



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

We should discuss membership at the next Legion meeting. As you know we are always looking for new members. We occasionally have a returnee come to the area who is leaving the service or is still on active duty. I suggest that we offer, to those returnees who are qualified, a free one-year membership to expose them to our club, our activities and our people. We are looking for ideas and members. Let us know if you have thoughts.

We should also talk about activities. We currently have some great reasons to come to the club. The Auxiliary has great dinners, bingo is popular and lots of people enjoy Saturday evening. Put some thought into more activities. The club has open evenings available at no charge. Groups could participate in other activities. One idea could be an occasional "pot luck." We could each bring a dish to share and enjoy each other's company. Another idea would be for those that don't play Bingo. They could gather for games at the club. Suggestions are board games, hobby groups or cards. If you belong to a group that is looking for a place to meet don't forget that the club is available. Send or bring your ideas to the Legion meeting.

**Welcome to our new members, Cody Stewart and Ernest Whitney.  
We are very happy to have you on board!**

### S.A.L UPDATE

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of Feb, SAL members met with the legion and reviewed the activities accomplished and future activities. All members are invited to the membership meeting that will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:00 P.M.

Of note, member Mark Soderholm has/is donating a considerable amount of his time to tiling the bar area. It's a lot of work. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, tile will go in the front of the bar. As soon as that is done, Cheryl will coordinate getting the new carpet in. The tile work behind the bar will be a difficult job, requiring the coordination of plumbing and the moving heavy items. Thanks, and a "hats off" to Mark.

## **WARRIORS COLUMN**

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

No new info from any of our currently serving or retired members. That said, I'd like to know items of interest that any of you (retired or still serving) that would be of interest to our vets and friends of vets. Give me a call or send me an email.

## **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

The color guard training and appreciation dinner was well attended. More than thirty showed up for the dinner and seventeen for the training. Your color guard puts in a lot of time and effort in accomplishing the tasks it undertakes. Here is what your color guard did in 2014:

• • Training and coordinating events	94 hrs.
• • Wakes	38 hrs. (2 events)
• • Funerals and interments	128 hrs. (4 events)
• • Memorials/parades	188 hrs. (7 events)
Total hours	488 hrs.

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**

Don Miklos

**My Dear Comrades,**

**In the past few months I have officiated as your Chaplain, in four military funerals. The loss of a comrade is never easy, especially for the family. The services took my memory back over sixty years, to Basic Training and an army Chaplain who befriended a young and lonely soldier, far from home, and asked him to assist as alter-boy. In one of our talks he asked how I felt if someday I would have to go into battle, (the life expectancy of an infantry soldier, especially a radio-operator, was not overwhelming by long). I stated that when I took the oath to defend my God and Country with my life, I may not return to my young girlfriend,) now my wife of many years), because some must fall. But that I realized God had a plan for me and I trusted in his wisdom and mercy.**

**In speaking to some of our comrades who are now gone, and their families, I got the impression that many felt the same way. That their faith in our Lord sustained them in their darkest moments. Their lives here on earth attested to that fact.**

**For some reason a soldier accepts the Gospels of John more readily than most. As the book says, this Gospel was written so that it's readers might believe that Jesus is the promised savior, the true Son of God, and that through him and their faith in him, they may have life, life eternal. I accepted this very early in life and it has served me well. My comrades did also and they served God and Country with integrity, honor and valor. They were good and faithful soldiers and now have God's reward, life, life eternal, with him in paradise.**

**I am very grateful and feel blessed to be able to take part in honoring them in anyway. I also know that my limited abilities as your Chaplain and my understanding of the Gospels of John are in great part due to my time with that Army Chaplain so many years ago. May God bless him, press him to his bosom and keep him as his own for eternity.**

**To my fallen comrades I say, "Rest forever in the Grace of God, and deservedly so, for you have fulfilled your duties with honor according to God's plan, while here on earth." May God, through Jesus Christ, his only begotten son bless you and your and keep you safe.**

**Your Chaplain, Don Miklos**

### **THE FISHING STRINGER**

Well, it's that time of the year to put away your spears. And, the angling season for walleyes is almost done too.

Nate Larson came in with a 41 inch northern that he speared in Northern MN. He finally got the big one, it wasn't skinny either, it was big and fat.

Randy Fernholz and his wife Judy have had health issues all late fall and winter so he has not been able to get out. Five fish houses available but couldn't get holes open. Their pretty much home bound. Randy is on the rebound as I saw him at the color guard training and dinner. He really looked great.

I still haven't been out fishing yet. Just too cold! The weather has to warm up for me to go. Maybe it's my more senior years catching up to me.

I hear that Commander Chet is fishing somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico with Howard Cariveau. Commander Chet, don't even think about trying to sneak in an ocean fish in the contest. If you don't have a snowmobile suit on when you take the picture, it's a "no go" for me.

I'll have the yearly winners report next month, fish safe, and God Bless.

Darlene Hiscock  
"AKA" Ms. Tackle Box.



Chet Seviola and Fred Segler fishing on Lake Miles Acs wit a catch for the fishing contest.

## **ANNUAL TOWNSHIP ELECTIONS & ANNUAL MEETING**

**Will be held on TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2015.** Be sure to cast your ballots. Annual township meetings are usually held right after the votes are counted. **Most township voting hours are from 8:00 A.M to 8 P.M.** Voting is one of our basic rights. Be sure to vote.

For those of you are new or not familiar with township government, the annual meeting is where you, the voter, set the annual budget for all the money the township spends. The office holders do not set the dollar amount they spend. They only make recommendations. Then YOU set the amount and approve it. No taxes for increased spending unless YOU say it's OK, it' a good reason to attend the annual meeting.

**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 \$75.00. 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

February was a good month. Of course it was really good to me because I spent almost two weeks with family down in AZ where it was 80 degrees. Wonderful.....

We had a big dart tournament on the 7th here at the club. It was a great turnout. We also gave away some big money in the month of Feb. Mark Larson was the winner of our \$500 "Key for Cash" drawing. Also Jade and Tammy were the winners of our \$1199 bingo jackpot. Congratulations to all of our winners. We will start out our "key for cash" drawing at \$50. There is a chance for everyone to win this amount of money. Come into the club and join in all the festivities. Wed. night bingo starts at 7pm. Meat raffle is Sat. at 7pm and "Key for Cash" starts at 8pm.

Thanks to the Dezurik employees for having there party here on Sun. the 22nd. I hope everyone had a good time. If you would like to have a party at the club let me know and we can set up a date.

On March 7th we will be having another dart tournament. If you are interested in playing contact the club. Also in April we will be having our pub Olympics. It's all a great time so join in the fun.

Cheryl Bovy

## AUXILIARY NEWS

The Auxiliary Dinner is March 10<sup>th</sup> we are serving Corn Beef, Haluski, Salads and desserts; servers are Darla Swenson, Darlene Hiscock, and Peggy Kerestes.

We will be doing the Easter Egg Hunt for the community children, March 29<sup>th</sup> at Watab Hall we begin at 1:00 p.m. with the youngest group. We will need some volunteers to help with getting the children's prizes handed out and help keep some order.

**We will not be able to send fliers home with the children so pass the word.**

There are a few members who have not renewed. If your not sure if you renewed or not call Nancy Anderson she does membership.

The Auxiliary has two new members Char Lage and Wanda Broda be sure to welcome them if you see them.

We applied for a Brat Sale date electronic and will know if we get a date next month.



Easter Egg Hunt from last year

## **March 2015 LEGION CALENDAR**

- 03 "Star Spangled Banner" Made U.S. National Anthem. (1931)
- 04 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**
- 07 Keys for Cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.**
- 08 Daylight Savings Time Begins. 2:00 A.M. (Spring ahead)
- 09 Leg CC, BOD & Leg, SAL & Aux - Membership meetings. See below.**
- 10 Auxiliary dinner. 5 – 7:00 P.M. at the post.**
- 11 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**
- 14 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.**
- 15 Happy B'day American Legion. (1919)
- 17 St Patrick's Day.
- 18 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**
- 19 Iraq War begins. (2003)
- 21 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.**
- 25 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.**
- 25 National Medal of Honor Day.
- 28 Keys for cash & meat raffle 8:00 P.M.**
- 29 Vietnam War ends. (1973)
- 29 Easter Egg Hunt for Community Children Watab Hall 1:00 p.m.**

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, SAL & Auxiliary meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Legion Post. SAL members meet w/Leg.

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