



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

August 2015

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Well made it through my first meeting as Commander. Only had to be corrected half dozen times by our beloved Adjutant. We replaced ropes on post flagpole both flag holders are serviceable now. Thanks Charlie and Fred. Thank you cards have been sent to the Lamb and Erdman Families. The donations were put into the building fund. No one asked for donations but they are appreciated. It was a great honor to conduct military honors for both funerals. Again I ask for your help to bring into our organization more people to help run our club, Legion, S.A.L, Auxiliary, we need more people to become involved. It seem like it's the same people for every event. If you fell like helping please do so. My number is [320/3932484](tel:3203932484) PS thanks to Jim Hovda for continuing to eat with his cover on; the Building Fund needs these donations. Also your dues are due please send them in to Floyd Hinkemeyer.

Commander Fred Segler

### A Note From Chet Seviola

I want to say thanks to all of you who wished me well during my recovery. As some of you know I fell while on a Gulf fishing trip in late May. I spent several weeks in Florida recovering from two broken ankles and then on to home. I was operated on, put in a cast, and in a few weeks changed to a huge black boot cast. I am still in a wheel chair and now have a lot of respect for people in wheel chairs. Anything high is impossible to reach and leaving the house is a real challenge. I will be on my feet in a few weeks. I will see you, at the club.

**News flash Monument flag pole repaired Jim Hovda, Jim Laumeyer, and Fred Segler rented a lift and went to the top of the flag pole found a missing set screw that jammed flag rope Screw was replaced and flag is now adjustable. Commander Fred was really high. Thanks to all.**

## **VETS MONUMENT IN KILLEAR, MN**

**Jim Hovda**

**Next time you head north fishing and go thru Killlear, check out the new veterans monument that was constructed in 2014. It's cool! It was a combined effort of the American Legion and VFW. It is well worth your time. Some well thought out and patriotic ideas were put forth.**

## **S.A.L UPDATE**

**Jim Hovda – Adjutant**

No info from the SAL.

## **LEGION RIDERS VISIT POST**

**C. Bovy**

Early this month about sixty Legion Riders visited the post. When they arrived about noon we opened the post for them, as the picture will attest, lots of flags and patriotic symbols. It was quite a sight seeing all the bikes leave. Thanks Legion Riders for stopping.



## **WARRIORS COLUMN**

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

Most deserving of recognition is our two members who have joined “The Post Everlasting.” First, Floyd Erdman was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army. Floyd served on occupation duty in Japan. Second, Dale Ward who was also an army veteran. Dale served in an armor unit in Germany during the “Cold War” for almost three years.

Your post color guard participated in ceremonies honoring both veterans.

## **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

Your color guard participated in the Bowlus parade on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. As expected it was well attended. The Bowlus Legion welcomed us with open arms. Both our military vehicles were there and in the parade and are pictured below.

The color guard will need all the folks we can muster for the Rice Fun Days Parade on SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST. Plan on being at the club NLT 2:00 P.M. so we can get organized.

If you know someone who has a military uniform that would like to join us, have them give me a call.





Pics from the Bowlus Parade. Kilroy I (Truck) and Kilroy II (The MC) with Jim & Marilyn Larson, also members of our post CG.

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### **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Chaplain Emil Williams, SAL

**Since there aren't any major holidays to celebrate in the month of August, I thought it would be appropriate to have a little history lesson concerning the Nation and the American Legion. The material for this is taken from the Chaplain's Handbook.**

**The spiritual emphasis has long been a part of the American Legion's activities. Service to God and Country is basic Americanism.**

**"In the beginning of our Nation's history, when it was still a colony of England, America covenanted with God in a unique sense, and later, when the Republic was born, God was recognized as the source of all fundamental rights. Since its very beginning, America has recognized God and God's purposes as standing above the Nation and the Nation's interests. The highest role a Nation can play is to reflect God's righteousness in national policy and to promote God's purposes in all of**

life's relationships. The greatest and most significant heritage of our Country has been its spiritual heritage, our religious heritage. Apart from faith in God, American history has no meaning. In this faith our institutions were created, our laws enacted, and our liberties secured. To safeguard America today, that same dynamic force of religion must prevail in our political, social and economic life. Our aim must be the same as that of our Country's Founders: that religion must permeate every phase of living. An individual belongs to God alone, their only purpose in life is to enhance God's glory and to do God's will.

“Deploring the extent to which moral and spiritual values have been marked down in recent years, and at the same time recognizing our dependence upon Almighty God, the American Legion is continuing a nationwide effort to bring all Americans closer to the Creator, who so bountifully blessed this Country.”

This brings us full circle to exactly what the Son of God Himself said, “Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God.” And God's will was to send His only Son to die on the cross for our sins. Let's do God's will and take His Son Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Chaplain Emil Williams, SAL

## **THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX**

Darlene Hiscock

Here we are, half the summer is already over and not many fish have been turned in.

Jim Larson (color guard member) caught a 19-inch walleye fishing up north on Birch Lake near Babbitt. He caught it fishing off a houseboat.

I did get a picture from member Bob Hartfiel – he had a 41-inch fish. It looked “fishy” to me, as he actually didn't give the species of the fish. I need to get the fish cops on this one. I think it was illegal for this contest! The picture and the fish were illegal, pure and simple. First offense: Caught and released in Canada. Second offense: To think I wasn't aware of what a northern pike looks like – sure as hell sort of looks like a “MUSKIE”. Good try Bob. And, Mr. Hovda, he implicated you as being an accomplice.

What are you fishermen trying to pull? First Mr. Chet and Fred with the red fish and now this muskie, better luck next time boys.

Dale Hiscock had a 26-inch northern pike from Fish Lake.

Who is going to try to fool me next month? Mr. Bob Hartfiel, why didn't you send me a picture of the big northern pike? If Jim is such a good guide, why did he tell you the Muskie was a northern pike? If you're such a good fisherman why did you believe him? I know there is more to this than either of you are telling me.

Stay safe, fish safe and wear your PFD all the time. 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..**

### **FROM THE CLUB**

Cheryl Bovy

Well it's that time of year again. RICE DAYS. The parade starts at 3, and the color guard will be at the club at approximately 2 o'clock. Let's pray for some nice weather. At the club that day we will be having a beanbag tournament along with horseshoe at the Corner Pocket. Each team will throw at both places. We hope to have some legion members join us. I know that there are some good players out there. We will be starting at noon. Give me a call and we will sign you up.

Again I'd like to remind you of our "Key for Cash" drawing on Saturday night, along with our great meat raffle. Out of the eight people sitting at the "Legion Table" six packages of meat were won. Good job. All the fun starts about 7 or 7:15. Please come and join us. All the proceeds go for great causes. If you know of someone in need of medical help, a non-profit organization, or some youth activities let me know. We are open to giving you a chance to get in on the proceeds. The phone number at the club is 393-4545. Thank you. Cheryl

### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Janice Martin

By now our Brat Sale is in full swing...stop by and visit if you get this early. We are serving brats at the Corborns Super Store in Sauk Rapids, August 1st from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

We have been selected to work the parking at the City Hall during the Craft Fair this year, September 5th and 6th. Call or stop me if you can help.

Our 1st meeting after our summer break will be August 10th at 7:00 at the Legion Club.

Our August dinner will be held on the 11th. There will be Grilled Steak, baked potato, salads and desserts. Our servers will be Maryanne Keeney, Cindy Larson, Pat Fuchs, Char Lage. Price is the same...\$7.00 for adults and there are take-outs too. Please come and support us!

See Nancy Anderson or the Legion club about taking care of your membership dues.

Janice

## **AUGUST 2015 LEGION CALENDAR**

**01 Auxiliary brats sale, Corborns (SR) 10:00 A.m. – 6:00 P.M.**

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

04 Happy B'day U.S. Coast Guard. (1790)

**05 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

06 Atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. (1945)

07 Badge of Military Merit (Purple Heart) established. (1782)

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

09 Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki. (1945)

**10 Leg CC, BOD & Leg & SAL - Membership meetings. See below.**

**11 Auxiliary dinner. 5 – 7:00 P.M. at the post. Grilled Steak, Baked Potatoes**

**12 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

14 Japan accepts unconditional surrender. (1945)

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

16 National Airborne Day.

**19 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

21 Civil War officially declared over. (1865)

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

**26 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**

28 American Legion National Conventgion – Baltimore, MD.

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

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