fred doesn't eat catfish and Don and Phyllis do.

Chet, Fred and Don were fishing on Chet's dock on "the great Mississippi." We have a new award to go out – the "Shame on you award." My spies tell me that Fred caught a six-inch walleye; the eggshell was still on the fish.

Another "big shame on you goes to Pat Popp. She had a 40-inch Muskie and tried to pawn it off as a northern pike. Wow, what a fish story. She wanted to see if I would catch the "LIE."

Until next time – safe fishing, be sure to wear your PFD's as Hovda told me that on Sunday, 18 October the water temperature in Little Rock Lake was down to 46 degrees (F). You will not last long in that cold water without help from a PFD. GOD BLESS and be safe. And, watch out for the duck hunters.

Darlene Hiscock  
"AKA" Ms. Tackle BOX.

**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 \$450.00. 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

November is here, but it's still warm. Thanks for that.

First and foremost at the club this month is our "Widows Night Out". We are giving our deer hunting widows a night out while the hunters are away. All the money that we raise goes to non-profit organizations in town. We raffle off baskets full of goodies, have a Rubber Ducky bingo game, sausage queen, door prizes, lunch and much more. If you wish to donate a basket to raffle, please bring it to legion or call me at the legion or Pat Fuchs. A list of all prizes donated will be posted at the legion. So thank you in advance. Starting time is 7pm and don't forget to wear camo or orange for a door prize.

Thank you to Shelly Struzyk and Sarah Stang for making our dart tournament with Shady's Railside a success. Thanks also to all participants on that day.

Our bingo is doing good. Jackpot is already at \$950. That's Wed. night at 7pm. Come join us for the fun. Also don't forget our meat raffle and "Key for Cash" on Saturdays starting at approximately 7.

Last but not least I would like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. I know I have a lot to be thankful for.

Manager  
Cheryl

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Janice Martin

Dear Ladies,

The Widows Night Out is Friday, November 6th starting at 7:00 pm and it is coming up fast. We were asked to donate veggies and dip. Last year our organization was given a very nice donation from this event for our veterans and children activities. Lets support this event!

November 16-20th is also American Education Week. As last year we plan to make and bring bars, cookies and sweets to the staff at school. I will be packaging these up on the Saturday and Sunday before which would be the 14th and 15th. We are looking for volunteer to make goodies for this. They can be either left at the Legion club on Saturday or delivered to my house on Sunday. If you can help out with this please call me or leave a message at 393-2410. I will be taking these over to school on Monday. The Auxiliary will supply the juice and milk. The men are planning on apples.

Veterans Day which is officially 11-11-15, will be celebrated at the Rice Elementary School at 11:00 am. On Friday, November 6th in the school gym. There is a program in the works. Veterans and family are encouraged to attend.

Novembers Dinner group will be serving Stuffed Pork chops, parm. potatoes, gravy, salads and desserts. The ladies who will be serving are Bev. Petron, Dorrain Petron, and Pat Petron.

Please remember your membership. It helps veterans in so many ways! Adults are \$20.00 and girls under 18 is \$10.00.

Janice



***Deer hunting Widow's weekend!***

***Join us at the Rice American Legion!***

***Friday, Nov. 6th, 7 pm***

***Raising money for several, non profit's!!!!***

***Wanna be sausage Queen?***

***Wanna bid on a cool basket?***

***Wanna win on a Deer Bingo?***

***Wanna see what I'm talking about?***

***Join us!***

## **NOVEMBER 2015 LEGION CALENDAR**

01 Daylight savings time ends. Set clocks back one hour.

03 Election day in some areas. Be sure to vote.

**04 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

10 Happy B'day USMC. (1775)

**10 Auxiliary dinner. 5 – 7:00 P.M. at the post.**

11 WWI Ends. (1918) Armistice Day – Now Veterans day. (Fly flag)

**11 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

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

**18 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

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

**25 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

26 Thanksgiving Day. CLUB CLOSED.

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

27 Navy Day. (Fly flag)

Meetings start with (1) Legion Club Committee 6:00 P.M. Pine Country Bank (2) Legion Board of Directors at 6:30 P.M. PCB. & (3) Legion & SAL meeting 7:00 P.M. at PCB. SAL members meet w/Leg.

## IMPORTANT POINTS OF CONTACT:

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