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April/May 2012

Commander's Column

We will again hold our Memorial Day service at Oak Hill Cemetery. Watch the bulletin boards for more information.



Post membership is just over 1,650 members as of March, 2012. If you have not renewed your 2012 membership, please do so at this time. There are many benefits in belonging to our Legion family. Additionally, if you know of anyone who may be eligible to join the American Legion, please mention membership to them. The more members we have ultimately provides us with a bigger presence in Washington, and helps our legislators introduce and pass vital legislation for veterans, as the American Legion has been doing for many years.

And don't forget our Burger Night every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Fabulous food at very good prices, cooked and served by our volunteers.

Help to support your Post/Club by stopping by to take advantage of our facilities. Outstanding lunch and dinner offerings at reasonable priced, drink specials, and meeting/banquet rooms and banquet menus are available.

See you at the Post!

For God and Country, Craig A. Deneen, Commander



With the arrival of Spring, it's once again time for the annual Poppy drive. Our

veterans really do need your support with this program. Poppy letters will be sent out soon. Please use the return envelope to donate whatever you can to assist with the veterans programs that benefit from your contribution. Thank you.

NOTES

BARGO

Monday and Thursday nights! 5-7pm

MEAT RAFFLE

Fridays 5-7pm Saturdays 2-4pm

Omelet Breakfast Sunday, April 15

Sunday, April 15 8:00am – 12:30pm

BURGER NIGHT NEW PRICES Burger = \$2.00 Cheeseburger = \$2.50 Fries = \$1.75 Onion Rings = \$2.00

Memorial Day
Oak Hill Cemetery
Monday, May 28,
10 a.m.
Flag raising at the
Post 11:45 a.m.

President's Column

I hope you all have a great Easter. I think Spring is finally here!

We will soon be electing new officers



for 2012-2013. Election will be held on April 24, 2012 at our General Membership meeting. You must show your membership card before casting your vote. The slate we have now is: President – Joy DeLong; First Vice President – Patricia Swanson; Second Vice President – Becky LeFebvre; Treasurer – Juanita Krueger; Executive Committee – Lavon Whelan and Carol Larson.

Our Auxiliary has an email address, but I do not know how to work it. For any of you that have sent messages to that address, I am sorry if there was never an answer. The password got lost during position change.

The Ft. Snelling Lions Club meets here at our Club and they have placed a box by the front door for collection of glasses. Please help support that program.

Our last Omelet Breakfast for the year will be held on April 15th from 8:00 to 12:30. Please come and join us for a great breakfast.

Poppy time is coming up. All of the money earned from our Poppy Program goes to the veterans and veterans' children. Poppy card day will begin the middle of April, and Poppy Day is on May 19th. Please wear a poppy.

At our May meeting we hold a memorial service for all our deceased Auxiliary members for the year. If you know of a member that has passed, please let us know and we will see that they are included in our service.

The Post will hold a memorial service at Oak Hill Cemetery on Memorial Day. Please look elsewhere in this paper for more information.

Remember our service personnel in your thoughts. Keep safe and healthy.

Penny Becker, President

Richfield Legion **Toastmasters**

Richfield Legion Toastmasters meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion located at 65th and Portland. For those who desire to have dinner before the meeting, dinner is available at 6:00 p.m.

Toastmasters' mission is to provide support not only for our members but for prospective members also. Visit us for two or three weeks and see for yourself how we interact and devote time and helpful evaluations allow our to members to gain self development and self confidence. When you decide we are what is needed, you are welcome to join and become a part of our group. I have been a member of this group for over 30 years, and now it is my turn to be one of the group mentors.

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Elections

Voting will be held on April 24th, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. You must present your membership card to cast a ballot.

Candidates:

Commander - Merv Becker 1st Vice Commander – John Gallas 2nd Vice Commander – Tom Eckhoff Finance Officer – Dennis DeLong Executive Board – James West



40. The Flag Raising on Iwo Iima

Post 435 Officers

Commander

Craig Deneen 1st Vice Commander

Jerry Martin

2nd Vice Commander John Gallas

Adjutant

Dennis DeLong

Finance Officer

Merv Becker

Immediate Past Commander

Craig Deneen

Chaplain

Rev. Don Swanson

Service Officer

TBD

Sqt.-At-Arms

Tom Eckhoff

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Roger Wysong

Unit 435 Officers

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Penny Becker

1st Vice President

Patricia Swanson

2nd Vice President

Becky LeFebvre

Sqt-At-Arms

TBA

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Joy DeLong

Treasurer

Jill Davis

Executive Board

Joy DeLong

LaVon Whalen

Jr. Past President

Annette Bray

Chaplain / Memorial

Jill Davis

Gambling Manager

Cindy Cierzen

Membership Chairman

Patricia Swanson

Membership Secretary Joy DeLong

SAL 435 Officers

Commander - James Hanchett

Direct all questions or comments to Post 435 during business hours at (612) 866-3647

Minneapolis/Richfield American Legion Post 435

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
$M_{\mathcal{O}}$	2019	1 Luncheon hours 11:00am -1:45pm.	2 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Karaoke 8:30pm.	3 Luncheon hours 11:00am- 1:45pm. Dinner hours 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5- 7pm.	4 Luncheon hours 11:00am- 1:45pm. Meat raffle 5-7pm. Dinner hours 5-8:30pm. WAY BACK WHENS	Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Meat raffle 2-4pm. Dining hours 5-8:30pm. WAY BACK WHENS
6 Lounge specials all day.	7 Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm.	8 Luncheon hours 11:00am -1:45pm. Gun Club 7:30pm.	9 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Burger Bash 5-7pm. ALR mtg 7pm. Karaoke 8:30pm.	10 Luncheon hours 11:00am- 1:45pm. Dinner hours 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5- 7pm.	Luncheon hours 11:00am- 1:45pm. Dinner hours 5- 8:30pm. Meat Raffle 5- 7pm. HANGING CURVE	Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Dining hours 5-8:30pm. Meat Raffle 2-4pm. HANGING CURVE
MOTHER'S DAY Lounge specials all day.	14 Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm.	15 Luncheon hours 11:00am -1:45pm.	16 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Karaoke 8:30pm.	Luncheon hours 11:00am- 1:45pm. Dinner hours 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5- 7pm.	Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner hours 5-8:30pm. Meat Raffle 5-7pm.	ARMED FORCES DAY 19 Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Dining hours 5-8:30pm. Meat Raffle 2-4pm. HIT N RUN
20 Lounge specials all day.	Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm. SAL mtg 7:30pm.	22 Luncheon hours 11:00am -1:45pm. P&F mtg 6 pm. Exec. Brd 7 pm.	23 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Burger Bash 5-7pm. Karaoke 8:30pm.	24 Luncheon hours 11:00am- 1:45pm. Dinner hours 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5- 7pm.	25 Luncheon hours 11:00am- 1:45pm. Dinner hours 5- 8:30pm. Meat Raffle 5- 7pm.	26 Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Dining hours 5-8:30pm. Meat Raffle 2-4pm. HIP BONE
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SAL 435



The Sons of the American Legion general membership meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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NOVEMBER.

Manager's Notes

The club had another fantastic turnout for the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Congratulations to Chef Mark and his entire staff and our bar personnel on a job well done.

Wow! 80 degree temps—what a contrast from the norm—so many people wearing shorts and golf shirts versus the usual parkas and snow boots.

Please join us on Sunday, April 15, for the final Auxiliary Omelet Breakfast of the season. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who make this event possible.

The election of post officers will be held on Tuesday, April 24. Voting times to be announced.

Just a reminder; the Post will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 8. Happy Easter to all.

A Memorial Day service will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery on Monday, May 28. Look for postings in the club rooms for more information.

On a personal note; I would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support given to me from the onset of Sheila's brain tumor diagnosis, through her surgeries, setbacks, lengthy hospital

stay, and her final passing. Your thoughts, prayers and kindness have given me great comfort. God bless you all. Rest in peace, Sheila.

Hope to see all of you around the Post. Roger Wysong, Manager



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