

# Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435 American Legion News

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Feb/Mar 2012

## Commander's Column

We had a very good turnout for the Tom & Jerry membership drive on the 1st of January. Thank you to all those who helped make it happen.

Our Christmas basket program, providing groceries and toys for those families who have members on active duty, was able to help over 70 families this year using funds donated by our gambling program, the Auxiliary and the Post. Cub Foods in Bloomington also contributed items. I was pleased to see a good number of volunteers who helped transport, sort and package the items to be distributed to the families. A big thanks to those who organized and expedited this.

In February, the Search and Nominating Committee will be interviewing Post officer candidates. See the notice elsewhere in this newsletter.

I will not be running for Commander again in the 2012-2013 election. I have enjoyed serving as your commander over the past three years, and it has been an interesting and enjoyable experience. What impressed me the most is the selfless dedication put forth by those who volunteer, year after year, for the benefit of your club and the community.

I will continue to participate in the activities of the Post. I would also ask that others consider volunteering some of their time for the good of the Post and the community also. We are, after all, an organization devoted to service. Whether it be hosting fund raisers, participating in community events, or helping out our fellow veterans, we are here to provide a service.

For God and Country,  
Craig A. Deneen, Commander



## NOTES

### BARGO

Monday and Thursday nights! 5-7pm

### MEAT RAFFLE

Fridays 5-7pm  
Saturdays 2-4pm

### Omelet Breakfast

Sunday, February 18  
Sunday, March 18  
8:00am – 12:30pm

### BURGER NIGHT NEW PRICES

Burger = \$2.00  
Cheeseburger = \$2.50  
Fries = \$1.75  
Onion Rings = \$2.00

## President's Column

Welcome to the New Year. We have something new—a Book Exchange. We now have a bookcase located across from the restrooms in the bar area. Bring a book in and take one home, or just take one. Hopefully this will become popular.

I want to remind everyone about the scholarships available. For more information, go to [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org). Most of these scholarships are due by March 15th and they must be signed by me before going to the Legion Department. We also have the Vikki Jo Springer Scholarship which is due by April 15th, and that information you can get from me.

We are doing well with our Omelet Breakfasts on the third Sunday of the month. Running from October thru April, from 8:00 to 12:30, we would love to see you here.

On March 24th we, along with the Ft Snelling Lions, are holding a Craft Fair. We are looking for vendors. Set-up begins at 7:00 and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Carol Larson at (612) 481-2148 or at [upward@wwdb.org](mailto:upward@wwdb.org).

We will start working on reports in early March. If we have members out there that contribute in the community—like give blood—please let us know so that we can include these hours in our reports.

Penny Becker, President

## Honor Guard

Your Post 435 Honor Guard is always honored to represent the Post at the many ceremonies in which we participate each year. Our WWII replica paratrooper uniforms are admired by everyone who attends our events. The group is in need of your help in securing a bayonet for an M1 rifle for use as a memorial to those who have gone before us. Please call John Gallas at (612) 869-4662.



# S.A.L. Steak Fry

Sunday  
February 12  
2 – 6 p.m.



Tickets \$9 in advance, \$11 at the door.

8oz Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable,  
Cole Slaw, Roll and Coffee

\$5 kids meal of Hamburger or Hot Dog, Vegetable &  
Fries



All profits go to Veterans and Community Charities

## Charitable Gambling

On December 6, 2011 twenty volunteers met at Post 435 at 6:00 a.m. The occasion: our annual Gambling Christmas Basket project for the families of deployed troops from the area. The Post, Post Auxiliary, S.A.L. and Gambling provided food, presents and gift cards for 74 families including 177 children. I owe a big debt of gratitude to Joy DeLong who, for the past 7 years, has coordinated this event.

Cub Foods, as usual, was very helpful in boxing the food we ordered and the manager himself donated some gift cards. We are very grateful.

A heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who packed the boxes and wrapped the presents. Thank you to Joy, Patricia Swanson and Nancy Nowell, who purchased the presents, and the men who provided their vehicles to pick up the food from Cub Foods that morning.

On December 11, Post Gambling and the Auxiliary also sponsored a Children's Christmas party for 62 children and their guests. Everyone, including Santa, a magician and facial artist enjoyed hot dogs, chips, punch and bags of candy.

We are very appreciative to the customers who patronize our pull tab room. Without you, it would be impossible for us to meet our many charitable obligations. Thank you. Thank you. Jim Nowell, Gambling Manager



## Search & Nominating

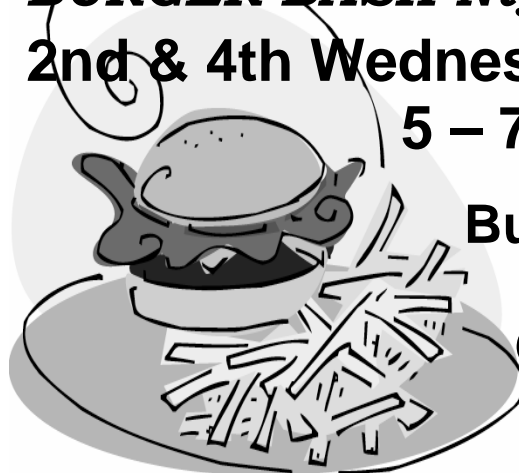
It's time! Once again we are looking for a few good men or women to serve on our Post boards. We need candidates for:

- Commander
- Vice Commanders
- Finance Officer
- Property & Finance board
- Executive board

If you are interested in contributing to your Post, please bring your DD214 to a Search & Nominating Committee meeting on Monday, February 6 and Monday, February 12 at 6 p.m. in the Committee Room.

Thank you for your interest.

## BURGER BASH Nights! 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 5 – 7 p.m.



**Burgers  
Fries  
Onion  
Rings**

## Auxiliary Membership Alert

Just a reminder: Anyone who has not paid your 2011-2012 Auxiliary dues by March 31, 2012 will no longer be a member of Unit #435, as your membership will be removed from our roster.

Please send dues in before March 31, 2012.  
Joy DeLong, Membership Secretary  
Patricia Swanson, Membership Chairman



## Richfield Legion Toastmasters

At one time, our club was one of the stronger clubs in the district. We were involved in school and community activities as mentors or speakers. Most of us held officer positions at various levels of Toastmasters International.

I attended the funerals recently of two dedicated Legion and Toastmaster members—Don Mohs and Ed Bodensteiner. In memory of those two who worked so diligently to maintain that strength, our goal for 2012 is to build our membership and regain that strength.

If you or someone you know—not necessarily a member of the Legion or Auxiliary—is nervous about a job interview, a job promotion, or just communicating in general, please join us so we can help you overcome those fears. In exchange, you will help us grow in strength. We are a small but dedicated group. We meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 at the Legion club, 6501 Portland Avenue South, Richfield.

May 2012 be a year of success for all of us.

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Verizon cell (520)705-3963

## 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
- Sgt.-At-Arms  
Tom Eckhoff
- Club Manager  
Roger Wysong

## Unit 435 Officers










- President  
Penny Becker
- 1st Vice President  
Patricia Swanson
- 2nd Vice President  
Becky LeFebvre
- Sgt-At-Arms  
TBA
- Secretary  
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

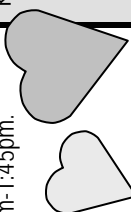



Commander – James Hanchett

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or comments to Post 435  
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Minneapolis/Richfield American Legion Post 435

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>March, 2012</h1>						
<p>4 Lounge specials all day.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p>5 Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm. SAL mtg 7:30pm.</p>	<p>6 Luncheon hours 11:00am - 1:45pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p>7 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Karaoke 8:30pm.</p>	<p>8 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner hours 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5-7pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p>9 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner hours 5-8:30pm. Meat Raffle 5-7pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MID-LIFE CRISIS</b></p>	<p>10 Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Dining hours 5-8:30pm. Meat Raffle 2-4pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <b>MID-LIFE CRISIS</b></p>
<p>11 <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS.</b> Lounge specials all day.</p>	<p>12 Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p>13 Luncheon hours 11:00am - 1:45pm.</p>	<p>14 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. <b>Burger Bash 5-7pm.</b> ALR mtg 7pm. Karaoke 8:30pm.</p>	<p>15 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner hours 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5-7pm.</p>	<p>16 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner hours 5-8:30pm. Meat Raffle 5-7pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>BRIAN NAUGHTON BAND</b></p>	<p>17 <b>ST. PAT'S DAY</b> Lounge specials 8am-2pm. <b>Special menu noon-9pm.</b> Meat Raffle 2-4pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <b>BRIAN NAUGHTON BAND</b></p>
<p>18 <b>Omelet Breakfast</b> 8-12:30. Lounge specials all day.</p>	<p>19 Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm.</p>	<p>20 <b>SPRING BEGINS.</b> Luncheon hours 11:00am - 1:45pm. P&amp;F mtg 6 pm. Exec. Brd 7 pm.</p>	<p>21 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Karaoke 8:30pm.</p>	<p>21 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner hours 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5-7pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p>22 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner hours 5-8:30pm. Meat Raffle 5-7pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>HIP BONE</b></p>	<p>23 Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Dining hours 5-8:30pm. Meat Raffle 2-4pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <b>HIP BONE</b></p>
<p>25 Lounge specials all day.</p>	<p>26 Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p>27 Luncheon hours 11:00am - 1:45pm. Post mtg 7pm.</p>	<p>28 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. <b>Burger Bash 5-7pm.</b> Karaoke 8:30pm.</p>	<p>29 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner hours 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5-7pm.</p>	<p>30 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner hours 5-8:30pm. Meat Raffle 5-7pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CROSSFIRE</b></p>	<p>31 Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Dining hours 5-8:30pm. Meat Raffle 2-4pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CROSSFIRE</b></p>

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<b>February 2012</b>						
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12 <b>VALENTINE STEAK FRY</b> 2-6pm. Lounge specials all day.	13 Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm. SAL mtg 7:30pm.	14 <b>VALENTINE'S DAY.</b> Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. 	15 Luncheon hours 11:00am - 1:45pm. Karaoke 8:30pm.	16 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner hours 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5-7pm.	17 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Meat raffle 5-7pm. Dinner hours 5-8:30pm. <b>RODEHOUSE</b>	18 Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Meat raffle 2-4pm. Dining hours 5-8:30pm. <b>RODEHOUSE</b>
19 <b>Omelet Breakfast</b> 8-12:30. Lounge specials all day.	20 <b>WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.</b> Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm.	21 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. P&F mtg 6 pm. Exec Brd. mtg 7pm.	22 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. <b>Burger Bash 5-7.</b> Karaoke 8:30pm.	23 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner hours 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5-7pm.	24 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Meat raffle 5-7pm. Dinner hours 5-8:30pm. <b>WAY BACK WHENS</b>	25 Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Meat raffle 2-4pm. Dining hours 5-8:30pm. <b>WAY BACK WHENS</b>
26 Lounge specials all day.	27 Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm.	28 Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Post mtg 7pm.	29 <b>LEAP DAY</b> Luncheon hours 11:00am-1:45pm. Karaoke 8:30pm.			

# Lounge Specials



## Wolves & Wild TV Specials

20 oz. tap \$3.00

Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Phillips Bloody Mary's or Screwdrivers \$3.00

Sundays, open - 2 p.m.

Phillips Bloody Mary's or Screwdrivers \$3.00

## Dining Room Lunch Specials

Tues. - Wed. - Thurs.

Miller Hi-Life tap, Heileman's Old Style cans,  
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The Executive Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Commander's conference room on the Tuesday prior to the General Membership meeting.

General membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Post. All members are encouraged to attend.

UNIT 435



The Executive Committee meets at 7 p.m. in the Auxiliary office on the Tuesday prior to the General Membership meeting.

General membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Post.

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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CUTOFF IS THE 5TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTHS: JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER.

## Manager's Notes

It was great to see so many of you on New Year's Eve in the dining room and lounge. The entire staff did a wonderful job, and a good time was had by all.

Many thanks to the Past Commanders, our Auxiliary Unit, our Gambling Department, and of course Chef Mark King for a wonderful Tom & Jerry party on New Year's Day.

The S.A.L. Squadron will be hosting their annual Valentine's Steak Fry on Sunday, February 12th, from 2-6 p.m. Cost is \$9 in advance or \$11 at the door. Children's menu also available.

Please join us on St. Patrick's Day for our famous corned beef and cabbage dinners, Mulligan stew, Reuben soup, and deli style corned beef sandwiches. We plan on serving from noon to 8 p.m. Dining room reservations are strongly suggested in order to ensure the excellent service you deserve.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the club and gambling operations. It's a real pleasure to serve you.

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



"Go Green" with us  
 On St. Patrick's Day  
 Saturday, March 17th  
 Traditional fare from  
 noon to 8 p.m.

Call for reservations  
 (612) 866-3647

### Membership Cards

If you have already received your 2012 membership card, please disregard all dues reminders from the National American Legion office. 2012 memberships are due now.

### ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

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