

Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435 American Legion News

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The Post obtained a new rooftop unit in May; part of some needed repairs & maintenance.

PLEASE JOIN US ON Thursday, July 4th for our annual INDEPENDENCE DAY celebration!

NOON – 8 p.m.



Food, live music, fireworks!

Lounge Specials

Twins, NASCAR TV Specials
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Tuesdays 7pm
Budweiser \$3.50/bottle

BLUE MONDAY JAM SESSION
Every Monday after
B•A•R•G•O
Bud Light Only \$3.50!

SAL Labor Day Steak Fry
Monday, September 2
2 - 6 p.m.
Steak, baked potato, corn on the cob, coleslaw, roll, coffee
\$9 in advance \$11 at the door
Kids: hamburger or hot dog, milk, corn on the cob, fries = \$5

**Installation of officers Thursday, June 20.
Meat Raffle September 6 & 7, Join us!**

Omelet Breakfasts begin again September 15th.

BURGER BASH Nights!
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
5 - 7 p.m.
Burgers, fries, onion rings

BARGO
Monday nights
Thursday nights
5pm-7pm

Commander's Column

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Commander for another year.

We were fortunate this year to host a dinner for our National Commander James Koutz in February and then the National Auxiliary President we hosted a brunch for her in March. We were the only Legion that had both the Commander and President.

We were honored this year to be represented in the Department with Jim Munson serving as our 4th and 5th District Vice Commander. We were also honored this year with Dennis DeLong serving us as District Commander and Patricia Swanson serving as our District President. We thank them. Congratulations to Shawn Davis on receiving SAL Member of the Year Award at our District Convention.

Our Memorial Service was continued again this year and the raising of the flag ceremony went well. This was a big success as was the hot dogs and beans. Later in the day many attended the dedication of the Honoring All Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park.

Our new officers are as follows: First Vice Commander, Tom Eckhoff; Second Vice Commander, Bill Bray and Finance Officer, Dennis DeLong.

Coming up is our July 4th Celebration. We will have a band outside and food as usual. Don't forget to stick around for the fireworks later in the evening. There will be a band inside in the evening.

Don't forget to support our SAL for their Labor Day Steak Fry. They do a lot of good supporting our American Legion programs.

For God and Country,
Merv Becker,



President's Column

Here is to summer, at long last! We had a fantastic turnout for our Memorial Day ceremony at Oak Hill Cemetery. I really want to thank Jim and Sherry Morris, Jill Davis and Pat Kiehl for their part in our ceremony to honor our veterans! Thanks to Konnor, Riley, LaVon, Juanita, Nancy and George for serving the luncheon that Jon Smith prepared. The weather did not keep us Minnesotan people from honoring our veterans and joining in social time. We were proud to have members of the Civil Air Patrol MN 130th join in our festivities.



I would like to thank all of the Unit members who contributed baked goods for our Craft Fair and Bake Sale held May 5th. It was a huge success thanks to all of you. Our Chairperson Carol did a great job and we had over \$1100 profit.

Dates to remember:

Our installation of officers will be on Thursday June 20th. Please join us for our annual ceremony.

Please join us for our annual 4th of July Celebration with good food, drinks and music.

Our Fall Craft Fair and Bake Sale will be Sunday, October 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Baked goods will be accepted Saturday, October 26th. Our Omelet Breakfast will begin in September this year, with this fall's dates Sept 15th, Oct 20th, Nov 17th and Dec 15th. The Auxiliary meat raffles will begin on September 6th and 7th. The Children's Christmas Party will be held December 8th. Deployed Family Project gift wrapping will be Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The Deployed Family project will be Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 a.m. in the auditorium to put the baskets together.

Please feel free to join us for our meetings on the last Tuesday of each month, September through May, at 7:00 p.m.

Please remember our deployed troops and their families in your prayers. God bless our great country and each and every one of us!

Joy DeLong, Auxiliary President



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Lounge specials all day.	Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm. BLUE MONDAY with Willie Murphy.	Lunch 11:00am-1:45pm. TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 pm.	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. Dinner 5-8:30pm.	Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Dinner 5-8:30pm.
<h1 style="color: red;">July 2013</h1>	1	2	3	4 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION. Music by Roadworthy inside. Music by d.b. Cooper outside.	5  D.B. COOPER	6 D.B. COOPER
	7 VAMC Hospital Visitation, 2pm.	8	9 Gun Club mtg 7:30 pm	10 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	11	12 HANGING CURVE
14	15 SAL mtg 7:30	16	17	18	19	20 VICIOUS FISH
21	22	23 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	24 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	25	26 HIP BONE	27 HIP BONE
28	29	30 Post mtg 7pm.	31	1	2 WAY BACK WHENS	3 WAY BACK WHENS
4 VAMC hospital visitation, 2pm.	5	6	7	8	9 WILDFIRE	10 WILDFIRE
11	12	13 Bingo party, MN Vets Home Mpls, 7pm. Gun Club mtg 7:30pm.	14 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	15	16 ROADHOUSE	17 ROADHOUSE
18	19 SAL mtg 7:30	20 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	21	22	23 HIT N RUN	24 HIT N RUN
25	26	27 Post mtg 7pm.	28 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	29	30	31 ROADWORTHY
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Thanks for an Awesome Omelet Year

We want to say "Thank You" for all the support we received for Season 14 of the Post 435 Omelet Breakfasts. We experienced record-breaking Sundays, including 300+ omelets flipped during our last breakfast in April. We want to take a moment to thank all of the volunteers and our terrific patrons. There were only two "omelet drops" this year—thank you Wendy & Jill for that bit of humor! So on behalf of Ken (Runway) Dimieri and Cleo Enroth-Sullivan; we thank you all and look forward to season 15 with even bigger numbers! We will begin a month early, so mark your calendars for September 15th! Have a wonderful summer - see you in September!

Runway & Cleo

Post 435 Marksmen Excel

Courtney L'Heureux will represent Post 435 at the 2013 American Legion 3 Position Jr. Air Rifle National Championship in August. After shooting the 2nd highest score in the country in the preliminary Postal Match, she went on to qualify in a 2nd round match. Only the top 15 marksmen in Sporter and Precision class are invited to this prestigious event at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. In addition to bragging rights, the winner in each class will receive a \$2500 scholarship from the American Legion. As the only Minnesotan at the championship, Courtney will strive to represent well her state, Post 435 "X-Men" club, and herself. We wish her the best!

Also, though not officially invited yet, it appears the "X-Men" Precision team will qualify to represent Minnesota at the 2013 Junior Olympic 3 Position Air Rifle National Championship in Anniston, Alabama, at the end of June. The team is coached by Ross Ewert and consists of Shelby Sandstrom 17, Sam Ewert 16, Elizabeth Ewert 14, and Sarah McInerney 16. Since the Air Rifle program started at Post 435 in 2000, the club has qualified almost every year for Nationals in the Sporter class, but this is the 1st year we have a full precision team. The team has won nearly all state and local matches this year and was invited to the Army Marksmanship Unit National Championship in Ft. Benning in February where they finished 4th, missing a medal by only 1 point.

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Toastmasters

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Harvey Mackay of Mackay Envelopes in St. Paul, has a column every Monday in the Business section of the Star Tribune. This successful and wise man agrees that Toastmasters is the stepping stone to comfort and success. To quote Harvey: "exercise your mind and body. Take care of yourself. Develop your confidence. Improve your work relationship. Surround yourself with mentors and coaches. Stay positive. Public speaking improves your confidence and communication skills which helps you think better on your feet. Join Toastmasters International, one of the best-kept secrets in the world, (I did.)"

I can't promise that we can all become Harvey Mackay, but I can promise you that we will, and can help you, whatever your goals. Visit us Thursday evenings at 6:30 at the Legion. Visitors are always welcome. You will see how some of our newer members are comfortable participating in the meetings.

Dee Fiedler, DTM/CL
612-741-1548



Gambling

On Memorial Day, Gambling again sponsored our annual luncheon following the noon flag raising ceremony. We served 142 guests. I want to acknowledge the fine efforts of our volunteers: Detail – Joy DeLong; food preparation – Jon Smith; servers – LaVon Whalen, Juanita Krueger, Konnor Krenz, Riley Krenz, Nancy Nowell; Poppy table – George Picciano.

Gambling thanks the patrons of the Vegas Room who helped provide some of the charitable funds to honor our veterans on this special day.

Gratefully,
Jim Nowell, Gambling Manager

Auxiliary Membership

Effective with the 2013-2014 membership year, our dues will be \$25 for members. This is due to our dues being raised at the National and Department levels.

Patricia Swanson
Membership Chairman,
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 Message

Hello. John here, with some news about the Club. Since the last newsletter there have been some changes, like a new boiler system, and music on Monday nights. If you haven't been here yet for the Monday night Blues with Willie Murphy, you are missing some excellent music and a great time. The kitchen will now be open on Tuesday nights with Mexican specials like tacos, quesadillas, etc. Also on Tuesday nights we have Texas Hold'Em which starts at 7 p.m. Come on in and give it a try; you might leave with some extra money in your pocket. Yes, we still have Bargo on Mondays and Thursdays. On Wednesday nights come in and give karaoke a try. To wrap things up, the kitchen bar menu will be available on Saturdays from noon to 3. Oops, I lied: one last thing you might have noticed already; we now have 14 different tap beer selections.

John Wortman
 General Manager

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