



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

October 2013

From the Commander

Chet Seviola

We had a 9-11 ceremony to remember the victims of the terrorists who were murdered at the site of the Twin Towers. The ceremony was outstanding and was well attended. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Chaplin Don Miklos for all the work he did to make it happen. We go from praying for his recovery from surgery to praising him for his superb work organizing this event.



The ceremonies began with the Honor Guard, Knights of Columbus and bagpiper Joe Linneman posting flags. The Immaculate Conception church bells tolled for one minute. Rice Mayor Dale Rogholt welcomed us.

The Public Safety people lost at 9-11 were honored by the Benton County Sheriff, State Highway Patrol, the FBI, Rice Law Enforcement and members of the Rice Fire Department.

1Sgt Jim Hovda said a prayer for lost military. Pastor Emil Williams said a prayer for lost civilians. Pastor Sue Maki said a prayer for our government leaders. The rifle salute, Taps and return of the flag to full staff by Chief Hamann closed the ceremony. Mayor Rogholt invited the crowd to City Hall for refreshments.

Well done to everyone who participated!

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS AND SAL SQUADRON 473

Jeff Gondeck

Gentlemen, I would like to start off by letting everyone know that memberships are due. You should have received a notice in the mail so please send your dues in! I would like to share this info with you for our adjutant Jim Hovda has resigned as the SAL adjutant. Thank you for all you have done! It is appreciated! Our new adjutant will be Steve Coleman. Welcome aboard Sir! the meat raffles have been a Success so far at the post . The next one that we will be helping out is October 19 at 1900 hours. It works well with 3 people so let me know if you can help out. A huge thank you goes out to Robin Gondeck for donating his time to help at the raffle THANK YOU KINDLY!!!!!! Jared John won the last drawing for 2 years of membership dues Congratulations!!!! More things are in the works so stay tuned.

Until then at ease Gentlemen.

BIRTHDAY EVENT

For **Ed Ashenbrenner** will turn 90. The party will be held at the Watab Township Hall, 660 75th St. NW Sauk Rapids, on Sunday October 6th from 1 – 4:00 P.M. Put on your legion Cover and say happy birthday to Ed. Ed is our senior legion member. He served with the 11th Airborne Division In Japan where he was a paratrooper. Ed is deserving of our good wishes.

HONOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

“Pats on the backs” to all who participated in the 9/11 Patriot Day event that was held at the Rice Memorial Monument. More than eighty good citizens were in attendance.

If you have cleaning done at Rapids alterations, be sure that you have your name with the order.

Members had the honor of attending the funeral and participating in the wake and interment of twelve-year American Legion Auxiliary member Rosemary Ganz. This event was held at the Annunciation Catholic Church. Our prayers go out to the family and friends.

WARRIORS COLUMN

Jim Hovda, 1SG U.S. Army (Retired)

Staff Sergeant (SSG) Chris James. Yes, SSG Chris could use a card or letter. The address is posted below. No news from the good sergeant who I am sure is busy. He should be getting “short” meaning his time in Afghanistan is drawing down.

**SSG CHRIS JAMES
ETT 850TH HEC
FOB LIGHTNING
APO AE 09339**

I've not heard from **Sergeant Travis Peterson**. He is newly arrived in Afghanistan. That said, it takes a little time to get organized and news off to the home front. Yes, even with the access of e-mail, there is nothing like having your name called at mail call. Sgt. Peterson could also use a card, a note from home. Thanks for serving. Whatever. It would be appreciated. His address is:

SGT PETERSON, TRAVIS S
849 MAC/4TH EN BN
KANDAHAR AIRFIELD
APO AE 09355

Last on our warrior's column, **CONGRATULATIONS** to member, Dave Redfield, now SERGEANT REDFIELD, MN Army National Guard. The promotion was well deserved. Welcome to the ranks of NCO's. He was promoted early in September. Sergeant Dave is also a member of our color guard.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Emil Williams

Once again I send my greetings to all the Legion and SAL members. You are certainly a special group of citizens.

We as chaplains have access to certain handbooks and guidance manuals that the majority of our readers never have the opportunity to read. There is so much good information in them. For this month's article I am passing on to you from the Chaplains' Handbook which says it better than I can.

"Service to God and Country

"The American Legion, pledged to service for 'God and Country,' has continuously emphasized the spiritual foundations of our Freedom.

"To preserve this Freedom, we must continue to hold before the American people the spiritual foundations of our Country. We must reaffirm our faith in Almighty God and constantly rekindle that spirit of humble reliance in Divine Guidance, which inspired the Founders of our Country. It behooves us as a Nation to arm our people in time of peril with the ageless weapons of moral and spiritual might and to uphold and preserve, unimpaired, the spiritual heritage of America.

"The Providence of God was ever in the mind of those who laid the foundations of our Nation. Our Nation's security was not placed in any one individual, in classes of people or mortal plans, but was based on trust in God and in the individual responsibility of a free people to God and to all citizens. The Founders of The American Legion knew that God and Country must go together, if our Country would remain great and permanent. Such is still the concept of those who guide the destinies of our organization."

God bless you as you share these ideas with friends.

Emil Williams SAL Chaplain

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, catering can be done by Creative Catering. Or, you can host your own food.

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 prize money is up to \$475.00. The prize will hit a maximum of \$500.00. Eventually, someone will take home the cash. So far no one has claimed the cash winning that has made it to \$475.00.

FROM THE FISHING STRINGER

Darlene Hiscock

Well Fred Segler finally graduated from the six-inch fish to a 20-inch northern pike to win the NP prize of a \$5.00 gift certificate at the legion.

Where has the Nelson's been? No catfish entered again? You've got to slow down with the pumping and start reeling in the fish! That said, how about Harvey Meinert and Don Weyer? Not to mention all you other Rice area folks who bless our waters with your presence. We need to see more fish at the legion. Before I give all you good folks heck about not getting fish to the legion, I have to put myself on the "hot seat" for not getting a line in the water too. Where has the summer gone? I plan on fishing this week and it is my desire to win \$5.00 too. It is not too early to start checking out your ice fishing gear. Hovda told me the water temperature in LRL is down to 60 degrees (F).

Remember to wear your PFD. We want all of you safe back on shore. Keep safe and God Bless.

Darlene Hiscock
AKA - Ms. Tackle Box

SICK CALL

If you know of anyone who is on sick call, give our good chaplain Don a call at 320/584-5825. Emil Williams, the SAL Chaplain will also field a call at 320/393-2203

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

In the last months newsletter I advertised for the customer appreciation and bouja feed to be on Oct. 12th. That date has changed to Oct. 5th. My husband, Ev, is having surgery on Oct 7th and will hopefully be recuperating at home that weekend. So set the date that's this Saturday the 5th serving will start at 4 and will go until it is gone. First bowl is free and the second bowl will be \$2. If you want any to go home bring in a container and we will charge accordingly. Hope to see you there.

Our pub-crawl was a huge success. We had 9 teams and everyone had a great time. Our teams placed 7th 3rd and 4th. A lot of teams joined our crowd for the meat raffle and the key for cash drawing. That's every Saturday nite starting at 7pm meat raffle, and at 8 we draw for the time of the drawing. Happy hour is from 9 til 10 also on sat. nite. Other happy hours are Mon-Fri from 4 til 6.

Need to have a party. Stop in and see us at the legion and see if we can accommodate you. 320-393-4545

Thank you
Cheryl Bovy

AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Happy Autumn Ladies

We did very well on the parking fundraiser during the Craft Fair behind the city hall. This should help out with off setting our dues and giving us a little wiggle room in our budget. I took it upon myself to change the parking fee to \$3.00 instead of \$5.00 from the advice of someone who knows how parking goes over there from year to year. And decided that charging \$3.00 and making it affordable and a (deal) for the crafters and parking more cars made more sense than charging \$5.00 and parking only a handful. At one point we had the lot, the grass area by Benders old house full and started parking in Benders back yard. The city maintenance guys cleaned out the area so we could park people back in there.

I have order forms for the Wreaths Across America. If you have a loved one in a state, national cemetery as well as local cemetery you can purchase a wreath in their honor. You can also go online to www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org and purchase them there also. Individual wreaths are \$15.00..., Family (4 wreaths) \$60.00.

By now most of you have received your membership renewal. Please get them in asap. We are still holding membership fees at \$20.00 even though National has raised it to \$18.00.

Our **Auxiliary dinner will be held October 8th, one week before the monthly meeting** from 5-7 pm. Dinner menu is Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, milk, and coffee. Dinner fee is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under. Take outs too. Our October workers are Jeanette Miller, Janice Martin, Barb Freberg, Krista Schroeder. Remember ladies to bring 1 salad and 1 desert.

Our next Auxiliary meeting, along with the men, will be October 14th at 7:00 pm at the club. Topics for discussion will be Widow's Weekend and American Education Week.

Janice



LEGION OCTOBER 2013 – CALENDER

- 02 Operation Bingo 7:00 P.M. At the post.
- 05 Keys for cash. 8:00P.M. At the post.
- 05 Boujua Feed at the Post
- 06 Ed 90th Birthday Celebration
- 07 Operation Enduring Freedom begins in Afghanistan. (2001)
- 08 Auxiliary Dinner. 5 – 7:00 P.M. At the post.
- 09 Operation Bingo 7:00 P.M. At the post.
- 10 Battle of Heartbreak Ridge, Korea. (1951)
- 12 Keys for cash. 8:00 P.M. At the post.
- 13 Happy Birthday U.S. Navy. (1775)
- 14 Legion & Auxiliary meetings. (See below)
- 16 Operation Bingo 7:00 P.M. At the post.
- 19 Keys for cash. 8:00 P.M. At the post.
- 21 S.A.L. Membership meeting. 7:00 P.M. At the post.
- 23 Operation Bingo 7:00 P.M. At the post.
- 25 U.S. Forces invade Grenada. (1983)
- 26 Keys for cash. 8:00 P.M. At the post.
- 27 Navy Day. (Fly Flag)
- 30 Operation Bingo. 7:00 P.M. At the post.
- 31 HALLOWEEN... (Remember the storm?)

NOTE - - The legion meetings start with (1) the club committee at 4:30 PM (2) board of directors at 5:00 PM at the Pine Country Bank and (3) membership meeting at 7:00 P.M. At the post for both the Legion and Auxiliary.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE! EVERYONE IN OUR AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY IS IMPORTANT TO US. YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS US ACCOMPLISH A LOT OF THINGS FOR OUR VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY.

AIRBORNE HERITAGE

On the 1st of October the first Parachute Battalion (501st) was activated at Ft. Benning, GA in 1940. On the 31st the first experimental glider jumps were made in Laurinburg – Maxton, NC in 1943.

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