



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

October 2017

FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Another month has gone bye. We have done many things, 9/11 remembrance was attended by a smaller crowd.

I guess we can't compete with the Vikes. Rice Fun Days came and went nice parade and good food.

Your Commander and my son Jim were picked to attend a veterans fishing trip on Lake of the Woods. Caught lots of walleyes and Saugers had a nice fish fry and a great time. The web site is MRVETRANSOUTDOORS.COM Thanks to the Middle River Veterans Outdoors program please check this out they treat the vets very nicely.

We are still trying to set up Cribbage at the club if you have any, interest please call the club 393-4545

Legion dues are due please make an effort to get them paid and if you know of someone that would like to join please let me know and I will get them a membership application. S.A.L. And Aux need more members
Thanks to all and we will see you at the meat raffle. Fred

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.

POW/MIA

Charles Anderson

As of Sept. 15th, 2017, 26 more veterans have been recently been accounted for, 19 from WW2 War, 4 from Korean War, 2 from Vietnam War.

Minnesota missing 1415 from WW2, Korean War 141, Vietnam War 33, Cold war 128, Operation El Dorado Canyon 1 in 1986, Operation Desert Storm 2 in 1991, Operation Iraqi Freedom 3 in 2003-2010.

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Charles Anderson

Trump signs forever GI Bill into law, Boosting aid to student vets.

The Vietnam Blue Water Navy Veterans Initiative. They are asking people to call their congressmen to act on Issue H299 and S422.

Army uses Shark Tank Therapy for Wounded Soldiers. Forces soldiers to face fears while they control their breathing, good practice for staying calm.

President signs VA appeals "overhaul" bill at legion convention in Reno.

Appeals Modernization Bill Falls short.

CO Congressman tries to steer VA away from Psychotherapeutic Meds.

VA wants to move more Nursing Home \$\$ to rural areas.

Army suspends drill sergeants for alleged sexual misconduct.

September is Suicide Prevention Month.

The Heroic leader and the better war from Vietnam to Afghanistan.

Documentary by Ken Burns

Whistleblower. Manipulations and the secret wait lists go unfixed, unpunished.

ACLU Challenges Trumps Administrations Transgender Military Ban.

Amid 7th Fleet turmoil, Sailors open up about sleep deprivation.

Vets with bad paper discharges get good news in new DOD Guidance.

Pension Advance Schemes.

Marvel Universe Live! Age of Heroes. Excel Energy Center- St. Paul, December 8-9 at 7 pm, Veterans and military families get Great Discounts.

Discount tickets are available on-line at www.xcelenergycenter.com/fair until Oct 20, 2017, promo code BTYR, or call 651-312-3486.

Van Donation, 1999 Dodge Caravan with 114,708 miles, has wheelchair/scooter hoist in rear, Call 612-727-3022 or 612-508-7768, can be seen at Minneapolis VAMC.

Two Lifts adaptive equipment available in the New Ulm/Lafayette Area, Call Greg at 507-233-6636, or greg.peterson@co.brown.mn.us

Waste Management is looking for drivers, Need CDL, apply at St. Cloud MN facility.

Tricare Health care Plan costs calendar year 2018. Flyer at legion post.

CapTel Phone Flyer at legion, Free program for people with hearing loss under title IV of the A.D.A.. Contact Alexandra Cooper at 612-300-1565, Alexandra.cooper@oeius.org

VA Flue shots Bldg 96 Oct 3, 8am-6:30 pm, Oct 4 and 5, 8am 4:30 pm, Bldg 1 Saturdays, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 from 8am-noon, Tuesdays Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31 from 4:30-6:30pm, Weekdays, Oct. 10-31, 8am-4:30pm, in urgent care clinic.

St. Cloud VA Career Fair Scheduled October 14th from 9 am- Noon, at Rasmussen College, 226 Park Avenue South in St. Cloud.

Patriot Enterprise Hiring Citizen Soldiers, Hiring Career Readiness Counselors, Contact, Annette Brechon Kuyper, Director of Military Outreach, Minnesota Dept. of Military Affairs, 20 West 12th St., Saint Paul, MN., 55155-2004, Office 651.282.4002, Cell 651.955.3108.

Women Veterans Opinion Needed SWAN (service women action network) is asking for women in the service, past and present, to take part in a short survey. Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWANSummitSurvey2017>

Women Veterans of Minnesota Annual Fall Luncheon, RSVP Sept. 30, To be held at American Legion Post 1776 in Apple Valley on Oct. 14th. Find more info at MDVA.

Homefront Resource center one-day business boot camp. Oct. 6, More info at MDVA

Minneapolis VA 5K Family Fun Run/walk & roll Sept. 30. More info at MDVA.

MACV Events, Minneapolis Legal Clinic, Oct 10. More info at MDVA

State of Minnesota Career Fair, Oct. 14. More info at MDVA.

DAV MN One Day Pheasant Hunt Oct. 14. More info at MDVA.

VA to Avail Beds to Non-Veteran Nursing Home Residents affected by Irma.

American Legion continues to push for cannabis as a PTSD treatment.

Free drop-in legal clinic for Veterans at the Minneapolis VA Flag Atrium Balcony Room 2S 114 1 Veterans Drive.

Blue Water Navy is pushing on HR 299 to be passed, VA wants everybody with a disability to take the round down on their disability check to fund this, Legion has been wishy washy on it, VFW has been against it, VVA has refused it, DVA has refused it. The top 6 service organizations have given lip service.

GET UR' FLU SHOTS AT THE VA

Will be available at the St. Cloud VA: Oct 3rd 8:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. – Oct 4 & 5 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Other October dates are available. Check with the VA at 320/252-1670.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Members attended the 9/11 Ceremony at the Memorial monument and conducted honors at the interment of Marcel Kelash. Although he was not a member of the post, he was a USAF veteran, longtime resident of Rice and strong supporter of our Legion. Our condolences to the Kelash family. September was a busy month.

MEMBERSHIP (2017-18) DUE

Legion Aux and SAL dues invoices should have been received by the membership. Your prompt attention is appreciated. Thanks to those who have already paid. You can pay at the post if you desire. Leg \$40.00 - - - SAL \$15.00 - - - Aux \$20.00. We prefer a check rather than cash.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

On the 15th of September, our post honor guard paid honors to Airman First Class Marcel Kelash at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery. Marcel was a long- time resident of Rice and actively supported our legion post.

Airman First Class Kelash served in the USAF from 1954 to 1957. He was an Aircraft electronics maintenance specialist. He served in the United States and Japan, supporting military operations in Asia and Korea.

Aircraft electronics maintenance is a difficult job, requiring a lot of long hours with little or no thanks. Remember, this was during the “Cold War.” Most of us do not remember the pressure our military folks were under during that period of time. They all served with distinction.

We were honored to be participants at his interment and render honors befitting him and his service to our Republic.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Emil Williams

Fellow Comrades:

It is always with great joy that I have the honor and privilege to share some inspirational thoughts with you.

The following is taken from The Minnesota Book of Days, An almanac of State History compiled by Tony Greiner, Published by Minnesota Historical Society Press. “October 1, 1700: On his second visit to the region, French explorer Pierre Charles Le Sueur arrives at the mouth of the Blue Earth River. At this site he builds Fort L’Huillier, named for a chemist in France who had told Le Sueur that the blue clay found at this location on his first trip was rich in copper. Le Sueur travels with two tons of clay to New Orleans, leaving nineteen men to continue operations. Unfortunately, further testing shows that the clay contains no copper.”

Just as Pierre Charles Le Sueur was disappointed that the blue clay contained no copper, we too get disappointed when things don’t turn out the way we had hoped they would.

When the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt they encountered many disappointments in their journey to the Promised Land. First, they were trapped against the Red Sea but God made a path for them. There was no food in the desert but God gave them manna. They didn’t have water to drink but God gave them water from a rock. They wanted meat to eat and God gave them quail.

We see how God provided for these people in a miraculous way on His terms and for His glory. If your problems are greater than you can handle or solve, remember that He is present to meet our needs on His terms and for His glory.

God bless you until next time. Emil Williams, SAL Chaplain

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

It's fall already. Where is the time going? Went fishing with my brother Ted last week. Perfect day – caught our limit of sunnies, nice ones. Ted got two walleyes a 24 and 18-inch fish. Got a couple of Northern but not as big as the Butch Przibilla northern of 23-inches.

Finally got a 24-inch catfish from Chance Fernhoz, Randy's Grandson.

The only report I got from the Segler group (Fred & Jim) fishing trip to Lake of the Woods was a 19-inch walleye.

Friday, I will be on my last fishing trip with brother Ted. Then they are headed to Arizona. He said, "No more snow for me." GOD BLESS and fish safe.

Darlene Hiscock - - "AKA" Ms. Tackle Box

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

I would like to thank Fred for taking care of all the hornets at the legion. They are so bad this year. So far they are gone but it's only been a few days.

Bingo is still going on. We are trying to get a new program together so make sure you check it out. Meat raffles on Sat. night, along with key for cash money to be won, always a good thing.

Things we are planning on this fall are the pub-crawl which is October 21st. Starts at 3. Widows' night out November 3rd and that starts at 7. Also I would like to do a paint party on a Saturday afternoon, probably in November. Also a chili cook-off maybe December for that. Will keep you updated.

Cheryl Bovy

WIDOWS NIGHT OUT

This year again we will be hosting the widows' night out. On Friday November 3rd we, here at the club, will host a party for all who would like to attend women or men. We have food, baskets, games, some gambling (horse race games), door prizes and of course beverages. Dress in cameo and get a free door prize. All of the proceeds are donated to three organizations the Rice women of today, the Auxiliary and the Rice food shelf. If you can we would love to have you donate a basket. Use your imagination and be a little crazy, that's Friday November 3rd, mark your calendar.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Joyce Segler

Hi All,

Fall is officially here as of today, the day I am writing this article. The temp is more like a nice July day but I am sure this won't last long.

Car parking at the annual Craft Sale was very good; a nice amount was added to our funds to help area veterans and programs.

October Dinner is Tues.10th stuffed pork chops, parm potatoes and gravy. Servers are Janice Martin, Cindy Larson and Jeanette Miller. Hope to see you there.

Have a good month,

Blessings,

Joyce



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.

OCTOBER 2017 LEGION CALENDAR

01 Woman's Army Corps established. (1943)

04 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.

07 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.

09 CLUB CLOSED – Columbus Day. (Fly Flag)

09 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Leg, Aux & SAL)

10 AUXILIARY DINNER 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post. stuffed pork chops, parm potatoes and gravy salads and desserts

11 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.

13 Happy B'day U.S. navy. 1775)

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

18 Rice Area Chamber mtg. Noon. (We're members)

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

27 St Cloud Stand Down St Cloud National Guard Armory

27 Navy Day. (Fly Flag)27

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

31 Halloween. (Remember the storm?)

Legion meetings 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. at the Pine Country Bank meeting room. The auxiliary will meet at 7:00 P.M. at the legion. All members are encouraged to attend.

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