



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Man were does the time go? I looked at the calendar and today is the 20th and my column is due. It seems like I just did it.

Well here goes May 4th National Day of Prayer at the Shepherd of the Pines meal at 5:30 pm and program starts at 6:30 pm, lets make this a big success. There is a lunch, music, and prayers for many things. I would like to thank all those responsible with setting this up, Thank you all.

We worked on the lighting at the club and more needs to be done but we are trying. Ken and Maureen Graber donated and we are using the money to update our out side lighting. Thanks to you both.

We still would like to add a meal on the 4th Tuesday of the Month we need some volunteers please pick a month to help out. We need at least 3 people each month. If you would be able to help, please give me a call, Fred at [320-393-2484](tel:320-393-2484). The menu would be the same each month hot roast beef, mashed spuds gravy and a veggie, salads and desert. This would bring in some extra income and bar business. If we can get 12 teams it would only be once a year. Mark Larson said it would be no problem for him to get the meal ready.

Also, Please; when you are having a smoke stay far enough from the door to keep the smoke from coming into the club. This would be greatly appreciated as some of our members have a health problem with second hand smoke. Thanks, We still looking for additional members for our legion, Aux, and SAL if you know of anyone interested please let us know. Fishing opener is coming up, lets keep Ms tackle box busy.

Stay safe and we will see you at the Club. Thanks Fred

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Charles Anderson

May 1/8/15/22; June 12/19/26 Yoga for Vets Restorative Yoga. St. Cloud VA. Call 320-252-1670 ext. 6031

May 5th Veterans Job Fair, St. Cloud VA Auditorium bldg 8. 10:30am-1pm.

May 20th A to Z Run/walk, Cokato-Dassel High School, 4852 Reardon Ave. SW, Cokato MN. 8am-noon.

Legislative update State Bills 26 Approved, 13 Introduced, 7 Laid over, establish 2, signed 1, included 13. Federal 3 introduced.

St. Cloud VA gets New Director, Stephen D. Black as the new Director of the St. Cloud Health Care System.

VA Establishes "Presumptive Illness" from Water Supply at Camp Lejeune.

V4V Approves Grant to Fishing with Veterans Organization.

Women Veterans Conference May 25

Another Look at the Mayaguez Incident and the lost Marines.

MI Senator Co-sponsors Blue Water Navy Bill.

Opioid abuse and Veteran Suicide.

Army Adopts New Light Weight Helmet.

VA and GAO Agree: Claims Appeal Process Needs Overhaul.

From Soviet Archives: Rare Photos of McCain during Vietnam War Revealed.

SW Minnesota Clears Waiting List for Homeless Veterans.

DAMA sub committee met on 4-5-2017 to hear testimony on HR 299 The Blue Water Navy Bill of 2017. Summary of the testimony, Commander John Wells made it clear as to the deception the VA promulgates and where the responsibilities lie.

Volunteer to Drive a Veteran, Contact Foley Area C.A.R.E., Call 320-968-7848 St. Cloud VA looking for Volunteers to Drive Veterans to Appointments. Contact ST. Cloud VA.

The American Legion Family Hospital Association, 20 w. 12th Street, Room 300A, St. Paul, MN. 55155. For Veterans who need help with medical bills, will also take donations.

Bill H.R. 1329 The Veterans Compensation Cost of living Adjustment Act of 2017. The bill if enacted would provide and increase, effective December 1, 2017

Actor Gary Sinise is Honored with one of the highest Military Medals for Civilians. The medal is named after former General of the Army George Calett Marshall Jr.

Bills S. 324 and H.R.1005 are designed to increase the availability of adult day health care services for severely disabled veterans.

Bill S, 681 The Deborah Sampson Act. Comprehensive Measure Addresses Gender Disparities and would improve and expand programs and services for women veterans provided by the department of veterans affairs.

VA Fixes Veterans Crisis Line.

PTSD: Top Diagnosis among Women Vets Treated By CT VA.

VA disputes IG Report on Crisis line Problems.

Vietnam War 50 Years

Predator Colleges may thrive again.

Delay of Rule to Regulate Career-training programs sparks protest.

Seabee celebrates 75 years of success.

New Administrative Assistant, at Morrison County Veterans office. Our own member Mr. Jim Segler has been selected. Give him a pat on the back.

Complementary and Alternative Medicine at VA medical Centers. H.R. 102 Expanding care act. H.R. 103 Chiropractic care at VA.

Veterans Choice Act has been extended till funds run out. It also makes VA coordinator of benefits and aligns the VCP with traditional community care programs.

Minneapolis VA, VA makes wait times Transparent for Veterans.

God Bless America, and Her Veterans. Charles Anderson

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Commander Fred says “thanks” to those who participated in leading the Heritage Day parade. We were glad to show the Legion Colors

POCKET GOPHER CHAMP

None other than member; Don Weyer. Jim Hovda had one that repeated efforts to rid him of this terrible rodent called on “Champ” Don and his trap. In less than two hours the gopher was “history.” Don works hard to eliminate these terrible rodents from Langola Township who pays a \$3.50 bounty for each pair of front feet.



DISPLAY A GREEN LITE IN HONOR OF PEACE OFFICERS

If you've seen green lights displayed when driving around, it was started by, I believe, Menards who encouraged you to display a green light in support of the troops. I checked around and sure enough they had LED bulbs for sale at a very reasonable price. Commander Fred told me that Wal Mart also has the bulbs on sale for under a dollar. Remember, Peace Officers Memorial Day is Monday, 15 May. Fly your flag at ½ staff until sunset.

Memorial Day Ceremonies in the Rice area will be conducted, (Monday May 29th); by the Rice Post of The American Legion at the Langola Township Cemetery at 9:20 AM. Then the Sauk Rapids-Rice High School Band will attend with the Legion at the Graham United Methodist Church Cemetery at 10:15 A.M. The last program will be at the Rice Memorial Monument, (the entrance to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Cemetery) at 11:30 A.M. The band will be in attendance.

Everyone is invited to the legion for food and beverage after the program. It is suggested you bring a lawn chair for the thirty-minute program.

The annual Rice MN **National Day of Prayer** gathering with music by gospel bluegrass band THE KNUDTSON FAMILY is Thursday May 4, 2017. A meal is available at 5:30pm and event at 6:30pm. Location of the event is Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church – 1050 125th St NW, Rice, MN 56367. The event includes Rice area clergy and the Rice American Legion and Auxiliary presenting the colors. This event is free and open to the public.

The theme for the event is FOR YOUR GREAT NAMES SAKE taken from Daniel 9:19 which says, "O Lord Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God..."

A flag flown over the Capitol, donated by Senator Amy Klobuchar, will be awarded to the oldest veteran attending the event.

50 pocket copies of the Constitution of the United States of America, donated by Congressman Tom Emmer, will be given to the first 50 attendees at the door.



LEGION AT ST. PATRICKS DAY AT MAPLE LAKE

As members of our color guard and the Patriot Guard, Jim, Marilyn and their pooch, Sgt. Cooper represented us at the St. Pat's Day Parade in Maple Lake, MN. Of course, Sgt. Cooper was the hit of the parade. This crew has represented our legion at many events.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Don Miklos

Dear Comrades,

As we remember the Easter Season, the passion and death of our Lord, who died for our sins, let us also be reminded of our young fellow soldiers who suffered untimely death. Death by suicide; the numbers are appalling! Too many find their cross is just too much to bear. Much like Jesus, they need help to carry their cross. Yes, even he, being in mortal form felt the awful pain and suffering of carrying his heavy cross.

And so entered Simon the Cyrenen to help carry the cross. Who was this man and why do we not hear more of him in the bible? He was from Cyrene, North Africa, now known as the country of Libya. Being one of the first people to take up the cause of slavery he was drawn to Israel and this Jesus who was performing miracles. When Jesus fell twice under the weight of his cross, the Roman soldier "conscripted" him to help Jesus carry it. It is not known how he got there but the Gospel of Matthew 27:32 says he "came in from the country". (Looking for Jesus perhaps)? , And was pressed into service.

May years later his two sons, Alexander and Rufus were to very proudly say, "our dad helped the Lord in his time of need." What an honor! What an opportunity! To be able to help our Lord God! Remember, Jesus was in human form and suffered terrible distress, the likes of we can only imagine.

Are not our young warriors in the same type of distress? Is not the cross they bear from the scares of battle also too heavy? Are they not in need of our help? The answer is, a resounding, YES! You ask, "What can I do? I'm a nobody; no one knows me; I'm just a little cog in the wheel.

Well, Simon wasn't well known either. He holds no exalted place in the Bible. But his deed and his name shall forever be remembered.

Try to see the face of Jesus in our comrades in the V.A. Hospital. Volunteer your services to organization that help our Vets. But, most of all, pray, pray for them that they maybe the beneficiary of God's mercy, and live! Remember Jesus died so that you may live.

May God Bless you all. Your Chaplain Don Miklos

MILITARY RETIREMENT BREAKFAST

On 20 April at Camp Ripley was attended by Jim Hovda, Chuck & Maryann Keeney. A free breakfast and a LOT of good veterans benefit info given out. The next event is on 12 Oct. You vets should attend; bring your wife's as there is a lot of info that pertains to both of you. Maryann won a *My Pillow* as a door prize.

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

Well, here we go again! Another fishing year is upon us. On the 13th fishing season opens. Will any of you attend the Governor's opener on the river near St Cloud? I have heard that he may venture into Little Rock Lake.

I wonder if Chet is going to install a seat belt on his dock? Will Mr. Hovda try to pawn off one of those ugly sturgeons as a northern pike? Who will forget to get a 2017 watercraft or fishing license? Will Commander Fred try to enter the smallest sunfish?

On the safety side, inspect your PFD and required boat safety items. Fish safe and God Bless.

Darlene Hiscock - - "AKA" Ms. Tackle Box

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 \$450.00. 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.

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

AUXILIARY NEW

Joyce Segler

Hi all,

Spring is definitely here; we had our first tornado test today. I wasn't aware they were doing tests and our weather radio didn't show any severe weather so no problem. We do depend on our electronics!

We had a small showing for the Easter egg hunt, about 16 children in all. Everyone enjoyed the Easter Bunny and all found enough candy.

May 4th is National Day of Prayer, dinner at Shepherd of the Pines at 5:30 p.m.; program at 6:30 a Bluegrass Group from western Minnesota will be part of the program.

May 9th is Auxiliary Dinner homemade pot roast, potatoes, carrots, gravy, salads and desserts. Servers are Nancy Anderson, Charyl Walberg and Libby Levinski. Hope to see you there !!

Joyce Segler

MAY 2017 LEGION CALENDAR

- 03 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.**
- 04 National Day of Prayer – Shepherd of the Pines. 5:00 P.M.**
- 06 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 08 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Leg, Aux & SAL)**
- 09 AUXILIARY DINNER 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post. Pot Roast, potato, gravy, carrots, salads, desserts**
- 10 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post**
- 12 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 13 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 14 Mother's Day. Fly flag.
- 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day. (Fly flag ½ Staff until sunset.)
- 17 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post**
- 20 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 21 First day of summer.
- 23 Vote – Vote – Vote School bonding issues
- 24 BINGO, 7:00 P.M. POST.**
- 27 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M.**
- 28 Memorial Day Ceremonies at the MN St Vets Cem, LF, MN 1:00 P.M.
- 29 Memorial Day Ceremonies 3 cemeteries. See article. Fly Flag 2/1 staff until noon.**
- 31 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. POST.**

Legion meetings 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. at the Pine Country Bank meeting room. The auxiliary will meet at 7:00 P.M. at the legion. All members are encouraged to attend.

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