



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

Here are some interesting numbers from the 2010 US Census about our veterans:

- 21.9 million are living in the United States
- 17 million are white; 2.3 million are black; 1.1 million are Hispanic
- 1.5 million are female
- 9 million are 65 or older; 1.7 million are younger than 35
- 3.3 million have a service-connected disability
- Minority populations are growing much faster than white

As I look at our Rice membership I would like to increase the diversity of our Legion. We have made some progress with younger veterans, women and members on active duty. Probably due to the rural location we are challenged to recruit more minorities. State Demographer Tom Gillaspay is quick to point out that Minnesota is not a terribly diverse state. "We're towards the bottom for the country." As I have said in several issues keep alert for opportunities to recruit new members especially minority members.

We are blessed to have several members who are chaplains or ministers. While Don Miklos is recovering from a bad fall others have volunteered to help with meetings, ceremonies and the newsletter. Thank you.

I also want to pass along a special thanks to Rick Zima for shoveling the Legion and Kevin Martin for assisting with the installation and adjustment of security lights. Thank you to all of you who share your talents with our Legion.

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS & S.A.L. SQUADRON 473

Jeff Gondeck

Gentleman, spring is upon us! It is slow in coming but this is Minnesota so if you don't like the weather here wait a minute! With spring comes the anticipation to be outside enjoying the sunshine, yard work and the occasion to talk to people you haven't seen in awhile. Now is the time to spread the word about the exciting things we have planned at our post! MEMBERSHIP !!!!! Lets increase our commitment to our past comrades by spreading the word of what the SAL is all about. Let your friends and neighbors know as they uncover their motorcycles that the American Legion Riders are looking for riders who are chomping at the bit to feel the freedom of the open road again and there is

always room for more! LETS CALL DOWN THE THUNDER !!!!! THE PAVEMENT AWAITS !!!!!

I attended the County Council meeting in March this is a local meeting for our chapters in Benton and Sherburne to gather and discuss what's brewing in our posts. When roll call is asked, I seem to get surprises from the crowd when Rice is asked and I say HERE! The renewed commitment of our post breathes excitement to other posts that reassure them THE WORD IS OUT AND IT IS SPREADING!!!!!! This cannot be possible without YOU!!!! OUR MEMBERS!!!! THANK YOU KINDLY!!!!!!

I will be contacted soon from Coborns on our schedule for our burger and brat sale. Stay tuned! In our last newsletter, we started a new program at our meetings with a drawing for \$ 5.00 for all members in our squadron to receive if in attendance, well the money went out to yours truly and for the record the drawing was done by his Eminence Chaplain Emil! Can't argue with that! Also yours truly won the biggest fish contest this year with a 25-inch walleye! I will defend that title anytime! Any takers?

If you get a chance to get to our post stop by on Wednesday nights for bingo. I promise fun and laughter with a new bingo caller helping out. He is a rookie and you might have the chance to keep him on his toes!

With the Easter season upon us Lets Celebrate for HE HAS RISEN TO SAVE US ALL!!!!!!

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!!!!!!

Until the At Ease Gentleman!

Serving you proudly!  
Your Commander  
Jeff Gondeck

## **CHAPLAIN'S REMARKS**

**Emil Williams**

**It feels good to be writing the chaplain's column again after having done it for many years. No, I am not the Legion Chaplain but I am the SAL Chaplain. It was suggested that Chaplain Miklos and I take turns writing the column. I drew the short straw for this month. No, I am just kidding. Chaplain Miklos wanted me to do it this time.**

**I think I am so fortunate to do it for this month. Easter is one of my favorite times because we get to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Just think, in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 28, verses two and six, it says, "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it." "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." The angel came to roll the stone away from the opening of the sepulcher,**

not so Jesus could get out, but so the world could look in and see that He had risen. Jesus had accomplished everything that the Father had sent Him to do.

Jesus taught, healed people of all kinds of maladies, died on the cross for our sins so we could be forgiven if we ask Him to be our Savior, and now He has risen from the dead. Having accomplished everything, it is time for Him to go home to be with His Father once again and make intercession for us.

God be with each and every one of you and bestow His blessings on you. Have a blessed Easter!

Pray for Chaplain Don Miklos as he recovers from a broken leg. Also, remember several of our other members who are struggling with one problem or the other.

Next month Don will be doing the honors.

**Emil Williams, SAL Chaplain**

### **HONOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

No events planned. Keep uniforms squared away of unscheduled events. Memorial Day is coming in May.

### **WARRIORS COLUMN**

Jim Hovda, 1SG U.S. Army (Retired)

I must report that none of our active duty or deployed folks have send me any information. I've asked, no response. Come on folks. Get me some news.

## **THE TACKLE BOX**

Darlene Hiscock

Kayla Hiscock beat out Dad with a 26 inch walleye – Dale's fish was 25.5 inches.

Harvey Meinert is still the king of the Northern Pike division of the fishing contest with a 35 inch fish. Harvey still has the touch.

Nate Larson was the only one to register a speared fish, a 33 inch northern

No catfish were entered all season. I think Craig Nelson is busy baby sitting. The Nelson name is synonymous with catfish winners.

I hope to get out and do some ice fishing. Until the new fishing season starts fish, and be safe. The Ice went out of Little Rock Lake last year on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Can you believe that? I want an invite to go pan fishing with you guys who brag about how good you are. Maybe by then Chaplain Don will have healed his broken leg so there will be no excuse for coming in second place.

### **Darlene Hiscock (AKA) Ms. Tackle Box**

## **FROM THE CLUB**

Cheryl Bovy

Well, still waiting for spring, hopefully by the time this newsletter is out, the temperature will be in the 50's. Which reminds me if you are willing and able we will be doing some spring-cleaning probably in May, details in the next newsletter.

Thank you to Rick Zima for shoveling our sidewalk in the last couple of snowstorms. My back and I thank you the most.

In the month of April we will be holding our pub Olympics or pub-crawl. Watch for signs around the club for the date and times.

Bingo Numbers are up and everyone is trying hard to take home the \$1199. Maybe it will be you. But you have to be here to win. That's at 7pm on Wednesday.

Remember if you need a place to have a party the club is open to you for free. Just give me a call at the club and we will set the date.

Thank you  
Cheryl Bovy

## AUXILIARY

Janice Martin

Hi Ladies....Happy Spring!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held Sunday, March 24th at 1:00 pm. It was a great success! The children had a great time in the candy pit and they enjoyed the visit from the Easter Bunny...aka Brenda. We had 80 children and 12 Bunny helpers. A Big "Thank You" to the Legion guys for purchasing the candy for the Easter Egg Hunt and a Big "Thank You" to Brenda for doing a great job! The kids really enjoyed themselves and that's what its all about!

A big "Thank You" to all the volunteers who came to help out, Maryanne, Nancy, Charlie, Krista, Brenda, Michele, Alisha, Cherie, Jake, Danny, Janice, Isabelle, Teresa. I think I remembered everyone.

I am in the process of doing our annual reports. They have made it a little bit simpler this year by using carbon copies. But it is still a long, tedious process. These are due in the mail by the 12th of April. Then on to the memory book to get it updated from the past year.

As of this date, we have not heard about the Coborns Brat Sale. Hopefully we have been chosen and will hear something this coming week.

The April Auxiliary dinner is Hot Roast Beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes, salads and desserts. Our crew for April is Pat Popp, Jan Hovda, and Joyce Segler. Our new price as of March is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be April 8th at 7:00 pm at the Legion club.



Workers at the Easter Egg Hunt.



### **LEGION APRIL 2013 – CALENDER**

- 01 U.S. Forces land on Okinawa. (1945)
- 03 Operation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 06 U.S. Enters WWI (1917)
- 08 Legion and Auxiliary meetings.**
- 09 Auxiliary Dinner. 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 10 Operatiuon Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 11 Persian Gulf Was Official Cease Fire. (1991)
- 12 First U.S. space shuttle launched.
- 15 TAXES DUE.
- 16 S.A.L Membership meeting at the post, 7:00 P.M.**
- 17 Operation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 24 Oportation Bingo. Post 7:00 P.M.**
- 25 Spanish American War begins. (1898)
- 28 Occupation of Japan ends. (1952)
- 30 Vietnam War ends. (1975)

NOTE - - The three legion meetings start with (1) the club committee at 4:30 PM (2) board of directors at 5:00 PM at the Pine Country Bank and (3) membership meeting at 7:00 P.M. **At the post for both the Legion and Auxiliary.**

## **AIRBORNE HERITAGE**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 1987, the U.S. Army Special Forces became a separate branch of the army. President Ronald Reagan approves formation of USSOCOM (U.S. Special Operations Command) in 1987

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