



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Hello again another month has passed, and we have lost two more legion members, Donny Petron and Marlen Johnson. Your color guard preformed very well for both. I could not attend Marlen's funeral as I lost my brother at about the same time, but was told all went well. My brother Ted was a member of the Royalton Legion and many of our color guard attended his Funeral thanks to all. Its really nice how the internment at Camp Ripley is done, St Joe Legion conducted the rifle salute and active duty Army did the Flag folding and presentation it was very moving and the family really appreciated it. We recently ordered 30 Legion jackets and they are sharp. There was one on display at the club for a couple of weeks and they are very nice.

Hopefully you all are enjoying this nice weather and doing some fishing please let Ms. Tackle box know if you are successful. We really need new Legion members, if you know of any Vets that could be interested, please let me know and we will contact them. Also if you can schedule a party at the club, Birthday anniversary or just fun any of our bar tenders can help you set some thing up. We do a very nice newsletter and its available to any one with a computer just notify Nancy Anderson and she will add them to the list. If you have been at the club you will see that your commander missed out on 75.00 bucks last week, its to bad the old man had to get to bed early and couldn't stay for the drawing. Well better luck next time. I didn't win any meat on the raffle either. Well that's all for this month stay safe and have good month. Commander 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.

## **COLOR GUARD TRAINING AND APPRECIATION DINNER**

**The annual training and appreciation dinner will be held on SUNDAY, 19 Feb starting with the training at the Immaculate Conception Church at 5:30 P.M. At 6:30 we will adjourn the training and go to the post for beverages and a hosted dinner, catered by none other than former Army Mess Sergeant Mark Larson at 7:00 P.M.**

**Color guard members and their invited guest are invited. If you are interested in joining (we need more members) contact Jim Hovda 393-4339 and you can be placed on the training/dinner list.**

**I MUST HAVE A RSVP (RESPONSE) NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 17 FEB SO MARK WILL KNOW HOW MANY MEALS TO PLAN FOR. We pay for the meals reserved for. No call to me, no food... Jim Hovda 320/393-4339 [jhovda.rice@jetup.net](mailto:jhovda.rice@jetup.net)**

**Do we have a post member who can read German? I have a book given to me by a past war friend who served in five different armies; Polish, French, British, German and last, American. The book is in German. It's not long and could be an interesting read. Jim Hovda – 320/393-4339**

### **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

It's been a fast pace month. It started with the Donald Petron wake, funeral and interment on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a bit chilly too. Then we attended the funeral for Commander Fred's brother Ted, an army vet with the Royalton Legion on the 19<sup>th</sup>, then the funeral and interment of Marlen Johnson on the 20<sup>th</sup> with the interment at the MN State Veterans Cemetery.

It was an honor to participate in those solemn events. Your post can be proud of the service your post color guard renders.

### **TO THE POST EVERLASTING**

Post members transferred to the Post Everlasting: Donald Petron, U.S. Army and Marlen Johnson, U.S. Marine Corps. Although not from our post, Ted Segler, U.S. Army of the Royalton Post, our prayers are extended to the families.

## **POST SERVICE OFFICER**

Charles Anderson

We have a Veteran who needs help with snow removal. Contact Charles Anderson for details.

VA's rule establishes a presumption of service connection for Diseases associated with Exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune: Adult Leukemia, Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes, Bladder cancer, Kidney cancer, Liver cancer, multiple myeloma, non-hodgkin's lymphoma, Parkinson's disease. Establishing a presumption for service at camp lejeune will make it easier for those veterans to receive the health care and benefits they earned.

Minnesota Assistance council for Veterans announces new president and CEO. Maj. General Neal Loidolt will take over on February 4, 2017.  
114<sup>th</sup> Congress legislative roundup: Public law 114-188 The Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act (S. 2487, Public Law 114-197, The Veterans Compensation COLA Act of 2016 (H.R. 5588), Public Law 114-198 The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (S. 524), Public Law 114-218, the Department of Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Reauthorization act of 2016, (S. 3055), Public Law 114-223, the continuing appropriations and Military construction, Veterans Affairs, and related agencies appropriations act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act, (H.R. 5325), Public Law 114-228, the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2016 ( H. R. 5985), Public Law 114-247, the No Veterans Crisis line call should go unanswered act, (H.R. 5392), Public Law 114-328, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, ( S. 2943), Public Law 114-286, the Faster Care for Veterans Act of 2016, (H.R. 4352), PUBLIC LAW 114-292, The Combat-Injured Veterans Fairness Act of 2016, (H.R. 5015), Public Law 114d-294, the Communities Helping Invest through Property and Improvements Needed for Veterans Act of 2016, (H.R. 5099), Public Law 114-315, the Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Act of 2016, (H.R. 6416)

Minnesota Dept. Of Veterans Affairs Bill Tracker, 19 Bills were introduced into the house and senate; of the 19 bills that were introduced 6 were forwarded to other committees.

Pro-choice for Veterans? Yes, but not forced Choice. It would mean Privatizing Health Care for Veterans.

Blue Water Navy Veterans are asking for help in urging Congress to pass legislation (House Bill H969 and Senate bill S 681) That will reinstate or right as Vietnam Veterans to receive the benefits they deserve for being exposed to Agent Orange. Last year Air Force crewmembers who flew in C-123's had their benefits extended to them

I have hung a lot of new stuff on the bulletin board at the Legion so stop by and check it out..

God Bless America and Her Veterans.  
Charles Anderson

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Emil Williams

### **HEARTS**

**Greetings to all of you for this New Year, I trust it started out well**

**and will continue that way in 2017, with only a few minor scrapes and bruises.**

**Since Valentine's Day is celebrated in the month of February, I suppose I should write something about the heart. As children in grade school, we celebrated Valentine's Day with much gusto.**

**The Bible has much to say about many different kinds of hearts. For starters, I will list a few from its pages. There is the merry heart, the fearful heart, the deceitful heart, the lowly heart, the broken heart, abrasive heart, the proud heart, and the hard heart. As you can see, there are good and bad kinds of hearts.**

**Jeremiah 17:10, says, "I the Lord search the heart" and Psalm 44:21 tells us "He knows the secrets of the heart."**

**As I invite the Holy Spirit to shine His spotlight into my heart, I see some good things and also some not so good things.**

**I must celebrate the good traits and give thanks to the Lord for them, but the bad traits I need to confess to the Lord and come humbly before Him and ask Him to "Create in me a clean heart, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51:10.**

**Matthew 5:4 says, "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted" and Isaiah 61:1 says concerning Jesus, "[God] has sent me to bind up the broken hearted." It grieves me that sometimes I may have a hard heart, but I thank the Lord that He is able to change my heart.**

**Happy Valentine's Day Everybody. Don't be too proud to ask for God's help when you see the condition of your heart.**

**God Bless! Emil Williams SAL Chaplain**

## **THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX**

Darlene Hiscock

OK folks, not many fish turned in. Commander Fred caught a 6-inch walleye (shame) it still had part of egg sake in it – it was so small. He also turned in a 14.5-inch walleye and a 24-inch northern pike. Later, he turned in a 22-inch walleye and some 16 inchers. No speared fish were turned in.

My informants (spies) from Little Rock Lake tell me that Mr. Randy Fernholz and Mark Soderholm have been catching fish. Are they fish too good for our fish board? Or, are they too lazy to get up to the club to make a formal report. Let's also include our good Chaplain Don Miklos in this scolding. Where has Mr. Hovda been? I'm told that he will not venture to the Eel Pout festival this year. To cold?

I suppose Pat and Charlie Fuchs will come back with some fish tales from Australia.

The bite is starting to pick up. Be careful on the ice. Wear a PFD and carry a Phillips screwdriver in case you fall in the drink. God Bless and stay safe.

Darlene Hiscock "AKA" Ms. Tackle Box

## FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

Well January is almost gone and let's face it the weather has been great. Except for a few days.

As I write this bingo numbers are at 59 and the prize amount is \$1199. That means we have a great crowd on Wed. nights. The fun begins at 7pm. Also don't forget our meat raffles on Sat. night beginning at 7ish and the key for cash drawing beginning at 8. If you have a youth in your family that needs to raise money for activities call or stop into club and get information on how you can run the raffles and raise the money.

Thank you goes to the Legion softball team for letting us host there annual party in Jan. A great time was had.

Kudos to Jim Hovda and all the Color Guard for giving us some money for a few new bar stools. It was greatly appreciated and badly needed. Thank you.

We have a new bartender at the Legion club. Her name is Deb Funk. Come on in and wish her well.  
Cheryl Bovy



**Big MEAT HOG and he has a sticker to prove it. It pays to just stop in at the Legion Saturday night and test your luck.**

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Joyce Segler

Hi Everyone,

The January thaw was surely, welcome! Now off we go into February. Happy Ground Hog day: maybe only 6 more weeks of winter. Happy Valentines Day and Happy Presidents Day. Time to celebrate love and the leaders of our great country!

Auxiliary meeting is Monday Feb. 13 at the Club

Auxiliary Dinner is Tues Feb. 14. On the menu is stuffed pork chops and parmesan potatoes, salads, and desserts. Servers are Pat Fuchs, Judy Hall and Wanda Broda. See you all there, Joyce



## **FEBRUARY 2017 LEGION CALENDAR**

- 01 BINGO, 7:00 P.M Post.**
- 02 Groundhog Day.
- 04 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00.**
- 08 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post**
- 11 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 13 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Leg, Aux & SAL)**
- 14 AUXILIARY DINNER 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post. Stuffed pork chops, parmesan potatoes, salads, dessert**
- 15 (Valentines Day) BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post**
- 18 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 19 Color Guard training and appreciation dinner.**
- 20 Presidents Day. (Fly Flag)
- 22 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**
- 23 Desert Storm: Ground war begins. (1991)
- 25 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 27 Desert Storm Ground War ends after 100 hours. (1991)

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. (We usually meet at the legion after the meeting for a beverage)

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