



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

Eligibility for American Legion membership is limited to those honorably discharged veterans and current personnel of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force who served at least one day of active duty during any of the following periods:[\[71\]](#)

- World War I: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
- World War II: December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 (except that for the U.S. Merchant Marine eligibility dates are December 7, 1941 to August 16, 1945)
- Korean War: June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955
- Vietnam War: February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
- 1982 Lebanon War and Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada): August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984
- Operation Just Cause (Panama): December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
- Gulf War/ War On Terror (Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom): August 2, 1990 to today

Several Presidents of the United States have been members of the American Legion: Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush.

Please use this chart to identify military and former military who are eligible to join the Legion. **Invite them to join us** for a meeting or refreshments, they may like the Legion and join us as members.

Here are two of my complaints about the membership rules. We have a few years where there was no “shooting” war in progress. This was called the cold war. If you served during those times you are not allowed to join the American Legion. Why? The “cold war” was in progress and I remember cold war times when I was warned about the dangers of lots of places we went. I believe we need to change the rules and allow cold war people into the Legion.

My second complaint is this. I have two daughters. We have no organization for them. I want the rules to be changed so that the Sons of the Legion are called the Sons **and Daughters** of the Legion.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

EMIL WILLIAMS, SAL

It is a delight to touch base with all of you again. I trust you are all having a wonderful summer and enjoying God's personal blessings to you. Which brings me to the point I want to make—Too many people think that God is against them, or at best that He really isn't concerned about them. Nothing could be further from the truth. Why, He even knows the number of hairs on your head. You may be asking, "Where is that in the Bible?" It is found in Matthew 10:30, "The very hairs of your head are all numbered." However, in my case He has to hunt to find them all. HA!

Other scriptures that show how much He cares and loves us can be found in various places in the Bible. Romans 5:8, "But God commended His love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." The next one is my all-time favorite and I will close with it, even though there are many, many more. Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." These verses tell us how much He loves us because He sent His only Son as a gift to die for our sins. We could never do enough good things to redeem our souls. We were born sinners, not sinless like Jesus was. Therefore He is our redeemer. Trust His grace and let Him change you.

God bless until next time!

I was pleasantly surprised at the last auxiliary dinner to be approached by Harold "Mr. Mayor" Legatt handing me a dollar that he got from Jim Hovda who was caught eating with his cover on. Good job Harold. Money went to the building fund. Fred Segler, Finance Officer

On July 23rd at 6:30 P.M. there was a dedication of a new Minnesota Veterans State Wildlife Management Area by Pheasants Forever near Annandale. The DNR is honoring all Conrad's volunteer hours by including on the dedication plaque "Conrad Urbik Memorial."

Linda Urbik

S.A.L UPDATE

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

If you have the time, attend the legion membership meeting on the 11th. I'll review our finances. It's a good time to share a friendship with our legion members. We will need all the SAL color guard members for the Rice Fun Days parade. This is one of our big Rice events.

WARRIORS COLLUMN

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

Several items to report: Sorry I missed telling you that legion and color guard member Dave Redfield is now SERGEANT Dave Redfield, MN Army National Guard. CONGRATULATIONS Dave for your loyal and dedicated service. Sergeant Major Dan McGuire is now a retired sergeant major retiring after serving our country for more than thirty-five years. SGM Dan served in intelligence, working at Ft. Belvoir, VA. Dan retired to Kentucky. We'll be hearing from him in the future.



Last, I had the honor and opportunity to participate in the annual parade at Two Harbors, MN on 12 July, where our Special Forces Chapter XX provided troops and a color guard. Yes, adult beverages at the T.H. American Legion Post after the parade. A good time was had by all.



BE SURE TO VOTE

This right to vote is something that all veterans fought and died for. The primary election is **12 August** for most of us either the Rice City Hall or the Watab Town Hall. Make sure your vote counts.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

The annual Rice Fun Days event is here. MARK 16 AUGUST – SATURDAY on your calendar. You need to be at the post NLT 1:45 P.M. we will need all the folks we can muster. We have a lot of flags to display. Getting organized and flags assigned takes time.

Because 9/11 comes early in September, mark your calendar for that event. 9/11 comes on a Thursday. We usually get started ABOUT 7:00 P.M.

THE FISHING STRINGER

Darlene Hiscock

Only two came forward with entries, Michele (only one "L") Hiscock with a 32 inch northern pike and Jim (I'll fix your furnace) Petron with a 24 inch walleye.

I hear Jim Hovda is going to Crane Lake with Marv Neubert. Will they have winning fish when they get back? We'll see. Wear your PFD each of you... Have a safe trip 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.**

FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

KEY FOR CASH---KEY FOR CASH---KEY FOR CASH

\$500 is our Key for cash. Come in and sign up for all the loot. We encourage all of you to come in and sign our book and we will enter your key in for all the cash. It's free to enter you just need to be here on Sat. night for a chance to win.

Bingo is every Wed. night at 7:30. Come in the club for a good time and another chance to win money.

We at the Legion want to wish Bev Petron a very happy retirement, Jim no new boat for you. :))

Rice Fun Day is Aug. 16th. Parade will be lead by our Legion. Auxiliary will be serving tacos in a bag. We will be open before and after the parade. Stop in and have your favorite beverage at the club.

We have raffle tickets at the club if you are interested in buying one.

Sept. we will be having our customer appreciation day. bouja is on the menu so look for that day in the next newsletter. Cheryl Bovy

AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Hello Ladies,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer! We will start up again with our meetings this month, August 10th at the Club at 7:00.

We had our Brat sale at Coborns July 16th and 17th. **Thank you** to all the volunteers Jan Hovda, Sandy Rajkowski, Cheryl Bovy, Krista Schroeder, Lucy Hovland and grandchildren and Cherie Ablan for all your hard work especially Lucy and grandkids, Cherie Ablan and Cheryl Bovy who put in double shifts. We had beautiful weather and a good turn out!

August 12th Auxiliary dinner will be Grilled Steak, baked potato, veggies, salads and desserts. Our servers are Maryanne Keeney, Cindy Moen and Pat Fuchs. Adults \$7.00, kids 10 and under \$3.00. The dinner runs from 5 to 7.



Kevin Harren 100 hrs, Darlene Hiscock 750 hrs, Dan Harren 100 hrs, Wayne Larson 100 hrs



Kevin 1 ½ yrs, Darlene 27 yrs, Dan 1 yr, Wayne 6 yrs

AUGUST 2014 LEGION CALENDAR

02 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.

02 Operation Desert Shield begins. (1990)

04 U.S. Coast Guard Established. (1790) Happy b'day USCG.

06 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.

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

09 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.

11 Legion meetings. See below.

12 *Primary elections. VOTE – VOTE – VOTE.*

12 Auxiliary Dinner at the post. 5 – 7 P.M. Grilled Steak baked potato, salads, desserts.

13 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.

15 Japan accepts unconditional surrender. (1945)

16 Rice Fun Days – Parade – CG 1:45 P.M. Post.

16 Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.

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NOTE: The legion meetings start with (1) Legion Club Committee 4:30 P.M., Pine Country Bank (2) Legion Board of Directors at 5:00 P.M. P.C. Bank & (3) Legion & Auxiliary meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Legion Post. SAL members welcome at Leg. Mtg.

AIRBORNE HERITAGE

Jim Hovda – Former paratrooper

A “heads up” that 16 August is **NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY**. It is our special day to honor all former and present airborne troopers, regardless of branch of service. Take the time to display an American Flag if you have one.

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