



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

July 2018

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Here's goes nothing, this is my last letter as your Commander. As of July 9th Jerry Lage will be your new Commander, I hope you will help him as you have helped me. It was a great honor to serve as your Commander, and I know Jerry will do well. As of last week I had several small strokes and had a stint put in the left carotid artery, this supplied blood to right side of brain and left eye, the left eye was going black and this was the cause. Things are going ok now hopefully it will stay that way. Please congratulate Jerry, and make a effort to attend your Legion meetings we need more participation. Meat raffles are going well if you know of anyone that needs a little cash to help them out please sign up at the club. We are still looking for a new manager and some part time bar tenders. Thanks for all the support you have given me.

Your soon to be past Commandeer Fred

Hello Veterans and Veteran support organizations: My name is Jerry Lage, incoming Commander of American Legion Post 473, Rice, MN. I am a proud Veteran of the United States Air Force and a 31-year member of the American Legion. With the support of the American Legion board, Post 473 members and support organizations; I look forward to a new year of moving Post 473 forward.

I wish to extend my gratitude to outgoing Commander Fred Segler, for his dedication, leadership and guidance to the American Legion. Fred's new position will be Chairman of the Board and so we will continue to benefit from his expertise. Stay healthy Fred and God Bless You.

Veterans continuing to serve.

Jerry Lage Commander

## **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. **NEW** - - Also, walk-in services Audiology to have hearing issues taken care of. Call first at: 320/255-6370 X4370.

## **POST SERVICE OFFICER**

Charles Anderson

State Bill Tracker: Signed by Governor 19, Introduced 25, Included 3, laid over 9, Approved 30, Passed by House 2, Passed by Senate 2.

Federal Bill Tracker. Introduced 5, Passed by House 1.

House passes Veterans Bills ahead of Memorial Day. House Passed 14 bills.

Victory! President signed into law the "VA MISSION ACT" A bill that will extend the eligibility for VA's Comprehensive caregiver assistance Program.

The Veterans History Project Explores Veterans, PTSD and Incarceration.

Kuster wants Investigation into Sexual Harassment in VA.

13 Unions File Lawsuit Against All Three Workforce Executive Orders.

VA's Latest Betrayal of Vietnam Veterans.

Fort Hood recognizes Women Veterans.

Veterans Affairs unveils first rankings for its 133 nursing homes.

Wakesurf Clinic on Lake Minnetonka, July 20<sup>th</sup>

To sign up email [djdeep@wakeforwarriors.org](mailto:djdeep@wakeforwarriors.org)

H.R. 5553 was introduced by Congressman Don Bacon, the Loya-Sears Warrior Assistance Reform Act. To implement an action plan to improve the DoD Transition Assistance Program by mandating earlier pre-separation counseling standardizing curriculum, increasing participation rates, and improving transition assistance resources.

Flag Etiquette Do's and don'ts. U. S. Flag Code.

Have printed out the newsletters from the VA. , Morrison County. See all information at Legion in the folders on the bulletin board

Army Echoes, From the Sergeant Major of the Army.

My Healthvet Update. Things that are happening in the VA.

Here's Who doesn't Qualify for the New Military Vision Benefit.

Hang up on Medicare Scams, Medicare.gov.

Cabin Clips, June 2018.

Veterans Career Fair, Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 2 pm-6 pm. Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Drive, Brooklyn Center, MN, 55430.

Free Dart Rides Begin for Veterans, Starting Monday, in Des Moines IA.

See more clearly with Medicare, Understand Medicare coverage for cataract surgery.

Sweeping Veterans health care bill becomes Law. VA Mission Act.

Legion testifies on replacing private grave markers with Headstones.

Legion testifies on challenges facing veteran owned small businesses.

Pending Legislation addresses VA staffing shortages.

Ohio post retires flags, instills patriotism.

Pittsburgh-area Legion post proudly displays patriotism.

Rolling Thunder: It was overwhelming.

Remembering those who have given all. Legion Riders remember 'brothers' on Vietnam Memorial wall.

Michigan post grants World War II veteran's Memorial Day wish.

Legion Family remembers the sacrifices of Normandy.

The power of a little fear.

What you might not know about the Army.

See all of these and more at the Legion in the folders on the bulletin board.

# POW/MIA

## Charles Anderson

As of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 77 servicemen have been accounted for. WW2-4, Korean War 2, Vietnam War 1.

I printed out the Flight schedule for the Freedom Flight Balloon, it will be in POW/MIA folder.

### CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Don Miklos

#### **Brothers and Sister**

**Not long ago we celebrated a very important day in our lives. Memorial Day. To those who served our country, it has even more special meaning. On that day, I stood before the flag at our Veterans Monument and delivered my message as the Legion Chaplain. Perhaps the opening lines of my message bear repeating. I started, "A nation truly reveals it's self not only by the brave men and women it produces, put by those it honors and those it remembers for their brave and unselfish deeds in times of peril. This day and forever, let us remember with undying gratitude over worthy servicemen and women and pray for heavens blessings upon them."**

**Being one who served, I have asked myself many times, why did we do it? Comrades, why did we deliberately put ourselves in harms way? I believe my word in the Chaplaincy has given me a wee bit of insight into this. You see I believe the answer is one word. Love! Some of us, especially a few very tough Marines, may defy this. For me it was love of my father and mother, Love for my two brothers who had served before me in W.W II, (They also showed me the way), Love for my then 16 ear old girlfriends, who waited for my return and has been my wife for over 60 years! And yes, Love of my Country, which my immigrant mother taught me!**

**Whatever your reason was to serve our Country, I'm sure that love entered into it somewhere along the line though perhaps time has dimmed some of the memories. The memories of the love we shared with our Fathers, Brothers, and sisters before we or they left to serve our Country shall never fade. Those acts and that love, as our obligations to our fellow comrades, endure, yes, even into eternity. It is an all-powerful bond!**

**Who can ever forget an act of love freely given? Let us remember that our love, shown to the world, is only an echo of the contentious and unlimited love of our God for his fallow Sons and Daughters.**

**The phrase, "No greater love has man but that he willingly lay down his life for a friend." Was carried to the very panicle when Jesus Christ, while in the form of man, gave his life fore the world, and yes, for your and I.**

**May God's richest blessing be upon you my faithful Comrades.**

**Your Chaplain Don Miklos**

**And please pray for those whose names appear on our prayer board at the Legion.**

Len Smallwood    Randy Fererholz

Gerry Hiscock    Philly Miklos                    George Gazett

Thanks very much for your prayers; they are thankfully appreciated.

Your Chaplain Don Miklos

**NEED A RIDE TO A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT AND LIVE IN BENTON COUNTY – CALL FOLEY AREA CARE. THEY WILL TRY TO GET YOU TRANSPORTATION. 968-7848**

### **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

#### **Jim Hovda**

Your post color guard was busy in June as well; a funeral and interment for past member and post adjutant, Tom Hyslop. We had the honor of teaming up with Sauk rapids VFW Post 6992, sharing pall bearing duties with the VFW. Each organization took a side. It was an impressive sight. Tom was a long-time member of our post and a lifetime member of the Sauk Rapids VFW, a stand-up guy.

Jim & Marilyn Larson represented us at the Buffalo MN parade and Jim Hovda w/Kilroy were present at the Sauk Rapids parade and the short one at the country Manor.

It will be all hands-on deck for the Rice Fun Days Parade on Saturday, 18 August. Members need to be at the post NLT 2:00 P.M.



## THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Fred Jr. caught this on Mullacs 26.5”



This time the fishing report is having the winners stay in families. Cheryl's Son caught a 28-inch walleye on Lake Hubert. My daughter-in-law had a 26-inch northern on opening weekend, had to put it back in the lake but it sure was fun.

I finally got to go fishing opening weekend. WOW – was that fun. Got some nice walleyes too.

Some walleyes came in and the biggest so far was the 28-inch fish my great nephew caught. He also caught a huge large-mouth bass. The fish was 7-8 lbs.

Mr. Hovda had one hell of a fishing trip on Little Rock Lake. My spies (informants) tell me that their party of four only caught one northern in two days of fishing, and not by the “fishing king” Hovda. Then, probably due to old age, his trolling motor gave up the ghost when the motor mount broke. Because the motor was so old (like the fabled fish king) it could not be repaired and he had to get a new one. I heard that the folks at Rapids Marine had to call 911 to revive him when he heard what a new one could cost. Everything wears out Mr. Hovda, even us old anglers.

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

## PULL TAB DONATIONS - June

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 and your post color guard.

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.

**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.

## FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

Wow summer is flying by. My garden is doing awesome. We are checking into getting e-tabs at the Legion. It's a gambling video game that is sponsored by the state. We should have them in right after the Fourth of July. So come on in and check them out. We will still have our pull-tabs that support our gambling fun also. On Wednesday nights at seven we still have our bingo. We now have two \$500 jackpot. One pot is always at 55 numbers for \$500 the other pot is also \$500 and it is a progressive pot. More ways to win extra cash for your pocket, don't forget our meat raffles on Saturday nights at 7:30-ish and our key for cash between eight and 9 o'clock.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Joyce Segler

July 10<sup>th</sup> is the Auxiliary Dinner with Stuffed Pork chops, Parmesan potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salads and desserts. Servers are Marg Cariveau, Cecil Huston, and Charyl Walberg.

## **JULY 2018 LEGION CALENDAR**

02 U.S. Army Air Corps established. (1926)

**04 CLUB CLOSED – Happy B'day America. (Fly Flag)**

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

**09 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Leg, Aux & SAL)**

**Installation of officers prior to the Legion BOD meeting.**

**10 Auxiliary Dinner, 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post. Suffed pork chops ,parm. potatos, gravy, salads and desserts**

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

12 Medal of Honor established. (1862)

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

**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 Korean War Armistice. (1953). (Fly Flag)

**28 KEYS FOR CASH 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**

29 Army Chaplain Corps established. (1775)

### **NOTE MEETING TIME CHANGES .....**

Legion meetings at the Pine Country Bank meeting room start w/the bar committee 6:30 P.M. followed by the BOD meeting at 6:45 and ending with a combined SAL and Leg membership meeting at 7:00 P.M. The Auxiliary will not meet this month. All members are encouraged to attend.

### **NEW OFFICERS FOR THE LEGION AND SAL TO BE INSTALLED**

LEGION: Commander Jerry Lage; 1st Vice Commander Jim Wolf; 2nd Vice Commander Erik Bonde; 3rd Vice Commander Joe Voigt; Finance Officer Floyd Hinkemeyer; Service Officer Charles Anderson; Chaplain Don Miklos; Sgt-at-Arms Jim Segler; Historian Chet Seviola; Judge Advocate Pat Smoley and Jim Hovda was appointed adjutant and Charles Fuchs gambling Manager.

SAL: Commander Jim Wolf; Finance Officer Jim Wolf; Chaplain Emil Williams. Vice Commander, Historian and Sgt-at-Arms positions not filled. Jim Hovda was appointed adjutant.

## IMPORTANT POINTS OF CONTACT:

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Rice Legion Website [www.post473.com](http://www.post473.com)

Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255

National Suicide Prevention 1-800-273-8255