



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

The 4th of July is a time when we celebrate friends, food and the Flag. It is time to look at your flag to see if it is ready for display. The Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State published a great "Guide to Flag Etiquette" the toll free phone number is 1-877-600-8683. Here are a few of the rules from the U.S. Flag Code published by Congress in 1942. When on a wall the stars should always be in the upper left corner. Do not tie it to a tree or drape it over a car. You may display the flag 24 hours a day provided it is lighted at night. Many more rules are included in the Guide.

If you decide your flag should be replaced remember that you should not use your trashcan. Your Legion will give your flag a proper disposal. Your Post will do a flag disposal ceremony on July 8th at 2000 hours (8:00 p.m.). You are invited to attend. Bring your worn flags to the Post before the ceremony or bring them to the ceremony. We will properly fold the flags to prepare them for burning. We complete the Flag disposal and go back inside the club to have liquid refreshment. The Legion member meeting is at 1900 hours (7:00 p.m.) and the flag preparation begins at 2000. Come and join us.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS AD SAL SQUADRON 473

Jeff Gondeck

(no article submitted)

HONOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

One event. A very short parade at the Country Manor in Sartell. Just Kilroy and anyone who wants to carry a flag. Lv Rice 09:30 hrs. This is a good time to inspect your uniforms to ensure that they are ready for any event. Yes, we need additional members. If you know anyone who is interested, have them give me a call.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

I received this email from Staff Sergeant Chris James; I'm sharing it with our readers. Remember when we were in the military? Mail call was, and continues to be a big thing. Take a moment to write or send reading material that Chris might enjoy. His address is below.

**SSG CHRIS JAMES
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Good Day Jim, and Legion Members

I have received two of your packages. Since I have some free time I figured I would give you an update. On March 3rd is when my active duty orders started. We spent three days in Cambridge where my unit is located, getting our bags ready and making sure our paperwork was up to date. On March 6th we flew to Fort Bliss, TX where we spent six weeks training for our deployment. On April 24th we departed the US on a commercial airliner. We made a stop in Munic, Germany. We were able to get off the plane and waited in a small holding area for military flights only. Once the plane was refueled and restocked with food we boarded the plane and flew to Manas, Kyrgyzstan. The entire trip was about 22 hours long, 16 of which were in the air. We arrived in Manas on the 25th. It was nice to get off the plane and relax for a couple days before flying into Afghanistan.

On the 27th of April we left Manas via a C17 Air Force jet and flew into Bagrham Air Force Base (BAF) in Afghanistan. This base was huge and very unorganized. There was a lot of traffic. It was like a major city. We stayed in large tents with the entire company, which consisted of 150 soldiers. It was very crowded. I did not sleep well the first night, as a lot of people were moving around all night. I stayed in BAF till April 1st. We were only in transit housing in BAF waiting to fly to another base. We did not have anything going on during our stay in BAF. On April 1st my team, consisting of SPC Atkinson, SPC Kiekhafer, SPC Papesh and PFC Ley along with the rest of the horizontal engineer training team left BAF on a c130 and flew about 2 hours to our next destination, FOB Shank. Once again we were only going to be on FOB Shank for 3 days until our last flight to our final destination. On our departure day from FOB Shank we were sitting in the terminal awaiting our helicopter ride to our final destination when the sirens sounded for indirect fire. We all hit the deck. I heard three loud explosions from 107 mm rockets that the insurgents sent into the base. No one was injured. They did not hit anything just open space. Our flight was delayed about 30 min. We left FOB Shank via civilian helicopters and flew about 45 min to our last and final destination, FOB lighting. FOB Lighting is a very small base.

The FOB is actually inside of an Afghanistan National Army (ANA) Base. When we flew in we land on a landing zone that is on the ANA base (FOB Thunder). They picked us up in a small bus and transported us to FOB Lightning where we brought to our living quarters. I have attached a few pictures of the living quarters. I have been on FOB Lighting since my arrival. I am part of a

24 person Embedded Training Team (ETT.) Our mission is to train the Afghan engineer battalion. My four fellow soldiers and myself are training the maintenance platoon. So far they seem to be eager to learn. I have two interrupters to help me speak to the ANA as all but one of them speaks Dari, Pashto or both. It makes it challenge to train them but the challenge is what makes it interesting. So far I have taught them how to remove and tear down a HMMWV transmission, how to service and troubleshoot a CAT skid steer loader, and service and troubleshoot problems with their Ford Rangers. Their Ford Rangers are brand new with 2.5l 4 cylinder turbo diesel engines hooked to a five-speed transmission. They are manufactured in Europe. I have never seen them nor worked on them so that was interesting to learn about them then teach the ANA about them. Most of them had already learned much about the Rangers so it was not too difficult.

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 prize money is up to \$175.00. The prize will hit a maximum of \$500.00. Eventually, someone will take home the cash.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Don Miklos

My Dear Legion Comrades,

Over the course of years, you have heard me mention, many times in the writings, The Holy Spirit. In fact it is time to give credit where credit is due. If my writings have had any merit, it is not due to me. It has been the work of the Holy Spirit. I am only an instrument of his work. A witness as it were, Pope John VI wrote, "the modern person listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers and if he or she does listen to teachers it is because they are witnesses." Someone once humorously described, the Holy Spirit as the "Cinderella" of our faith, who does all the work and the Father and Son get all the credit. But I believe God intended it that way. Jesus says in the Gospel of John 14:23 – 29, "The Holy Spirit, the advocate, whom the Father will send in my name will teach you everything and remind you of all I have told you." What an awesome promise! The Bible references the Holy Spirit as "A great rushing wind," "Tongues of fire," or "the shaking of the Earth," and yet also, "like the whisper of a child," or a "sweet clean breeze." However you may experience it, accept it great fully, for it is one of the Fathers greatest graces. Open your heart and receive the Spirit's urgings.

When our Lord ascended to his Father, it concluded his brief stay here on earth, the Father send the Spirit to us in his name. It is not the end for Jesus, it merely releases the limits placed on him when he walked the earth, preaching, teaching and healing. Now he is present throughout the whole world in Spirit, when he left us he didn't signal, "mission accomplished". Remember the two angels standing there as Jesus went to his Father? They said to the Apostles, and to us, their decedents "Don't just stand there. Do something!"

Invite the Holy Spirit to help you fulfill their request. In Christ's Spirit, I remain, your servant.

Don Miklos, Champlain, Post 3473

SICK CALL

Our good chaplain, Don Miklos is recovering from knee surgery. He could use a prayer and kind thought. If you know of anyone who is on sick call, give our good chaplain Don a call at 320/584-5825. Emil Williams, the SAL Chaplain will also field a call at 320/393-2203.

FROM THE TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

Well, here I am, fishing at lake Minnewaska with relatives and doing well. Maintaining my title of Ms. Tackle box is sometimes a challenge. Yes, we all are catching lots of fish.

The largest northern pike caught was a monster 44-inch fish by Andy Petron. The only information about where he caught it was that he caught it in MN. Good job Andy. Jim Moon landed the largest walleye with a 23-inch fish. Where are you Nelson and your catfish? How about you Fred Segler and your huge three-inch long sunfish? I think you Wednesday morning legion coffee clutch guys at the Creamery are afraid to take me along on your pan fish adventures, true? And you Commander Chet, I'm going to investigate your fish that you tried to enter into our contest. Bribes of beer are not honorable. I suspect your fish came from the OCEAN... There are no oceans in NN except for Little Rock Lake, AKA the Dead Sea.

Remember, keep safe and wear your PFD. God bless.

Darlene Hiscock
AKA - Ms. Tackle Box

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

Our key for cash drawing is getting higher and higher. The free money you can win is now approaching \$150 stop in and register for free. Drawing is between 8 and 9 o'clock on Saturday nights, nothing like free money. RIGHT?

Bingo is on Wednesday night. That jackpot is at \$1199 if you can get bingo in the right amount of numbers. Come try your luck.

If you want to raise money for your organization or your youth, call me at the club and we can set up a meat raffle. It's an easy way to earn money.

Parties are free here at the club. Just give us a call and we can help you set up a party for any occasion.

Thanks to Randy Fernholz for doing some plumbing work here at the club. Also to Jim and Bev Petron and Morgan for fixing my air conditioner. Thanks all

Happy Fourth of July to all and hope to see you at the club.

AUXILIARY

Janice Martin

Happy Summer Solstice

As I am writing this we just had the summer solstice occur at 12:04 am this Friday morning of the 21st of June. Now we are going to be backsliding on the hours with shorter days.

I won't have the results of our Brat fundraiser until the August newsletter but I can post something on the Legion Face book web site.

We will not have a meeting in July but will resume our meetings at the Legion club on August 12th.

Our July dinner will be July 9th and our menu is Chicken Rouladen, mashed potatoes, salads and desserts our servers for July are: Cecil Huston, Cheryl Walberg and Marg Cariveau. Dinner times are 5-7 and the prices are adults \$7 and children 10 and under \$3.

Just remember if you are looking for a birthday gift, anniversary or other special occasion, we have our Auxiliary dinner gift certificates available. Stop at the club and pick one up or call me.

Janice



LEGION JULY 2013 – CALENDER

- 01 Battle of Gettysburg begins.
- 02 Happy b'day U.S. Army Air Corps. (1926)
- 02 Parade at Country Manor. Lv Rice 09:30.**
- 03 Operation BINGO. 7:00 P.M. At the post.**
- 04 Happy birthday America. (Fly flag) **(Club closed)**
- 05 First combat of American ground forces in Korea. (1950)
- 06 Keys for Cash drawing at the post**
- 08 Legion meetings. (See below)**
- 08 Flag retirement ceremony at the club 8:00 p.m.**
- 09 Auxiliary dinner. 5 – 7:00 at the post Chicken Rouladen**
- 10 Operation BINGO. 7:00 P.M. At the post.**
- 12 Medal of Honor established. ((1862)
- 13 Keys for Cash drawing at the post**
- 16 SAL Membership meeting. 7:00 P.M. at the post.**
- 17 Operation BINGO. 7:00 P.M. At the Post.**
- 20 Keys for Cash drawing at the post**
- 24 Operation Bingo. 7:00 P.M. At the post.**
- 27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. War ends. (1953) Fly
Flag ½ staff until sunset.
- 27 Keys for Cash drawing at the post**
- 28 WWI Begins. (1914)
- 29 Army Chaplain Corps & judge Advocate General corps established.
(1775)
- 31 Operation BINGO. 7:00 P.M. At the post.**

NOTE - - The 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 the Legion.**

AIRBORNE HERITAGE

On the 13th of July 1965, Special Forces soldier Sergeant First Class Isaac Comancho escaped from Viet Cong captivity. He was only one of a handful of Americans who successfully escaped.

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