



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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## **FROM THE COMMANDER**

Chet Seviola

Congratulations to our newsletter coordinator Nancy Anderson. Your post received a huge compliment from the past Sixth District Commander, Jim Lucas. He was impressed with the quality of our newsletter. He wrote:

“I think you ought to enter your newsletter into the National Competition in the American Legion. You have an awesome Newsletter and I think you can win the National Award.

Thanks,

Jim Lucas Past District Commander” Jim Lucas said it is one of the finest newsletters he has seen. Nancy, you do an outstanding job! Thank you from the Legion.

Another event that is fun and I highly recommend. You and your significant other are invited to the annual holiday gathering. Be sure to mark your calendar so you remember to attend the December membership meeting at the club. We will have a short business meeting and then join for a social evening. We meet 7:00 P.M. on December 9, 2013. The Creamery prepares a fine meal and you will go home with something from the tables. If you want to do a gift exchange bring a low cost gift and trade it with someone. If it is for a gender put that on the label. Our ladies do a fine job of bringing the holiday to the meeting.

## **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS AND SAL SQUADRON 473**

Jeff Gondeck

Gentleman, Memberships must be sent to me by December 20 so I can send them in to the state. Failure to get them to me at this time will result in losing your continuous years or service! Happy Holidays! At ease Gentlemen, Commander Jeff

## **WARRIORS COLLUMN**

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

This month, Staff Sergeant Chris James arrives home from his deployment in Afghanistan. As of this writing, no firm date. No other word from our other deployed personnel.

Our senior warrior, Ed Ashenbrenner WWII vet and former paratrooper had the privilege of throwing out the hockey puck at the Granite City Lumber Jacks at their hockey game on Veterans Day. Good going Ed and the Lumber Jacks for honoring our local veterans.

## **HONOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of November, your post honor guard had the honor of being asked to assist the St. Stephens Post at the wake, funeral and interment of Henry (Hank) Friedrich. Henry was the brother of Darlene Hiscock. This was an event attended by more than twenty Knights of Columbus, nine members of the St. Stephens Honor Guard and nine members of our Honor guard. Both posts did well in honoring our deceased veteran. The St. Stephens folks really looked sharp. Uniforms exceptional, good job firing and recovered marching "in step" back to the church. You represented your post well.

## **SPECIAL VETERANS POSTAGE STAMPS**

The USPS issued a special Veterans Day stamp this past November. It pictures the Medals of Honor and lists all 464 WWII army and navy persons who were awarded the medal. If I remember correctly, there were only two branches of service during that time period. This would be not only a good way to honor our veterans but would make a great Christmas gift. It is a "forever" stamp.

## **POST PRAYER BOARD**

For those of you who are familiar with our "sick call" board at the post where we listed the names of those in need of prayers for health issues, we have changed that board to **Prayer Board**. It occurred to me that many of our post members, and our community friends might need prayers for not only an illness but also other issues. They may be personal, family or whatever, receiving prayers can be just what is needed.

If you want to be remembered in prayer, please call me (Don Miklos 320/584-5825) and I will insure your name is posted. You do not need to be a legion family member. If you are in the community, we care about you too. The American Legion serves THE COMMUNITY. Not just our post members.

Your Post Chaplain  
Don Miklos.

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

SAL Chaplain Emil Williams

It is with great joy that I take my turn to write the December newsletter. I write this with all my good friends in mind. There seem to be a move abroad to take away our religious freedoms, so I want to share the true Christmas story as often as I can. Selecting certain portions from the Bible, we are told about our Savior's birth. Isaiah 9:6 says, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." The prophet Micah tells where Jesus will be born in chapter 5, verse two, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." In Luke's gospel, chapter two, we have the Christmas story. I wish we had room to write it all out. I will share portions of it. Luke 2:4-14, "Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. And so it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord? And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

What a gift God gave to mankind so we can have our sins forgiven by taking Jesus as Savior and go to heaven!

God bless all of you this Christmas season and give you peace and joy because of Christ.

## **THE FISHING STRINGER**

Darlene Hiscock

We are between water and ice fishing. One has already gone through the ice in Little Rock Lake. Please folks, be careful. I'll be waiting for fishing reports.

KEEP SAFE, WEAR A PFD

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 \$175.00. 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

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. I did, spent it with about 60 of my immediate family. Yeah that's what I said 60. We love it. I need to say thanks to a few people and organizations that helped on our widows' nite out, auxiliary for the lunch, baskets and for helping sell raffle tickets. Rice Women of Today for their lunch and baskets and giving out prizes. Thanks goes to Pat Fuchs for all her prep work, baskets, selling tickets oh and the sausage Charlie. Thanks to Sandy for helping with baskets and bartenders Paul and Sandy. We managed to raise \$250 for RWoT, \$250 for Auxiliary, \$100 for food shelf and \$100 to Legion. Also thanks to all who donated.

Bingo numbers are getting higher. Pot is worth \$750. Hmmm nice Christmas gift, don't you think. Also our Key for cash is gonna be \$175 on the 23. That's also a sweet little gift at anytime of year. Stop in and take a chance on winning some of the money. Don't forget our meat raffles on Saturday nite at 7pm.

If I don't see you, may you and your family have a Holy and Blessed Christmas.

Cheryl Bovy

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Hello Ladies

Well here we are again the end of another year! I can't believe we are at the threshold of another year.

We had another fun night at Widow's Night Out. Thank you to MaryAnne Keeney, Nancy Anderson, Libby Levinski and Janice Martin for bars for the lunch served that night.

Remember if you haven't paid your dues for 2014 to get them to Nancy by mailing or leaving it at the post.

We had another successful flower fundraiser this year. Thank you Pat Fuchs for all your work and organization.

Veterans Day celebration was held at Rice Elementary School on Friday, November 15th. Jim Hovda came and spoke to the students and staff in the gymnasium. Thank you to Don Miklos for his military artifacts for our display case at school and to Nancy Anderson for her donation of material to use as a back drop.

American Education Week is almost over and the Ladies Auxiliary provided bars, milk, coffee and juice for the staff at school. Thank you to all the ladies who made bars; Linda Urbek, Evie Kirchner, Phylis Miklos, Peggy Kerestes, Lucy Hovland, Theresa Duea, Deb Wolf, Pat Fuchs, Nancy Anderson, Janice Martin, and anyone else that may have brought THANK YOU !

Thanks to the guys that bought the apples for the students and the staff. They really appreciated them and the kids thought they were delicious! Thank you Pat Fuchs for ordering and picking up the apples and helping me sort them into bags and to Nancy who took them around to all the classrooms. As I write this Nancy Anderson will going to school today and delivering a little gift bag from the Auxiliary to the students and staff in appreciation for all the teaching and learning.

Children Christmas Fun is scheduled for December 7th at the Watab Township Hall starting at 1:00. We would really appreciate all the help we can get. We will be having games, cookie decorating, crafts, and pictures with Santa. Bring your grandkids for a fun time!

The club Christmas party is December 9th starting with a short meeting for the Legionnaires and the Auxiliary at 6:30 and the party at 7:00 p.m. Once again those who want to exchange gifts are asked to buy a guy gift to exchange with a guy and a gal gift to exchange with a gal. The price of the gift should be worth \$10.00. There will also be door prizes. Come and enjoy a wonderful dinner and great company!

Remember, no Auxiliary dinner for December but look forward to bran new year

in 2014!

The pictures below are of the Veterans display at Rice Elementary School for American Education Week. Thank You Veterans for all you have done to keep our country free.



## **DECEMBER 2013 LEGION CALENDAR**

**04 BINGO – 7:00 P.M. At the post.**

07 Japanese attack Pearl Harbor. Flag ½ staff until sunset.

**07 KEYS FOR CASH – 8:00 P.M. At the post. Meat raffle too.**

08 U.S. Declares war on Japan. Japanese attack Philippines

**09 Leg/Aux meeting & Christmas membership party. 7:00 P.M. Post.**

**11 BINGO – 7:00 P.M. At the post.**

13 First muster of Massachusetts Bay Colony Militia. B'day of the National Guard.  
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**14 KEYS FOR CASH – 8:00 P.M. At the post. Meat raffle too.**

15 Iraq War ends. (2011)

16 Battle of the Bulge begins. (1944)

**17 S.A.L. Meeting. 7:00 P.M. At the post.**

**18 BINGO – 7:00 P.M. At the post.**

20 Operation Just Cause (Panama) begins. (1989)

**21 KEYS FOR CASH – 8:00 P.M. At the post. Meat raffle too.**

25 Christmas Day. Club closed. (Fly Flag)

**28 KEYS FOR CASH – 8:00 P.M. At the post. Meat raffle too.**

31 Official end of WWII. (1946) New Year's Eve.

**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. (Joint meetings)

### **AIRBORNE HERITAGE**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 1942 members of the 509<sup>th</sup> PIB combat jump Tadaradui, Algeria. It was the first combat parachute jump for American paratroopers.

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