



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hasso Briese Post 0473

April 2016

FROM THE COMMANDER

Fred Segler

Well so much for a short but sweet winter. Fishing has been good and I am ashamed to see that your commander won the monthly fishing contest so many times. I can't believe that you other fishermen and women are that bad or were you all feeling sorry for me. So a challenge is issued for 2016, I can be beat.

Meat raffles are still going well and we can still use some help and if you have some reason to have a fundraiser let us know and get scheduled. Also I can use some help to see if we can square away our Chaplains and our Adjutant from eating with their hats on at the Aux dinners. But we do appreciate to one-dollar donations to our building fund. Get out and scour the countryside for more Veterans to join our post every one must know some Vets that haven't been asked to join. Spring is just around the corner so enjoy and be safe Commander Fred

DONATIONS - BEWARE.....

You've seen and heard in the news about the scandals involving charities, most notable Wounded Warriors. I've tracked this organization in Charity Navigator and noted that few of the \$\$\$ actually go to the troops they are supposed to serve. I've not given to them for several years.

My advice to you good hearted members and friends of the military, Google **Charity Navigator** and scroll to the section that gives alphabetical listings. Click on the letter of the charity ("W" for Wounded Warriors) or whatever charity you choose to donate to, to find out what percentage of your money actually goes to the "cause" you are donating too. Charity Navigator lists hundreds of charities. You will be surprised to find out that some do a very poor job with your \$\$\$\$\$. Make an educated donation. If you have any questions give Jim Hovda a call.

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.

They also have a dental clinic that just came on line.

WARRIORS COLUMN

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

Although Harry W. Raveling is not a member of our post, he is the father of our SAL member and past SAL Commander, Dick Raveling. Our post color guard had the honor of participating in his funeral and interment in Sauk Rapids. Harry was ninety-nine years of age. He was a warrior!

Former Staff Sergeant Raveling was a WWII veteran and a member of Charlie Company, 300th Engineer Combat Battalion.

He enlisted on the 15th of June 1942. After all his training it was a 28-day voyage to England in the N. Atlantic. Then he participated in the Normandy Invasion landing on Utah Beach. Next it was the Ardennes Campaign (Battle of the Bulge), breached the Siegfried Line, Northern France and then Germany. The battle of the Bulge was the bloodiest campaign of WWII for the Americans, costing 89,000 casualties including 19,000 killed, 47,500 wounded and 23,000 captured or missing. SSG Raveling lived through all of it.

Well deserving to be in our warriors' column. Our prayers and condolences are extended to the Raveling family.

COLOR GUARD COLUMN

Jim Hovda

At the Harry W. Raveling funeral and interment your post color guard represented every member and the military well. They received a well deserved "pat on the back" for their dedication to duty. Nineteen members participated in the event.

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Emil Williams

DISSATISFIED?

I am going to start this letter by quoting from an article in the "WORLD CHALLENGE PULPIT SERIES" by Gary Wilkerson. Gary is the son of David Wilkerson who started Teen Challenge, and is now a worldwide ministry for people who are struggling with addiction issues of all kinds. Gary Wilkerson is carrying on his father's work, which is a blessing worldwide.

He says, “Happiness is a relevant subject because right now people are unhappier than ever. That may sound surprising because of all the progress humankind is making. Economists tell us we’re the wealthiest generation in history. People today have more money and means than ever before. We have more leisure pursuits and entertainment than at any other time. The thirty something generation grew up on X-Box and PlayStation with countless games literally at their fingertips. They could play one video game after another in all their variations and not reach the end of those games in their lifetime.

“We also have more conveniences than ever.

“Medical advances multiply year after year. Simple vaccines save millions of lives from viruses that would have wiped out multitudes a few decades ago.

“In spite of these advancements, we’re told by leaders in virtually every field—psychiatry, sociology, medicine, education—that this is the unhappiest generation that ever lived.” End of quote

Evidently, our soul longs for something more than gadgets. Actually God has placed within us the desire to know Him. He invites us to Himself, the one who can satisfy our real longing. Matthew 11:28-30 says, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart: and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” Let us accept His invitation and become more whole. May God bless each one of my comrades!

Emil Williams
SAL Chaplain

THE FISHING STRINGER & TACKLE BOX

Darlene Hiscock

It's time to take down the fish board plaques and have them engraved for the season.

Don Miklos reported a 27.5-inch northern pike for the month caught on February 19th. Nate Larson came in with a 16-inch walleye on the last day.

The year winners were and winning a \$10.00 gift certificate good at the legion were: Speared Northern Pike - Paul (Elvis) Kostreba with a 34 inch fish; Caught on hook and line Northern Pike a 29 inch fish by Dale Hiscock; Catfish - Mark Soderholm with a 21

inch fish; Walleye Fred Segler with a 25 inch fish.

I wish there was a way to add "sunnies" and crappies to the list, but how do you measure a "sunny"?

I haven't been fishing ONCE this winter. Is that a sign of lead in the rear?

We've had a few new names to list this year - Chet Seviola for one. If I would be Chet (now that he is healed) I would drop a line; sit on the dock; have a cold "brewski" and win some \$\$\$\$. Also, Chet tried to sneak in with his sick red fish. Another one who tried to sneak a fish in was Pat Popp with a Muskie telling me it was a northern pike.

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 \$350.00. 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

AUXILIARY NEWS

Janice Martin

Dear ladies,

We had our annual Easter Egg hunt Sunday, March 20th. There about 70 children hunting for candy in the Easter grass. Thanks to our Legion men for the monetary donation towards the candy. Also thanks to all our helpers that day, Maryanne Keeney, Nancy Anderson, Pat Fuches, Cherie Ablan, Jack Rutledge, Brenda Marthaler (our bunny), and anyone I failed to mention.

Our April dinner will be Tuesday, April 12th from 5-7 pm. We will be serving Hot Beef sandwiches and all the fixings. Our servers are Pat Popp, Jan Hovda, and Peggy Kerestes. Prices are still \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under. Takes outs available.

The National Day of Prayer is scheduled for May 5th at the Shepherd of the Pines. They will have soup and salad available for a good will offering. A band called Gold Rush will perform that night.

Our next meeting will be at Fred and Joyce Seglers on Monday, April 11th at 7:00 pm.

Janice





APRIL 2016 LEGION CALENDAR

01 U.S. Forces land on Okinawa. (1945)

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

06 BINGO. 7:00 P.M.

06 U.S. Enters WWI. (1917)

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

09 Former POW Recognition Day.

11 Legion/Auxiliary meetings. (See below)

12 Auxiliary dinner. 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Post. Hot Beef Sandwichs

13 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

15 ***Federal income taxes due.

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

18 Legion planning meeting. 7:00 P.M. At the post.

20 BINGO, 7:00 P.M.

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

25 U.S. Declares War on Spain. (1898)

27 BINGO. 7:00 P.M.

30 Vietnam war ends. (1975)

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

LEGION MEETINGS WILL BE AT THE PINE COUNTRY BANK. Meetings start with (1) Legion Club Committee 6:00 P.M., (2) Legion Board of Directors at 6:30 P.M. & (3) Legion & SAL meeting 7:00 P.M. SAL members meet w/Leg. (3) **Auxiliary at the Joyce Segler residence, 9565 Isaac Rd NW Rice 7:00 P.M.**

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