

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

NEWSLETTER - November 2012

## From the Commander

George Fiedler is the District 7 Benton County Veterans Service Officer serving county veterans and their dependents. He is located at the Courthouse in Foley. He will be our guest speaker for the December Legion Christmas party. We picked that meeting so the wives will have a chance to hear what services are available to veterans, retirees and their families.

Here are some of the veterans benefits he can help you access:

- Service-connected disability benefits
- Dependent and survivor benefits
- VA pensions
- Burial and memorial benefits

Last month I read that some of our members are not submitting their fish catches for recognition. I submitted the following fish and was rejected. I am lodging an official complaint to the Ms. Tackle Box complaint department demanding recognition for this unknown fish caught in the Gulf of Mexico.



Fish caught in the Gulf of Mexico 12 miles out

**Chet Seviola**

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

**Jeff Gondeck**

Greetings Gentleman, I have to start off with an apology for not getting September's newsletter out. The next time you run into me, I'll buy you a drink. Perhaps we could have a meeting soon so I could buy 1 big round at our Legion post in Rice? Think about it and let me know. I have received estimates on the food for the breakfasts and to put it bluntly, we need to raise more money! How do we do this you ask? Well first and foremost lets work on our membership. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining our local SAL or the American Legion Riders please contact me so we can get these fine people that support God and country and of course THE TROOPS and welcome them to the club. I met with the local chapter of The American Legion Riders in Clearwater this month and needless to say A GREAT GROUP OF GUYS I look forward to riding with them on November 11 in St. Cloud at the VA hospital. Now I know some of you are thinking ARE YOU CRAZY ITS NOVEMBER Gentleman, Its a small price to pay for these brave veterans that defended our country in far worse conditions. I say THANK YOU! AND what else can WE do for you? I would like to introduce 3 new members Craig Gondeck, Tom Boyda, Andy Moreno. I would like to send a special thank you to Andy for the generous donation on top of his dues THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU I would also ask to say a prayer for our Legion Chaplain Don Miklos. He will be having surgery soon at the Minneapolis V A hospital. Chaplain Don has done so many wonderful things for our veterans, I truly believe he was given a mission from the good Lord that he accepts with open arms, a bright smile, and a HUGE HEART GET WELL SOON DON OUR PRAYERS OUR WITH YOU

Good luck to all hunters stay safe and keep your powder dry!

At ease Gentleman!

Your commander

Jeff Gondeck

## **HONOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

11 November, noon, the parade at the VA Medical Center. I plan on taking Kilroy there. Anyone want to ride or bring a flag, let me know.

## WARRIORS COLUMN

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

Our newest member of our Rice Legion is PFC Jacob Davenport. (See pic of us) Jacob is a member of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Battalion, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, Ft. Myer, VA. Of special note, Jacob is one of the soldiers that stand guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. For those of you who have experienced the opportunity to view the changing of the guard at the Tomb, you must have admired the skill and dedication these soldiers have. I hope to have a picture of him on one of his tours of duty.



## CHAPLAINS CORNER

**Dear Members of our Legion Family:**

**Humility comes naturally to very few people, at least those I deal with. I myself, am no different in this respect. It is very hard to be humble, especially when we have done something good, or are really good at a certain task. Now, throw in some praise from our peers, and it becomes even harder.**

**But being humble has it's own rewards. We need to look no further than our Lord and Master to find the worlds greatest example of humility. By his humble death on a cross he gained for us life, and for himself an everlasting place at the right hand of God the Father in heaven.**

**In Ephesians 5:21-32 Jesus speaks of wives being subordinate to their husbands, and husbands to their wives with love for them. He further states, "For this reason man shall leave his father and mother, and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh." To do this we must leave arrogance behind and humble ourselves. In John's Gospel 6:60-69 upon hearing this, they said, "This saying is hard, who can accept it?" Many disciples left him then.**

**Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon and Peter answered, "Master, to whom shall we go?" In asking that question, we have the answer! Comrades, pray for the virtue of humility, the rewards are everlasting.**

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

### **A SPECIAL LETTER**

Today, I received a very special letter from our former post chaplain, Dick B.J. Molohon. Dick was one of our first chaplains that took the level of chaplain to a new level. A great communicator, Dick had a special way of discharging his duties as our Post Chaplain. Dick gave the first presentation that was ever delivered at our Rice Memorial Monument two days after September 11, 2001. I still his presentation centered around "In God We Trust" printed on a quarter. I still have that quarter saved in a special place.

With his health failing his communication with his legion friends is, I believe, well worth passing on to our membership. His message is strong and worthy of our full attention.

**23 October 2012 6:04 P.M.**

Dear Family and friends:

Thanks to Lisa, I am writing you with a heart full of love. Each of you, my biological family and friends close enough to be called family, have held a special place in my hart for a long time. But I have never felt such love and appreciation for each of you as I do now.

Lisa and I were talking about this and my immediate future. It may be that God will be calling me home soon. Which brings up two important points. One, I am ready, willing, and able to pass my "entrance exam" and number two, you still have time to make sure that should the Lord call you, you still have time to make sure that should the Lord call you, you will be prepared for the exam. Here's the answer to the big question. Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? If you can answer YES to the question, you can expect to see me and meet me at the big pearly gate. Don't take this lightly, I speak to you from experience, and I'm eager for your salvation.

The best way to communicate and what I prefer at this time is by e-mail which Lisa and the nurses will read for me. Skip the cards; personal visits are more of a challenge for me than anything.

I love each of you.

Dick.

Dick Molohon

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## **THE TACKLE BOX**

OK you anglers. Where in the heck are the fish? I've heard rumors about fish caught. Where are they? Are you waiting for Ice?

Well anyway, I suppose many of you are going Bambi hunting. Be safe, keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and come home safe. And, if you miss church, say a prayer for all our troops, past and present.  
God Bless.

**Darlene Hiscock (AKA) Ms. Tackle Box**

## **FROM THE CLUB:**

I hope all you ladies make it to our first annual ladies night out it's going to be huge and tons of fun.

On Nov. 9th we will be hosting the Rice Women of Today's meat raffle. They are giving all the donations to benefit Ella's Halo. Come on down and take home a package.

Another Meat raffle will be held on Nov. 30th. Also hosted by the Rice Women of Today. If you are interested in hosting a meat raffle just call me at the club at 320-393-4545. Watch for signs in and around the club for more meat raffles.

Our pub-crawl was a huge success. Watch for our next pub-crawl in March.

Happy Thanksgiving and remember if you would like to host a party at the club it is free of charge. All you need to do is call me and set up a date.

Cheryl Bovy



Alex Rau Sauk Rapids Rice High School student went to Germany talked about his trip at our Octoberfest event.

## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Hello Ladies,

November is almost here and the deer hunters are cleaning guns and getting their gear ready for the hunt. On that note ... there is a fun night coming up called Widow's Weekend scheduled for Friday, November 2nd starting at 7 p.m. There will be Bingo Deer Racing, baskets raffles, door prizes, and food. Come dressed in orange or camo for a prize drawing. Should be lots of fun, I can't wait! Our Auxiliary is helping out and we can always use a little help.

November also includes Veterans Day and American Education week. Veteran's Day is November 12th but at school here it will be celebrated on Friday, November 9th which is a Friday and a late start day at school.

The following week is American Education Week (Nov. 11-17). The auxiliary will be providing bars, cookies, milk and juice to the staff at the school as in years past to show our appreciation for all their hard work and dedication to our children. I will be calling some people to help make bars for this or if you would like to call me, that would be great - (393-2410).

We had a special Oktober Fest dinner October 20th, which was not well attended. We would like to do this each year. If you have any suggestions to make this event better attended let us know.

We are mid stream with our candy bar sale. If anyone would like or think they could sell some candy let me know. We decided to do an extra fundraiser because National raised our membership fees from \$20 to \$25. This will help to save our members an extra \$5.00 of their membership fees.

Our membership board has been renewed and refreshed. And as a reminder, if you haven't gotten your membership paid to do so soon to Nancy Anderson so we can get your name up on the membership board.

November 13th is our Auxiliary Dinner the last one for the year. Our menu is Stuffed Pork Chops, parmesan potatoes, vegetables, salads, desserts, milk and coffee at the Legion Club. Yours hostesses for the evening are: Bev Petron, Sue Beierman, Dorrain Petron, and Pat Petron. Adults \$6 and kids (10 and under) \$3. Take outs are always available.

## **AIRBORNE HERITAGE**

Two items of note. First, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 1944, the 82<sup>nd</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Divisions combat jump into France to support Operation Overlord, the Normandy Invasion. 13,179 troopers jumped.

Second, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 1942 the USMC 1<sup>st</sup> Parachute Battalion departs the U.S. for the Pacific. Yes folks, the USMC did have paratroopers however the concept was never used on a large scale in the Corps.

## LEGION - NOVEMBER 2012 - CALENDER

- 02** **Widow's weekend! 7:00 P.M.Post.**
- 04 Daylight savings time ends. (2:00 A.M.) Fall back.....
- 06 ELECTION DAY. VOTE - VOTE - VOTE.
- 07** **Operation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M. & meat raffle.**
- 09** **Auxiliary and Legion Color guard - Rice Elementary School**
- 10** **Auxiliary meeting 9:00 A.M. Twin Pines.**
- 11** **Veterans Day Parade, VA Medical Center. Noon. (Fly Flag)**
- 12** **Legion Meetings. Pine Country Bank**
- 12 Veterans Day observed. (Fly Flag)
- 13** **Auxiliary dinner. 5 - 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 13 Vietnam Veterans Memorial dedicated. (1982)
- 14** **Operation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M. & meat raffle.**
- 14 Battle of Ia Drang Valley VN begins. 1965
- 18 Battle of Ia Drang Valley VN ends. 1965
- 21** **Operation Bingo. Post 7:00P.M. & meat raffle.**
- 22 Thanksgiving. (Fly Flag)
- 22 President Kennedy assassinated. (1963)
- 28** **Operation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M. & meat raffle.**
- 30 Meat raffle sponsored by the Rice Women of Today. 6:00 P.M.

NOTE - - The three legion meetings start with (1) the club committee at 4:30 PM (2) board of directors at 5:00 PM and (3) membership meeting at 7:00 PM. We usually go to the club for pizza between the BOD and membership meeting.

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