



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

June 2014

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## THANK YOU RICE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

For your funding of the electricity for a year at the Rice Memorial Monument is deserving of recognition. Community involvement supporting our community monument recognizes not only veterans, also those who supported them in the service to their country. This lighted monument is worthy of visiting after dark. Thanks Chamber. "Commander Chet"

## FROM THE COMMANDER

Chet Seviola

Many of you know Mike Marchand. He recently visited the club and posed for a picture with me.



Michael J. Marchand is President of The Center for American and International Law. He retired mid-2005 from a 32-year career in the Army Judge Advocate General Corps serving as Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Army, Commander of the Legal Services Agency and Chief Appellate Judge. He was 1 of 2 two-star generals in the Corps.

A native of Rice, Minnesota, General Marchand received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint John's University in 1970 and was commissioned in the Army. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Minnesota and was commissioned in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1974.

Mike and his wife Jan live in Lucas, Texas and enjoy spending time with their daughter, son-in-law and 3 year-old twin grandsons.

We enjoyed his visit and congratulate him for his achievements.

Here are the Post people who will serve next year who were named at the May meeting. These people will be sworn in or appointed at the June meeting.

Cdr. - Chet Seviola  
1st Vice Cdr. – Floyd Hinkemeyer  
2nd Vice Cdr. – Charlie Fuchs  
3rd Vice Cdr - Joe Voigt  
Chaplain – Don Miklos  
Sgt. – at – Arms – Miles Seppelt  
Judge Advocate - John Duea  
Adjutant – Jim Hovda  
Gambling Manager  
Finance Officer – Fred Segler  
SO –  
Club Com Chair – C. Fuchs  
Historian – J Wolf

## **THANKS LADIES AUXILIARY**

**For donating the 144 graveside flags. We were in great need; you good folks stepped up to the plate. Your demonstrated care for veterans and their issues has long been documented. Thanks again on behalf of all.**

**Commander Chet.**

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

Jim Hovda – Adjutant

The SAL held its meeting with members of the Legion in May. Members are encouraged to attend Memorial Day activities at one of the cemeteries on 26 May.

## **WARRIORS COLLUMN**

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

Post member Sergeant Travis Peterson who is stationed in Afghanistan should be on his way home shortly.

## **COLOR GUARD COLUMN**

Jim Hovda

Your honor guard participated in the wake, funeral and committal services of Legion member Conrad Urbik. Conrad was a navy veteran and your color guard conducted a navy "Two Bell Ceremony" at the wake. Conrad was interred at the MN State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

Memorial Day was conducted at the three local cemeteries. Commander Chet asked that his "Well Done" be passed on to all members.

Remember to keep uniforms "squared away" for unscheduled events.



Memorial Day at Langola Cemetery    Picture taken by Teresa Anderson

## THE FISHING STRINGER

Darlene Hiscock

Well folks, here are the year winners for our annual fishing contest. This contest is not just for legion members; it's for everyone in the Rice area. Where are you ladies? I note that only the guys are collecting the gold. Anyway, the 2013-14 winners are: Speared northern pike Don Weyer with a 40 inch fish; Fred Segler with (caught with a hook) a 32 inch northern pike; And Dave Frederich landed a monster 31 inch walleye. Your names will be on our winner's plaque in the club.

Categories of fish that can be entered are: Northern Pike speared and caught, walleyes and catfish. Length, not weight determines the winner. The fish must be caught in MN (Chet Seviola, not in the ocean) to win a prize of \$5.00 for a beverage at the post. You need to bring either the fish or a picture of the fish to the post.

Last – the picture of what Jim Hovda tried to tell me; was a northern Pike caught by his neighbor, Vince Goering in Rainy River was not truthful. I found out that this was a 62-inch long sturgeon with 28-inch girth that the DNR said weighed about 70 lbs. I think that Jim was unhappy about being dethroned as the sturgeon champion for many years. I heard that it took just more than an hour to land. It went back in the river. Good going Vince. Jim had to eat “humble pie.”

Ladies and gentlemen - - be sure to wear your PFD, keep safe 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

Finally, finally it's spring. Gardens are in and flowers are blooming. Gotta love it.

Our softball team is playing ball on Thursday night at the fields in Rice. If you'd like to go cheer them on call the legion and ask what time they play. They'd love it if you came to support them.

Key for cash drawing is growing. Saturday the 24th of May it will be \$275. Come on in and try for the money. Also remember bingo, the pot is at \$1199. Come and get it and enjoy the great company.

If you need somewhere to have a party call us at the legion. We have the room for birthday parties and anniversaries or whatever your get together is.

Thanks  
Cheryl Bovy

**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 \$300.00. 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.

## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Janice Martin

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. I don't know about any of you but I have seen many different birds in town here that we don't normally see here. If they were just feeding to finish their migration, then what a treat for us!

There will be an Ice Cream Social held at the St. Cloud VA at bldg # 92 on Sunday, June 8th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. If any of our members would like to go and help out I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated!

I ordered an Auxiliary polo shirt for one of our new members recently. If anyone who plans to be actively helping out with events I suggest, if you can, to order one of the polo shirts that some of our members already have. It's nice to show that we belong to an organized group.

Nancy Anderson and Jan Hovda recently took 64 quilts to the St. Cloud VA for our veterans.

It was decided, once again, to discontinue our monthly meetings for the months of June and July and start up again in August. Nothing much is happening in those two months and it's nice to have a little break and enjoy what little summer we have.

Our June Auxiliary dinner will be June 10th from 5-7 pm and will be Fried Fish, Tater Tots, salads, and desserts. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for kids 10 and under. Take out always available. Our workers for this dinner will be Linda Marshall, Brenda Marthaler, Delores Brown and Michelle Brown. Thank you ladies for always helping out!

Our annual Brat Sale is coming up next month. Consider helping if you can. We are always short on help when it is in the middle of the week. This year it will be Wednesdays, July 16th and Thurs., July 17th from 10:30 am to 6:00 pm. You can work as many or as fewer hours that you want. Anything and everything helps.

If you haven't made your poppy pledge, you still have time. We acknowledge everyone who donates on a board in the club.

Enjoy the warmth

Janice

## **JUNE 2014 LEGION CALENDAR**

**04 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.**

06 D-Day – Operation Overlord. The Normandy Invasion.

**07 Meat raffle 7:30 P.M. & Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**

**09 Legion Meeting Auxiliary is not meeting (See below) Flag retirement after meeting.**

**10 Auxiliary Dinner at the post. 5 – 7:00 P.M.**

**11 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.**

**14 Meat raffle 7:30 P.M. & Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**

14 Flag Day – Happy B'day U.S. Army. (1775) (Fly Flag)

15 Father's Day. (Fly Flag)

**18 BINGO at the post. 7:00 P.M.**

**21 Meat raffle 7:30 P.M. & Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**

20 Army Air Corps becomes Army Air Forces. (1941)

22 Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress (1942)

24 Berlin Airlift begins. (1948)

**25 BINGO at the post 7:00 P.M.**

25 N. Korea invades S. Korea. (1950)

**28 Meat raffle 7:30 P.M. & Keys for cash 8:00 P.M.**

**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 meeting 7:00 P.M. at the Legion Post with Flag retirement after meeting.

### **AIRBORNE HERITAGE**

Jim Hovda – Former paratrooper

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 1944, members of the 82<sup>nd</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Divisions

jumped in Operation Overlord, (D-Day) into France. More than 13,179 paratroopers made the jump. It was the largest airborne operation of WWII.

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