



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

December 2012

FROM THE COMMANDER

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to a great year for our Legion Post. Your participation in all of the annual events continues to be an example to the other legions in the area. Several people reported to me that they observed other legions do ceremonies and they were far below the sharp military bearing you all demonstrate. I never cease to be impressed at the quick gathering, coordination and execution you do for every event. Be proud of yourselves. I sure am.

We are trying something new. Our membership meeting will be held at the Legion building and not at Pine Country Bank. Please attend the meeting on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. After the meeting we will stay and have liquid refreshment. If you attend the meeting you will be current on what is happening. I hope to see you there.

I want to pass along a sincere thank you to George Fiedler who is the District 7 Benton County Veterans Service Officer. He spoke at our December meeting to let us know a variety of things he can help veterans and their spouses to accomplish. Thank you George.

Another sincere thank you goes out to relatives of Dick (B.J.) Molohon who was a popular and an active member of our legion. They made a substantial donation to the Legion. Thank you to the relatives of Dick Molohan.

Chet Seviola

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS & S.A.L. SQUADRON 473

No article submitted.

HONOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

There were no activities in December. Make sure uniforms are “squared away” for unscheduled events.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

Our soldier who is a guard at the Tomb of The Unknowns at Arlington is busy studying for exams to that are required for earning his Tomb Badge. At least he has a little better weather to walk his post than we are having here.

I could have placed this in the *Airborne Heritage*. I choose to tell all of you about our WWII veteran and post member, Ed Aschenbrenner here. Trooper Ed was a real focus of attention at the special forces annual Christmas Party at Ft Snelling in Dec., when Colonel Glen Bloomstrom U.S. Army Chaplain (Ret) pinned on Ed’s WWII jump wings. The colonel was an airborne ranger. Of note, were his “glider” wings. Rarely seen today. Gliders were only used in WWII briefly. The concept came from the German Army. Ed had a chance to meet a couple of other 11th Airborne Division hero’s from WWII. They were stationed in Japan during the occupation and Ed was on the northern most island. Ed said it was really wet and cold.

Also pictured, member Staff Sergeant Jerry Huntington and his father Jerry Huntington Sr who was a paratrooper serving in the Korean War. Jerry is still serving with the MN Army National Guard and completed two tours in Iraq. When Jerry (Jr) graduated from the airborne school at Ft. Benning, his father was allowed to pin on his “jump wings” at the graduation ceremony.

(Picture)

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Dear Members of our Legion Family:

As I contemplate the words for this article, I struggle to find the right ones. Heavy on my heart lies the grief of Newtown, Conn. and the senseless deaths of little children. Of all of God's creations, I have always felt little children where His finest achievement. Just to imagine the terrible grief felt by their fathers and mothers goes beyond my normal senses. I have said many prayers on their behalf and I can only ask our merciful Father to help them find their way back out of this darkness.

Adding to this, on a personal level, is the loss of long time member and Purple Heart veteran Donnie Weyer's house to fire on Christmas day. At the time of this writing it is too early for details as to the loss, but needless to say it is a great loss to Don and his family.

I ask for your prayers for those in Newtown, and for Don Weyer & family. They need our help now more than ever. God has promised to send graces to overcome the cross's He gives us to bear. Pray now, fervently, for those graces.

**In Christ Jesus, I remain, Your Chaplain,
Don Miklos
Chaplain American Legion Post 0473**

THANKS FROM THE MOLOHON FAMILY

First Sergeant Jim Hovda and Post 473 Members:

I'd like to express my utmost thanks for the Rice, MN legion's participation in the funeral of Dick Molohon, my Grandfather. The conduct of all involved was highly professional, and your acts displayed love and dedication. It was a pleasure to integrate with your outfit and perform some of the ceremonial tasks.

I was surprised and honored to hear that you referred to Dick as "The Colonel." I know he meant a lot to you and many of the other service members. I have

absolute respect for my Grandfather and those who have served before me. I am humbled to be part of Dick's legacy, and I know I have a lot to live up to.

I hope all is well with you in Minnesota.
Send the legion my greetings, and have a Merry Christmas!

Respectfully,
Captain John M Mahler, USMC

THE TACKLE BOX

I've received no reports from ANYONE catching any fish. What's the matter with you folks? I'll give you limited excuses, thin ice is one. Yes, I do not want to hear of anyone going thru the ice. I'm a veteran of that experience and it was not fun. A little chilly to say the least. I think I am going to organize a small fishing party in the near future and charge each of you for fishing lessons. I didn't earn the title "Ms. Tackle Box" easily.

Remember, be safe, and if you are on the ice, try to fish with a friend as emergencies happen at unexpected times.

Darlene Hiscock (AKA) Ms. Tackle Box

FROM THE CLUB

No article submitted

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello 2013!

We're still here and not that there was ever a doubt!

The children Christmas party was held December 1st at the old Village Hall. There were 35 children that enjoyed pictures with Santa, games, crafts, frosting and decorating cookies. We collected food for the Rice Food Shelf. Thank you to all the helpers we had this year, it makes it fun for everyone when there is plenty helpers.

The Christmas party at the club was delightful. The atmosphere was very cheery; food catered by the Creamery was delicious as always. The fellowship was awesome.

Thank you to Maryanne Keeney for picking up such beautiful poinsettias!

Ladies please try to get your memberships paid up with Nancy Anderson asap. If you don't have the original envelope or never got a renewal form, just drop it off at the club and it will get to Nancy!

We have a new meeting place for our meetings. It will coincide with the men's meetings at the club on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Our January meeting will be the 14th here at the Legion club. Please mark your calendars. We hope this will bring more Auxiliary members to our meetings!

Our Auxiliary dinner for January is the 8th and will be pork roast and baby red potatoes. A revised dinner list for the 2013 year will be out shortly.

Mark your calendars for the Valentines for Vets craft Saturday, which will be January 5th starting at 9:00 am at the Watab township hall. A light lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided. Come and have some fun and stay as long as you want. We need to make 500 items for the St Cloud VA center to hand out for Valentine Day.

I will be applying for the summer brat sales once again through Coborns. We won't find out until March which date they give us. I will try to request June again. I am trying to wrap up the candy bar sales. If you would like to buy some, we have lots of the caramel and crunch left.

Janice Martin

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LEGION - JANUARY 2013 - CALENDER

- 01 New Years Day, Club Closed. (Fly Flag)
- 02** **Operation bingo. Post 700 P.M.**
- 08** **AUXILIARY DINNER. 5 - 7 P.M. at the post.**
- 09** **Operation bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 14** **Leg Club Committee and BOD meetings. 430 & 500 P.M.**
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- 14** **Legion & Auxiliary membership meetings. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 16** **Operation bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 17 Operation Desert Storm begins. (1991)
- 21 Birth of the modern National Guard. (1903)
- 23** **Operation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 25 Ardens-Alsace (Battle of the bulge) ends. (1945)
- 27 Signing of the Vietnam Peace Accord. (1973)
- 28 Vietnam Cease - Fire Vietnam Campaign ends. (1973)
- 30** **Operation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 30 Tet Offensive begins in South Vietnam. (1968)
- 31 Operation Just Cause (Panama) ends. 1990)

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 th Legion and Auxiliary.**

AIRBORNE HERITAGE

On the 30th of January 1945, American Airborne Rangers and Alamo Philippine Scouts successfully raid a Japanese POW camp freeing hundreds of American and Philippine POWs.

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