



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Here's hoping you didn't miss the National Day of Prayer ?? If you did, you missed a very good program. It was held at the Shepherd of the Pines Church. Many of the area's Clergy were there and conducted a very nice prayer service. Proceeded by a super lunch and than followed by some great Blue Grass Music. It was a very special program and some excellent social time; it was set up by Todd Manske and the area Clergy and our own Chaplains, good job all.

We are in need of some new blood for our Legion Officers, if you can spare some time please consider helping out. June 13th is our next meeting at the Pine Country Bank at 7:00 PM. After the meeting we will have the Flag retirement ceremony behind the Club. If you have any unserviceable flags bring them in and the will retired properly.

Memorial Day Ceremony's will have been completed by the time you read this. Hopefully many of you will have attended at one or more of the Cemetery's. This is the one-day we set aside to remember our fallen Vets. Please remember the Sacrifice they all made to preserve our Freedom

Thanks Fred

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

No article for this month.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

The commander asked that I issue a "well done" to all the folks who participated in this most important veterans event.

I had the honor of participating in the funeral and interment of a good friend of mine, a WWII vet who was in the 101st Airborne Division. He was with the 321st Glider Battalion (Airborne). The short story: He landed in France (by boat), landed by glider in Operation Market Garden (Google that battle, it was a disaster for the allies), then Bastogne to stop the Germans. Interment was at Ft. Snelling. Maybe next month I can get some pictures posted.

No events scheduled in July. August is the Rice Fun Days Parade on 20th.

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.

They also have a dental clinic that just came on line.

HELP A VET

If you find that you might have a little spare time on your hands, you might check out the folks at Foley Area C.A.R.E. (Community Action Respecting Elders) at 320/968-7848.

This is an organization that provides free transportation for elders. (I choose to only do veterans) They're a good group. They will do a background check, make sure you have a vehicle that is in good condition and are insured. No demands, just volunteer when you have time. My first two riders cancelled because of changing medical appointments. I think I might enjoy sharing a story or two with another veteran.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

For the leg, aux and SAL will happen at the June meeting. The legion has need of folks who would help in leading our cause. Some of the positions did not require a lot of time.

FLAG RETIREMENT

Will happen shortly after our membership meetings on the 13th at the post. (8:30???) Flags that are no longer serviceable after a short ceremony will be burned. It is a nice ceremony and worth you're attending. If you have a worn flag, bring it to the post and we will retire it with honor.

DONATIONS TO VETS IN NEED ORGANIZATIONS

Jim Hovda

We all receive requests to give money to veterans in need and their families who are suffering their loss of a loved one and a paycheck.

NOT ALL OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE DESERVING OF YOUR HARD EARNED DOLLARS... The recent scandal about Wounded Warriors is only one example.

Before I donate any money to not only veterans groups, I check out every organization. How? Get on the computer or have a friend do it for you, or call me and I will help. Go to **Charity Navigator** then scroll down, or locate the listing that is done alphabetically. Thousands of charity groups are listed. Some that are well known give only a small percentage of your dollar to the cause they are working for. I choose only to give to groups that allocate IN EXCESS of 80% to the cause. I'm not likely to donate if they are not listed. They are rated by "stars"; one - four, four being the best. The site gives a complete breakdown on how the donated money is accounted for and how it is spent.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Emil Williams

I had a hard time deciding whether I should write about Memorial Day or Fathers' Day. They are both very worthy subjects, but in the end I decided to write about Fathers' Day.

As I embarked on the journey of writing this article for the Legion Letter I am going to write more about our Heavenly Father than about our earthly father.

When we recite "The Lord's Prayer" we start off by saying, "Our Father who art in Heaven." There is a reading of that prayer in which a person quotes a phrase and God responds by answering each phrase. When the person says, "Our Father," God says, "Why do you call me 'Father' when you don't listen to what I am telling you?" It is quite comical but there is so much truth in it.

Isaiah 9:6 tell us that Jesus will be called "the Everlasting Father." In that verse it also says, "The government shall be upon His shoulders," meaning that it will be an honest, just and fair government. Then it says that He is Wonderful, next He will be our counselor and advisor, and fourthly, He is a mighty Father by protecting and providing for us. Then think about this:

He will never die like our earthly fathers—He is everlasting! Lastly, He brings us peace in the midst of life's turmoil and storms.

Part of the responsibility of a father is to correct his children so we don't end up going the wrong way. Proverbs 3:12 says, "...Whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights."

There is much more I could write about our Heavenly Father but I will close with this from John 14:1-6, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 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. 3 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. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."

5 Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?'

6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.' " He has even provided a place called Heaven so we can spend eternity with Him. Talk about a great Father--- He tops them all!

Fathers, have a great Fathers' Day getting to know your Heavenly Father better.

Emil Williams

SAL Chaplain

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

The only fish reported was a 21-inch walleye and a bunch of crappies caught by Dale Hiscock.

Liar, liar pants on fire - - - I'm thinking of starting a new category **The Biggest Liar**.

Mr. Hovda sent me a picture of a 49-inch ULGY sturgeon and tried to say it was a northern pike. PLEASE – I might be getting older but I don't think I'm getting dumber!

I keep reading about people who don't come back from fishing trips because they were not wearing PFD's. (Personal floatation devices) Fish safe. Make sure the kids are protected. GOD BLESS - - -

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 \$500.00. 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

Hope everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day. Let us honor all our veterans that gave their life for our country.

Key for Cash drawing is well worth the stop on Saturday evenings. \$500 is up for grabs and it could be yours if you stop in and sign up. That's all you need to do to win. Must be present to win Sat. starting at 8pm. Also the meat raffle is another reason to come on Sat nights. That starts at approximately 7:15 pm.
MMM MMM GOOD

Need to host a party or benefit. Let us handle it here at the club. It's free to rent. Just call me at 393-4545.

Hope your summer is full of great memories.

Cheryl

AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Hello Ladies,

This will be my last newsletter article as we now have a new president! Welcome Joyce Segler as our new Auxiliary President!

As we have done in the past we are postponing the auxiliary meetings through the months of June, July and August since these are slow months and most of us do vacations and are busy with summer activities.

I will be applying for the parking for the craft fair, which is a letter or interest, which is September 9th, 10th and 11th. We did not hear back from Coborns for our annual Brat Sale.

We are boosting our monthly dinner prices from \$7 to \$8 for adults and leaving the children 10 and under at \$3.

Our June auxiliary dinner will be June 14th from 5-7 pm. our servers will be Michelle Brown, Brenda Marthaler, Maryanne Keeney, and Sue Beierman. Our menu for June will be Fried Fish, Tater Tots and all the fixings. Price once again will be \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under.

Please remember Barb Kloss, one of our members, who passed away May 18th, 2016 and her family. May God bless them and comfort them.

Janice



JUNE 2016 LEGION CALENDAR

01 BINGO. 7:00 P.M.

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

06 D-Day. Operation Overlord. Allies invade Europe. Normandy. (1944)

08 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

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

13 Legion meetings. (See below) Flag retirement after meeting.

**14 Auxiliary dinner. 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Post. Fried Fish, Tater
Tats.Salads,dessersts**

14 Flag Day. Happy B'day U.S. Army. (1775) (Fly Flag)

15 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

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

19 Father's Day. (Fly Flag)

20 Army Air Corps becomes Army Air Forces. (1941) Summer begins.

22 BINGO, 7:00 P.M

23 Last confederate forces surrender. (1865).

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

25 Korean war begins. (1950)

29 BINGO. 7:00 P.M.

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.

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