



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

November 2016

FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Hi Folks another month has flown by were those the time go??? Not a whole lot has happen lately New legion jackets have arrived a sample is at the club, price will be set by how many we order. Check them out and let us know if you want one. Nice and warm jackets are lined and look sharp. We have to pay in advance to order, a price break starts at 12 and 24. Remember to vote it's a privilege that many people do not have. Also Veterans Day is this month on the 11th. Attended a meeting at the cemetery at Ripley a very nice setting for a final resting place Simple paper work will set you up for the final stop, check at the office for what needs to be done. Hunters please practice safety while hunting and good luck. Aux will again have a great meal planned for the second Tuesday hope to see you there. Remember the meat raffles, bingo, or just stop in for a drink and a visit. Weather is changing fast but it has been a great year so far, looking forward to fishing on the hard water.

Your humble 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.

Legion , Auxiliary and SAL Dues (2017) are due. Just a reminder.
Let's get Commander Fred and President Joyce and Commander
Jim Wolf (SAL) a 100% this year.

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Charles Anderson

Thank you to one and all for the prayers and kind thoughts; while I and recovering from knee replacement surgery.

On the legislative side we had eleven bills pass for the betterment of veterans. Bills on the state side HF.2680, SF2317, HF. 2565, SF 3251, HF3550, SF3149, HF3252, SF. 3085, HF3072, SF. 2599, HF3850, SF.2628, HF. 2342, SF. 2190, HF. 3167, SF. 2778, HF. 3416, SF.3239, HF.3109, SF. 2736, HF. 3101, SF. 2289. Federal side we had nine bills pass. S.666, HR. 1331, S. 743, HR.1384, S.167, HR203, S. 1082, HR1994, HR.294, HR. 91, HR. 251, HR. 474, S.2357, HR. 1694. Bills dealing with VA. Accountability to mental health, homes for heroes and homeless veterans, long-term health care for veterans. These can all be viewed on MDVA Minnesota under legislative tracker.

Facts do not support many VA. Firings, Army on new mission to track training, Huey's being revamped for marines, Final CMS rule on hepatitis B screening coverage, HVAC Chair demands that VA secretary comply with subpoena on VA's art expenditure and the replacement of medical center, biggest construction failure; HVAC Chairs statement on latest problems on Phoenix VA. Veterans still dying waiting for care.

White house petition seeks to restore Navy's time honored job titles. Vietnam Vet congressman introduces bill-making sale of Purple Heart illegal. The VA will to out source more disability exams. Hanoi Hannah died believed to be 85. Owner of sham veterans owned company sentenced for \$100 million dollar fraud. 30 months in prison and \$1 million dollar fine, 4 counts of wire fraud. One third of crises line calls rollover, poor work habits, and other problems. Elisabeth Dole highlights challenges facing 5.5 million military care givers.

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Charlie



Hope you have a great Veterans Day, Thank You for your service to our country.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

Colonel Todd Waytashek, United States Army Reserve, member of our post and color guard is this month warrior who started his thirty-three years of service in 1983.

After completing basic and advanced training it was off to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii with the 25th Infantry Division as an 11B (infantry). Training assignments with the division included time in Korea and New Zealand leaving as an acting sergeant.

Todd joined the MN Army National Guard in 1985. He served for twenty-four years, two years as an enlisted soldier then joining the officer ranks in 1987 from OCS as a 2LT. His deployments (3) included Bosnia, Kuwait and Iraq. He finished his MNARNG service with an assignment to the National Guard Bureau at the Pentagon where he was assigned to logistics. Col. Todd said that was one of his most challenging assignments.

Col. Todd transferred from the MN Army National Guard to the U.S. Army Reserve where he is currently assigned to the 108th Training Command (Initial entry training [basic training]) in Charlotte, N.C. holding the rank of colonel. Colonel Todd tells me that he hits the mandatory retirement in November 2017.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE COLONEL

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

We will be involved in a veterans program at the Rice Elementary School on Friday, 11 November sometime in the morning. We will be doing a flag folding and Chaplain Don will be doing a presentation; Color Guard uniform.

CONGRATULATIONS – To Howard Cariveau for scoring a HOLE – IN – ONE on 12 Oct at the Eagles Landing Golf Course. More skill than luck?

MN STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

The MN State Veterans Cemetery at Little Falls will open the committal hall on Veterans Day (Friday, 11 Nov) for visitors noon to 4:00 P.M. This is a good opportunity to view the artwork of the services. Each painting depicts the history of the service. Artist Charles Capsner will be present to answer questions about his paintings. DID YOU KNOW that this cemetery has conducted about fifty interments each month for the past two months and currently holds the remains of more than 6,100 lost service members and next of kin?

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Don Micklos

My Comrades Christians,

How many times have you said, "Thank You," to someone who had done you a good deed or given you a gift you really wanted? Your answer is, of course, many times. It's only natural to thank the person, right? But, what if you don't like the person, the gift giver? Worse yet, what if you despise him or her and you find it all but impossible to say the words.

Luke relates an incident that happened to Jesus as he traveled to Jerusalem through Samaria. Chap 17:vs 11-19. Now remember, the Jewish people and the Samaritans were sworn enemies and would avoid each other at all times. As he walked he encountered ten lepers on the edge of the village. They had heard of this Jesus and his abilities to cure people of ills. Getting closer, they cried out, "Jesus Master, have pity on us!" Jesus was moved and said to them, "Go then, and show yourselves; to the priests." Just a simple command: not much of a gift, right? But, as they walked away, they were cleansed! One of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice and fell at the feet of Jesus, Thanking him. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus was Jewish. These two cultures despised one another! Yet here he was, at the feet of a Jew, Thanking him! And what did Jesus say? "Ten were cleansed, were they not? "Where are; the other nine?" "Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" "Then Jesus said, "Stand up and go, your faith has saved you The Samaritans "Thank you" had earned great dividends! INDEED! My friends, remember, each day is a gift from our God. Each morning is a blessing from the Father. Say "Thank You" to the Lord, for he is good! He has given you another day, and perhaps these words are appropriate "Life is not a problems to be solved, but a gift to be enjoyed." In my work as Chaplain I have been blessed by receiving heartfelt "Thank You " from many, many, many people and I know I am very grateful for them. There is not monetary cost for those words, and yet the dividends are awesome! Try it sometime; it may surprise you. Thank you, my Comrades for being just that, "Comrades"

In Christ, I remain Your Chaplain Don L Miklos

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

Well, it's that time of year again, wind blew, and leaves flew. Now that we've had a frost the fish should start biting.

Pat Popp caught a 35-inch northern. Her sidekick, Art, was with her. I think she takes him along to net the fish. At least it wasn't a Muskie like she tried to pawn off before. Mr. Hovda tried that same trick. Do they think I was born under a cabbage patch ????? They gotta get up earlier to fool me.

Playing bingo the other night someone gave me a picture of her fish – then there was one of Art holding her fish. Did Art think that he was going to get by with entering her fish as his ???????? I have a lot of spies out and that sort of skullduggery will not pass my test.

Everybody is getting ready (some already) to go hunting. No other fish turned in. Lots of rumors about Mark Soderholm catching fish tho I've yet to see any. Fish and hunt safe – GOD BLESS.

Darlene Hiscock
"AKA" Ms. Tackle Bo

KEYS FOR CASH FREE MONEY, a take-off from the Alamo. Cheryl and Sandy have a different twist. **EVERY SATURDAY** at 8:00 P.M. the bartender will draw a time, anywhere from 8:00 – 9:00 P.M. whatever time is drawn, that is when the cash drawing will be held. How do you get in on this bonus? Just stop in at the post and enter your name. It's free. No money. You'll be given a number and if it is drawn, you win. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.** As of the writing of this article the cash is \$450.00. The prize will hit a maximum of \$500.00. Eventually, someone will take home the cash. Don't miss the Saturday evening meat raffles, proceeds benefit area groups, come on over and try your luck.

FROM THE CLUB

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE. Yes that's right it's already November.

November is our deer hunters "widows night out". That takes place this Friday Nov. the 4th. We raise money for the Rice food shelf, Rice Women of Today and the Auxiliary. Start time is 7pm. We have raffles, door prizes, food and the great deer hunting bingo. We all have a lot of fun and it's for a good cause.

Don't forget our bingo night on Wed. and the meat raffle and key for cash on Sat. night. You could win cold hard cash.

Our pub-crawl was a lot of fun. We had two teams from the legion. Thank you all.

Please remember to go out and vote on November 15th. It's a privilege we all should take advantage of.

November 8th is Auxiliary dinner, come and enjoy. Cheryl Bovy

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.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Joyce Segler

Hi All,

We have enjoyed beautiful fall colors; our bright maple trees smile at me when I look out our dining room windows. Minnesota is a great place to live.

Widows' weekend party and games will be Nov. 4 at 7p.m. Door prizes, Deer Bingo Basket Raffles; all proceeds go to local nonprofit organizations. Sponsored by Rice Am. Legion Auxiliary, Women of Today and local businesses.

American Education Week is Nov.14 to Nov. 18. We show our appreciation to Rice Elementary Teachers with goodies to be enjoyed in their lounge. Thanks to the ladies that baked for them.

Nov. dinner is Nov.8 Election Day. Stuffed pork chops, Parmesan potatoes and all the fixings.

Come and Enjoy, Joyce Segler

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NOVEMBER 2016 LEGION CALENDAR

02 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post

04 Widows Weekend Party 7:00 p.m. Legion

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

06 Daylight savings time ends. (Fall back one hour)

08 Election day. VOTE – VOTE – VOTE.

09 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post

10 Happy B'day USMC. (1775) Anyone getting a cake???

11 Veterans Day. (Fly Flag)

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

14 Legion meetings. (See below)

**15 Auxiliary dinner. 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Post. Stuff Pork Chops, Parmesam
Potato, salads, dessert.**

16 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post

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

23 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

24 Thanksgiving. (Club closed)

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

30 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

LEGION MEETINGS WILL BE AT THE PINE COUNTRY BANK. Meetings start with (1) Legion Club Committee 6:00 P.M., (2) Legion Board of Directors at 6:30 P.M. & (3) Legion & SAL meeting 7:00 P.M. SAL members meet w/Leg. (3) **Auxiliary at the Joyce Segler residence, 965 Isaac Rd NW Rice 7:00 P.M.**

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