



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

April 2018

FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Hello again this month seems to fly by it seem like I just did this. Not much is new just same old weather snow and chillily. Fishing really slows a few small sunnies just enough for a fish dinner. Meat raffles still going well even Fred wins sometimes.

We have started negotiation on the Legion property will keep you all informed. Meetings still being held on the second Monday of the month at the Pine Country Bank, would like to see a few more members attending 7:00 PM. We just had two more members attain the 50-year membership goal, Jim Novak and Tom Wainright congrats guys.

Looking forward to nice warm spring and some good time in the garden it can't be far off. Hoping you all are doing well and staying healthy; Best wishes It seems like we still have a few people that have computers that haven't given their e-mail addresses to Nancy give her a call at 393-2108 if you know of anyone that doesn't get the news letter. Fred



Two members of Rice American Legion received plaques for 50 years membership Tom Wainright and James Novak

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.

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Charles Anderson

State bill tracker: Signed-20, Introduced-26, and Included-1, Laid over-7, Approved-31. Federal bill tracker: Introduced-5, Passed house-1.

Ely Fishing trip applications due April 19th; Disabled Veterans Deer Hunt due Aug. 17th.

Build Your Dream. Register for Spring 2018. Workshop for Women Vets and their Spouses. Call 651-632-8937, See flyer at Legion.

2018 Military Mental Health Conference, April 26-27, at Camp Ripley Training Center. Little Falls, MN. See flyer at Legion.

Two Women Commanding Vets Groups say their historic roles haven't meant big Challenges

Legion Commander Rohan to Congress: We exist to strengthen America. Patriot Award goes to Vietnam Combat Nurse.

Tester to Legion: I stand with you in opposing VA Privatization.

VA Physician, provider of the year honored. Dr. Amy Candy Heinlein and Jillene Sroczynski. From Oklahoma.

Let them know they have family. Homeless Vets laid to rest at Fort Jackson.

Environmental Health Perspectives; Chips off the Old Block: How a Father's Preconception Exposures Might Affect the Health of His Children.

13 News Now Investigates: FDA trial uses Ecstasy to treat PTSD.

Military's New Problem: Too Much Money, Not enough time to spend it.

Honoring African American Women who served in the Army Nurse Corps in World War 1.

Legion's NEF, TFA ready to support Victims affected by floods. Veterans a big part of U. S. Paralympic team.

National Commander praises South Carolina Lawmakers, when it comes to treatment of veterans and military families.

Federal Court rules Blandensburg Cross unconstitutional, TAL to appeal to the Supreme Court.

American Legion Birthday Special Event station operations mark 99 years of service to the nation and its Veterans.

Arlington National Cemetery Monument, Honoring the Helicopter Pilots and Crewmembers of Vietnam. VA expands transparency efforts RE-GI-Bill Payments. <http://www.va.gov/transparency/post-911-gi-bill-data.xlsx>

Testor, Crapo Hold Health Net accountable for poor performance. Their

letter in news folder at Legion.

Join us on Armed Forces Day, Saturday May 19, 10am-4pm, Free, Historic Fort Snelling.

2018 Military Mental Health Conference, April 26-27, At the Camp Ripley Training Center, 15000 MN High way 115, Little Falls.

Star of the North Fellowship Program; see in news folder at Legion.

VA will Eliminate Hepatitis C in Veterans by year end.

Slowing Biological Time to Extend the Golden Hour for Lifesaving Treatment. Biostasis aims to prevent death following traumatic injury by slowing biochemical reactions inside cells.

VA Launch's Telehealth program to treat Rural Veterans with PTSD.

Women's History Month is a time to reflect, but the American Legion works on behalf of Women Veterans Daily.

Legion supports action to preserve future of Arlington National Cemetery.

Legion discusses future of Arlington National Cemetery.

Opioids Don't Beat Other Meds for Chronic Pain.

POW/MIA

Charles Anderson

As of March 20, 2018 There have been 39 Veterans accounted for. 16 have been added to since February. WW2 -14, Korean war-3, Vietnam War-1.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Not much in April. However, MAY is another story. Three important events; First, Thursday, 03 May, National Day of Prayer starting with some food at about 5:30 P.M. we will need to provide three folks for a color guard. They are still in the planning stages. Second, Tuesday, 15 May, Law Enforcement Memorial Day. This will be an evening (6:30 ish) at the Memorial Monument. This is still in the planning stages. Third, 28 May Monday, Memorial Day. It will be all- hands on deck starting early A.M. More next month.

We are in serious need of Color Guard jackets (Red). As it stands now, we are unable to get new ones. We have folks who are interested in joining our group. But, alas, we are short on jackets. Retired folks, if you can help us with this issue, give me a call.

MEMBERSHIP (2017-18) PAST DUE

Let's get em' in folks.

NEED UR' HELP

A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO SOMEONE GAVE ME A NAME OF A VETERAN WHOSE NAME WAS NOT READ AT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY LAST YEAR ON MEMORIAL DAY. I NEED TO GET THE NAME SO IT CAN BE ADDED TO THE LIST. IF YOU REMEMBER WHO YOU WERE, GIVE ME A CALL – JIM HOVDA 393-4339.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Emil Williams

Dear Fellow Comrades,

I have good news! **JESUS IS RISEN!** That is the best news there ever was and ever will be!

The airwaves are full of negative news, but the fact that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead to make us justified (or Just-as-if-we'd-never-sinned) is more important than any other news. That is because what we believe about Jesus rising from the dead affects our eternal destiny.

As I was preparing this Legion letter, I thought of the similarities between the Christmas story and the Easter story.

When Jesus was born, there was rejoicing. The angel said, "Do not be afraid for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people," Luke 2:10. On Resurrection morning, the first words Jesus spoke to anyone as far as we know, were when He spoke to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, and He said, "Rejoice." So we see there was rejoicing at His first coming and at His resurrection.

Further more, Luke records that when Jesus first appeared to His disciples His words were, "Peace be with you."

It was a great event when Jesus first came, and it was a great event when He conquered death, hell, and the grave. The Apostle Paul could write to the Corinthians saying, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Grave, where is your victory?" Jesus lived a sinless life and death could not hold Him

You see, Jesus had to come and be born, crucified, buried, and rise from the dead so He could redeem us from eternal death apart from God. No wonder we sing John Wesley's hymn with gusto on Easter morning,

"Christ the Lord is risen today, A-lle-lu-ia! Sons of men and angels say, A-lle-lu-ia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, A-lle-lu-ia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, A-lle-lu-ia!

"Lives again our glorious King, A-lle-lu-ia! Where, O Death is now thy sting? A-lle-lu-ia!

Dying once He all doth save, A-Ile-lu-ia! Where thy victory, O Grave? A-Ile-lu-ia!

“Love’s redeeming work is done, A-Ile-lu-ia! Fought the fight, the battle won, A-Ile-lu-ia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, A-Ile-lu-ia! Christ has open Paradise, A-Ile-lu-ia!

“Sow we now where Christ has led, A-Ile-lu-ia! Following our exalted Head, A-Ile-lu-ia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise. A-Ile-lu-ia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, A-Ile-lu-ia!”

So let us rejoice in the Risen Savior this Easter season and give Him the glory!

**Emil Williams
SAL Chaplain**

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

From February – Well anglers, who is gonna brave all the snow to go fishing?

Fred Segler turned in a 17-inch walleye. Otherwise, no other fish were turned in. I did hear rumors that Mark Soderholm caught a lot of fish at Lake of the Woods but I’ve yet to see any results.

The MN Darkhouse Association took about thirty kids from Big Brothers and Big Sisters fishing to Kramers Lake in St. Joseph on the 24th. They gave the kids hotdogs, chip hot chocolate and cookies. They didn’t catch too many fish. They gave out trophies and Nate Larson reported all had a good time.

Keep Jerry in your prayers, they all help.

MARCH – No fish turned in. Now, I am getting the list of all the winners so I can award the largest fish in each category for the fishing season 2017-18. The next season starts with the fishing opener in May 2019.

All you late season pan fish folks be careful of the ice. The color guard has enough business without a fatality that could have been avoided.

Now it’s time to go through your tackle boxes and get rid of all the extra lures that are just taking up space.

Question of the year; WILL LITTLE ROCK LAKE HAVE THE THREE FOOT DRAW-DOWN?

**GOD BLESS
Darlene Hiscock - - “AKA” Ms. Tackle Box**

PULL – TAB DONATIONS - MARCH

You good folks who take your chances at winning lots of \$\$\$\$\$ also make it possible for your post to donate to many causes. Also, the good folks who sponsor meat raffles raise money for those in need. Donations include: To lawful purpose organizations under various codes. Mostly donations from the meat raffles to individuals or causes they support. Cub Scout Pack #120, \$\$\$ for candy for the Auxiliary Easter Egg hunt and money for youth activities.

We would be remiss if we did not extend our appreciation for the outstanding support of the meat raffles. Many in our community have benefitted from your generosity. Our post thanks everyone for their support.

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

Spring is finally here. Yeah can't wait to get in garden. My favorite place.

April will bring many events at the club. April 21st is the spring dart tournament. Sign up at 12 noon and start time is 1.

The 28th of April is our annual spring pub-crawl. It's a really fun time. On May 5th we are having a pallet painting party. If interested please call the club and we will get you signed up.

Congratulations to Rose Meyer for winning the Key for cash. A nice \$500 gift was won just for being here on Sat. nights.

Our bingo is Wednesday night and the numbers are up pretty high. 7pm is when you should join us at the club. \$1199 is at stake.

Enjoy the spring and stop into the club to say hi. Cheryl

AUXILIARY NEWS

Joyce Segler

Happy Spring!! It does not feel a lot like spring this March day as I am writing but I have hope for the month of April.

Easter Egg hunt was at the Watab Town Hall on Sunday March 25. We had 22 children come. They hunted for candy, received a prize bag, and did some fun crafts, and got to go in to hunt more candy at the end.

The April Auxiliary Dinner is Tues. April 10th. On the menu is Stuffed Pork Chops, Parmesan Potatoes, vegetable, salads and desserts. Hope to see you there. Servers are Joyce Segler, Jan Hovda and Pat Popp.

Quilt raffle tickets are still for sale, if you need some contact Charlie Fucks.

Until next time, Joyce

.APRIL 2018 LEGION CALENDAR

- 01 Easter & April Fool's Day. (Fly Flag)
- 04 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 06 U.S. Enters WWI. (1917)
- 07 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 09 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Leg, Aux & SAL)**
- 10 AUXILIARY DINNER 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 11 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 12 Army Aviation Branch established. (1983)
- 14 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M. &**
- 17 Income Tax Day.
- 18 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 21 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 25 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 28 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 30 Vietnam War ends. (1975)

Legion meetings at the Pine Country Bank meeting room start w/the bar committee 6:00 P.M. followed by the BOD meeting at 6:30 and ending with a combined SAL and Leg membership meeting at 7:00 P.M. The auxiliary will meet at 7:00 P.M. at the legion. All members are encouraged to attend.

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