

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

NEWSLETTER - September 2012

From the Commander

Congratulations to all of you for your outstanding work during the Rice Fun Days. Many of you worked the softball tournament. A special thanks goes to the Fuchs' for management and Lowell for the all-day cooking. The parade was great this year with many of you proving that old men and women can still march and stay in step. You really looked good with all the flags, your uniforms, the rifles and Kilroy. The club staff did a great job of hosting a large crowd with refreshments and tacos in a bag.

This year we had motorcycles join us. The Glory Bike and crew came up from Minneapolis. They do many celebrations during the summer. I was proud to hear them tell us that the Rice parade was much better than Bloomington. I offered to buy beer for anyone who could tell me how many flags on the Glory Bike. Hint! How many states are there? I did not have to buy. The riders were Chris Hawver, Wayne Wright, Boyd Uppman and Bill Fischer. Thanks for coming up. We were honored. Another pair of motorcycles led by Jeff Gondeck from our SAL paced the parade marchers.

Two other people deserve our special praise. They are senior member Ed Aschenbrenner and junior member on active duty Dave Redfield. Thank you for participating and thank you for your service.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS & S.A.L. SQUARDRON 473

Jeff Gondeck

To start off, I just wanted to let the community know that it was a wonderful experience to take part in the Rice Fun Day Parade. We felt honored to be present as American Legion Riders. As you know we are still looking for new members. I have been in contact with other A.L.R. chapters in other districts to broaden our reach.

I would also like to welcome 4 new members to S.A.L. Post 473 - Mike Kampa, Mark Soderholm, Dick Molohon, and Chris Keeney. Which makes 22 members on our roster. *note: we still need dues to be paid so that we can send out your new cards.

Things are coming together well in the organizing of the Omelet Breakfast.

Hopefully I will have more definitive information in future newsletters regarding The Omelet Breakfast, S.A.L Member meeting, and future A.L.R Events.

Feel free to contact me with any suggestions or questions. Have a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend... Until then, At Ease Gentlemen

HONOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Lots about the Rice Fun Days Parade. First on behalf of Commander Chet and myself, THANKS, THANKS AND THANKS to all the folks who were part of the largest and longest honor/color guard ever assembled for this event.

The parade started out with the "Glory Bike" that sported no less than fifty American Flags. It was something to see. Two other bikes accompanied him.

Next were members of the American Legion Riders lead by the SAL Commander, Jeff Gondeck. next, our American Legion Color Guard with Lieutenant Colonel (Leg Commander) Chet Seviola leading the troops and next VFW Post 6992 with their color guard followed by a color guard from Bowlus.

Our good chaplain Don Miklos carried the Christian Flag accompanied by Bob Krestes in full Knights of Columbus uniform doing his patriotic duty of protecting the flag. The Christian Flag represents many different religions, not just catholic. Pastor Sue Maki accompanied them.

Jim Larson (Leg member) arrived from Prior Lake with his WWII motorcycle with a sidecar and its passenger Sergeant Cooper, a beautiful golden retriever complete with dark glasses. Last in this long procession of people and vehicles was Kilroy, the legion WWII truck. The notable passenger was none other than WWII paratrooper Ed Aschebrenner, one of our post members. Ed served with the 11th airborne division in Japan at the end of WWII.

COMING EVENT: 9-11, Tuesday September 11th. At the time of this article I don't have much info. Will call with info when I get it. Should be about 6:00 P.M. at the Rice City Hall.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

Last month listed, those serving in an active capacity. This month I'm going to try to identify all the retired military folks in our post. Alphabetically not by rank. If I miss someone, please let me know.

Abraham ASKEVOLD - - Jerry BECKER - - Robert BISHER - - Steve BOGIE - -
William "Bill" BRIDGES - - Patrick CAIRNS - - Howard CARIVEAU - - Patrick
FERNHOLZ - - Harold "Bud" HARTFIEL - - James HOVDA - - Harold HUVER - -

Charles KEENEY - - Michael MARCHAND - - James SEGLER - - Fred W.
SEGLER JR - - Chester "Chet" SEVIOLA - - Len SMALLWOOD - - Lloyd
TOBIASSEN - - and Donald WEST.
We all owe these fine Americans a debt of gratitude for their many years of
dedicated service.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

Dear Members of our Legion Family:

The Bible has many references to God using ordinary people to accomplish extra-ordinary things. On a smaller scale he works much the same today, but sometimes we don't see it. The Gospel of Mark, Ch 8 : 5 recalls how Jesus fed a great multitude with five loaves & a few fish that a young boy offered.

This Gospel reminded me of a story a chaplain friend once related. One day his schoolteacher wife was carrying a load of books when the load shifted and her car keys fell to the street, bounced, and went down a sewer drain. She called the chaplain who told her to take a cab home and get his magnet on a string from the garage, he being seventy miles away. The magnet didn't work because there was the wrong kind of metal in the keys. Now, a mid-fifty year old woman will garner a lot of attention bending over a storm drain in the street and attracted quite a crowd. Just then, she heard the mousey little voice of a 4th grade girl offers her father's assistance, which she quickly accepted. Her immigrant father came from across the street but he could not speak a word of English. The little girl translated the problem to her father, who went home, affixed a bent nail to a broom handle and just as the school sprinklers went on, threatening to wash away the keys, he hooked them.

The next day the chaplain's wife brought cookies as a thank you for the help. The little girl thanked her and asked her for a favor. Could she help her mother fill out some much needed school forms, as her mother could not yet read English? The chaplain's wife gladly accepted. The chaplain had said a prayer to let the magnet work, send a locksmith or someone from the city to help, but in the end, both Jesus and the chaplain's wife got help from a child.

God has that ability to help in amazing ways if only we're open to humble sources. Just remember, he is always in control.

**In prayer, I remain, Your Chaplain,
Don Miklos
Chaplain American Legion Post 0473**

THE TACKLE BOX

I report with a lot of difficulty that I won the northern pike contest with a 21" fish. I was with relatives fishing at our secret lake. We netted more than 70 fish most of which were of similar size. Most went back in the lake. It was great fun for the kids tho. Where were you Donnie??? Harvey too? Have you lost your touch?

The walleye trophy went to Dayton Dunn, a former member of our post who lives in Eden Prairie who, with the assistance of hero Hovda netted a 25.5" fish in Lake of the Woods. My spies told me that the crew from the Leg did well, no lunkers tho and Floyd Hinkemeyer got the down rigger cable caught in LeRoy Cekallas motor. I'll bet that was exciting !!! I guess they did limit out with both walleye and sauger.

I got a phone call from another spy that "Dandy" Don Weyer got a 30" walleye but did not enter it. That could have been a year winner. Maybe it was really a carp!

The sunfish crew has not been really active. Don Miklos had to take his motor for repair so he's out of commission for a while. I'm working on getting a secret source for info about this crew.

Be safe and land those big ones. God Bless.

Ms. Tackle Box - Darlene Hiscock

FROM THE CLUB:

Hi all. It was a great day for rice days. Club was busy all day. Thanks to all who gave their time for the softball tourney. I'm sure it was a long day for you. I would like to say thank you to Missy, Sandy and Paul my bartenders for all their help in making the day a successful one. Also to my sister Sally for serving tacos. It was greatly appreciated.

We had another great day on the Casting-for-a-cure meat raffle on August 24th. Trent Karash and his family and friends did a great job.

Bingo is going great. Jackpot is up to \$1199. Stop in the club and maybe you will be the lucky one to take home the cash.

Bouja and customer appreciation day will be held the end of Sept. either the 22nd or the 29th. Watch for signs in and around the club.

The Rice Women of Today will be holding a meat raffle on Sept. 21st. Come in and support this fine organization. They do a ton of good things for the community.

If you would like to hold a meat raffle for your organization or help the youth of Rice call me and we will set up a date.

If you have a party you would like to hold at the club. Just call and set up the date.

Cheryl Bovy

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

TO: Jim Hidding, President of Twin City Tile for donating all the material and Mark Soderholm, Dave “the annalist” Frost and Charlie Fuchs for all the hard work replacing the floor with nice looking tile in the men’s restroom. It was a much-needed project.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

Well, September is here already. We've had a few months off and now its time to gear back up.

Our September meeting will be delayed by one week due to come conflicting activities by a couple of our members. So the meeting will be September 15th at 9 am at Twin Pines Restaurant.

Our September Auxiliary dinner will be held September 11th from 5 to 7 pm at the club and will consist of Homemade Pot Roast, potatoes, carrots, salads and desserts. Our hostesses will be Debbie Wolf, Jennifer Emslander, Lucy Hovland and Theresa Duea.

Watch the mail for your membership renewals...they went up \$5.00 but we are holding the price to our members at \$20.00. Please get these in to Nancy Anderson asap.

Thank you all for your continued memberships support which ultimately supports our veterans!

Janice

LEGION - SEPTEMBER 2012 - CALENDER

- 02 Japan formally surrenders. (V-J Day) 1945
- 03 Labor Day. (Fly Flag)
- 05 Operation BINGO. Post. 7:00 PM**
- 08 Craft day - Rice. Leg mans RCH Pk Lot 7 AM - 5:00 PM.**
- 09 Craft day - Rice. Leg mans RCH Pk Lot. 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**
- 10 Leg Meetings. (3) Pine Country Bank.**
- 11 Auxiliary Dinner. 5 - 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 11 PATRIOT DAY 9-11 Ceremony, Rice City Hall. Time UNK.**
(Fly flag ½ staff until sundown)
- 12 Operation BINGO. Post. 7:00 PM**
- 14 "Star Spangled Banner" Written by Francis Scott Key. (1814)
- 15 U.S. Forces land at Inchon Korea. (1950)
- 15 Auxiliary mtg. 9:00 A.M. Twin Pines.**
- 17 Constitution Day. (Fly Flag)
- 18 Happy B'Day U.S. Air Force. (1947) Will there be a cake???
- 19 Operation BINGO. Post. 7:00 PM**
- 21 POWMIA Recognition Day. (Fly your POW/MIA Flag)
- 22 First day of autumn.
- 26 Operation BINGO. Post. 7:00 PM**
- 26 Military Police Corps established. (1941)
- 29 VFW Established. (1899)
- 30 Gold Star Family Remembrance Day.

NOTE - - The three legion meetings start with (1) the club committee at 4:30 PM (2) board of directors at 5:00 PM and (3) membership meeting at 7:00 PM. We usually go to the club for pizza between the BOD and membership meeting.

AIRBORNE HERITAGE

On the 21st of September 1961 the Green Beret became the official headgear of the Special Forces at the direction of the late President Kennedy. On the same date the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) was activated at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

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