



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473
November 2018

FROM THE COMMANDER

Jerry Lage

November is Veteran's month, thus we have a special day designated to honor Veterans. That day is Sunday November 11th to say Thank you to everyone that have served in our Military Family.

The following poem as it was written, by a 4th Grade class, on Americanism; it is titled:

"Born Free, Thanks to Our Veterans".

The Navy Veterans sailed the ocean and sea,
And kept us all safe and free.

The Air Force Veterans flew high and low,
And protected us all from our foe.

The Coast Guard Veterans patrolled our shore,
And kept us safe forevermore.

The Marine Veterans went wherever they were told
Fighting soldiers brave and bold.

The Army Veterans defended us on the ground;
They're the finest to be found.

Thanks to these Veterans like my grandpa;

I live in a free country, the best you ever saw.

Pretty much sums up why we should be proud to be Veterans and belong to the American Legion.

Important Dates:

Nov 4 Daylight Savings time begins

- Nov 6 Election Day
- Nov 11 Veterans Day *
- Nov 12 VA Center Veterans Day program at 1:30pm in VA auditorium.
- Nov 12 Rice Post 473 BOD at 6:15pm at PCB, membership meeting 7:00 (2100hrs).
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day - Post 473 - Closed.

* Veterans Day Parade starts at 1:00pm traveling from the public library on St. Germain Street to the St. Cloud Civic Auditorium.

Remember: "In Everything give Thanks".

For God, Country, & Family Your Commander Jerry Lage

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Charles Anderson

VETERANS DAY PARADE, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11th, 1 pm, Down Town St. Cloud.
See flyer at Legion.

VA Introduces New Feature That Allows Veterans to Securely Access Medical Images Online.

VA estimates 230,000 new claims, are they going back to WWII?

Veteran Funeral Benefits: What expenses are covered?

How Likely Is A New American Civil War? Surprising Lessons From Lebanon's Conflict.
Minnesota Veteran-October News Letter.

Did President Trump just sign an executive order to allow any vet to go to any hospital, and the government will pay the bill?

Stand with me in opposition, The American Legion Commander Brett Reistad in opposition of the post office new rules.

Kansas salutes it's favorite son Eisenhower.

The Fighting Spirit of the US Navy.

Task force urges review of minorities' World War I Valor Awards.

American Legion moves to open up membership eligibility.

American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation launched.

Veterans of the Long Wars: 'Of course it's a good thing we've begun entering politics.'

Retirees, Disabled Vets Get Biggest Raise in 7 years for 2019.

COLA Increase Watch 2019.

Pentagon Reveals Cyber Breach of Travel Records.

Army, Air Force Struggle to Finalize New Deploy-or-Out Policy.

Wilkie Jilts Walz On Mar-A-Lago Probe, Cites Pending Lawsuit..

Unique partnership celebrates 10 years of helping Veterans across Minnesota.

(CORE)

Veterans Town Hall Meeting November 5, 2018, 5 pm, St. Cloud VA Medical Center Auditorium Bldg 8.

MACV News Letter for September 2018.

Pompeo announces termination of 1955 bedrock US/ Iran treaty in response to UN

court ruling.

Robotic wheelchair promises vets a better ride.

MARINE WARBOT COMPANIES ARE A RIGHT OF BOOM SOLUTION FOR A LEFT OF BOOM WORLD.

Watch And Be Proud Of What It Takes To Be A Member Of The U. S. Military.

China's Armed Drones Are Increasingly Doing Battle Across The Middle East

New Navy photo show Chinese destroyer's near collision with US destroyer.

Breast Cancer Awareness Painting Session Scheduled.

Face book Security Breach Exposes Accounts of 50 Million Users.

50 years later, Marine gunny to be awarded the Medal of Honor for Hue City heroics.

Expanded Services at the Brainerd VA Clinic.

Veterans and Headaches.

People Who Give Up on Life Can Die From "Psychogenic Death." Say Scientists.

TRICARE Recoups \$280 Million From Drug Scams.

The American Legion will TAKE ON HEP C and win.

Recovering Veterans are a tight-knit group.

Vets Groups Urge Trump Administration to Keep Pressure on GI Bill Fraud.

Legislation Watch, Find pending and passed military and Veterans benefits legislation.

The Air Force Used VR To Train Pilots In Half The Time At A Fraction Of The Cost.

US sends warship near man-made islets in South China Sea's Spratly Chain.

HOPE ON THE HORIZON: TAIWAN'S RADICAL NEW DEFENSE CONCEPT.

US intelligence agencies see new threats from global rivals, and say it may be Cold War 2.0.

News, Pressroom Office Communications, Support Our Troops License Plate Fund Awards Grants.

Important Dates for November.

1 November, Literature of War, Whitney Center. 8:30am-11:30 pm.

8 November, Recover Night, Stories of hope and a recovery resource fair with information that supports mental health recovery. Bldg 8, 6 pm-7:30 pm.

11 November, St. Cloud Veteran's Parade, Down Town St. Cloud. See Flyer at Legion. 1 pm.

12 November, St. Cloud VA Veteran's Day Program, Bldg. 8, 1 pm.

POW/MIA

Charles Anderson

As of Oct. 19th, 160 Veterans have been accounted for.

WW2-17, KW-2, VW-2.

DPAA returns 64 sets of remains to the Republic of Korea.

We're Glad He's Back Home': MIA Pilot Finally at Rest in Rhode Island.



If you noticed, the post flags are at half-staff. No, it's not a national Memorial Day. One of our American Legion Family members has gone to "The Post everlasting" and we honor that member by flying the flag at half-staff until interment. It is one way we can honor our deceased post member. In this case the member, retired law enforcement member, Roger gates is allowed the law enforcement "Blue Line" Flag to be misplayed.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Don Miklos

My Dear Comrades,

At this writing we are again nearing a holiday called "Thanksgiving". We set aside one day a year to thank our Lord for his bounty. How foolish we mortals are! Are there not 365 days in a year? Yet we allow 364 days to slip by without any special thanks on our Creator.

Many years ago, I re-evaluated my thinking on this and decided I was coming up very short on thanking God for all he had given me.

Like a lot of people, I thought, "Wouldn't it be great to find the secret to success?" To find a formula that would enable me to have fame and fortune, power and respect, good health and wealth? Perhaps, sinning the Lottery would do it?

Solomon, however, preferred the spirit of wisdom over all worldly goods, (Wisdom 7:7). He chose insight and sound judgment. In deed, with this gift from God he

gained all his worldly possessions anyway. Remember, Jesus said, "I tell you a secret, for human beings it is impossible but not for God. All things are possible for God." (Mark 10: 27). All of Solomon's worldly gains were actually Blessings from God, and God alone has power to give us things of permanence and things that last!

My friends, back in 1958 when I came home from the Service, I received a gift from God that has lasted my lifetime. I guess I won a lottery of sorts! I said, "I do," when Father Daniel Taufen asked if I would take a very young girl for wife; on February 1, 1958 St Mary's Cathedral, 60 years ago in St Cloud.

Indeed, with this gift from God, I received everything I needed. My gift was permanent, and I thank my God daily fore her.

Comrades, this "Thanksgiving" may God grant you his love His permanent love forever,

Your Chaplin Don Micklos

Posts Everlasting

Roger Gates

Rita Taut

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. They also have a dental clinic. **NEW** - - Also, walk-in services Audiology to have hearing issues taken care of. Call first at: 320/255-6370 X4370.

NEED A RIDE TO A MEDICAL APPPOINTMENT AND LIVE IN BENTON COUNTY - CALL FOLEY AREA CARE. THEY WILL TRY TO GET YOU TRANSPORTATION. 968-7848

THESE FOLKS NEED MORE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS. Jim Hovda is one of the volunteer drivers and volunteers to drive veterans from the Rice area. This is a really good cause. Remember, you might need one of these drivers one day. The same phone number applies. I've made friends with a Rice veteran driving him to the hospital on several occasions.

Jim & Jan Hovda were attending a military reunion of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) in Ft. Meyer, VA in September. Our American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad, also was a former member of the Regiment. A few years ago Brett worked with our post in giving an award to an Old Guard soldier. Jan and I can Tell you Brett is a stand-up guy. Brett was a member of the Colonial Color Guard.



E-TABS NOW AVAILABLE AT YOUR POST – and, we have a variety of games. ONE OF OUR POST MEMBERS JUST WON \$1,500.00. You should have seen the smile on one happy face.

PULL TAB DONATIONS - October

You good folks who take your chances at winning lots of \$\$\$\$\$ also make it possible for your post to donate to many causes. Also, the good folks who sponsor meat raffles raise money for those in need. Donations include: To two citizens in need your posts color guard and the Rice Elementary PTA.

E-tabs is doing well. A couple of big winners having to get their large check from the State of MN.

We would be remiss if we did not extend our appreciation for the outstanding support of the meat raffles. Many in our community have benefitted from your generosity.

Our post thanks everyone for their support.

***Need money for your youth activities, a health issue or other cause - - consider doing a meat raffle. Call Cheryl at the Legion (393-4545) for more info. It takes about 1.5 hours of your time. We have some Saturday's available.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

The post color guard was honored to conduct honors for Auxiliary member Rita Traut. An American Flag was presented and taps sounded. To all those who attended; thanks for your help.

WHO SHOUD I DONATE TO?

Jim Hovda

It seems like everyone is asking for money. There is no end to charities looking for some of your hard-earned dollars. Many will test your willingness to give to help to "VETERANS" in desperate need.

Who are these groups? How much of your money actually goes to the Veteran or for that matter, the cause that is being put forth?

The Army Times printed an article that I will take information from that will help. The one that I use to research a charity is **Charity Navigator**. I've deleted a couple of groups learning that less than ten percent of my dollar went to the cause I believed in. These groups list hundreds of charities and paint a good financial picture giving you good guidance.

Here they are: **BBB/Give.org** - - **www.guidestar.org** - - **www.charitynavigator.org** - - **www.charitywatch.org** It may be easier to just type in the name rather than the www and dot org.

I hope this info is helpful. You may find that some of your hard-earned dollars could be spent better elsewhere or another charity for the same purpose.

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

It's getting colder. Time to check the ice fishing equipment and get the snow blowers serviced.

Art Popp got a thirty-inch northern on his fall fishing trip. Maybe Art should take Mr. Hovda along so he could catch some fish.

Roger Stowe caught a twenty-four inch walleye on Little Rock Lake.

Now back to Mr. Hovda. As I said last month, his big fishing trip to Canada was a big bust. Again. I made him look me in the eye about trying to submit a false fish. He

didn't confess, but he knows that I am watching him very closely. His already tarnished reputation as "Fish King" is in serious trouble. At the end of this fish season I think I'll give the title to someone more deserving. Maybe he'll catch something through the ice? He should stay home and fish Little Rock Lake. My spies tell me that his neighbor, Mark Soderholm is doing well off his dock. Lots of rumors but I haven't seen anything yet.

The raffle tickets are out for the Firefighters Ass'n turkey party on November 16th at the Old Village hall.

Till next month – stay safe - hunt safe and stay off thin ice. .

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 As of the writing of this article the cash is \$500.00.

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

Thank you Tammy and Tom Kilman , and Ev Bobby for doing the meat raffle for Jay Saldana. It was a great event. Also thanks to wahoo play it in the pub-crawl on October 20.

On Friday, November 2 at 7 PM we will be hosting the Widows weekend. With deer hunting games, snacks and basket raffles, and drink specials. All proceeds go to Rice Women of Today, Auxiliary, and the Food Shelf. Come and have a great time.

Happy Thanksgiving to you, from all of us at the Rice American Legion.

Cheryl Bovy

AUXILIARY NEWS

Tammy Kilman

Auxiliary Dinner is November 13 we will be having ham, cheesy potatoes, vegetable, salads and desserts. Servers are Bev Petron, Dorrain Petron, and Pat Petron.

Membership renewals are out, we did have to raise the dues to \$25.00 for seniors and juniors are the same \$10.00. We are having trouble with some not paying the correct amount.

NOVEMBER 2018 LEGION CALENDAR

03 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.

04 Daylight savings time ends... Clocks fall back at 2:00 A.M.

06 ELECTION DAY VOTE -- VOTE -- VOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (Fly flag)

07 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.

10 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat raffle 7:00 P.M. Happy B'day USMC – (1775)

11 Veterans Day. (Fly flag)

12 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS (Leg, Aux & SAL)

13 Auxiliary Dinner, 5 – 7:00 P.M. Post.Ham, cheesy potatos, vegetable, salads, deserts

14 BINGO. 7)pp P.M. Post

17 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.

21 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.

22 Thanksgiving. Post closed. (Fly flag)

24 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M. Meat Raffle 7:00 P.M.

28 BINGO. 7:00 P.M. Post.

NOTE MEETING TIMES

Legion meetings at the Pine Country Bank meeting room start w/the bar committee 6:15 P.M. followed by the BOD meeting at 6:45 and ending with a combined SAL and Leg membership meeting at 7:00 P.M. The Auxiliary will meet at 7:00 P.M. at the Legion. All members are encouraged to attend.

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