



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

February 2016

FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Well another year has passed, how time flies. The winter has been pretty good so far Fishing has been good, even caught some nice ones. Your commander and our adjutant went to the Veteran Cemetery board meeting at Camp Ripley meeting was very informing, They have scheduled the third painting to be hung in the viewing area on Feb 6th at 2:00P.M. Color Guard from Rice and VFW from Sauk Rapids will take part, Public is invited.

The third painting is Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. The Marine Corps will be next with the Air Force to follow, if you haven't seen these its worth a trip.

At the present time the Army and Navy paintings are up. Meat Raffles are still going well and we still need help. Also we still have some members that need to renew the membership. Ms Tackle box was the lucky one at bingo no one deserve it more Congratulations. We need your attendance at your legion meetings; we can't grow and excel with out you help. Also I have heard a lot of complaints about over crowding, at the club at Bingo and Dinners.

We have the additional property now and would like to add on to the Club, Any one with Ideas should voice them; we are all looking for help with this.

Recently a letter has gone out to Members without e-mail, hopefully this will help get the newsletter to more people.

Thanks to all Commander 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.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

This month our warrior is navy sailor Ernest Whitney. I hope you navy folks will forgive me if I get some of the terminology is not quite right.

Ernest is a SW1, which stands for steel worker first class. (E-6 for most of us) He has a specialty of Seabee Combat Warfare. Their motto is "Can Do". He is a navy Seabee. He works on vertical and horizontal construction. Ernest has sixteen years in the navy, twelve of them active and four in the reserve component. Ernest is still serving in the navy and quarterly has to report to the East Coast for training. He has been deployed four times and the countries include Cuba (GITMO building cells), Spain, Africa and Iraq. He has served in one of the navy honor guards and is a member of our color guard.

Our American Legion post extends a warm gratitude of thanks for his service. Our country remains free because of the efforts of Americans like Ernest.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

First: We will be representing the American Legion at the MN State Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, 06 February when the painting honoring the history of the United States Coast Guard is dedicated. We will partner with Sauk Rapids VFW Post 6992 who will also provide a Color Guard. Details are still being worked out. Our selected members will need to be at the Cemetery NLT 1:15 P.M. This will be an indoor event.

Second: Our annual color guard annual training and appreciation dinner will be held on Sunday, 21 February. Invitations will be sent out. If you know someone who desires to be part of our fine organization, they are invited. The training portion will commence at 4:45 P.M. at the Immaculate Conception Church. The dinner will follow at the post, catered by none other than former Army Sergeant Mark Larson of Creative Catering.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the color guard you can give me a call at 393-4339.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Emil Williams

Good morning, Comrades! It is 6:00 AM as I write this newsletter. Earlier this morning as I was looking to the Lord as to what I should write about, the word, "perseverance" kept coming to mind. Even though it has been a mild winter for the most part, I am getting anxious for spring to come with its warm weather, green grass, early flowers, and the return of so many birds.

I had to remind myself to hang in there and keep the course because better times are coming. Even though we could still have blizzards and lots of cold weather, we do have the hope of warmer times.

I was also reminded, that we need to continue to persevere in our spiritual lives. As I contemplated the lives of some of the kings in the Old Testament and how they started out so well but lost out in their later years. Then, I couldn't help but remind myself to remain alert and keep on the right track with God.

To mention just a few of the kings who went astray, we see the first king whose name was Saul get derailed with pride and impatience; next, King Solomon married many wives and began worshipping their false gods; and Josiah turned against God in his later years.

When I was quite young, I saw some older people do what I thought were really dumb things. So I have prayed for years, "God, when I get older, keep me from doing some stupid thing that would be unbecoming to You."

I looked up the word, "perseverance" in the Bible Concordance and was referred to Ephesians 6:18 which says, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, watching with all perseverance and supplication for all of God's people" as one version puts it.

Yes, it is hard to spend time seeking God and having fellowship with Him, but, comrades, we need to hang in there and persevere, lest we get tempted and fall by the wayside.

May God bless and strengthen us all to do His will.

Let me be one of the first to wish all of you a Happy Valentine's Day!

Emil Williams, SAL Chaplain

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

Well, our Commander Fred is at it again! He called to report a 17.5-inch walleye and he got a couple of small ones. Then he caught a 8 inch walleye and threw it back - or did he keep it for bait ???

Fred also caught a 22-inch northern on the 14th. He just made the deadline.

Did all our guys who spear quit or aren't they getting any fish? None turned in this winter yet. What happened to Mark Soderholm? I heard rumors that he was pulling in a lot of fish. Where are they?

The ice should be good now, but it's too darn cold. Till next month - fish safe and God Bless.

FROM THE TYPIST (HOVDA): Ms. Tackle box must be getting soft. I clearly remember when temperature was not an issue for this fishing machine.

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.

In January, our good club manager Cheryl celebrated her 29th birthday (again) and was awarded this nice cake. Congratulations Cheryl, and many more.



FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

January was a busy month for the club, with the annual softball party, dart tournament and bingo. Congratulations to Darlene for winning the \$1199 for the coverall game. It was her lucky night. We are all pleased for her.

February is another day for darts. We will be having another tournament with Shadys Rail side on the 20th. Sign up will be at 1pm.

If you have a reason for a party please consider having it at the Legion. We will accommodate the best we can.

Remember the meat raffles and Key for Cash on Sat night all starting approximately at 7pm. Also bingo Wed. nights at 7pm. Auxiliary dinner is Feb. 9th, and believe me it's all good.

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.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Hello Ladies,

January 30 was our Valentines for Vets work date. As I am typing this we haven't met yet but I'm hope to have some pictures posted either in this newsletter or the March one. Thank you to all who will come to help make craft items for our veterans at the VA hospital!

Our February Auxiliary dinner will be Tuesday, February 9th (NO VALENTINES DAY MEAL) from 5-7 pm and our menu will be Pot Roast with baby reds and all the fixings. Our servers will be Sharon Kiley, Judy Hall and Wanda Broda. Cost of meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12, take-outs available.

Our next meeting will be February meeting will be February 8th starting at 7:00 pm at Joyce Seglers.

If you've forgotten your membership dues, here is a reminder...adults are \$20.00 and under 18 is \$10.00. By paying your membership of \$20.00 you are saving \$5.00.

Janice Martin

Membership

The 2016 Auxiliary Dues need to be paid soon to continue your years of Membership. If you receive a renewal notice and you have already paid your dues disregard the notice.



FEBRUARY 2016 LEGION CALENDAR

- 02 Army Nurse Corps established. (1901)
- 03 BINGO. 7:00 P.M.**
- 06 Color Guard at MN St Vets Cemetery. 13:30.**
- 06 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00.**
- 08 Legion/Auxiliary meetings. (See below)**
- 09 Auxiliary dinner. 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 10 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**
- 13 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 14 Valentine's Day.
- 15 President's Day. (Fly Flag)
- 17 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**
- 19 Battle of Iwo Jima begins. (1945)
- 20 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 21 Color Guard training and appreciation dinner.**
- 22 Purple Heart Medal is revived. (1932)
- 23 Desert Storm War begins. (1991)
- 24 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**
- 27 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 27 Desert Storm War ends. (100 hours) (1991)
- 29 Leap year day

LEGION MEETINGS WILL BE AT THE PINE COUNTRY BANK. Meetings start with (1) Legion Club Committee 6:00 P.M., (2) Legion Board of Directors at 6:30 P.M. & (3) Legion & SAL meeting 7:00 P.M. SAL members meet w/Leg. (3) **Auxiliary at the Joyce Segler residence, 9565 Isaac Rd NW Rice 7:00 P.M.**

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