



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Where did the year go?????????? As we age I swear time accelerates faster every day. First we had a great members Christmas dinner, if you missed it you missed a great one the food was fantastic. Mark did a great job and we all had a lot of fun. Legion jackets are here we have ordered 33 to date and most have been delivered. Jackets run 83.50 each with your name on them. We lost an Auxiliary member Erma Popp she will be missed. The Aux and your color guard were present to extend our sympathy to the family. The weather sure showed us it still gets cold in MN. But overall we had a great fall and spring is just over the hill, I hope. Meat raffles going well lots of fun and sometimes we get lucky. Nice Jackpot if your there and your name is drawn, also Bingo is up there to. Please try to attend some of the legion meetings we need some new ideas.

Hard water season is here hope you have luck fishing be safe and if your lucky let Darlene know. As you read this Christmas has come and gone New Years to hope yours was nice. We still could use some more Color Guard members.

Til next time Commander Fred



American Education Week at Rice Elementary Honoring Veterans of school members.

## 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.

### **POST SERVICE OFFICER**

Charles Anderson

Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, New Regulation  
Decreases Cost of Outpatient Medication Co pay for most Veterans: They are going to a three-tier system for copays. Tier 1, preferred Generics, Tier 2, Non-Preferred generics, Tier 3, Brand Name, Tier 1, \$5.00, Tier 2, \$8.00, Tier 3, \$11.00.

Blue Water Navy is still fighting for their rights and vows to be back next year. H. R. 6416 Omnibus Bill passed the house and senate, heads to President. Contains, benefits, health care, and help for the homeless veterans.

Free urns for veterans by veterans and their families, Email at [free.urns@gmail.com](mailto:free.urns@gmail.com) or [www.freeurnsforveterans.org](http://www.freeurnsforveterans.org); Address 1421 Blackfoot St. NW, Andover, MN. 55301

VA is looking for volunteer drivers contact St. Cloud VA.

Stearns county extending outreach to Holdingford, 1st Tuesday of every month 1-3 pm at city hall.

VA Dental Insurance Program, Veterans and Champva beneficiaries have the opportunity to purchase dental insurance at a reduced cost.

February 4<sup>th</sup> Turkey hunts for people with disabilities. Contact, [www.midwestoutdoorsunlimited.com](http://www.midwestoutdoorsunlimited.com) or call Stearns County Park Office at 320-255-6172

### **HONOR THE FLAG**

Jim Hovda

When pro athletes dishonor the flag, it sends, to some, a message that it is cool to embrace that type of conduct. It's not!

At the December meeting of Sauk Rapids VFW Post 6992 (We have several of our members who belong to that post) they passed a motion that they will not fund any athletic team that does not pay proper respect to our American Flag. Our post should do the same and recommend through resolution to our county council that the American Legion at all levels do the same.

Three cheers to Jerry Jones who has said that no one will be a member of the Dallas Cowboys organization who dishonors the flag.

## COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Two events: First, thanks to those who “Posted the Colors” at the post membership Christmas party. Second, for the suburb turnout of members for the Erma Popp wake funeral and interment. Erma was a sixty-three year member of the auxiliary. The very adverse weather (below zero temps) is a tribute to the members’ dedication.

In February we will conduct our annual training and dinner. Watch for more info.



American Education Rice Elementary

## GREEN LIGHTS FOR VETS

Jim Hovda

**A few years back, Wal-Mart started a program of displaying a green light showing that you or your organization supports veterans. This program is gaining in popularity. Consider displaying a green light at your home of business. Demonstrate you’re “on board” supporting veterans. Ask a neighbor to do the same.**

## CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Don Micklos

Brothers and Sisters;

I should be joyous this time of year, and my article would normally reflect that joy. However, being of human nature my heart is a little saddened by the events of last week. I lost four of my good friends to the spectre of death in one week. They ranged in age from 46 to 97; from boyhood friend to Aunt Erma.

Taking some alone time, I asked the Lord to please help me to understand. Perhaps because it is the Advent season or maybe the Holy Spirit directed me to Marks Gospel 1:1-8, "Make straight the pathway of the Lord" he intones, while living in the desert, John the Baptist proclaimed, "Get the road ready for him, level the mountains, fill the valleys, make straight the winding road and all mankind will see God's salvation." This is the simple message of Advent. To cleanse yourself of sin, make your heart clean and prepare yourself to receive your God. Tis the season of Advent!

What better time to be called home to Jesus? What better time to meet our Lord and God? During the time for cleansing what better time indeed!

Perhaps I should not be sad my friends have left me, but should be happy in the knowledge that they now rest in God's bosom and can now do far better things for me than ever before.

True I will miss them immensely, and because I am human, I shall shed tears for them, especially when I remember the good times we shared. But I truly believe that if I make straight the paths in my own heart, the way John the Baptist commanded us to do, by the goodness and kindness of our loving Savior, we shall all be together again someday in paradise.

My friends let us all hear the words of Saint John and use them wisely.

May God Bless You All my Comrades Your Chaplain Don L. Miklos

## THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

"AKA" Ms. Tackle Box.

Well folks, only one fish was turned in. That was a 27-inch northern pike caught by none other than Wayne Larson. However, I was forced to call the DNR Enforcement folks (game warden) on Wayne. When he was cleaning the fish, he counted no less than 20 crappies in its stomach. TEN OVER THE LIMIT.

I do not like having to enforce the rules, but rules are rules. I did tell Wayne that confession was good for the soul. I have yet to hear from the game warden and if the crappies are gone, not much can be done. This is somewhat like Mr. Hovda pawning off a Muskie as a northern pike and former Commander Chet trying to enter a strange red fish as a walleye. (I heard that it was an ocean fish caught in the Gulf of Mexico.)

Please, enter some fish so I can report them and maybe you will win some \$\$\$\$\$. Have a happy new year, a safe new year, and as of this article no one had went through the ice. (YET)

God Bless, stay safe. Darlene Hiscock

**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.

**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 \$500.00. 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**

Cheryl Bovy

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Joyce Segler

Happy New Year one and all!!

Off we go into 2017, hope you all had a Blessed and Happy Christmas and New Year celebration.

The first Auxiliary meeting of the New Year will be on January 9th at the Rice Legion, all are welcome; we will be holding our meetings at the Club the second Monday of the month at 7p.m.

Auxiliary Dinner is January 10 from 5 to 7p.m. lasagna, garlic bread, vegetables, salads, and desserts. Hope to see you there. Servers are Peg Seviola, Cheryl Bovy and Sharon Kiley.

We will be making crafts for Vets for Valentines Day. Crafting will be held starting at 9a.m.until approximately 1p.m. January 28that the Watab Town Hall 660 75th Street Sauk Rapids. No skills needed, come and enjoy a morning with friends!!

Joyce

## **JANUARY 2017 LEGION CALENDAR**

01 New Year's Eve. (Fly Flag.)

**04 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

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

**09 Legion meeting – 6:30 P.M. See below.**

**10 Auxiliary Dinner 5 – 7:00 P.M. the post Lasagna, garlic bread, vegetable, salads, desserts.**

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

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

16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day. (Fly Flag)

17 Operation Desert Storm begins. (1991)

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

20 Inauguration Day. (Fly Flag)

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

**25 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.** First day of winter.

27 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord. (1973)

**28 Work Day for Valentine for Veteran Watab Hall 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**28 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.** New Year's Eve.

30 Tet Offensive begins in S. Vietnam. (1968)

31 Panama Campaign Ended. (1990)

**LEG, AUX & SAL MEETINGS:** Leg –All meetings at the Pine Country Bank 6:00 P.M. Bar Committee, 6:30 BOD & 7:00 Membership with the SAL. Auxiliary will meet at the legion 7:00 P.M.

**THANKS to everyone who participated in laying wreaths at the MN State veterans Cemetery, Little Falls. A worthy endeavor!**

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