



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Well another month has left us. Meat raffles are still going well, several people have been given donations for many good reasons. And many participants have had a lot of fun and some have actually left with some delicious packages of meat. Several of our color guard participated in the hanging of the third painting at the Camp Ripley Cemetery. This one honored the Coast Guard, Coasties from Duluth were there and the Artist. Many dignitaries were present. If you have not visited the Commitment hall make the trip up there it is well worth the time. The Army, Navy and now the Coast Guard are finished. The Marine Corps will be next, followed by the Air force. We need more members to attend our legion meetings Please try to find time to attend. Only you can help us to grow and serve our veterans. I would like to start fishing; trip ideas are needed to set something up. Maybe a monthly trip to an area lakes, putting this challenge to our fisherman and women. Miss Tackle Box how about some of your ideas? Seem like you can give us grief for not fishing enough.

We would like to see more people at our Auxiliary dinners held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting at 5:00 PM. Meals are very reasonable at 7.00 bucks. Hoping this finds you all well and doing fine. 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.

## **WARRIORS COLUMN**

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

Sergeant Major Ron Klug has been a member of our post for many years. He joined when he was a First Sergeant of the armor company (MNARNG) in St. Cloud. After a tour or two his talents were noted and he was summoned for full time duty on the East Coast at Ft. Dix, NJ. His picture and biography tell the rest of the story. Have a good retirement Sergeant Major.



SGM Ronald Klug entered the Minnesota Army National Guard (MNARNG) on 2 February 1980. He attended basic training at Fort Knox, KY and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Jackson, SC. Upon completion of AIT, he was assigned to C Co, 1-136 INF, Sauk Centre, MN.

SGM Klug has served in a variety of leadership positions from Team Leader to Brigade Operations Sergeant Major, with assignments as First Sergeant, Company Operations Sergeant, BN Sergeant Major, Provincial Reconstruction Team Senior Enlisted Advisor and Brigade Operations Sergeant Major. His assignments include First Sergeant B Company 1-194 AR, MNARNG, First Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-194 AR, MNARNG, Operations Sergeant, A Co, 1-194 AR and Battalion Operations Sergeant Major, 793 MP, (Camp Ashraf, Iraq), Sergeant Major 2nd Battalion, 309th Regiment (TSBn), Sergeant Major, 2nd Battalion 312<sup>th</sup> Regiment (TSBn), Sergeant Major, Provincial Reconstruction Team Senior Enlisted Advisor (Ghazni Province, Afghanistan.) He is currently serving as Operations Sergeant Major, 72d FA (Operations) BDE. SGM Klug has served in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

SGM Klug's military and civilian education include; Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced

Noncommissioned Officer Course, United States Sergeant's Major Academy, Class 32. He is also a graduate of Saint Cloud Technical College.

SGM Klug's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1OLC), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), Combat Action Badge; SGM Klug is also honored with the Order of St Barbara and the Order of St Maurice.

SGM Klug has two daughters, Amanda and Kayla and one son Matthew.

## **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

The color guard training and appreciation dinner was a success with thirty-three in attendances. Bill Rausch was the guardian of the church ensuring that it was open for our training session. We are welcoming two new members: Gerry Wolf and Michelle Brown. We always need more members. If you are interested in becoming a member of the color guard you can give me a call at 393-4339.

## **COLOR GUARD ANNUAL REPORT**

The color guard is composed of forty-three members that include some support people. That may seem like a lot of people. It's really not considering that when we have a major event like a wake, funeral & interment it can take up to twenty-two people to pull off. And, not everyone is available. Jobs, family and other obligations cut into the numbers.

Your post color guard donated a total of 644 hours of their personal time covering 18 events. It was broken down into: 120 hrs, planning and training, 76 hrs, wakes (3 events), 192 hrs, funerals and interments (7 events) and 256 hrs, memorials and parades (5 events).

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Don Micklos

**My Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

**Being in the presence of God can be awesome and awe-inspiring. But it can also be an uncomfortable feeling. Especially where we acknowledge our sinfulness in his presence. But, take heart, at times like these; we are in the presence of some of God's chosen prophets.**

**Isaiah, who was worshiping in the Temple when he had a vision of God on a "high and lofty throne," surrounded by angels, with smoke swirling up. He fell to the floor and cried out, "woe is me, I am doomed! for I am a man of unclean lips," (Isaiah 6:1-5). And again, when Jesus shows his second-in-command, Peter, where the fish are in the sea of Galilee and they caught so many they almost sank the boats, Peter's response was, "depart from me Lord for I am a sinful man". (Luke 5:8). He realized he was a rough-hewn fisherman and his speech reflected this by his much known cursing and vulgar language. Even Paul, my favorite apostle, fell victim to fear as he remembered how, with a bolt of lightning on a crystal clear day, the Lord**

had knocked him from his house and caused temporary blindness because he persecuted the church. He writes in (Corinthians 15:9) that he himself, "Is not fit to be called on apostle". Fear did this to these men, fear of the Lord, and fear that our Lord would not forgive their sinfulness! But he did forgive and all three went on to do "great things" according to the scripture.

Many times we hear the words, "Do not be afraid" in scripture. Maybe fear is like cholesterol, there is two kinds, one healthy another, un-healthy; one can lead us to be paralyzed before God and the other to join confidently in his works. Which will we choose and will it have a positive effect on our actions? Remember a healthy fear of the Lord led these prophets to the Kingdom of God.

Pray then, that we may hear and answer God's call to do whatever is asked of us. Do not be afraid to put your faith and trust in his son, Jesus.

May my prayer go with you all, Comrades.

Your Chaplain Don Micklos

Thought for Today: When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

## **THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX**

Darlene Hiscock

It's almost to the end of the fishing season.

We have two legion members who are butting heads for the top spot. Of course they have been doing that for some forty years. Commander Fred Segler had a 27.5-inch northern - Chaplain Don Miklos had a 22 inch northern but Don used some strange bait - his hand. While getting the fish in it bit his hand and tore up some fingers. Fish is a finger food, not fish food of fingers. The fish got some revenge; they are still battling it out until the end of the season.

We have a speared northern pike of 34 inches. Paul (Elvis) Kostreba speared it. Paul is the grandson of Ted Segler.

No walleyes turned in. My spies told me that Mark Soderholm did well in the walleye department but he did not turn any in. I'm hearing reports that the Segler/Miklos crew did well on sunnies but would not spill the beans on where they were.

Mr. Hovda told me that on the 20<sup>th</sup> 90% of the fish houses on Little Rock Lake vacated the ice. We had a lot of rain that day with a lot of standing water on the lake.

Stay safe. Fishing in the late season one needs to be careful of the ice. We do too many funerals as it is. God Bless and stay safe.

Darlene Hiscock  
"AKA" Ms. Tackle Box.

**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 \$250.00. 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

I'm filling in this month's article while Cheryl is on vacation.

If you haven't setup your private parties yet there's still time to call us here at the Legion to set up a date, any party for that matter. We would love to have you hold it here.

Our bingo jackpot, (as I write this), is climbing back up slowly, great opportunity to win regular pots, every Wednesday evening at 7pm, also the Key for Cash drawings that starts at 8pm on Saturday nights. There is meat raffle starting at approx. 7:15. Come join us for some fun, and maybe win some delicious meat too.

I want to thank all the organizations that help conduct the meat raffles, specially the Color Guard who has taken up a majority of nights.

If your organization would like to earn some funds, contact Cheryl at the club. Our Club Manager will be back from her well-deserved vacation by the time you read this.

Charlie, Club Committee Chair

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Janice Martin

Our Valentines for Vets workday was on January 7th. We had a very productive and fun day making craft items for all our veterans here and at the VA in St. Cloud. I have enclosed some pictures from that day. Thank you to Naomi Fredrich for all the advanced items she made. Thank you to all who came to help, Naomi Fredrich, Cherie Ablan, Nancy Anderson, Peg Seviola, Jan Hovda and myself.

As of this date we have 72 paid members. If you have forgotten to renew, please

do so. We have kept the adult membership at \$20 and the juniors at \$10.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be March 20th at 1:00 pm at the Watab Township Hall. We will meet at 10:00 am to set up. We are looking for a bunny...let me know if you have someone in mind.

Our March Auxiliary dinner will be Tuesday, March 8th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Our menu will be Irish stew in a bread bowl. Our servers will be Darla Swenson, Darlene Hiscock, and Peggy Kerestes. Our prices are the same, \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under, take-outs always available.

Our next meeting will be March 14th at Joyce Seglers at 7:00 p.m.



## **MARCH 2016 LEGION CALENDAR**

**02 BINGO. 7:00 P.M.**

03 "Star Spangled Banner made National Anthem. (1931)

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

**08 Auxiliary dinner. 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Post Irish Stew in a bread bowl**

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

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

13 Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 A.M. (Spring ahead)

**14 Legion/Auxiliary meetings. (See below)**

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

17 St. Patrick's Day. Green beer at the legion?

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

19 Iraq War begins. (2003)

20 First day of spring.

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

25 Good Friday & National Medal of Honor Day.

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

27 Easter Sunday.

29 U.S. Involvement in Vietnam War ends. (1973)

**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, 9565 Isaac Rd NW Rice 7:00 P.M.**

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