



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

July 2015

RICE LEGION RECEIVES AWARD

The Rice Post of the American Legion received an award from the MN 6th District for outstanding work and service to area youth in 2014-15. The award was presented to, Post Commander Fred Segler by Roger Bigalke, Benton/Stearns County Council Commander, at their June meeting.

Pictured (L-R) Roger Bigalke and Fred Segler. Photo by C. Fuchs.



FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Just assumed the Commanders job, hope I can do as well as Chet. He is healing and our prayers are with him. Last week we interned two navy vets in the North Prairie Cemetery Your color guard was awesome as usual. I am asking for your help. We need more people in our Legion, S.A.L., and Auxiliary. If you know any Veterans bend their ear about joining our Legion. You have noticed by now that the

parking lot was repaired. No more duck hunting or fishing there. Thompson Construction did the work let them now we are happy with the job. Also let your friends know about the meat raffles.

Auxiliary Dinners we can use a larger crowd. Hoping to see more of you at the club thanks from Fred

S.A.L UPDATE

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

On the 08th of June, SAL members met with the legion and elected Jim wolf as Commander, Jim Hovda as Adjutant, Emil Williams as Chaplain and Scott Beierman as Treasurer. Don't forget, Jim Wolf may call you about meat raffles.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

No info for the article. If you know of someone who needs mention, let me know.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

The color guard responded to help a family in Rice who had two WWII U.S. Navy veterans from Illinois, returning home to the North Prairie Cemetery for interment. Chaplain Don who led the detail asked me to render a big "THANK YOU" for taking time out on a Saturday to honor these two veterans.

We are a notional organization and, when resources permit, will come to the aid in these ventures. This was a small town ceremony at its best.

This came in to late for the May Newsletter.

I received a nice thank you note from Laura Vannurden for our services at Graham. We are very much appreciated at this cemetery.

THE POST PRAYER BOARD

Your Chaplains

The prayer board at the legion is a place we place names of folks (upon request) who are in need of our prayers. We do not list why, just that they need the help from Our Lord. Anyone can be placed there. You do not need to be part of the legion family. These folks could use a prayer (or two): Chet Seviola, Holly Schreiner, Tom Chies and Randy Klug.



Minnesota Military Museum

At Camp Ripley

Invites you to Attend the Opening of a New Special Exhibit

“Minnesota Voices from the Vietnam War”

11:00, Saturday, 18 July 2015

Primarily using previously unrecorded stories and experiences, the exhibit tells stories from the lives and service of Minnesota men and women serving in the, Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. The exhibit focuses primarily on the ten year period from the start of major United States military involvement in 1965, to the fall of Saigon in 1975. It also covers US Allies, and early involvement from the end of WWII, and the war's aftermath.

10:00, Museum Opens, Tour museum and Special Exhibits including the Special Mobile Riverine Force Association traveling exhibit.

11:00 Opening Ceremony

12:00 Lunch from food vendors

12:00-5:00 Special weapons of the Vietnam war exhibits

Special military equipment “try on” exhibits. Tour museum and Special Exhibits, meet and talk to Vietnam veterans.

Museum hours 10:00-5:00 daily (May-September)

Minnesota Military Museum

Camp Ripley

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CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Don Miklos

My Fellow Veterans

Today I wish to call your attention to something, which affects us all at one time or another, the loss of a comrade. Although not on the battlefield, it is a reality check to be standing on hallowed ground, taking part in the service of burial for a fallen veteran. Such was the case last week when we laid to rest, not one, but two, fallen comrades. A husband and wife, both W.W.II navy veterans, originally from our community, were residing in Manmoth, IL; they were laid to rest in the Holy Cross Cemetery of North Prairie. Jerome and Margarie Lamb were good and faithful soldiers and truly served their God and Country with faithfulness and honor. With the full military honors due them your Legion, S.A.L., and Auxiliary color guard, rifle squad, bugler and all who participle did a stellar job. I was very impressed and feel they deserve many thanks. Our Legion, S.A.L., Auxiliary turn out was impressive and I give you my humble and personnel thanks. My comrades, we are judged by our actions, and by the outpouring of praise from family members and strangers alike, we did very well indeed. I thank God for allowing me to work with such as you in the Legion, S.A.L., Auxiliary.

Jesus said the greatest commandment was to “Love each other as I have loved you”. When we do these things with compassion for our fallen, especially W.W.II veterans, we are expressing our love for our brothers and sisters, and I believe we bring a smile to the face of our creator, for “by our actions we are known.” By what we do for our fallen comrades we tell the world we have not forgotten. Their deeds of sacrifice and valor will not go unsung and without thanks as long as there remains a Legion, S.A.L., and Auxiliary.

Perhaps we did not perform everything with precision and perfection but Jerry and Margarite know and approve because they know we did it with love for our comrades.

Your chaplain is so very proud of you. May God smile upon you and touch you with his everlasting love.

In Prayer I remain Your Chaplain

Don Miklos

THE FISHING TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

Did everyone quit fishing? I haven't heard from anybody, big fish or pan. You too Don.

Went fishing on my birthday with the kids and brother; his birthday is the same day as mine.

Got some real nice walleyes – Dale Hiscock got a 19-inch walleye and a 27 inch northern pike.

I sure hope Chet is feeling better and recovering from surgery that occurred in Little Falls. He needs a “comfy” chair on his dock as there should be good fishing there. Maybe with his leg and ankle issues we could build a railroad track down to the dock... Maybe you can catch some of those red fish?

Fred & Jim Hovda – did you two retire from fishing? Anyway, stay safe; wear your PFD all the time, especially you little folks.

What's this about Hovda telling folks at the legion that John Perske (Jerry's brother) caught two 15-inch muskies off the dock? I'll have to investigate that one.

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.

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

Hello July. Just to let everyone know, I will be moving into our new home on June 30th. It's been a long few months, but thanks to our son and family we "gotter done". Thanks for all the well wishes.

Our softball team will be starting playoffs the first week of July. There is no schedule for them yet. If you would like to go cheer them on, please call the club to verify the time. That's Thursday night. GOOD LUCK TEAM.

Congratulations to Don (and Sandy) Kirchner on winning the "Key for Cash" drawing June 20th. The prize amount? drum rolllllllllll \$475. How sweet. You could be our next winner. Stop in the club and register.

Meat raffles and key for cash will continue, so come and join the fun on Saturdays starting approx at 7. Don't forget our bingo night is Wed. starting at 7pm.

On Rice days, the club and the Corner Pocket will team up and have a combination horseshoe and bean bag tournament. Two man teams. Play horseshoe at the Pocket and beanbags at the Legion, \$5 entry and 110% payback. So grab your partner and join in the fun. Aug. 15th starting at noon.

Have a great summer. Cheryl

AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Hello Ladies,

Its June and summer is in full swing. Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and doing the kind of fun things you like to do!

Not much to report for the month of July except we will be represented with a team on July 13th at the Rice Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament held at Oak Hill Golf Course. One of our Auxiliary members Cheryl Bovy is heading up the team thanks Cheryl!

Our July dinner will be held on the 14th from 5-7pm. The ladies will be serving Baked Chicken, mashed potatoes, salads and desserts etc. Same great price of \$7.00 and always takes outs available. Ladies who will be serving will be Cecil Huston, Charyl Walberg, and Marg Carriveau. Thanks ladies for all your help!

If you haven't made your membership dues here's your reminder...not too late to get continuous membership.

Our Brat Sale is one month away, August 1st. please consider donating a couple of hours helping out. It is only one day this year.

Janice

Honor Canes for Purple Heart Veterans

If anyone knows of a veteran who is a Purple Heart recipient they can receive an Honor Cane, made by the Central MN Wood Carvers Association, let me know or contact Curt Hutchens who is the vice president of the wood carvers at MNcarvers@carvingForFun.com. They are very beautiful and make a very nice keepsake!

This is a picture of my cousin Tom with his Honor Cane. What a nice way to say Thank You!



JULY 2015 LEGION CALENDAR

01 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

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

04 CLUB CLOSED – HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA. (Fly Flag)

05 First ground combat w/American forces in Korea. (1950)

08 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

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

12 Medal of Honor established. (1862)

13 Leg CC, BOD & Leg & SAL - Membership meetings. See below.

14 Auxiliary dinner. 5 – 7:00 P.M. at the post. Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Salads, Desserts

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

22 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

25 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:30 P.M.

27 Korean War ends. (Truce) (1953) & National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. (Fly Flag)

28 World War I Began. (1914)

29 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

29 Army Chaplain and Jude Advocate General Corps established. (1775)

Meetings start with (1) Legion Club Committee 6:00 P.M., Pine Country Bank (2) Legion Board of Directors at 6:30 P.M. PCB. & (3) Legion, SAL meeting 7:00 P.M. at PCB. SAL members meet w/Leg.

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.

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