

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Just returned from cemetery board meeting at Ripley, we will be staffing the Cemetery on the Saturdays in Aug. If you can take one of them let me know. The hours are from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM all you have to do is open the building and answer question that the visitors have. It's a lot of fun and you meet some nice people. The Marine Corp painting is almost finished and will be displayed on the Saturday before Memorial Day. They have a nice program scheduled.

Tickets are for sale for the Veterans Quilt it's really nice, tickets are five bucks and the proceeds will be used by the Legion to help people in need. If you have not paid your Legion dues yet please get them paid ASAP.

Don Miklos and I attended Jared Durants Eagle scout ceremony; it was very impressive; the scouts do a very nice job at the things they help with; Memorial Day parade, Rice Fun Days, Flag disposal and many more things. Jared redid the Veterans memorial at the park by the tracks if you have not seen it check it out he did a great job.

Tickets for the Veterans Quilt are available at the club and some of the members have them, if you would be able to sell some contact Charlie Fuchs 393-2339

Fishing has been slow, but we are still trying. Joyce is doing well and only has one Chemo to go keep us in your prayers.

We really need some new members please get out and shake the bushes, remember the Legion does a great job of protecting your benefits. All Veterans are encouraged to join, come to the club we welcome all. We recently replaced all the light at the monument by the Cemetery; when you drive by let us know if something needs work. Thanks to all and stay safe 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.

You can get a \$5.00 tickets for Veterans Quilt and Cash Raffle from Legion members and at the post. Any questions or if you would like to sell come tickets contact Charlie Fuchs 393-2339

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Charles Anderson

Volunteer Drivers Needed at the St. Cloud VA. If interested contact VA Voluntary Service at 320-255-6365 or e-mail vhastcvavsstaff@va.gov

VA Announces Rollout and Application Process for New Veterans ID Card. To request a VIC, Veterans must visit [vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov) (<http://www.vets.gov/>) click on Apply for Printed Veteran ID Card (<https://www.vets.gov/veteran-id-card>

+65on the bottom left of the page and sign in and create an account.

Marines' Newest Statues Pay Homage to 242 Years of Kicking Ass. That's the message behind three statues that were unveiled Dec. 12th at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

Veterans Receive Messages of Gratitude from Minnesota Children. The letters are part of a Veteran's Day campaign by the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

Legion applauds VA's updated guidance on Medical Marijuana.

Cigna introduces support line and Mindfulness Sessions for Veterans and their Families/Caregivers. Support line is free and available 24/7/365 at 855-244-6211. Single mom, son relish college 'milestone', thanks to legacy Scholarship. See article in Legion news folder. TET Story of how the media reported the war and made it look worse than it was, and its influence on the American outlook to war. See article in news folder at Legion.

To better serve veterans, the wheelchair and amputee clinics at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center will be changing the way appointments are scheduled. A Primary care provider consult is no longer required to make an appointment at either clinic. Veterans can call (320) 654-7667 to schedule an appointment.

Mental Health Recovery is Possible! First Wednesday of every month, 5-6pm, Good Earth CO-OP, 2010 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud, Mn. Contact Leigh Van De Walker at 320-252-1670 ext. 6503

Kathy Marshik and office are moving Jan. 3, to Public Health on the ground floor, north west side of the building.

Coffee talks, to get the most out of your VA health care benefits, no need to enroll, or simply want to learn more about VA health care. Jan. 12th, Feb. 9th, or March 9th, all meetings at 2 pm. Building 4 at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center, Rm 114, or Dial in at 800-767-1750
Participant code 11242#

Student Veteran Town Hall in the Atwood Center on the St. Cloud State University Campus, 651 1st Ave. s, St. Cloud. Monday Jan. 29th, from noon to 1pm.

Your getting a New Medicare card! Between April 2018 and April 2019. To help keep your information more secure.

New Video released on VA community care claims Process. Go to Community Care Claims Process. Spartan Nash Company has some job openings, Part time order selectors, Part time warehouse workers, Full Time CDL Class A Truck Drivers. Address is 360 Hoffman Court, St. Cloud MN, 5603. Jeff Soderholm, HR consultant, 320-656-4710.

Philip B. Onderdonk Jr. Retiring after 35 years as judge advocate of the Legion.

PNC Kieth Kreul Passed away on Dec. 28. He served as National Commander from 1983-01984.

Holes 4 Heroes, Armed Forces Multi Species Ice Fishing Festival. Sat. Jan. 27, 2018 Medicine Lake, Feb. 3, 2018 White Bear Lake. Both events 1 pm- 4 pm. Free entry for all Veterans and Immediate Family. Over \$5000.00 in prizes and Giveaways. Register on Line at FISHINGFORLIFE.ORG

President Trump signs executive order to combat veteran suicide.
Military Hiring Event 02.02.18 EXCEL ENERGY ARENA. 9AM TO 11AM. See flyer and other info at legion in flyer folder.
Reverberations from war complicate Vietnam Veterans end of life care.
Increases to TRICARE pharmacy copayments coming.
VA says justice department crackdown on marijuana won't hit Veterans.
President Donald J. Trump signs Executive order to Improve Mental Health Resources for Veterans Transitioning from Active Duty to Civilian Life.
Biden addresses possible link between son's fatal brain cancer and toxic military burn pits.
Legion testifies on the Protecting Veterans Credit Act of 2017.
These and many more stories are at the Legion in the folders there.

POW/MIA

Charles Anderson

For 2017 we had 217 Veterans recovered. Now in 2018 so far they have recovered 7 Veterans. WW2-3 recovered. North Korean War-2 recovered. Vietnam War-1 recovered.

SHINGLES VACINATIONS

Jim Hovda

An updated shingles vaccination is now available at the VA. For those of you who are not familiar with this TERRIBLE ailment, you should check with someone who has had shingles. Check with your health care provider on this important issue. It's a series of two shots. I've had the first one. The second is two to six months later.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

The annual training and appreciation dinner – REPORT TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH AT 5:50 P.M SUNDAY, 18 FEB; appreciation dinner and happy times to follow at the club. Put this down on your calendar. A spouse /friend is welcome to share.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU CONFIRM WITH ME (393-4339) WHO WILL BE ATTENDING. I need the numbers for Mark Larson who will cater the event.

This is important for everyone. I need to get information on

changes and things you all need to know. RSVP no later than 15 February.

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. **Those paying after 15 Jan, get two beverages. Buy the first one, get the second one of equal or less value FREE. For Leg, SAL and Aux.**

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Emil Williams

My Dear Comrades,

I trust the New Year has been good to you so far. We have had some pretty cold weather but as the saying goes, "This too shall pass." It is always great to have hope.

Some of you may have seen⁹ the film, "God's Not Dead" but in the story, this young student tangled with his professor about that matter.

I remember when I was going to college at St. Cloud State, now University; I had a philosophy professor who didn't take kindly to me because I believed in God. College is where a lot of good kids lose their faith because they don't know how to defend their beliefs. I was married and had served three years in the military, but some of the classes about rocked my Christian foundation.

Some people seem to think that when we die, we are no better than our dog, and when we die that's the end. St. John chapter 14, verses 1-6 tell us a different story. "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. **2** In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. **4** And where I go you know, and the way you know."

5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

God does not lie because He is true. Someone has asked, "Well, what if the Bible isn't true?" The other person responded with, "Yes, but what if it is?"

When we have asked Christ to be our personal savior and we sense Him in our lives, we know what He says is true.

Those verses can be a great comfort to us while we live.

God bless all of you with a great year!

Emil Williams SAL Chaplain

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

Not many fish turned in. No pan fish reports either.

Tom Tomalla and his brother Al, were spearing on Mille Lacs on the 3rd of Jan. Tom speared a 41-inch northern. Al said he had a bigger one tease him, would come in enough to see, but not far enough to spear.

Hank Voigt took his grandson spearing and Bently Wenz caught a 31inch northern on 8 lb. test line; pretty good for a five- year old.

I had a pretty good Christmas and hope the New Year will be god for everyone.

GOD BLESS

Darlene Hiscock - - "AKA" Ms. Tackle Box

PULL – TAB DONATIONS - JANUARY

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. Donations include: To lawful purpose organizations under various codes. Mostly donations from the meat raffles to individuals or causes they support.

Our post thanks everyone for their support.

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

January was a busy month here at the club. We had a couple parties and even opened for the last Vikings game. Thanks Mark Larson and everyone who brought all the great good.

With February comes a dart tournament on the 17th, start time is 2. Our dart team started shooing at the club on Thursday nights. Good luck guys.

Happy Valentine's Day to you all. Don't forget to bring your significant other for the auxiliary dinner on the 13th of February.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy Valentine Day to all the Veterans and their families. We made and delivered 500 craft items to the St Cloud Veteran Hospital.

Auxiliary Dinner will be pork roast, baby red potato, gravy, salads and desserts on February 13 servers are Judy Hall, Wanda Broda, and Pat Fuchs.

Membership paying after January 15th, get two beverages; buy the first one, get the second one of equal or less value FREE.

FEBRUARY 2018 LEGION CALENDAR

- 02 Army Nurse Corps established. (1901)
03 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.
07 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.
10 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M. &
12 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Leg, Aux & SAL)
13 AUXILIARY DINNER 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post. Pork Roast, Baby red potatoes,,
Gravey, salads and desserts.
14 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post. Valentine's Day. & Ash Wednesday.
17 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.
18 Color Guard training and appreciation dinner
19 Presidents Day. (Fly Flag)
21 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.
23 Flag raised on Iwo Jima. (1945)
24 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.
26 First class of "Paramarines" graduate, NAS Lakehurst, NJ. (1941)
28 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Pos

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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