



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

December 2017

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Mark your calendar Dec. 11th Legion meeting 6:30 PM at the club, short meeting to pay bills and take care of important business. Then Christmas Dinner and lots of fun. Gifts if you want to take part will be no more than \$10.00 mark them man or women. Bring one to get one. The meal alone is worth the trip, not to mention the fun and BS. Bring your Deer stories and fish stories some one may believe them. Please look around for some new members we really need a few more, lots our currant members are getting up in age and we need some new blood.

As you may have heard the Segler family has a few health problems a few extra prayers will help. Looking forward to seeing you all at the dinner bring a new member. Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and all are safe and well feed.

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.

## Help wanted

**The Rice Legion is looking for a Club (Bar) Manager. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, have them call Charlie at 320-393-2339; flexible hours for the right person.**

**Thanks Charlie**

## **POST SERVICE OFFICER**

Charles Anderson

State bill tracker: Approved 24, Laid over 6, Included 8, Introduced 17, Establish 2, Vetoed 0, Signed by Governor 14. 71 bills total.

Federal Bill Tracker, 5 Introduced and 1 passed house.

Bill S.1261 Veterans Emergency Room Relief Act of 2017 would require VA to contract with community urgent care providers and pay reasonable costs for such care provided to Veterans.

Military Post Exchanges Will open to all honorably discharged Veterans on 11/11/17.

Parenting Class to start, see flyer at legion.

VA Benefits/Death and Burial update. Plot Allowance has been raised to \$762.00. If the Vet died while properly hospitalized the increased rate over \$300.00 is now also \$762.00.

Several Job Announcements, See flyers at legion.

There is a Flyer on the Camp Lejeune health and disability Benefits at the Legion, or go on line at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp>

Dental Clinic Planned for Minneapolis Veterans Home is Nation's First. Veterans Indicator on MN Drivers License will take another year to get set up.

Potential Scam Via use of Heath Net Name. They call and want all your personal information and a Credit Card Number. If you get your care through Choice Program, They seem to know your medical health history. Health net is not making these calls to Veterans asking to proactively schedule all their needs in the community

Disabled Vets can expect Additional Benefits from their VA loans.

The American Legion Family First, Voting fulfills a civic obligation, from National Commander Denise Rohan.

Legion commends VA's Draft Proposal of the CARE act.

Legion testifies on VA infrastructure, selling of Pershing Hall. H. R. 2773, and the AIR Act of 2017

The American Legion Legislative Agenda for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, Fully fund a superior national defense as the global war on terror continues, Limit outsourcing, unify VAs's programs, Reform VA's Claims appeals process, Insitute gender-specific health care for women, Reclassify cannabis for medical research, Support those who care for wounded veterans, Provide mandatory end-of-service exams for reservists, Repeal unfair offsets that penalize disabled veterans and widows, Defend veterans education benefits, Ensure those returning from active duty retain re-employment rights, Support Veteran-owned small business, Continue funding programs to end veterans homelessness, Create an American Legion Commemorative coin.

Starting November 15<sup>th</sup> Veterans can sign up for Dental insurance on line with Delta or Met life. Delta has three options. No info on Met life at this time.

Blue Water Navy took a big hit when their bill failed in the House.

Here's your chance to tell your story. It only takes 5 minutes, Send your message to the White House, and Make sure you use the words "Vietnam Blue Water Navy". To write or call the White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

VA Job Fair at St. Cloud VA, Auditorium Bldg. 8 Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> . 11 AM-1PM, for more information Call Brad Steele at 320-333-0222.

Peal Harbor Remembrance Day At Fort Snelling, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> , 10 AM, FREE.

Minnesota Veterans for Veterans Trust Fund Approved A \$20,000.00 to Every Third Saturday Homeless Veterans Organization. For more information call Tom McKenna at 612-226-9981. They are a 501c3 Charity.

## POW/MIA

Charles Anderson

As of November 18<sup>th</sup> 2017, 204 have been accounted for.

151 Since Elmer Krestes was accounted for.

WW2-102 recovered, Korean War-43 recovered, Vietnam-10 recovered.

## MEMBERSHIP (2017-18) 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. Membership (leg) becomes delinquent as of 01 Jan 2018



## WREATH LAYING AT THE LF VETERANS CEMETERY

For those who are interested in helping place wreaths at the veteran cemetery, you need to be there on Saturday, 16 December by 10:00 AM. They can use the help and it is a very rewarding experience. Dress for the weather.

## **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

On 25 November members of the color guard participated in the funeral and interment ceremony at Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran church for John "Charlie" H. Kjer. He served in both the USMC and the USAF. He served in the military for more than twenty years.

Although he was not a member of the American Legion, our post does its best to render honors to any veteran if the resources are available. We owe this to our comrade in arms.

No major events on the horizon. As in the case of the last event, keep uniforms clean and ready.

On a side note, Janski Grocery will be closing on 31 December. To get uniforms cleaned and paid for by the post, you will need to go to Rapids Alterations in Sauk Rapids. They are our only authorized vendor we have an account with.

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Emil Williams

**Greetings to my Comrades!**

**As usual, I seek the Lord to know what I should write. I have been impressed that I should write about God's being our Helper and our Comforter in our old age, since many of us are in this season of life (and the rest of us are heading in that direction).**

**Yes, I know this is December and I love the Christmas story, but I have written about it several times in the past, and I may weave in a verse from the Christmas story later. But for now, let's see what we can find in the Bible that will encourage and comfort us in our old age.**

**One of my favorite verses concerning aging is found in Psalm 37:25, "I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread." We have the comfort of knowing that God will not forsake us and that He will provide for us when we can no longer provide for ourselves. Matthew 1:23 goes right along with the verse above in that God will be with us. "Behold the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name 'Immanuel', which**

is interpreted 'God with us'."

As we mature it seems like aches, pains, and other physical problems have a way of creeping in on us. 2 Corinthians 1:14 says, "He comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" and Isaiah 51:12 says, "I, even I, am He who comforts you." These are good verses to rely on during periods of stress and discomfort

Psalm 92:14 indicates that just because we are getting older doesn't mean that we should give up and do nothing, because the verse states that we can be useful and bear fruit in our old age. "They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,"

Even though there are other verses concerning maturing, I will close with this one found in Isaiah 46:4, "Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear you; even I will carry you, and will deliver you." 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Casting all your care Upon Him, for He cares for you."

So we see the Bible has something good to tell us about God's concern and comfort for us as the muscles weaken and the joints stiffen, and some of our vital organs may malfunction. He has promised to never leave us nor to forsake us. My prayer is that we may all learn to lean heavily on Him and have fellowship with Him even in the toughest of times.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you!

Emil Williams  
SAL Chaplain

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

Darlene Hiscock

From the tackle box – Merry Christmas. No fish turned in. I talked to grandson Tommy's friends Sunday. They said they got a few crappies on the north end of Little Rock Lake. The ice was five

inches thick. Then they made a day of it hunting, getting two rabbits, two squirrels, and four grouse.

I hope you have a blessed and safe Christmas. May the Lord bless all with good health. We have so much to be thankful for.

Be careful of the ice. Little rock Lake can be dangerous, even with a lot of cold weather.

GOD BLESS

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.

### **FROM THE CLUB**

Cheryl Bovy

Wow Christmas is here. Let me start by wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

You have probably heard by now that I have given my notice as manager. We have been busy with parents and family and I feel I need a break to spend time with them. However I will stay on until they find the right person for the job.

The widow's night out this year raised \$260 for each of our groups; Rice Women of Today, Auxiliary and food shelf. Thanks to all who helped or donated.

Don't forget bingo, meat Raffles or key for cash. Or just stop in to say hello.

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### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

December 11, 2017 we will have a short meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion. At 7:00 p.m. we will be starting the Christmas Party with a meal. There will be gift exchange so if you bring a \$10.00 gift marked man or women you will take home a gift. There will be drawings for poinsettias, Auxiliary dinner tickets and some other items that you could win. It is a nice evening so we hope you can join us.

Membership should be paid by now. If you haven't pay for 2018 dues you can do that at the Christmas Party too.

Hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

## **DECEMBER 2017 LEGION CALENDAR**

**02 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**

**06 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**

07 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. (Fly Flag ½ Staff until sunset)

08 U.S. Declares war on Japan. (1941)

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

**11 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Leg, Aux & SAL) MEMBERSHIP  
CHRISTMAS PARTY (ALL)**

11 U.S. Declares war on Germany and Italy. (1941)

**13 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**

13 First muster of the Massachusetts Bay Colony Militia / B'day of the  
National Guard. 1636)

13 Saddam Hussein captured by U.S. Troops. (2003)

**16 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M. & Veterans ay. (Fly flag)**

**20 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post**

20 Rice Area Chamber meeting Noon at the Legion.

21 First day of winter.

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

24 Official End of WWII.

24 Christmas Eve.

25 Christmas Day. CLUB COSED. (Fly flag)

**27 Bingo. 7:00 P.M. Post.**

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

31 New Year's Eve. 01 Jan New Year's Day – CLUB CLOSED.

**The legion meeting will start 6:30. At (or about) 7:00 P.M. the  
Leg, Aux and SAL membership Christmas party will begin.**

## IMPORTANT POINTS OF CONTACT:

### LEADERSHIP

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