



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

Think back to the February article regarding giving to charities. In February and March we suggested charities that were deserving of our dollars because of their good work and low costs. I turn your attention to the article in March 2014 issue of the American Legion magazine page 42. This article points to rip-off organizations that scam your money while claiming to help veterans. In a related article the American Legion lists its charities so you know where your money goes when sent to them. It seems our previous points were very timely.

Our Post 473 is blessed to have an effective hard working Auxiliary. Janice Martin and her staff do a superb job running a varied schedule. If you are not attending their monthly meal on the second Tuesday it is time to start enjoying a tasty meal and dessert. The Legion enjoys their cards for birthdays and Valentines Day. They support the Easter egg hunt and Santa Claus for the kids. They play Bingo at the VA home. They worked for a great Christmas party. We really enjoyed our flower. This list is just some of their activities. Thank you to Janice and her more than 47 members.

We should also be proud to have Nancy Anderson working with us. Nancy runs the membership for the Auxiliary and she does this newsletter. Our District Commander saw and complimented her on the fine newsletter. In addition to nagging us to turn in our articles on time she produces a newsletter I look forward to reading.

Thank You Janice, Nancy and the rest of the Auxiliary

S.A.L UPDATE

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

Our first joint meeting with the legion folks was held at the March meeting. This venture is to garner a better relationship with our legion partners in the American Legion Family. We still need to fill a couple of officer positions. Membership stands at twenty-one. We approved partnering with others in placing new carpet in our legion. Watch this NL for future joint meetings. Remember, as an SAL member we are welcome and encouraged to attend legion meetings and other legion events

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

Post member Sergeant Travis Peterson who is stationed in Afghanistan says that a new unit from Ft. Hood, TX is taking over the responsibility for Peterson's unit. Sending mail should stop as of 01 April. His unit is changing locations and the already confusing mail situation will be even worse. No date for returning home. The weather there is in the 70's and he asked what the weather here was like. I filled him in. So far combat operations are going well.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Your honor guard participated in the wake, funeral and committal services of Legion Auxiliary member Dorothy Kosloski on 10 & 11 March. One of our members "out of the past" Jerry Hiscock was able to don a uniform and stand with the troops. Thanks Jerry. It is an honor to be asked by a family to render honors to a loved one.

Also, the honor guard participated in the wake, funeral and committal service of Harvey Meinert. Harvey was a member of our legion for many years and was an active participant in assisting your honor guard driving Kilroy, our 1942 Chev WWII 1.5 ton truck. Then in later years, making sure that Kilroy was washed and all ready for parades. Harvey was a proud army soldier. His presence in the community and the help he rendered to the legion will be missed. It was an honor to be asked to be present to honor his service to our Republic.

Remember to keep uniforms "squared away" for unscheduled events.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Emil Williams

I know that St. Patrick's Day is passed, but I feel we need to be reminded of the history of St. Patrick and who he really was.

Patrick was actually English but as a teenager in about 401 AD, Irish raiders kidnapped him. He then spent six years as a slave of the Irish until he escaped back to England. Patrick was a Christian, but the Irish were Druid pagans.

Patrick's family was overjoyed to see him return home to England. However, after some time, the Lord spoke to him and told him to go back to the Irish and take them the message of Jesus Christ. His family

tried to discourage him but he spent the next 40 years of his life in Ireland as a missionary.

The pagan priests tried to kill Patrick several times. However, many of the Irish people believed in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. As a result, churches were established and Christianity expanded throughout the land.

So when you celebrate Saint Patrick's Day remember the man who was kidnapped, enslaved, and then went back to the people who harmed him. He did not go back with vengeance but with the message of love and forgiveness by grace through faith in Jesus Christ as the way to heaven.

We wish you and your family a Happy Easter, all because Jesus died and rose again. Hallelujah!

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 \$75.00. 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. We have a lot of FUN!

THE FISHING STRINGER

Darlene Hiscock

Ladies and gentlemen - - We are in between fishing seasons. I'm on vacation in Arizona. Renew your fishing license and boat license if you need too. Maybe by May ice will be off the lakes. God Bless.

Darlene Hiscock

AKA Ms. Tackle Box

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

March weather has really been nasty. I'm sure you will all agree. April will be better. I'm sure of it

April at the club will bring us happenings. We start with a dart tournament on April 5th. If you are interested in entering please get a hold of me at the club. Should be an exciting day of fun and competition.

Our key for cash drawing has gone out to Wanda Anderson. Congrats Wanda. She won \$200 On March 15th. Just for being at the club on Saturday night. Sign up anytime during the week and come in Sat. and win cash.

Also don't forget the meat raffle at 7pm on Sat evening. Also join us for bingo on Wed. evenings at 7pm.

Auxiliary dinner in April is on the 8th. Dinner this month is hot roast beef sandwiches with mashed potatoes with all the salads and baked goodies. Served hot and with a smile for only \$7. Come join in.

Cheryl Bovy

AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Hello Ladies,

No comments about our weather....there's not much to say except disgusting.

Well we got our response back from Coborns about the Brat sale and we are on for July 16th and 17th. Time for both days starts at 10:30 am until 6:00pm. I have a list from last year and will be doing some calling for helpers. It is a fun time to meet people and visit while making a little money for our veterans!

I sent in an application to the Benton Coop telephone company for some grant money. We are waiting for a response from them.

Our Easter Egg hunt will be held Sunday, April 13th starting at 1:00pm. Our set up time will be 11:30am at the Watab Township hall. As last year we will be asking for a food donation for our Rice area food shelf.

As of our March meeting date we have 73 adult members and 3 juniors. If you wish to have continuous membership you need to get your 2013 dues in as soon as possible.

Our April dinner will be Hot Roast Beef sandwiches. This will be held April 8th from 5-7 pm. our ladies who will be helping out are: Pat Popp, Sue Beierman, and Joyce Segler. An adult are \$7.00 and kids 10 and under is \$3. Take-outs are always available.

Janice Martin



These quilts were taken to the St Cloud VA. Several of the Auxiliary Members helped with this project at Shepherd of the Pine. Nancy cut the fabric and sewed the red, white, and blue quilts. Members helping tie and pin the quilts were Cheri, Theresa, and Lucy and they were sewed together by Evie. This red, white, and blue fabric was given to us for the quilts. The quilt fabric is nearly gone now (we had four boxes full) so if you would like to help and you see red, white, and blue fabric it takes 2 yards per quilt of the patterned stuff and two yards of plain. You could bring the fabric to Shepherd of the Pines or the Legion. Mark it for VA quilts and we would be happy to get it sewed and take it to the St Cloud Veteran Hospital. They give these quilts to the Veteran and when he/she goes home they take the quilt with them. So any help you can give will be appreciated. We are always in need of old towels, wash clothes, sheets, blankets, and comforters. These items are put inside the quilt so if they are stained or have holes we can use them. We also could use people willing to tie and pin. We meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 2:00- 6:00 p.m. Come for an hour or what time you can give. You do not need to know anything about quilting or sewing to help. The only thing we purchase for these quilts is a twin sheet for the backs; some business places and people cleaning out homes donate the rest of the fabric and liners. We can use yarn for the ties and if we get something we cannot use there are other places we can send it to.

APRIL 2014 LEGION CALENDAR

- 01 U.S. Forces land on Okinawa. (1945)
- 02 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.**
- 05 Meat raffle 7:30 P.M. & Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**
- 06 U.S. Enters WWI (1917)
- 08 Auxiliary dinner. 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post. Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches**
- 09 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.**
- 11 Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire. (1991)
- 12 Meat raffle 7:30 P.M. & Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**
- 13 Palm Sunday
- 14 Legion & Auxiliary meetings. (See below)**
- 15 Taxes due!!!!!!
- 16 BINGO at the post 7:00 P.M.**
- 18 Good Friday
- 19 Meat raffle 7:30 P.M. & Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**
- 20 Easter (Fly Flag)
- 23 BINGO at the post 7:00 P.M.**
- 25 Arbor Day.
- 26 Meat raffle 7:30 P.M. & Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**
- 28 Occupation of Japan ends. (1952)
- 30 BINGO at the post 7:00 P.M.**
- 30 Vietnam War ends. (1975)

NOTE: The legion 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 & Auxiliary meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Legion Post.

AIRBORNE HERITAGE

Jim Hovda – Former paratrooper

The famed military unit, S.O.G. that most people thought stood for Special Operation Group actually stood for Studies and Observation Group in Vietnam was disestablished in 1972. And, in 1987, President Reagan approved the formation of USSOCOM. (United States Special Operations Command)

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