



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

This month I want you to meet a great example of a military person and an Albany Legion member. I stopped at our club to have a beer and while there I met some one that I want you to know. He is Sergeant First Class Timothy Milo. He is in the Army currently stationed at Camp Ripley. He teaches Army people how to deploy to a shooting war. Tim is extremely qualified for his job. He has deployed to Iraq three times and to Afghanistan once. His students are fortunate because he knows what he is teaching.

The first time he was in Iraq he was an air-defense gunner with a shoulder-fired missile. He changed when he patrolled and went on combat missions near the Baghdad Airport. He served in many positions during his four tours. One thing he mentioned was the heat. His hottest day was 141 degrees.

Sergeant First Class Timothy Milo, we are impressed with you and your service record. Congratulations from all of us at Rice Legion Post 473.

## S.A.L UPDATE

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

We will have a joint meeting with the legion folks on the 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at the Post. Thanks to the SAL folks who marched in the Rice Fun Days Parade and to Grant Vogt who was the Kilroy “Commander” and did a good job guiding Kilroy down the parade route.

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 recognize our post members that are still currently serving in the military. Here they are, I hope I have not missed anyone. If I did, I would appreciate a phone call so I can update my files. They are listed alphabetically, not by rank.

Glen HOLEWA, Gerald HUNTINGTOIN, Cassandra "Cassie" JAMES, Chris JAMES, Kayla KIEKE, Ronald KLUG, Aaron MILLER, Travis PETERSON and David REDFIELD.

Each of us, and the Rice community, thank you for your valued service. Next month I'll try to list the retired members.

## **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

The annual Rice Fun Days was a real success. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Patriot Day - 9/11 – Is one of our major events. We need all who can make it. We have a lot of flags to display. With bagpiper Joe, we will march from the legion to the Memorial Monument to hook up with all the other folks who will be putting on a short program. Then it is back to the legion for coffee, cake & adult beverages of choice. This is an important event, remembering all the folks who were killed or injured that day. I'm sure that each of us remember EXACTLY what we were doing that day. Let's be there in force.



## **PATRIOT DAY REMEMBRANCE**

On Thursday, (9/11) your legion is hosting a memorial service at the Rice Memorial Monument at 7:00 P.M. there will be a short service remembering those souls who were killed or injured on that terrible day. We owe them and their families our prayers and recognition. Coffee cake and beverages will be at the post after the service. This is an event will make proud of what your legion does for the community.

## **MEMBERSHIP 2015---MEMBERSHIP 2015**

*It is time to renew your Legion membership. Send your \$35 to the Legion and be an early bird. You will receive a coupon good for a free drink at the club. Floyd Hinkemeyer.*

## **FYI**

Langola and Watab Twp are having their fall clean-up day on 13 Sept at Twin Pines. If you have hazardous waste, Benton County will accept it at their public works building, 7752 Hwy 25 NE, Foley. 9 – 1:00 P.M.

**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.

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Don Miklos

We are told each day by the news media of terribly bad thing happening every day. Airliners shot out of the sky, 298 dead. Car bombings, wars, escalating terrorism, murders, not to mention natural disasters, fires, floods, virus outbreak, and hurricanes. When will it end, we cry? Precisely when God wants it to.

Until then, we must have faith. What is faith you ask? Faith, is believing in what you may not know is fact. When you sit down, you have faith the chair will hold you, you did not test it to make sure, did you? So we must have faith that God has a master plan. Scripture is full of incidents of faith. Abraham is a fine example. In Romans 3:21 Paul says he was “fully convinced that God was able to do what he promised”. Abraham knew his God and followed him by faith. In Genesis chapter 12:22 we see how Abraham trusted God with the life of his son! How’s that for faith?

I know its very hard to have faith when the whole world is crashing down around you, so just remember the Father promised never to abandon us, and he ever breaks a promise!

Also, when you think we are unworthy of faith think of Peter, our Lord’s second in command, (Matthew 14:55-66). When our Lord told him to come to him on the water, Peter almost made it to Jesus and then he had doubts, and started to sink. Jesus reached out his hand, saving him, and said ”Oh you of little Faith, why did you doubt? And Peter was the greatest of the apostles, and yes, we are mere mortals.

My Brothers and Sisters, Faith is not a blind leap. Put your trust, your faith, as it were, in the Lord our God. If you have not yet done it, I encourage you to do so, and then the process starts, growing in faith. Yes, there is still time.

With Faith in Christ

I remain, your Chaplain Don Miklos

### ***ATTENTION Auxiliary Members***

Your renewal cards should be to you or come soon. Our dues are \$20.00 and if you renew by December you will receive a free drink card for the Legion. If you know of anyone that is eligible to be a member that is not talk to them and see if you can get them as members. We currently have 73 members.

## THE FISHING STRINGER

Finally, some items that will interest you. Last month Jim (I'll fix or sell you a furnace) Petron entered a walleye of 24 inches. It seems that he forgot to mention that Jerry Petron caught a 25-inch walleye. I'm going to sort this family squabble out, trust me. They thought they would be the winner. **NOT TO BE!** Jim Hovda brought me a picture of his 27.5-inch walleye and I put it on the bulletin board. Ev Bovy brought in a 27 inch northern pike for the winner on the NP division. Don't be so smug Petrons. However, you both have a few months to beat this fish. I gave the picture to Nancy Anderson and I hope she can get it in the NL.

My spies informed me that Fred and his boys went to Camp Ripley to their secret lake and caught their limit of sunfish. I'm having trouble believing that most were not "Fred fish" meaning that ten would make a good sandwich.

The big winner of the year will be DEBBIE LUDWIG who won the grand prize of \$2,500.00 at Rice Fun Days and she didn't even have to clean a fish. Good going Debbie, you deserve to win.

Darlene Hiscock  
"AKA" Ms. Tackle Box.



## **FROM THE CLUB**

Cheryl Bovy

Ouch.. Summers almost over. Hopefully we'll have some nice weather yet.

Rice family fun days were a busy one for all. Our Color Guard did an awesome job. Thanks to all of you. A great party was thrown for Jan Hovda at the Legion , Happy Birthday Jan. If you would like to hold a party at the Legion please give us a call at [320-393-4545](tel:320-393-4545). We would love to accommodate you.

I'm sure you have all heard about the "Ice Bucket Challenge". Well on Sept 13th we at the Legion will be hosting one. We would like to have as many of you as possible to participate. All the money we make goes to the ALS Society. Please be here by 2pm and the challenge will begin at 3. We are asking all participants to donate \$5. Included with that is a hot dog that the "Knights of Columbus" will donate. We hope to line all the participants up in a row and one by one dump water on each other in the row. Lets make this a huge event. Please call the Legion or Bob Kerestes (393-2397) and register yourself and family and friends to join in. Wouldn't it be great to have our line of people fill the whole block? It will be video taped. We hope to have a great time and raise money for a great cause.

Also in the month of Sept. we will have our customer appreciation day. That's right bouja. Sept. 20th is the day we have picked. Hope you all can make it. Serving from 4ish until gone. First bowl is free the second bowl will be \$2.

Our bingo night will resume on Sept. 10th. Also meat raffles will resume on Sept. 13th. Come join the fun.

**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.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Hello Ladies,

Well September is here already and are started up our monthly meetings again last month. It's nice to take June and July off since they are such busy months for everyone.

I am enclosing a couple pictures from the Brat Sale we had at Coborns in July. If I would have had time I could have had a picture of Lucy Hovland and her grandkids (good working crew!) and our other hard working volunteers!

At our August meeting we talked about doing the Taco in a Bag during Rice Fun Days. And we talked about parking cars for the Craft Fair here in September. Since our meeting the City Council gave the opportunity to the Cub Scouts here in Rice. So we will not be parking cars this year as a fundraiser. We did the parking last year so hopefully we get a chance to do this next year!

Our next meeting will be September 8th at the Legion Club starting at 7:00 pm. please come and join us! We will be discussing American Education Week in October and Wreaths Across America (wreaths placed at Camp Ripley).

Our next dinner will be September 9th from 5-7 pm at the Legion Club. We will be serving Home Made Pot Roast, potatoes, carrots, salads and desserts. Our working crew will be Debbie Wolf, Jennifer Emslander, Lucy Hovland and Teresa Duea. Prices are adults \$7.00 and kids \$3.00 and there are take-outs.

Our membership packet came so expect to see your membership renewal forms soon! Remember to get these in as soon as possible and if you know of someone who qualifies to be a member and would like to, I have membership forms and there are some at the Legion. We will be updating our membership board after this membership drive.

Janice



## **SEPTEMBER 2014 LEGION CALENDAR**

01 Labor Day. Fly Flag.

02 Japanese surrender aboard the USS Missouri. (VJ Day)

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

**08 Legion meetings. See below.**

**09 Axiliary Dinner at the post. 5 – 7 P.M. Home made Pot Roast, potatoes,carrots**

**10 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.**

**11 9/11 Ceremony – 7:00 Rice Monument. CG at post 6:00 P.M. Fly Flag ½ Staff until sunset.**

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

**13 Ice Bucket Challenge 2:00 P.M**

**17 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.**

18 Happy B'day USAF – Established 1947.

19 POW/MIA Recognition Day. Fly Flag.

**20 Bouja 4 P.M. until gone**

23 First day of autum.

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

**24 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.**

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

28 Gold Star Family Remembrance Day.

29 VFW Day – Established in 1899.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> of September, by order of the late President Kennedy, the Green Beret became the official headgear of Special Forces.



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