



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

October 2014

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## **FROM THE COMMANDER**

Chet Seviola

In Rice we gathered on 9-11-14 to remember the people and real estate we lost in 2001. The World Trade Center (WTC) was a huge economic complex in lower Manhattan. The Pentagon is a symbol of American military power. It is thought that Flight 93 was headed to the Capitol building, the center of American Government.

All of you who participated in the local service can be proud of your part to honor the memories of the civilians, the firefighters, the police and the military who perished that day. We honored their sacrifices with a program of people, prayers, speeches, church bells, fire department bells, rifle salutes and taps. We had police, firemen, military, Boy Scouts and civilians in the program. Thank you to Father Tom Becker and Mayor Dale Rugholdt who welcomed the crowd. Bagpiper, Joe Linneman, led the procession to the Memorial and he provided moving music during the ceremony.

The weather was threatening and cool, but rain held off long enough for this moving event. And, in spite of the weather a large group attended the service. At the end of the ceremony we retired to the Legion club. Thank you all for attending our Patriots Day event.

## **S.A.L UPDATE**

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

We will have a joint meeting with the legion folks on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at the Post. Thanks to the SAL folks who participated in the 9/11 event and to Bob Kerestes for doing meat raffles before bingo.

It's time to renew your SAL membership. If, for some reason, you did not get a renewal from national, send a check (SAL Post 473) for \$15.00 to the post. We are hopeful to get a couple of new members from the activities at the parade.

## **WARRIORS COLLUMN**

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

Periodically, I try to list Active military that are members of the post. As I said last month, I'll do my best to recognize the retired folks. Those who put twenty years or more follow. I hope I got them all; I'll do my best. They are listed alphabetically, not by rank.

Jerry BECKER, Robert BISHER, Steve BOGIE, William "Bill" BRIDGES, Patrick CAIRNS, Howard CARIVEAU, Patrick FERNHOLZ, Jeffery GRATES, Harold "Bud" HARTFIEL, James HOVDA, Harold, HUVER, Charles, KEENEY, Michael, MARCHAND, Daniel McGUIRE, Fred SEGLER Jr., Daniel SEVERSON, Chester "Chet" SEVIOLA, Leonard SMALLWOOD, Lloyd TOBIASSEN and Donald WEST.

The post and its officers extend a "Well done" for all your service.

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Emil Williams

**These days we don't hear much in the news about the MIA's and the POW's still unaccounted for. However, as I was browsing through the SAL manual, I came across this prayer for those missing individuals entitled "For Prisoners of War." I thought to myself, we need to continue to lift them up before our Heavenly Father even though they may never know we have prayed for them. Sometimes some of the best things we do for one another is done in secret. Probably we have all neglected to remember them in prayer like we should. I would like to encourage each of us to pray this prayer often:**

**"O Lord God, some of our comrades and companions are prisoners of war. Comfort them, we pray, in their isolation from their homes and loved ones; supply their needs and protect them from want and deprivation; strengthen and sustain them day after day that they may face discouragement with courage and hardship with resolution. Grant that they may find patience to endure, and peace in the knowledge of your continuing presence.**

**Most importantly, O Lord, we pray for their release and safe return. This is our urgent plea, O Lord. Hear us and help us, we humbly beseech you in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**God bless you all. Here is a plea from a M.I.A's point of view. May we all ponder it as we read.**

M.I.A – P.O.W ANGUISH

**THE LIVING DEAD**

THE WAR IS OVER, SO IT'S SAID,  
ALL THE MEN ARE HOME OR CONSIDERED DEAD.  
DON'T YOU KNOW, I WANT TO CRY  
THAT SOME OF US REFUSED TO DIE.

WHERE ARE YOUR EARS, MY COUNTRYMEN  
WHEN REFUGEES TELL YOU THAT STARE I'M IN?  
DON'T YOU CARE THAT I LIVE IN A HOVEL,  
WITH ONLY MY SOUL LEFT IN TROUBLE?

I WONDER EACH AND EVERY NIGHT,  
HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN FIGHT,  
IT'S NOT EASY TO SURVIVE,  
WHEN YOUR COUNTRY LEAVES YOU BEHIND AND ALIVE.

I'VE WATCHED MY FRIENDS DIE ONE BY ONE,  
DESPAIR KILLED THEM, NOT A GUN.  
THEY DIED ABANDONED, FORGOTTEN AND ALONE,  
BECAUSE NO ONE CARED TO BRING THEM HOME.

I, TOO, MAY GO THIS WAY,  
OF FIND "FREEDOM" ON EXECUTION DAY,  
BUT YOU, MY FRIEND, WILL NEVER BE FREE,  
KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE DESERTED ME.

THROUGH LONELY DAYS AND DARKEST NIGHT,  
HE CONFORTED ME THROUGHOUT MY PLIGHT.  
MY ONE GOOD FRIEND WATCHED OVER ME;  
THE LOR MY GOD, HE STAYED WITH ME.

AMEN

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

**Emil Williams  
SAL Chaplain**

**COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

Patriot Day - 9/11 – Was one of our major events. Commander Chet asked me to extend a loud and vocal THANKS to all those who participated. It was a good turnout for your color guard. "Kudo's" to Sgt. Fred and the rifle team! The event went well. It was a good turnout by our members.

A thank you is in order for all the members who participated in the wake and funeral of Ken Maurer.

## THE FISHING STRINGER

Darlene Hiscock

OK fishermen and women – here is what I have been able to find out from my many spies. First, Ed Bovy and Butch Prisbilla, according to them, (???) were northern fishing and Ed caught a 36 inch 10# fish. It must have been fat. As, I'm been told, they don't like cleaning fish so all the fish went back in the drink. Fred Segler (Hovda likes to call him Sergeant Fred) is now a "river rat" fishing in the Mississippi River for walleyes. He reported a 18 inch walleye, but he will not tell me where on the river he caught it.

Last, our post commander, Chet Seviola, is still complaining about me not giving him credit for a fish he says he caught last year in a MN lake. Sorry Chet, it was an ocean fish. My spies were right on the money on that one. Anyway, fish safe, wear your PFD's and come back to report your catches to me. Where had Randy Fernholz been? I heard that Hovda already put his boat away for the winter?

Darlene Hiscock

"AKA" Ms. Tackle Box.

**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

Sept. was a busy month. Thank you Bob Kerestes and "The Knights of Columbus" for holding your Ice Bucket Challenge at the Legion. It was nice to see Pat Anderson and all the family and friends here to support such a great cause.

We held our annual customer appreciation day and bouja feed on the 20th of Sept. Thanks to Ev, and my brother in law, Tom for helping me on Friday and Sat with the work. It was a good turnout.

October 18th is our pub-crawl. If you would like to participate just give us a call here at the club. It's always a great time.

On Nov 7th we will be having our "Widows Night Out". Great prizes, food and fun for all. This will be our 3rd annual. Mark that date on your calendar and plan to join in the fun.

If you would like to have a party at the Legion just give us a call at 393-4545 to book your event. Don't forget meat raffles and key for cash Saturday night starting at 7pm.



**A big THANKS to all who helped me celebrate my "39th" birthday. I hope you had as good a time as I did. A special THANKS !! to all who gave me donations for the Tri-County Humane Society Companion Walk. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Jan Hovda**

## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Janice Martin

Hello Ladies,

At our September meeting we discussed our membership dues which we should have or have shortly. Adults will stay the same at \$20.00 and junior members will stay at \$10.00. If you haven't renewed for a while, please consider this. Each membership DOES make a difference and is a return in a form of aid to the veterans.

Our next Auxiliary dinner will be October 14th at the Legion club starting at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 pm. Our menu will be Fried Chicken, Mashed potatoes, veggies, salads and desserts, milk and coffee. Our workers are Jeanette Miller, Janice Martin, and Judy Fernholz. Please come and support our dinners, which ultimately helps our veterans with our support of their programs. Prices are the same great value.....\$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids, take-outs as always.

Some of our upcoming events which we are involved in are: Widows Weekend which is Saturday, November 7th starting at 7:00 pm. We bring bars and help with activities for the night. American Education Week, which is November 17th to the 21st. As an Auxiliary we provide bars, milk and juice to Rice Elementary School staff. More on these things to come in the November letter.

Our next meeting will be, October 13th at 7:00 pm at the Legion. Hope to see you all there!

Janice

**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.

## **OCTOBER 2014 LEGION CALENDAR**

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

03 Germany reunited. Cold War ends. (1990)

**04 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.**

07 Operation Enduring Freedom begins in Afghanistan. (2001)

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

**11 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.**

**13 Legion, Auxiliary & SAL meetings. See below.**

13 Happy B'day U.S. Navy. (1775)

**14 Auxiliary Dinner at the post. 5 – 7 P.M. Fried Chicken, mashed potato, salads and desserts**

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

15 Cuban missile crisis began. (1962)

**18 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.**

19 British surrender at Yorktown. (1781)

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

**25 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**

27 Navy Day. (Fly Flag)

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

31 Halloween.

**NOTE:** The legion meetings start with (1) Legion Club Committee 4:30 P.M., Pine Country Bank (2) Legion Board of Directors at 5:00 P.M. P.C. Bank & (3) Legion, SAL & Auxiliary meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Legion Post. SAL members meet w/Leg.

### **AIRBORNE HERITAGE**

Jim Hovda – Former paratrooper

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment was activated in 1984. The 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Rgt. is still actively serving in many locations. Most of which, go unnamed. Thanks rangers for a continuing job well done.

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