



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

We recently had two deaths in Rice that were significant and important to many of our members. Ed Ashenbrenner and Art Lind passed away. We had Ed Ashenbrenner on the schedule. When Art Lind's relatives asked, I determined we were booked and could not do Art Lind. This was wrong. What I should have done was to divide up and do both funerals. I apologize to the friends and relatives of Art Lind. We should have given this veteran the honors he deserved.

I recently participated in an area membership drive at the Brainerd Legion. A lot of the Region 6 Posts were there. A member from the National Legion was there. He was a sharp person who made things happen. We did a lot of calling to members who have not continued on into 2015. Of these people many were just forgetful and had not done it. We took care of this task immediately for many of the people called. The group called the eight from our Post who have not rejoined yet. We got one. I am calling the remainder. If you are one, please reapply. If you are a past member and want to rejoin, give me a call. We can do that. I am at 320-584-2046. If anyone knows a potential member in the area, let me know and I will give you and the potential member a drink chip so you can check the club yourselves.

Due to a funeral we have rescheduled George Fiedler, our county Service Officer, to come to the May meeting at 7:00 P.M. this a good time to ask your questions if you need assistance. If you know someone who needs help, bring them to the meeting.

We are looking for a few people to take jobs. We need a monument coordinator to keep an eye on our flag area near the Creamery Cafe. He lets people know when things need doing or ordering. We need a Service Officer who comes to meetings and lets us know what is being done for members who need services. We need a Sgt-at-Arms who helps at meetings by introducing visitors, standing the colors and assisting at Funerals. If you are interested in a position, let me know. If there are no volunteers in the week after this newsletter I will start calling members. I know they taught you not to volunteer when you were in the service. But we are not in the service. The duties are not time consuming and we have a good time when we get together. Please come and join us.

## **BC Service Officer Will Attend May 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. 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 20<sup>th</sup> of April, SAL members met with the legion and reviewed the activities accomplished and future activities. The SAL will be partnering with the legion color guard to do meat raffles for the color guard every Saturday night in May. You may be getting a call from Jim Wolf. It is an easy and fun hour, 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

### **POST 473 SOLDIER OF THE YEAR (2014)**

Pictured is post member Sergeant Jacob Davenport, Tomb Sentinel, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), receiving the "Soldier of the Year award from American Legion Post 473, Rice MN 30 March 2015 in Arlington National Cemetery, VA.

Presenting the award on behalf of our post is the Past Virginia Department Commander, Bret Reistad of VA Post 270.

Sergeant Davenport has completed more than six hundred "walks" keeping the Tomb safe and an honored place. His awards and decorations are several. His fellow soldiers and leaders hold him in respect. Sergeant Jacob Davenport is an exceptional representative and member of our post and the American Legion.

To find out more about (The Old Guard) look them up on the net. It will make you proud of our American military and being an American.



## **WARRIORS COLUMN**

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

A warrior out of the past was honored when Sergeant Ed Aschenbrenner was laid to rest last month. Ed was a paratrooper with Company I, 187 Glider Infantry Regiment, 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division. Ed was stationed at one of the northern islands of Japan as part of the army of occupation. Ed made fourteen parachute jumps with the then issued, T 7A silk parachutes. It was very physically demanding and the duty there was difficult. Cold and snow most of the time! Not common, Ed was awarded both Glider and parachute wings because he was part of the 187<sup>th</sup> Glider Parachute Regiment.

Sergeant Ed was, I believe, our last WWII veteran. Our prayers are extended to the family and friends.

## **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

Our post color guard participated in the wake, funeral and interment of Sergeant Ed Aschenbrenner, WWII paratrooper. The family and our Post Commander Chet want all those who participated to know it was a task "WELL DONE." Commander Chet told me everyone really looked sharp and carried out their responsibilities in an exceptional manner.

MEMORIAL DAY is on Monday, 25 May. Activities will require a maximum effort and participation, three cemeteries rendering full military honors with lots of flags. **Color guard folks need to be at the post NLT 8:30 A.M.** Please make an effort to free up some time to render honors to our fallen veterans. Save some "tummy" room for food and refreshments following our ceremonies at the Memorial Monument.

Now is the time to check uniforms to make sure they are ready for any event.

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Don Miklos

**Greetings Comrades;**

**A short time ago, we celebrated a wonderfully great event. The rising of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead! It is truly one of the things, which lies at the core of our Christian belief. Yet, there was un-belief present also. Thomas, called Didymus, one of the twelve apostles, wasn't there when our Lord first appeared after his resurrection. He said, "unless I see the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe that he lives." When Thomas did see Jesus a week later. Jesus invited him to, "come put your finger into the nail hole and your hand into my side, but do not persist in your un-belief." Thomas fell to his knees and cried out in anguish, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus said, "You have come to believe because you have seen, blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." In (the Gospel of John 20: 19 – 31), Poor Thomas! His actions earned him the nickname "Doubting Thomas" that has lasted throughout the ages all because he did not accept the word of his fellow Apostles. Now, lets be**

honest, would you have accepted their word and believed? Thomas is every person who was out of the room when something important happened. Many of us are “Thomas”, hemmed in by what is considered “reasonable” or “possible” and believe only what we have experienced. But we can also be “Thomas” who opened the ears of his heart and heard Jesus say, “Draw closer Thomas and know that I am with you” (John 20:28) That Thomas had changed, and if we have the humility to say, “My Lord and my God”, we have given the most profound and accurate profession of faith found in all the Gospels.

Jesus first appeared to eleven frightened men, his apostles, and gave them a share of his spirit. His mercy has continued from that locked room on down to our day, to include us.

Think of the times when you were “locked-in” by what you considered “reasonable” and “possible” and how our Lord showered you with his holy grace and made it possible for you to continue to believe, and how he drew you to his merciful heart.

Believe, for our Lord, our God, is always with us and his love is forever. In belief and faith, I remain Your Chaplain, Don Miklos

### **MEAT RAFFLES FOR THE POST COLOR GUARD**

Will be conducted by members of the legion, SAL and color guard to put dollars in the coffers for items needed to carry out our mission. The meat raffles will be held every Saturday in May just before our Keys for cash, 7:30 P.M. your support will really be appreciated.

### **THE FISHING STRINGER**

No entries because the season is closed. However, I received some pictures from legion member Don Miklos showing his prize sunfish on a plate. I'll have to admit he caught some really nice sunfish. When you catch sunnies that will cover a dinner plate, you can puff your chest Don, a wall hanger?

Two more weeks and a new season starts. Measure the length. I do not measure weight. Oh, and the fish must be caught in Minnesota. (Commander Chet & Fred) I'd really like a picture if you can get it to me. Or, better yet, send it electronically to Jim Hovda ( [jhovda.rice@jetup.net](mailto:jhovda.rice@jetup.net) ) will work.

Safe fishing and God Bless.

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.

## **Memorial Day Schedule Note Changes**

**May 25, 2015**

**On Memorial Day we will start off at**

**9:20 a.m. Langola Township Cemetery**

**10:10 a.m. Graham United Methodist Cemetery**

**11:30 a.m. Rice Memorial Monument**

**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

Spring is here.. YEAH. With that comes our spring pub-crawl. It will be held on May 2nd, with sign up time at 2 and start time at 3. Come with a team of 4 people and play "Minute to win it" games. It's a great time. Five dollars a person for entry and we give back a 110%. Also that night is the meat raffle starting at 7:30. Also don't forget the key-for-cash starting at 8pm. It will be a fun day so come join us.

Our bingo numbers are up there again, that is on Wednesday nights starting at 7pm.

If you need to have a family get together, or just want to have a party. Contact me at the club. It's free of charge.

With summer on the way I want to say, "Have fun and stay safe".

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Janice Martin

Dear Ladies,

Spring has sprung? Hopefully we won't see any more of that white stuff!

Our last meeting was April 20 as opposed to the meeting that was to be held on the 13th. This was changed because of a funeral.

We did get notification from Coborns Super Store in Sauk Rapids. We have 1 date to sell brats and that is Saturday, August 1st. I have some people verbally tell me they want to work it, so if you would like to we do work in 2 hour siffs. Like I say we only have 1 day this year as compared to the usual 2 days but the 1st of August happens on a Saturday so hopefully it will be a busy day and we make some good money! Get a hold of me if you would like to help out. I want to thank once again the people who always help out selling. This money comes in real handy when we do projects for the veterans and children.

As of our April meeting we have 75 total members. This includes 71 seniors and 4 juniors. If you still haven't sent in your membership, it isn't too late especially if you want continuous years of membership. And remember a portion of your membership does go to help veteran causes.

Our Easter Egg Hunt on the 29th of March was a well-attended event. It was fun to watch some 67 children ramble through Easter grass searching for candy. And it warms your heart to see them have so much fun and to hear just how appreciative the parents are that we keep doing this event year after year! We had 8 workers there helping. A big thank you to Maryanne Keeney, Nancy Anderson, Cherie Ablan, Our bunny, aka Pat Fuchs, Lucy Hovland and grandson Daniel, Krista Schroeder and myself. I know I mentioned them in the last newsletter but without people like this we can't put this event together. Also a big THANK YOU to Brian Shraut and his boys who stayed to help sweep up grass and put tables and chairs away!

Memorial Day is sneaking up on us and we are once again thinking about the services at each cemetery. Langola at 9:20, Graham at 10:10 and Rice at 11:30. We are looking for women to bring desserts and salads to the picnic at the club after these services. You can drop these off at the club the night before or the morning of. Hopefully we will have our master griller, Chris Keeney back again this year!

Our May dinner will be May 12th. Our menu will be BBQ Ribs, baked potatoes, salads and desserts. Cost is still a reasonable \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids 10 and under and of course take-outs are appreciated! Our servers will be Libby Levinski, Nancy Anderson, Cherie Ablan, and Linda Marshall. Thank you ladies in advance for your help!

We are talking about May 11th being our last meeting until August. Its nice to have a couple months off, since there isn't much going on, to go on vacation and enjoy summer!

Keep an eye out for your poppy letter and poppies to arrive in the mail the first part of May!

Like I mention above, our next and last meeting for the Summer will be May 11th at the club starting at 7:00 pm.

Janice

## MAY 2015 LEGION CALENDAR

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

06 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

07 National Day of Prayer.

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

10 Mother's Day. (Fly Flag)

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

12 Auxiliary dinner. 5 – 7:00 P.M. at the post. BBQ Ribs, baked potato

13 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

15 Peace Officers Memorial Day. (Fly flag ½ staff – sunrise to sunset.)

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

20 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

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

25 Memorial Day activities. Three cemeteries – Refreshments at post after events. (Fly flag ½ staff sunrise until noon.)

27 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

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

Meetings start with (1) Legion Club Committee 6:00 P.M., Pine Country Bank (2) Legion Board of Directors at 6:30 P.M. PCB. & (3) Legion, SAL meeting 7:00 P.M. at PCB. SAL members meet w/Leg.

**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 \$200.00. 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.

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