



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

November 2014

FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

I want to begin by thanking the Rice Boy Scouts and the Rice Cub Scouts for their continued support to the Rice American Legion activities. The scouts often support Legion activities by marching, carrying flags, being a uniformed group at the Rice monument, and doing whatever needs doing. They always look sharp and act sharp. The Rice scouts are led by Scoutmaster Steve Bogie. The Cub scouts are led by Cub Scout Pack Leader Brenda Carestensen-Boe, so when you see them pass along your Thank.

There is a November event happening at the Rice Grade School that you should know about. There will be a patriotic program for grades one to five. The program will be opened by Doctor Bittman, who is the Superintendent of the Sauk Rapids-Rice School District. The Boy Scouts will post the colors for the singing of the National Anthem and the group Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dale Rugholdt will speak followed by several demonstrations. We will observe a flag folding and an American White Table demonstration. There will be an earlier program by our Legion Chaplin Don Miklos for the fifth graders. If you are a veteran and want to attend, call the school at 393-2177 so they can do a background check.

District Deputy Message St. Michael's Medal

Do you have a family member or friend serving in the military? Did you know that you can request a St. Michael Medal to be sent to them from our State Chaplain? There is no cost to you or the military service person. And the military person does not need to be a Knight of Columbus or Catholic. All you need to do is send the name of the person in the military, their rank, branch of service, and address to:

State Chaplain, Father Kenneth O'Hotto

P.O. Box 278

Waverly, MN 55390 E-mail requests to: statechaplain@mnknights.org

A medal and a prayer book will be sent directly to the serviceman/woman. Of course prayers from our Minnesota Knights families are very important to our military men and women. Continue to pray for them and their safety.

VIVAT JESUS

Bob Kerestes DD 44

S.A.L UPDATE

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

We will have a joint meeting with the legion folks on in October. Four members were resent. **It's time to renew your SAL membership. If, for some reason, you did not get a renewal from national, send a check (SAL Post 473) for \$15.00 to the post.** We are hopeful to get a couple of new members from the activities at the parade.

WARRIORS COLLUMN

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

Jan and I attended the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) reunion/convention at Ft. Myer, VA we had the opportunity to again meet our post member Specialist Jacob Davenport. Davenport is a Tomb Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. From the first time we met more than three years ago, I was impressed on how this soldier has matured and grown. The picture is of him on one of his Tomb walks of which he has logged more than six hundred, earning him a Army Commendation Medal. Well deserved.

For those of you who have never had the opportunity to visit our nation's capital, visiting Arlington National Cemetery and watching a changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns is something you will never forget. One of our post members, Jacob Davenport is one of those guards.



COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Some members of the color guard will be participating at veteran's events at the Rice Elementary School on **Friday, 09 Nov meeting at the school NLT 2:00 P.M.** We will be doing a flag folding w/narration. The Rice scouts will be doing the posting of the colors. Color Guard members do **NOT** need background checks for this event.

Remember to keep uniforms maintained for unscheduled events.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Don Miklos

Greeting Comrades,

How many times have we said to our Lord "Gee Lord, that was pretty unfair." Guess what, we weren't the first by a long shot. Ezekiel 18: 25-28 Thus says the Lord, "You say the Lord's way is unfair!" "But, is it my way or your way that is unfair?" Granted, Ezekiel the prophet was a "strange bird", even for his time. He usually acted out his parables, yet here he is, straight forward as can be, telling us, "If you turn away from virtue, you shall die, but if you turn away from wickedness, you shall live." What could be simpler to understand? He asks us to hold up a mirror and take a long look at ourselves. Do we see someone the Lord would be proud to know or perhaps someone who "talks a good game" but can't deliver? The best course for us is to bring "saying" yes" and doing "yes" together, and then you may see the Lord smiling tack at you from the mirror. Better yet, you may understand that, yes indeed the Lord's ways are very fair.

On an unrelated, somber note I must bring you news of the passing of our Comrade Kenny Maurer. Ken a long time Legionnaire served his God and Country for four years in the U.S. Army during W.W.II. He was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne and also earned his Glider Badge. Those were the days of the silk parachute and opening "G" forces that would strip you of your web harness and belt, tear your rifle sling from your shoulder. The main control of your parachute was just, "down". It took a special man to leave the plane knowing these harsh conditions awaited you, plus getting shot at on the way down and fighting for your life when you got there. Kenneth J. Maurer was such a man, a straightforward, unassuming person who just, "did what needed to be done". So let us honor his memory by keeping him and his family in our prayers and thoughts.

In Faith, I remain, Your Chaplain

Don Miklos

THE FISHING STRINGER

Darlene Hiscock

Well, the only fish that was registered was one brought in by our commander of the color guard rifle team, Fred Segler. It was a 26-inch northern pike. He was fishing with his wife Joyce on the Mississippi River. It was the only fish (he says) they caught.

What happened to the sunfish crew? Where have they been? Not one rumor about their fish capers. Nothing from Commander Chet and his ocean cruises and the fish he claims were caught in Minnesota. Did you give up fishing Chet? You live on the river, did your boat sink?

Be safe deer hunting and come back healthy. 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

Want to start by wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. Can't believe it's here already. Our pub Olympics was a great time. Some very fun activities were played.

Coming up in November we have the legions 3rd annual "Deer Hunting Widows Weekend". On Nov. 7th, Fri. Night. We will be having food, door prizes, basket raffles, sausage queen and the horse racing game. The Rice Women of Today along with area businesses will be bringing in food and baskets. Come in camouflage and get a door prize. All profits are donated back to Rice community. Come in and you're sure to have a great time.

Don't forget bingo on Wed. nights at 7. Also sat. night meat raffles at 7 and key for cash drawing starting at 8.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Dear Ladies

Dick Raveling, who is the project officer for a squadron with the civil air patrol, is taking orders for Wreaths Across America. Our Auxiliary is supporting this again this year. They will do grave specific orders for the Little Falls State Cemetery and for Fort Snelling State Cemetery. Forms need to be completed and returned. Deadline for these is November 10th. If you are interested give him a call 248-6620. The laying of the wreaths in Little Falls is scheduled for December 13th at 11:00 am. I have private cemeteries to buy wreaths for and I need to place them myself. You can purchase them as long as you go up there and pick them up. Let Dick know so this can be noted when you come to pick them up. The purchase of these wreaths does benefit the civil air patrol. Last year the squadron placed 544,000 wreaths!

November 7th at 7pm. is the Widows Weekend (us non deer hunters). Ladies be some of the first to come dressed in cameo and receive a special gift! We need bodies to help work selling the gift baskets and a few desserts.

Our next and LAST dinner for the year is November 11th (Veteran's Day). The menu is Stuffed Pork chops, parm. potatoes, gravy, salads and desserts. Reasonably priced at \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids 10 and under. Take outs are always welcome!

American Education Week is November 17-21st. On Monday, the 17th, we as an Auxiliary will once again be baking bars and goodies to put in the teachers lounge for the bus drivers and staff. We will also be providing milk and juice. I have some people volunteering to bake bars already but need more people to help. Call me, 393-2410 and leave a message. I would like to put these boxes of goodies together on Sunday the 16th. Bars can be dropped off on Saturday after 2:00 pm at the Legion club. Please mark you name so I know who to give credit to in the newsletter.

If you haven't renewed your membership to the Auxiliary or want to be a new member, our membership fees remain at \$20.00 and not the suggested \$25.00 from National for adults and \$10.00 for under 18. There are membership forms at the Legion club and I have some at home if you know of someone who isn't a member yet or wants to be.

Our annual Christmas party at the club is fast approaching. Plan on attending this event. Lots of good food catered by the Creamery, good fellowship and door prizes. More info on this to come in the December newsletter.

NOVEMBER 2014 LEGION CALENDAR

01 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.

02 Daylight savings time ends, Fall back one hour.

03 Battle of Dak To Vietnam begins.

04 ELECTION DAY. BE SURE TO VOTE... Fly Flag

05 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

07 Widows Weekend

08 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.

10 Legion, Auxiliary & SAL meetings. See below.

10 Happy b'day USMC. (1775)

11 Auxiliary Dinner 5 – 7 P.M. Stuffed Pork Chops & Veterans Day. (Fly Flag)

12 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

13 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dedicated. (1982)

14 Battle of Ia Drang, VN begins. (1965)

15 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.

18 Battle of Ia Drang, VN ends. (1965)

19 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

22 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. JFK assassinated. (1963)

26 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

27 Thanksgiving day.

28 Second Korean winter campaign begins. (1951)

29 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.

NOTE: The legion meetings start with (1) Legion Club Committee 4:30 P.M., Pine Country Bank (2) Legion Board of Directors at 5:00 P.M. P.C. Bank & (3) Legion, SAL & Auxiliary meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Legion Post. SAL members meet w/Leg.

AIRBORNE HERITAGE

Jim Hovda – Former paratrooper

On the 21st of Nov1970, Task Force Ivory raids the Son Tay POW camp in North Vietnam. As it turned out, there were no prisoners in the camp. This was the most notable large-scale operation ever conducted in North Vietnam. A movie of that operation was produced.

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