



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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**National Day of Prayer:** May 1, 2014 at Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church  
Light supper (free will offering) from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Prayer event 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.

## **FROM THE COMMANDER**

Chet Seviola

The county Veterans Service Office is here to serve veterans and their dependents. They can help you apply for veteran's benefits and connect you to helpful veteran's resources. Here are some of the veteran's benefits and services they can help you access:

**Burial and memorial benefits**  
**Dependents and survivors Benefits**  
Minnesota Subsistence  
Dental and optical Benefits  
Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery  
VA Health Care Enrollment  
Service Connected Disability Benefits  
VA Pensions  
Education and Training  
Vocational Rehabilitation  
Home Loan Guaranty  
Help Getting a Physical

If just one of you gets a benefit from this column, it has been worth the time. Think about it and spread the word to people who do not get this newsletter.

I have used the Little Falls Veterans Service Officer (VSO). He is very effective. Paul Froncak is leaving so let us tell him what a fine job he has done. Please give him a thank you call. It was reported that the Minnesota VA is significantly lowering the pay status of VSOs. That would be a mistake because of the workload of Paul and his fellow VSO's.

Legion member Conrad Urbik was buried on April 25 at the Camp Ripley cemetery. His wife Linda is very active in Post 473 Color Guard activities. We offer our sincere condolences to Linda and family.

We were asked to print the symbolism of the thirteen folds done by Legion at a funeral. Here it is:

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold of our flag is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.
3. The third fold of our flag is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.
4. The fourth fold of our flag represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold of our flag is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."
6. The sixth fold of our flag is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
7. The seventh fold of our flag is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
8. The eighth fold of our flag is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
9. The ninth fold of our flag is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the characters of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
10. The tenth fold of our flag is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.
11. The eleventh fold of our flag, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
12. The twelfth fold of our flag, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost. When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God we Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today. This triangle also reminds us that "In God we trust". May God bless all those who have served this great Nation.

These words are spoken as the folded flag is presented to a loved one at a funeral: "On behalf of the President of the United States, the (state service), and a grateful Nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one's honorable and faithful service."

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

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

The SAL will hold a joint meeting with the legion folks. We have a couple of items on the agenda. 7:00 P.M. at the post on the 12<sup>th</sup>. It would be nice to have a lot of members there.

## **WARRIORS COLLUMN**

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

Post member Sergeant Travis Peterson who is stationed in Afghanistan gives us an update through his parents:

Travis' unit (849th MAC) is now in Kandahar and in the process of coming home. They have left PASAB for good. We have received 3 lg. containers of his items at home, a sure sign they are in deed coming home.

Travis said it is just the process of checking everything in and taking care of equipment. His 1st sergeant said he would like to be home here to Litchfield by Memorial Day. Although the armory has not given us a date yet, Travis has plane tickets to Kenai Alaska (fun trip with friends) for June 13th so I really hope he is able to make those plans happen. We did have his re-integration (sp?) meeting on April 12th, it was at that time they said they could not give us any dates because Ft. Bliss in Texas as to accommodate them with the soldiers coming and going. Sorry for not updating you, I get so busy with everything I forgot. I guess I even forgot to let you know back in Jan when PASAB had a suicide bomber come through the gates. Travis had done the night shift and had gotten off before it happened (so thankful for that). He did get blown off his cot and the tent came down on them. He located his weapons and men and they made their way safely to a bunker, which is what they were instructed to do. He said the blast was incredible. Hopefully he won't be affected by that when he returns, he doesn't think so. This was all over the news so I'm sure you heard about the incident.

Randy and Rose Peterson

## **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

Your honor guard participated in the wake, funeral and committal services of Legion Auxiliary member Dorothy Seviola and longtime member Conrad Urbik, our condolences to the families.

I represented our post at the return of the Honor Flight of WWII and Korea War vets at the St. Cloud Airport. Senior member Ed Aschenbrenner, a WWII paratrooper with the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division said it was a great trip although he was exhausted from the trip. The plane landed at 10:10 P.M. on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

On 01 May 6:15 p.m. members will participate in the posting of The Colors at the Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church for the National Day of Prayer.

Our next event will be Memorial Day, Monday 26 May. We'll need everyone for this event.

Remember to keep uniforms "squared away" for unscheduled events.

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Don Miklos

**My Dear Comrades,**

**Recently, our Legion family has been visited by death several times. And we are told our W.W.II Veterans are departing by hundreds each day. But there is comfort in our grief, especially during the time of Easter, which we recently celebrated.**

**When I was very young, learning about my faith, listening to my father read stories in the Bible, the story about Jesus raising his dear friend Lazarus from the grave conjured up terrible visions in my young mind. After all, he had been in the grave four days. He must have looked awful! In the picture his face was completely covered by cloth, and people were running away in fear or disgust. Unable to see his face, he had become the stuff of nightmares. But Jesus holds him in his steady gaze. He does not turn away from Lazarus in fear, rather he continues to look at him with love, as a friend, for he was, "serves and of fair countenance".**

**When Jesus first arrived at the house, the two sisters of Lazarus, Mary and Martha greeted him. They said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, our brother would not have died." Jesus answered, "Your brother will rise, for I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"**

**Jesus himself was so caught up in grief he wept for his friend, showing us his human nature. For in the face of death, love grows into grief before it blossoms into hope. Hope for eternal life. Because of the words Jesus spoke to Martha, these words have offered hope over many centuries of our dealing with death. As a youth I did not fully understand the Gospel of John 11: 1-45. I see it more clearly now.**

**Death takes our humanity from us and renders us faceless, much like Lazarus. Jesus lifts those shrouds, gives us back our faces and calls us to**

eternal life. If we listen closely, we will hear him call us by name to “come out”, and re-new we will show forth his glory.

As Jesus asked Mary and Martha, “Do you believe this?”

In Gods Eternal Love, Your Chaplain Don Miklos

## **THE FISHING STRINGER**

Ladies and gentlemen - - We are in between fishing seasons

Darlene Hiscock  
AKA Ms. Tackle Box.

## **FROM THE CLUB**

Cheryl Bovy

The month of April brought the Legion a Saturday of Darts. A dart tournament was held at Shady's Railside and the Legion. I believe we had 12 teams. It was a great fun even though my husband and I lost, "real fast".

On May 10th we are hosting our spring pub-crawl. It is opening weekend of fishing but not everyone goes fishing. So if you have a free Saturday come out and join us for a good time.

Bingo numbers are getting higher and higher. So is the money. At the time of this article a blackout in 52 numbers is worth \$1050.00. That would be a nice gift for anyone; Wednesday's at 7pm. come join us.

Meat raffles and key for cash every Sat. night starting at 7 o'clock. Come win packages of meat for your summer grilling and cash for your favorite beverages.

Cheryl Bovy

**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 \$200.00. 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.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Happy Spring Ladies!

We had a great turn out for our Easter Egg hunt at the Watab Township Hall. The children had a great time coloring pictures and making cards for Easter and rummaging through the candy pit filling their bags! Thanks to the guys for sponsoring our candy purchase. Also thank you to Nancy for picking up the candy. Thanks to our "Bunny" aka Pat for "jumping" in to help out. Thanks to our members, Cheryl Walberg, Rose Deters, Maryanne Keeney, Janice, Nancy, Alisha, Teresa and Pat and as always thanks to Watab for the "free" use of their beautiful hall. Doing what we do for children and Veterans makes it financially easier to do, with more money going to our projects, without the cost of rental of a facility.

The application which I filled out to Benton Coop Telephone was approved and we will be putting this money toward "children" and Veterans" projects. Thank you Benton Coop for your generous contribution!

Our first fundraiser will be our Brat Sale at the Coborn's Superstore in Sauk Rapids on July 16th and 17th (Wedns. and Thurs.) from 10:30 am to 6:00 pm. It would be nice if I could get Auxiliary members or "guys" to take a 2-hour shift. If this works for you please call 393-2410, leave me a message and I will return your call.

Our May Auxiliary Dinner will be May 13th from 5-7 pm. We will be serving BBQ ribs, baked potatoes, veggies, salads and desserts. Our servers will be Libby Levinski, Nancy Anderson and Jan Hovda.

We would like to say farewell to the latest of our members who passed away....Dorothy Kosloski and Dorothy Seviola. May their souls find rest in heaven.

We want to welcome our newest member, Rose Deters, to our Auxiliary. Welcome Rose we are excited for you to join us!

Our next meeting will be May 12th at 7 pm at the Legion club. Please come and join us! We will be discussing Memorial Day activities.

Janice



## **MAY 2014 LEGION CALENDAR**

- 01 National Day of Prayer – SOTP Lutheran Church 5:30 P.M. Light Lunch 6:15 P.M. program (Fly Flag)**
- 02 Navy Seals bring Osama bin Laden to justice.
- 03 Meat raffle 7:30 P.M. & Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**
- 05 Occupation of Germany ends. (1955) (Fly Flag)
- 07 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.**
- 08 Germany surrenders – VE Day. (1945)
- 10 Meat raffle 7:30 P.M. & Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**
- 11 Mother's Day. (Fly Flag) - - National Police Week.
- 12 Legion & Auxiliary & SAL meetings. (See below)**
- 13 Auxiliary dinner. 5 – 7 P.M. Post.**
- 14 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.**
- 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day. Fly Flag ½ staff until sunset.
- 17 Meat raffle 7:30 P.M. & Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**
- 21 BINGO at the post 7:00 P.M.**
- 24 Meat raffle 7:30 P.M. & Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**
- 26 Memorial Day (Observed) – Cermonies by post. Fly Flag ½ Staff until noon.**
- 28 BINGO at the post 7:00 P.M.**
- 31 Meat raffle 7:30 & Keys for cash 8:00 p.m.**

**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, Auxiliary & SAL meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Legion Post.

### **AIRBORNE HERITAGE**

Jim Hovda – Former paratrooper

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 1955, the first authorization of the Green Beret for qualified Special Forces personnel was granted.

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