



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

September 2015

FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Been a busy month with many meat raffles and Rice fun Days. The parade went well, it was warm but every one did well. Sunday Evening Boy Scouts, some of the parents, Don Micklos, and Fred Segler spent several hours cleaning up our Monument, cut grass, and trimmed up the plantings. Only have to wash it all down before 9/11. Hoping for a large crowd at the ceremony. We can use some more help at the meat raffles if you can help at one or two let me know, Its lots of fun and sometimes you leave with some nice meat packages. I spent part of the Day looking up the many articles on 9/11, still brings tears to my eyes remembering the terrible sight of those planes striking the towers. I hope God will bless the many people we lost that day, and comfort the families left behind. It was very nice to see past commander Chet at coffee this past week he seems to be healing well, Prayers really help. So much for this month other than the Fish have been cooperating pretty good Even if the Chaplin has out fished me. Thanks and have a nice month Fred

Membership News

Floyd Hinkemeyer

All memberships sent in by Sept. 1, will receive a free rail drink at the club.
Floyd H.

S.A.L UPDATE

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

No info from the SAL.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

Former Sergeant Dale E. Ward was a member of our post for many years until his passing on 10 July. Dale served in the U.S. Army in the 33rd Armor Regiment in Germany for three years (1959 – 1961) where he was a member of a tank crew. Dale was extremely proud of his military service.

For those of you who remember the “Cold War” it may not have much meaning. In Eastern Europe the Soviet threat was serious business. Soldiering was very demanding. Soldiers spend a lot of time in the field training. Discipline was rigid. Many of our military folks were missing or killed during the “Cold War.” Some soldiers who went on pass just never returned to their unit, probably straying across the border. I believe the air force led all branches in missing and killed personnel.

I had the opportunity to work for Dale while serving in the firearms training unit of the Minneapolis Police Department. Dale served nearly thirty years before retiring from the MPD. The great majority of his life was spent guarding our freedoms and way of life.

Former Sergeant Dale E. Ward, U.S. Army (Armor) was a warrior.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

Our annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony will start with all (who can make it) being at the post NLT than 6:15 P.M we need to get organized; handout flags, and assigns jobs. We will march from the legion to the Memorial Monument. (Weather permitting) This is one of our major events. We will need all the members who can attend.

Commander Fred passes on a “well done” to the hardy folks who braved the heat and humidity to march in the Rice Fun Days Parade. All went well. Color guards from Bowlus and the SR VFW also joined us. It was a “no tie and gloves” event due to the heat. We all marveled at the SR/Rice HS Band and how well they did considering the heat. It was a good event.

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.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Don Miklos

My Dear Comrades,

We have seen and heard much about our young people leaving home to join the terrorist group I.S.I.L of late. One theory put forth is “peer” pressure. Well, who are our peers anyway? Are they not supposed to be our friends? Perhaps they choose the wrong friends. Perhaps they should include our Lord in on the choices. He did extremely well picking his friends, did he not? I remember my father, admonishing me with these words, “choose your friends wisely and with care because but their actions will you be judged.” Just because they seem polished and speak with a glib tongue, they are not always right. That “diamond in the rough”, maybe a much better choice but we need to recognize that person.

Take Barabbas in Acts 9:26-31. Without him would Paul have been as quickly connected to the Christian Community? I think not! When Paul tried to join the Apostles, they saw grounds for distrust and shunned him because as a young man Paul had persecuted them. But Barabbas looked beyond that and recognized God at work in Paul. Deciding to take a rest, he put faith in God’s judgment and put his reputation, yes, even his life on the line for his friend Paul. And the rest my friends, as they say, “is history”, Paul became one of the greatest apostles of Christ, all because Barabbas looked for God for answers.

My father was not a scholar, but a simple man who believed in God and his ways. Over the years, I have come to believe that even through he was not an educated scholar; he was a wise man indeed, a man who advised me to choose carefully and wisely. Perhaps our young people would make better decisions if they chose wisely?

A parting thought, like Barabbas, “be ye fishers of men, you catch-em; he’ll clean-em.” Take care my comrades, and may God Bless you abundantly.

Your Chaplain, Don Miklos

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 \$250.00. 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.

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

I received a picture of a dandy walleye (25 inches) caught by our Legion Commander on the Mississippi River. Fred never told me if Joyce was guiding like she did last year. Someone told me he probably caught it in the ocean and had it in the freezer.

No northern pike were turned in this month. And, it was nice to see Chet back on his feet and about town.

Someone told me that Mr. Hovda is going to Canada for fishing. I wonder if he will try and sneak in a fish. It is not beyond him to try something.

Where is the summer going? Pretty soon it will be hunting – then fishing through the ICE. Fish safe, wear your PFD and God Bless.

Darlene Hiscock
"AKA" Ms. Tackle Box.



FROM THE CLUB

Cheryl Bovy

With August almost gone we are starting our Thurs. night dart league. If you are interested in playing darts give me a call at the club and we will sign your team up for some great competition.

Rice days was a good time. Thanks to all our Color Guard for a great performance in the parade. It was awfully warm but they were troopers.

Not sure about our bouja feed this year. My brother in law, who has always helped me, is in the VA Hospital recovering from another hip surgery. If we schedule it, we will post it on the board outside and put it on face book.

Bingo numbers are up and the pot is at \$1199, starts at 7pm on Wed. night. Come join and be a lucky winner. Also don't forget about meat raffles and "key for cash" on Sat. night. That starts at approximately 7 or 7:15.

Thanks,
Cheryl

AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Hello ladies,

Well, we made out pretty good for just one day of Brat Sales at Corborns in Sauk Rapids! One day's work on August 1st netted us \$152.75 and \$54.00 in tips! It was a fun day spent with our members and members of the Sauk Rapids community who came out to support us. This money will go towards our Veterans and Children programs. Also a special Thank You to Charlie Fuchs who made the effort to support us in behalf of the men of our Legion and anyone else who I might not have seen who stopped by. Thanks to all our workers who made this possible....Maryanne Keeney, Libby Levinski, Cheryl Bovy, Nancy Anderson, Cherie Ablan, Jan Hovda, Pat Fuchs and Janice Martin.

We discussed our parking for the Craft Fair at the city hall this year. It was agreed to charge \$4.00 this year instead of \$3.00 the year before. I will get our signs up and tent set up around 6-6:30 a.m. of the morning of September 12th and again the morning of September 13th. Pat Fuchs with her gifts of craft will design our sale signs. Our first shift on September 12th will start at 7:00 am until 9:00 am. Second shift will be

from 9:00 until 12:00. Third shift will be from 12:00 until 3:00. Last shift will be from 3:00 until about 5:00 pm. September 13th will be the same hours as the 12th. I am in the process of calling people to help out. Any two-hour shift will help. We will have a tent, chairs, water and some home made goodies. Also there is food on the grounds of the fair not far away.

Our September Auxiliary dinner will be held September 8th. Home made pot roast, potatoes, carrots, salads and desserts will be the menu. Our servers will be Debbie Wolf, Jennifer Emslander, Lucy Hovland, Theresa Duea. Price is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids 12 and under.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our Poppy drive this year. There is a posting at the Legion on the north wall of all the people who donated. If you donated and don't see your name, let someone know so we can acknowledge you for your donation!

Here are some pictures of Donny Weyer receiving his Honor Cane from Curt Hutchins from the MN Wood Carvers Association in July. Congrats Donny on receiving your cane!

Our next meeting will be at the Legion Club on September 14th at 7:00 pm. See you there!

Janice





Auxiliary Brat Sale

Auxiliary Membership renewal should be coming to you soon, we just got the renewal cards for everyone. So watch for your letter and if you get the renewal in before the end of the year you will receive a free drink at the club good until Dec 31,2015.

SEPTEMBER 2015 LEGION CALENDAR

02 Japan formally surrenders. (V-J Day) (1945)

02 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

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

07 Labor Day. (Fly Flag)

08 Auxiliary dinner. 5 – 7:00 P.M. at the post. Homemade Pot Roast, potatoes, carrots, salads and desserts

09 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

11 9/11 Memorial ceremony at the Monument. 7:00 P.M. (Flag ½ Staff until sunset)

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

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

16 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

18 Happy B'day U.S. Air Force. (1947)

18 National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

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

23 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

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

27 Gold Star Mother's Day

29 VFW Day. VFW Established. (1899)

30 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

30 Berlin Airlift ends. (1949)

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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