



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## Hasso Briese Post 0473

### August 2013

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#### **FROM THE COMMANDER**

Chet Seviola

Most of you know we are in charge of mowing the grass at the cemetery near the ball field east of Rice. Our Legion is fortunate to have a group that volunteers their mowers and time to cut the cemetery grass. To those of you that mow, we need to reimburse you for mowing expenses since you started mowing. Please pass along your estimated expenses to me by email or drop them off at the club and ask to have them put in my distribution folder. We will write you a check. By the way, I bought a new trailer so you won't see any more exciting mower offloads.

We could use more of you on the mowing team. That would allow us to mow every other time. Or we could get the mowing done in a shorter time. Currently we are mowing every two weeks. If you can join us let me know. Call 320-584-2046. I want to offer a sincere thank you to our mowing volunteers for your help. The cemetery looks great.

Get ready for Rice Fun Days. We work the Legion ball tournament, where we sell refreshments, cook food, tend the diamonds and manage team needs. It is a full day and your help for a few hours would be great. We also march in the parade. Take a look at the picture in the club and try to find one person who is out of step. Not bad marching for a group who learned to march a long time ago. Dust off your old uniforms, wear the color guard uniform or wear your Legion hat. Kilroy the truck will be there along with a drummer to keep us in step. Come and join us for the march. We finish the parade with refreshments at the club.

#### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS AND SAL SQUADRON 473**

Jeff Gondeck

Gentleman, it's has been awhile since I wrote the newsletter which I apologize for. Things in the SAL have been busy. I attended the summer conference at Legionville in Merrifield in July. Not only is our Post committed to helping our community but many Posts are doing their best to help where and when needed in their communities. It is such a great feeling to be involved in an important and worthwhile organization, we should be very proud!

Please watch your mail because it's that time of year again where the life blood of our squadron is upon us, YUP!!! MEMBERSHIP DUE!!!! Please send them in as soon as possible for the faster we get them in the more points we earn for recognition with the District Big Shots so they can tell us what we

already know GREAT JOB SQUADRON 473!!!!!! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!!!!!!

Some dates for you to remember AUGUST 3rd there will be a ride leaving the post at 7:30 to St. Augusta to join in with other Legion riders and the Patriot riders for a ride to Sauk Centre for a light lunch and back to the VA in St. Cloud to honor those who served with Honor and Pride! Please plan on attending The first 10 people will receive a patriotic "do rag" You do not need a bike to ride along any vehicle will do to show your support for those who gave so much !!!!!

Saturday August 17th Rice Fun Day The SAL will be selling walking tacos at the Post starting at 11:00am also your help is needed at the ball field refreshment stand. Stop by the post and check out the times.

Sunday August 18th we hope to have our 1st Omelet breakfast at Immaculate Conception Church. There will be a meeting on August 6th for confirmation. This is IMPORTANT !!!!! We will need Help from our members !!! If you have any questions please contact me 320-469-6752 Watch for flyers on this huge event !!!!

Andy Moreno's name was drawn at our meeting but was absent therefore the pot will be \$20.00 EASY MONEY!!!!!! There is a lot to digest this month so I hope to see and hear from you

Serving you proudly,

Your Commander Jeff Gondeck

### **HONOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

RICE FUN DAYS on the 17<sup>th</sup>, we need everyone. Please be at the post NLT 2:00 P.M. Getting organized takes time. It is important you be there on time.

Thanks to those who participated in our two parades in July. Country Manor and Bowlus. For those of you who were not at the Bowlus parade, it was HOT...

### **RIDE FOR VETS**

If you own, or know someone who has a bike or trike, the Rice American Legion Riders invite you to join them in a Ride for Vets. The ride that ends at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center joins forces with members of the Patriot Guard and other rider groups showing their/our support for our veterans. They are planning on gathering more than three hundred riders.

WE DEPART THE RICE LEGION ON SATURDAY, 03 AUGUST AT 7:30 A.M. The first ten riders that show up at the Legion will receive a patriotic "Do Rag" in appreciation of their participation.

### **WARRIORS COLUMN**

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

Two pics from Staff Sergeant (SSG) James. One of him with ammo for the

machine gun, caliber 7.62 (.308) and on of his living quarters. Yes, not very much room. Still better than living in a tent or laying in the mud or sand. Don't know if it has AC. Hope to get info from SSG Chris on this issue. Wife Cassie is manning the fort in Rice with their two children. Yes, SSG Chris could use a card or letter. The address is posted below.

**SSG CHRIS JAMES**  
**ETT 850TH HEC**  
**FOB LIGHTNING**  
**APO AE 09339**



## **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 prize money is up to \$175.00. The prize will hit a maximum of \$500.00. Eventually, someone will take home the cash. So far no one has claimed the cash and as of 20 July it was up to \$225.00.

## **CHAPLAINS CORNER**

**Emil Williams**

### **“Verses of Comfort”**

I am sure that most of you, if not all of you, have heard these verses. They are used quite frequently at funerals and I have used them myself.

The verses I am referring to are found in St. John's Gospel, chapter 14, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." It often amazes me how difficult mankind makes God's simple plan of salvation. The scripture says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."

Jesus simply tells Phillip, "I am the Way." He tells Phillip, "If you believe in the Father, then believe in me also. There is no detour around Jesus in getting to the Father. Jesus puts it very plainly and says, "No man comes to the Father except by Me."

If you ask someone if they believe in Jesus they will probably say, "Yes." But they have only a head knowledge, that is, they know about Jesus but lack a personal relationship with him. Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." So you see, just a head knowledge won't get us there. Those who do the will of the Father and have a relationship with Jesus will make it to heaven.

The good news is that God has made a way for all of us through Jesus Christ His son. Let Jesus be Savior and Lord in your life.

God bless you and enable you to enjoy His plan of Salvation.

Chaplain of the S A L,

**Emil Williams**

## **FROM THE TACKLE BOX**

Darlene Hiscock

It's the middle of summer and I've only been out fishing once so far. And, the fish are biting. Dale Hiscock landed a 19-inch walleye and no one turned in a northern pike. Where are you Don and Harvey? Working on Dons new house?

Our famous fishing guide took some friends fishing at Long Lake (near Grey Eagle) and had a visit from our almighty DNR. Everyone except Hovda checked out OK. When our hero was asked for his fire extinguisher it was not in the boat. As he explained to the DNR officer he just bought a new one and left it on his workbench. He will be hearing from them by mail. Do you need some more memory pills Mr. Jim?

Fish safe and take your extinguisher with you! God bless.

Darlene Hiscock  
AKA - Ms. Tackle Box

## **SICK CALL**

If you know of anyone who is on sick call, give our good chaplain Don a call at 320/584-5825. Emil Williams, the SAL Chaplain will also field a call at 320/393-2203. Ms. Ellie McNeal a member of our auxiliary can use prayers for a health issue.

## **FROM THE CLUB**

Cheryl Bovy

Our key for cash drawing on Saturday seems to be a hit. Stop in the club anytime and sign up for free cash. That's right free money. At 8 o'clock we will draw a time that the number will be drawn between 8 and 9. Many friends will be there to cheer everyone on. It's a great time.

Thanks to anyone who has donated popcorn and oil to the club. This month Marty Palmershiem donated 50#'s of popcorn. It sure helps keep our popcorn machine affordable. Thanks Marty.

Rice Days are coming soon. We again will have tacos in a bag. This year the SAL will be helping with them. Come and have one, they are scrumptious.

Early bird memberships this year will have a date on them. Your free drink at the club will expire on Sept. 30th. Please come in and use them before that date.

Our Pub Crawl this year is just getting organized. Our tentative date is Sept.

24th. It is hilarious either to participate or just watch. Get a four-person team together and join the fun. Entry fee is \$5 per person, \$20 per team. We play minute to win it games, pool, darts, WI games and more. Sign up time is at two o'clock and we go from the legion to and/or Prime Time and/or O'Briens to play the games. Call or stop in to get registered before that date. We would love to have you. Prizes are awarded to the best overall.

To book the club for a party (birthday, anniversary) or for whatever reason for friends to get together, call me at the club. 320-393-4545

See you all on August 17th, Rice Days.

### **AUXILIARY**

Janice Martin

Hello Ladies

We had no meeting in July but we will be meeting on August 12th at the club at 7:00. We will be discussing our next fundraiser in September. Also if there is a loved one whom you would like to buy a grave wreath for, we will be discussing Wreaths Across America and placing an order. If you have anything you would like to bring up or discuss please come...

Our next Auxiliary dinner is scheduled for August 13th. The menu is Grilled Steak, baked potatoes, veggies, salads and desert. Dinner price is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids 10 and under. Our servers for August are Maryanne Keeney, Cindy Moen and Pat Fuchs.

Hope you are all having a fun and relaxing summer....I am....

Janice

### **MEMBERSHIP - AUXILIARY**

Nancy Anderson

Your membership reminders will be coming out sometime in August or September for 2014. So be watching for it in the mail. You can send membership in anytime now but we do not have the cards yet.

The Legion has had their membership renewals for a while now.

## LEGION AUGUST 2013 – CALENDER

- 02 Operation Desert Shield begins. (1990)
- 03 Keys for cash drawing. 8:00 P.M. At the post.**
- 03 Legion Riders for vets. Leave post at 7:30 A.M.**
- 04 Happy Birthday U.S. Coast Guard. (1790)
- 06 First atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. (1945)
- 07 National Purple Heart Day.
- 07 Operation bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 10 Keys for cash drawing. 8:00 P.M. At the post.**
- 12 Legion meetings. See below.**
- 13 Auxiliary Dinner Grilled Steak, baked potato, vegetables, salads & desserts**
- 14 Operation bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 14 Japan accepts unconditional surrender. (1945)
- 16 National Airborne Day.
- 17 Keys for cash drawing. 8:00 P.M. At the post.**
- 17 Rice Fun Days activities. Parade at 3:00 P.M.**
- 20 S.A.L. Membership meeting. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 20 Civil War officially declared over. (1865)
- 21 Operation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 24 Keys for cash drawing. 8:00 P.M. At the post.**
- 25 Allies liberate Paris. (1944)
- 28 Operation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 31 Keys for cash drawing. 8:00 P.M. At the post.**

NOTE - - The 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 13<sup>th</sup> of August 1940 the U.S. Army's Parachute test platoon makes the first jump from C-33 aircraft at Ft. Benning, Ga. And, on the 16<sup>th</sup> just two days later, the "Geronimo" cry was originated.

## IMPORTANT POINTS OF CONTACT:

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