

Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435
American Legion News

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**National
Commander's Dinner**
Wednesday, February 6
Social 5pm, dinner 6pm.
\$20 per person.



St. Patrick's Day
Sunday, March 17
Join us for corned
beef & cabbage!
12-7pm



**Omelet
Breakfast**

January 20
February 17
NO OMELETS IN MARCH



MEAT RAFFLE

Fridays 5-7pm
Saturdays 3-5pm

**S.A.L.
Valentine's Day
Steak Fry
Sunday
February
10th**

*Luau
Luncheon*

Saturday,
February 16

Tom & Jerry's

New Year's Day

1-3 p.m.

JOIN US!



BURGER BASH Nights!

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
5 - 7 p.m.

Burgers, fries,
onion rings



BARGO

Monday nights
Thursday nights
5pm-7pm



Commander's Column



Happy Holidays to all. We continue our holiday celebration with our Tom and Jerry Party on January 1st, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. All those with current memberships are welcome to the party. It is a good time to renew your membership.

Our National Commander, Jim Koutz will be here for dinner on February 6th. Commander Koutz is from Boonville, Indiana and is a Vietnam War Veteran. We would like to see a good turnout for his visit. We are serving steak dinner for a cost of \$20. Social is at 5:00 and dinner is to be served at 6:00. More information regarding the Commander's visit will be found elsewhere in the paper.

The SAL is holding their annual Valentine Steak Fry on Sunday, February 10th and they work very hard on this for you to enjoy. Please come out and support them. They do a lot of good work for the programs of the American Legion.

On February 16th you can attend an American Legion Family Luncheon with a luau theme. This is a fund raiser for the District Commander, President and SAL Detachment Commander's project. There is more information on this also found elsewhere.

There will be many special items on the menu for St. Patrick's Day. We have a great chef and he makes a legendary corned beef and cabbage. Come in and check this out. Because of the St. Patrick's Day festivities, there will not be an omelet breakfast that day.

We have election of officers coming up soon. According to our Standing Rules we have nominations in February and March and then elections in April. So far, Craig Deneen is the only member on the Search and Nominating Committee. If you are interested in running for an office, contact him. We are looking for all officers, two members for the Property & Finance Committee and two members for the Executive Committee.

Keep our military in your thoughts and prayers, for God and Country
Merv Becker, Commander



President's Column



HAPPY NEW YEAR! I want to thank everyone involved in helping make our 8th Annual Deployed Family Christmas project a huge success. We were able to provide food baskets for 22 families and gifts for 65+ children of our deployed troops. We "adopted" the special family of a local Wounded Warrior. Our Legion Family of Post Gambling, Auxiliary Gambling, Auxiliary Unit and SAL raised enough funds to purchase \$1,000 in gift cards to Cub, WalMart, Target and Holiday Gas to give them a little "Christmas cheer." We were also able to help fund one of our member's projects to send Christmas boxes of goodies to our deployed troops. Please continue to patronize our omelet breakfasts, the SAL steak fries, and the Post Gambling and Auxiliary meat raffles, to enable us to continue to fund our veteran and community projects. A special THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who help make our fundraisers a success!

Please join us at our Omelet Breakfasts on January 20th and February 17th. March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, so no omelet breakfast that month, but please come and partake in Chef Mark's wonderful corned beef and cabbage meal.

We are honored to host our 5th District Family Fundraiser Luncheon on Saturday, February 16, 2013 to raise money for our own 5th District President Patty's and Commander Dennis's project to bring music to the Alzheimer's floor at the Veterans Home. We are also honored to host the National Commander's visit for dinner on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. Tickets are available for \$20 by contacting me prior to January 30th.



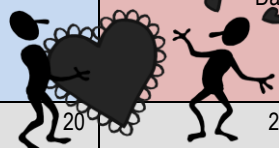
Our Unit will be going to the MN Vets Home to sponsor Bingo on the following Tuesdays: January 8th, March 12th and May 14th. If you are interested in volunteering, we meet there at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, May 5th we will have our Spring Craft Fair and Bake Sale. We need our members to donate baked goods for this project.

Hope to see you at a meeting. Let us not forget to keep our deployed troops, their families and all of our veterans in our prayers.

Joy DeLong, Auxiliary President

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
Lounge specials all day. January 2013	Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm.	Lunch 11:00am-1:45pm.	Lunch 11:00am-1:45pm. Karaoke 8:30pm.	Lunch 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5-7pm.	Lunch 11:00am-1:45pm. Meat raffle 5-7pm. Dinner 5-8:30pm.	Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Meat raffle 3-5pm. Dinner 5-8:30pm.	
		1 NEW YEARS DAY TOM & JERRY PARTY 1-3PM.	2	3	4 SUB LEVEL SIX	5 SUB LEVEL SIX	
	6	7	8 Unit Bingo @ Vets Home 6:30pm. Gun Club mtg 7:30 pm	9 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	10	11 CROSSTOWN	12 CROSSTOWN
	13	14	15	16	17	18 SUGAR BUZZ	19 SUGAR BUZZ
20 OMELET BREAKFAST 8-12:30	21 SAL mtg 7:30	22 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	23 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	24	25 WILDFIRE	26 WILDFIRE	
27	28	29 Post mtg 7pm.	30	31	1 HANGING CURVE	2 Groundhog Day. HANGING CURVE	
3 SUPERBOWL 	4	5	6 NAT'L COMMANDER'S DINNER	7	8 HIP BONE	9 HIP BONE	
10 SAL VALENTINES DAY STEAK FRY.	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday. Gun Club mtg 7:30pm.	13 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	14 Valentine's Day 	15 ROADHOUSE	16 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY LUAU LUNCHEON. ROADHOUSE	
17 Omelet Breakfast 8-12:30	18 President's Day SAL mtg 7:30	19 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	20	21	22 Washington's Birthday. CROSSFIRE	23 CROSSFIRE	
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10 Daylight Savings Time Begins.	11	12 Unit Bingo @ Vets Home 6:30pm. Gun Club mtg 7:30pm.	13 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	14	15 HANGING CURVE	16 HANGING CURVE
17 St. Patrick's Day Special menu 12-7pm.	18 SAL mtg. 7:30	19 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	20	21	22 D.B. COOPER	23 D.B. COOPER
24 Easter Sunday	25	26 Post mtg 7pm.	27 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	28	29 HIP BONE	30 HIP BONE
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Direct all questions or comments to Post 435 during business hours at (612) 866-3647

Gambling News ●●

2012 was not a very profitable year for us CHARITY-WISE. Sales, compared to 2011, were way down. I blame the decrease in sales in part on the economy. We have tried to vary the type of games to help stimulate sales and have altered the Vegas Room hours to help profitability.

That said, THANKS to the customers who do play, and our sellers who man the booth. We were still able to provide SOME financial aid to worthy causes. They include: Courage Center, DARE, Veterans Home, Veterans Hospital, Richfield Safety Day, Veterans Memorial Day Luncheon, 5K for Cancer Run, Legion Legacy Run, Christmas Baskets for the Deployed Families, Post 435 Children's Christmas Party, Camp Ripley, Legionville, Gillette Hospital, St. Joseph's Childrens Hospital, Boys School at Redwing, Boys State, and the Salvation Army.

The amount of money we are able to give to charity is directly dependent upon pulltab sales. The more customers we have, the more money we will have for charity. The Post #435 Gambling must use any profit for charity; i.e., "charitable gambling."

A heartfelt thank you to our customers. Without you, we could not fulfill our obligations.

Jim Nowell, Gambling Manager

Lounge Specials

Gophers, Wolves, NASCAR 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, Rail Martini's, Manhattans, Gimlets



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UNIT 435



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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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Manager's Notes

Happy New Year to one and all.

We look forward to a very successful 2013 with your continued support of your club rooms and Legion programs.

Join us in the lounge this winter and enjoy the NFL playoffs, the Superbowl, Timberwolves, Gopher Hockey and Basketball, and the NCAA Tournaments.

The annual SAL Valentine's Steak Fry will

be on Sunday, February 10th. Look for signage at the Post for more information.

The dining room and lounge will be serving our famous corned beef and cabbage dinners, Reuben soup, Mulligan stew, and deli corned beef sandwiches from 12-7 on Sunday, March 17th. Dining room reservations strongly advised in order to ensure the service you deserve.

Hope to see you at the post!

Roger Wysong, Manager



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