



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

April 2015

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## **FROM THE COMMANDER**

Chet Seviola

We are in need of some people to help make our Legion successful. One person we need is a monument coordinator. He needs to work with the Rice Chief of Police who keeps the flag lighted at night. The coordinator ensures that supplies are on hand such as new flags. He needs to watch the monument and put out the word that the place needs attention. The cleanup will be made with Legion volunteers. This position requires some work but the heavy cleanup is done by Legion teams.

Our Post Service Officer needs our attention. We have several people bringing items to our meetings. The Service Officer is important to the Post and to the veterans who are served. We are in need of one of you to come to the Executive Board and the membership meeting to let us know what is being done for our members who need services.

We also need to fill the Sergeant-at-Arms position. This position is responsible for our deep spirit of comradeship. He will identify and introduce to the Commander all visiting comrades to the Post. You will stand the colors which you will properly display at all Post meetings. You will play a leading part in the Post color guard, burial detail and other pageantry. For one of these positions let a Post officer know if you are interested in joining us.

When you are at our Post be sure to look at the new rugs, new tiles and new chairs. Mark Soderholm and Twin City Tile of St. Paul deserve our appreciation for their donations of time, labor and materials. We are truly grateful. A big Thank You to all of you who improved the club. I think it looks great. Here are the names of the people who did the furniture moving work at the club on a Sunday. Steve Bogie, Scott Bierman, Geno Brown, Wayne Carriveau, Herman Czech, Charlie Fuchs and his son, Kevin Martin and Jim Wolf.

## **BC Service Officer Will Attend April Membership Mtg**

George Fiedler, our County Service officer will answer questions about veteran's issues at the close of the membership meeting. All members of the legion, auxiliary and SAL are encouraged to attend to get your question answered. The veteran issues are always changing. This is your golden opportunity to get that "nagging" question, answered.

## 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.

S.A.L UPDATE  
Jim Hovda – Adjutant

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, SAL members met with the legion and reviewed the activities accomplished and future activities. All members are invited to the membership meeting that will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April at 7:00 P.M.

### **WARRIORS COLUMN**

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

No new info from any of our currently serving or retired members. That said, I'd like to know items of interest that any of you (retired or still serving) that would be of interest to our vets and friends of vets. Give me a call or send me an email.

### **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

The color guard (Ryan Martin participated in the first annual Heritage Day Parade (St Patricks day) by leading with the Colors.

### **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS** Chaplain Emil Williams, SAL

#### **An Easter Meditation**

**After Jesus' resurrection He went to many of his friends who had walked, talked and believed in Him to comfort, encourage, and strengthen them in their faith. In general, He wanted to encourage them not to give up believing in Him as the Son of God.**

**On one such occasion he joined two of his friends as they were walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem about seven miles away. One of them was Cleona's and tradition has it that the other one was probably Luke. After Jesus joined them and inquired about what they were discussing,**

they proceeded to inform this so called stranger all about this person named Jesus. They told of all the wonderful miracles he had done and that they had trusted He was the one to deliver the nation of Israel from Roman rule.

After Jesus had listened to them and asked a couple of question He abruptly said to them, “Oh slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? Then he started at the beginning, with the Book of Moses, and went on through all the prophets, pointing out everything in the scriptures that referred to Him.” With that explanation their hearts and understanding began to open.

As evening drew near they invited this stranger to eat with them and spend the night. While they were eating Jesus took a loaf of bread, blessed it and broke off pieces for them to eat. Suddenly their eyes were opened and they realized it was Jesus who had been talking to them all the time. Then he vanished out of their sight and was gone.

They were so excited about His resurrection that they returned to Jerusalem that very hour to tell the eleven that, “Yes indeed Christ was alive again.”

I wonder how many times we have longed to have our eyes opened to the wonderful truth of Jesus Christ and to know Him in a more personal way. It can happen if we will read the Bible, pray and ask Him to come and fellowship with us. The resurrection is all about a new and better beginning. Let this Easter be that new and better beginning of fellowship with Christ that you have longed for. Let’s not be slow to believe like Luke and Cleona’s were but quick to trust in Him with all our heart.

May GOD bless you richly this Easter as you partake in His fellowship and love!

Chaplain Emil Williams, SAL

## **THE FISHING STRINGER**

Darlene Hiscock

Well, it is already that time of year again to announce the year winners for our different categories in our annual contest.

First, that Chet and Fred sure tried to sneak in some fish in the contest that I’m sure never came out of a Minnesota lake. Really, boys – a red fish??? Sorry, no count. And besides, as I noted last month, if you were not wearing winter gear, all the “red flags” went up that you might have been in the tropics.

Winners, names on the board for 2014-15 are: Walleye, Jim Hovda 27.5 inches - Northern Pike w/hook and line Butch Prizbilla 36 inches - - Northern Pike speared, Jeremy Thene 42 inches - - No catfish were entered. (Where was Jerome Nelson?) A lot of NP were caught in the high 30’s and low 40’s (inch) fish.

So much for this year! Some of you guys try to sneak in some “stinker” fish. Jim,

Chet and Fred, better luck next year.

I'd like to see some of you ladies catch some winners. These guys will think they have a corner on this contest. NOT! There's only a couple of months until the "opener" in May.

God Bless, and safe fishing. You pan fish folks, please be safe on whatever ice is left.

Darlene Hiscock  
"AKA" Ms. Tackle Box.

## **OLD FLAGS**

That need to be retired (worn, faded or torn) should be taken down. Drop them off at the legion and we will retire them with the honor they deserve.

## **FROM THE CLUB**

Cheryl Bovy

Happy Easter everyone, may the good Lord be with you this beautiful spring. This month at the club we have our regular events. Bingo every Wednesday at 7pm.

Our meat raffle starts every Sat at 7pm followed by the key for cash at 8. Money is there for the taking; hope to see you there.

May 2nd is the day we have set for our pub Olympics. That's on a Saturday starting at 2 for sign up and 3 for the games. It's a lot of fun so find a few friends and come join us.

Thank you Mark Soderholm for all your hard work and expertise. The floors look wonderful.

Thanks to Jim, Ev and my son Joe (replacing door) for the help. Anyone who came to lend a hand, it was very much appreciated.

**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 \$175.00. 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,

Happy Birthday to the American Legion. On March 15th 1919 the American Legion was formed in Paris France.

Sunday March 29th was our Easter Egg hunt. We set up at 11:00. The hunt started at 1:00 pm and lasted until around 3:00 pm. Thank you helps Pat, Maryann, Krista, Janice, Cherie, Nancy, Lucy and Daniel. We had 61 children attend; they enjoyed looking for candy, received a prize, and could make some Easter crafts to take home. We received many Thank you from parent.

If you have not renewed your membership please consider getting it in soon if you want continuous uninterrupted years of membership. Adults are \$20.00 and children 18 and younger are \$10.00. As of our March meeting we have 70 adults and 3 juniors.

We received our approved application for a Coborn's Brat Sale this year. It is only one day, which is Saturday, August 1st.

Our Auxiliary dinner for April is the 14th. We will be serving Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches. Our servers for April are: Pat Popp, Jan Hovda, and Joyce Segler. \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12 and take-outs are available.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be April 13th at 7:00 at the club.

Next month, May, is Poppy month. Watch for your poppies and letter in the mail.

Easter Egg Hunt    March 29, 2015    61 Children attended



## **APRIL 2015 LEGION CALENDAR**

**01 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

03 Good Friday.

**04 Keys for Cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.**

05 Easter

06 U.S. Enters WWI. (1917)

**08 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

09 Special Forces become a separate branch of the Army. (1987)

**11 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.**

**13 Leg CC, BOD & Leg, SAL & Aux - Membership meetings. See below.**

**14 Auxiliary dinner. 5 – 7:00 P.M. at the post.**

**15 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

**18 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.**

**22 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

**25 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.**

28 U.S. forces invade Dominican Republic. (1965)

**29 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

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.

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