



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

January 2018

FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Last night was the membership dinner had a full house, meal was great and the company was better. Christmas present were everywhere and much cheer was witnessed. Talk was mentioned about a bigger place for next year, if you have any thought let us know. Judy Segler, Bonny Maske, Mary Borene teamed up made a fantastic veterans Quilt and donated it to the Legion, chances will be sold and as soon as we have some tickets printed you will know more. It was really nice to have Legion meeting with a full house. Hopefully more people will start attending meetings. We had a funeral mass and internment for Gail Petron and your color guard stood tall, it went well and we wish Gail's family the best he was a very nice guy and will be missed.

Just for your info Joyce is doing well and progressive is good. She is holding up well, your prayers are really helping thanks a lot. When you read this Christmas will have come and went also New Years Day here's hoping you all had a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please make an effort to get some new members into our post we need some new blood. If you know of any Vets let me know and I will contact them. Fishing is slow but we are getting a few, enough to enjoy a meal now and then. Joyce just reached half way with her chemo and things are still going well keep those prayers coming. Hope this finds all of you doing well. Lets make the New Year the best ever Thanks Fred

PULL – TAB DONATIONS

You good folks who take your chances at winning lots of \$\$\$\$ also make it possible for your post to donate to many causes. Also, the good folks who sponsor meat raffles raise money for those in need. You'll note that much Of the money goes to taxes. Of which, MN gets a large chunk. (What else is new?) December donations include: Up to \$500.00 – U.S. Treasury, 730 IRS Tax - - Up to \$100.00 MN Revenue - - \$188.00 to a local youth for "youth activities" - - \$325.00 to a local youth for medical expenses and \$301.00 to members of the color guard for uniform cleaning, mileage and one event.

Our post thanks everyone for their support.

WANTED PT BARTENDERS !

Would you, or someone you know like to work at this Legion? Flexible hours, variable start times and days off? If interested in more details. Please contact; Cheryl at the Post 393-4545 or Charlie 393-2339

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.

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Charles Anderson

State bill tracker: 14-signed by governor, 8-included, 17-introduced, 6-laid over, 2-establish, 24-approved.

Federal bill tracker: 5-introduced, 1-passed house.

Blue water Navy and the Brown VVA are merging to better serve their members. They will have about 5,000 members.

Vietnam Veterans of America to partner with the WWP (Wounded Warrior Project) and TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) to conduct Research, Develop Data, and Advocate for solutions to support Affected Service Members, Veterans, Family Members, and Survivors.

There is a print out at the Legion: Vietnam: The Chemical War.

MSO/VSO ADVISORY: Recently a class action lawsuit filed by the Vietnam Veterans of America required the U.S. Army to provide Medical Care to Veterans who served as Volunteer's for Research involving chemical and biological testing between 1942 and 1975.

VA study shows parasite from Vietnam may be killing Vets. The VA commissioned a small pilot study to look into the link between liver flukes ingested through raw or undercooked fish and a rare bile duct cancer.

The Catch 22 that keeps many Vets from getting help. Their exclusion from services is both cruel and absurd in cases where the mental and physical scars they bring home from combat, in the form of PTSD or traumatic brain injury (TBI), caused the behaviors that got them discharged less than honorably. Although congress is working to correct this issue, more must be done—and as soon as possible.

Exploiting Veterans for Profit, The government is working on stopping the predatory practices of for-profit colleges.

VA failed to report 90% of potentially dangerous medical providers, GAO confirms.

Work and MDVA, have openings in several Hospitals in the state for various Jobs. Flyer at Legion in the folder.

Veterans Employment Seminar, Learn more about applying and working for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Contact <http://tinyurl.com/dnrvets2018> or call 651-259-5391, Seminar Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Flyer at Legion in the folder.

Veterans are key to Medical Cannabis Study. Full story at Legion in folder. White house VA Hotline fully staffed 24/7 to serve nations vets. Call 855-948-2311.

Army takes slow approach with infantry Women.

If you're a veteran and want to get the veterans discounts that are available you can get an ID from the VA Hospital that says you're a veteran with out filling out the paper work to get health benefits there, or go to va.gov

With the cost of groceries sky rocketing out of site you can get a hand up, not a hand out from two places: one is Ruby's Pantry, \$20.00 dollars gets you \$125.00 of groceries. Fare For All, Does packages, there's a produce package, mini meat package, and a mega meat package all very reasonable and more than you can get down town. These in both packages very month by month, they are slow movers and stuff getting close to out of date, and close outs. You can check out the websites, there they will tell you times, dates, drop sites, and what is in the packages. There is also a red folder at the Legion for both food drops.

Vietnam Veterans Ice Fishing Getaway February 23-25, 2018. Camp Bliss is putting this on cost is \$50.00 per person for the weekend and includes lodging and meals. Massages are available at extra cost. For more information about Camp Bliss go to website www.campbliss.org Need to receive your registration 5 days prior to retreat date. Flyer in folder marked flyers.

New investigation exposes veterans charity group. Telemarketers are taking \$9 of every \$10. Find piece in folder at Legion.

Bipartisan support for legislation expanding caregiver benefits. Being led by American Legion. More info at Legion news folder.

VA Decision ready claims program expands to include more types of claims. More info at Legion news folder.

City working with partners to reduce homelessness among veterans. Keys for Heroes program opening doors' City of Minneapolis, more info at Legion.

Minnesota named best-run state in the nation in new study.
Nonprofit Sues DOD for sexual assault data.

Court refuses Presidents request to delay transgender enlistments. VA Sec. urges congress to approve choice funding. Why is the VA hiding a PR goldmine?

VA asking vets to return overpayments. Nearly 25 percent of US Veterans have diabetes. Tips for Managing Holiday Stress.

POW/MIA

Charles Anderson

As of Dec. 17th, 215 have been accounted. WW2-6,
Korean War-2.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

The Post Color Guard participated in the funeral and interment of past member Gale Petron, a United States Air Force veteran. Members of the USAF participated WITH flag folding at the Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls. The Post Flag was lowered in honor of Gale Petron.

MEMBERSHIP (2017-18) PAST DUE

Legion Aux and SAL dues invoices should have been received by the membership. Your prompt attention is appreciated. Thanks to those who have already paid. You can pay at the post if you desire. Leg \$40.00 - - - SAL \$15.00 - - - Aux \$20.00. We prefer a check rather than cash.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Don Miklos

Dear Comrades,

When I venture out on the ice to fish for the first time I cannot help but remember the story of the Four Chaplain's. How terribly cold the water must have been on that faithful day!

The year was 1943; we are at war and on Feb 2nd the luxury liner Dorchester, converted to an Army transport, was moving between New Found land and Greenland, in the icy Atlantic. She was packed with 902 men on board. The Captain ordered everyone to keep the life jackets on and sleep in their clothing because a German sub had been spotted. But because of the heat from the engines below decks and men being packed like sardines many disregarded orders.

At 12:55 a.m. a German sub fired it's torpedoes and lit the starboard side far below the water line. The Dorchester, mortally hit, begins to sink. Power was out no lights, the ship dinking, panic and chaos set in! Through the pandemonium four Army Chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness; they were Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Reformed. These four spread out and calmed the frightened, tended the wounded guided the disoriented to lifeboats. They were heard offering prayers for the dying and encouraged those who would live.

A sailor, Petty Officer Mahoney; tried to re-enter his cabin because he forgot his gloves but Rabbi Goods stopped him. "Never mind Goode said "I have two pair" and he gave Mahoney his own gloves. Later Mahoney realized the Rabbi did not conveniently have two pair of gloves and had just decided not to leave the stricken Dorchester. When all life jackets were handed out the four Chaplains removed theirs and handed them to the next four men in line. Never asking what faith they practiced! It was the first thing I have ever seen or hope to see this side of heaven." Said John Ladd, a survivor who saw the Champlain's selfless act.

Of the 902 men on board, 672 died. As the Dorchester sank men in life boats could see the Four Chaplains, arms linked, braded against the saluting deck, voices raised in offered prayers. This, my comrades, was valor!

These four men were awarded the Distingue Service Cross and the Purple Heart Medal and a Special Medal for Heroism, never given before and never to be given again, authorized by congress, awarded by the President in 1996. "Valor is a gift," Carl Sandburg said, "Those having it never know for sure they have it until the test comes." That night the Four Chaplains passed the ultimate test and became an example of extraordinary faith, courage and selflessness. We should forever hold them as shining examples in our lives. May God bless them abundantly as they wait for us in Heaven. Your Chaplain, Don Miklos

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

Well, guys and gals, only one fish was entered. Guess who? ; none other than our Commander Fred who got a 27.5 - inch walleye.

Now that there is ice on the lakes, I would hope you "hard water" anglers will be out. On that note, **BE CAREFUL OF THE ICE.** I have reports that the ice on Little Rock Lake is as dangerous as ever. Our color guard has enough to do. It's not a good way to go. Try not to fish alone.

Other spies tell me of members that have taken adventures to Lake of the Woods. Did you fish killers get any fish?

Anyway, fish safe and,

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 \$250.00. 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

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Auxiliary dinner is pork roast, baby potatoes, salads, and desserts servers are Sharon Kiley, Pet Seviola, Cheryl Bovy.

We will have a Valentine for workday on January 27, 2018 at Watab Town hall we will be getting together from 9:00 a.m. to noon to get boxes of items to take to the St Cloud VA we need to get 500 items ready. We have a lot of bead items done just need to put tags on them. The boxes will need to be taken to the St Cloud VA by February 1st. So we hope you can help with this it is very popular with the Veterans. You don't need to be crafty to help, there is a lot of items that just need things glued on.

Happy Valentine Day!



JANUARY 2018 LEGION CALENDAR

- 01 New Year's Day. CLUB CLOSED. (Fly Flag)
- 03 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 06 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 08 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Leg, Aux & SAL)**
- 09 AUXILIARY DINNER 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post. Pork roast, red potatoes, salads and dessert**
- 10 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 13 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 15 Martin Luther King Day & Operation Desert Storm begins. (1991)
- 17 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 20 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 21 Birth of the modern National Guard. (1903)
- 24 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post**
- 27 Valentine for Veterans workday at Watab Hall 9:00 a.m. to noon**
- 27 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M. &**
- 27 President Nixon Announces Peace in Vietnam. (1973)
- 30 Tet Offensive in South Vietnam begins. (1968)
- 31 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post**

Legion meetings at the Pine Country Bank meeting room start w/the bar committee 6:00 P.M. followed by the BOD meeting at 6:30 and ending with a combined SAL and Leg membership meeting at 7:00 P.M. The auxiliary will meet at 7:00 P.M. at the legion. All members are encouraged to attend.

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