



**S.A.L.**  
**Valentine's Day**  
**Steak Fry**  
**Sunday**  
**February 9th**  
**2-6pm**

**Omelet Breakfast**  
**January 19**  
**February 16**  
**March 16**



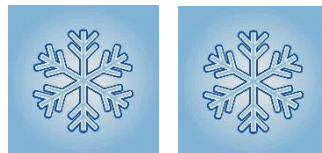
**Tom & Jerry's**  
**New Year's Day**  
**1-3 p.m.**  
**JOIN US!**

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


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



**BLUE MONDAY**  
**JAM SESSION**  
 Every Monday  
 after  
**B.A.R.G.O**  
 Bud Light  
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Sundays, starting August 4th  
**Rockin' Woody**  
 Formerly of the Rockin' Hollywoods  
 Live music, fun and a whole lot more!  
 from 4 - 7 p.m.



Monday-Blues w/Willie Murphy  
 Tuesday-Paul Metsa & Willie Walker  
 Wednesday-Karaoke with Mike Nelson  
 Thursday-Tom Hunter

**Meat Raffle**  
**Fridays 4:30-6:30**  
**Saturdays 3:00-5:00**

### Commander's Column



Happy New Year. It was nice to see many of you at the Tom and Jerry Party. Some of you I only see on that day.

We are saddened by the death of Jon Smith, a long time employee of Post 435 and a friend. Our hearts go out to all that knew Jon.

Our Children's Christmas Party went well. We bought wrapped and packaged toys and groceries for 39 families and 120-plus children for Christmas.

Next time you are in the Club, please take notice of the POW-MIA table in the dining room. The table was moved and rededicated on Veteran's Day by the American Legion Riders. Thank you to them.

Our National Commander will be visiting Minnesota February 3rd to February 6th. He will have breakfast at Minneapolis Post #1 on February 6th at 8:00AM. More information can be found in the January Legionnaire.

The Search and Nominating Committee will be looking for candidates to fill the following positions for 2014-2015: Commander, 1st and 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, two 2-year terms for the Property and Finance Committee and two 2-year terms for the Executive Committee. The names will be read in February and March and additional nominations may be made from the floor at the General Membership meetings in February and March. No nominations will be made after that.

May you have a wonderful new year. Let us keep our military personnel and their families in our prayers.

Merv Becker, Commander

### President's Column



Happy New Year! We had a very successful Deployed Family Christmas project. The SAL, Post Gambling, Auxiliary Gambling and Auxiliary pooled \$8,000 and purchased Cub gift cards, children's gifts and food for 39 families with 113 children of deployed families from Minnesota. Thanks to all who donated gift cards, gifts or money. Thanks to the Post 435 Gun Club who donated gift cards for the seven larger families in our project, to help them have something extra this holiday! A special thanks to those who gave their time to help. All of the volunteers—Sandi, Vicky, Sharon, LaVon, Jim, Nancy, George, Dennis, Roger, Chuck, Craig, Jerry, Barb, Al, Becky, Linda, Patti and I put in over 96 hours of volunteer time to make this project happen! THANK YOU TO ALL! The leftover toys were given to Toys For Tots at the Officer Club dropoff and the leftover groceries were to the Food Shelf at St. Bonaventure Church. Thanks to Santa Mike for his efforts with the Children's Party.

We have lots of new activities at our Post, come in and play Bargo on Monday or Thursday, listen to the different music genres on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, play the meat raffle on Friday or Saturday. There is something for everyone here, just stop in.

Our Craft Fair and Bake Sales have been very successful, thanks to the members who did all the baking! Thanks to Carol and Jill who do such a great job of running the event; we will continue to do a spring and fall one to help us raise funds for the veterans causes.

Our omelet breakfast continues to be a great success on the third Sunday of the month, with Kenny and Cleo doing a great job with their volunteers. The funds raised here also go to benefit our veterans. Some of the ways we spend money on our veterans is running Bingo at the Mpls Veterans Home, furnishing prizes and treats at least 4 times a year, gifts to 12 "adopted" veterans at the Home at Christmas, the Deployed Family Christmas Project, Legion Family scholarship and many other projects.

I am thankful for all of our volunteers and hope to see you in the coming year at the Post. Continue to keep our many veterans, deployed troops and their families in your thoughts and prayers. God Bless them all.



Joy DeLong, Auxiliary President



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Ron Lund on the keyboard

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## Mpls/Richfield American Legion Post 435

| SUN   | MON  | TUE  | WED   | THU   | FRI   | SAT  |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| Lounge specials all day. Music by Rockin' Woody.  | Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm. BLUE MONDAY with Willie Murphy. Rib special! | Lunch 11am-1:45pm. Taco special! MUSIC by Paul Metsa & Willie Walker. Happy hour 9pm-12am. | Lunch 11am-1:45pm. Karaoke 8:30pm. Happy hour 9pm-12am. | Lunch 11am-1:45pm. Dinner 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5-7pm. MUSIC by Tom Hunter. Happy hour 9pm-12am. | Lunch 11am-1:45pm. Meat raffle 4:30-6:30pm. Dinner 5-8:30pm.  | Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Meat raffle 3-5pm. Dinner 5-8:30pm. |
| <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">January 2014</h1>  |  |  |   |   |   |  |
| 5   | 6  | 7  | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11   |
| VAMC Hospital Visitation, 2pm.  |  |  | Burger Nite 5-7pm.                                      |   | WAX TONES   | WAX TONES  |
| 12  | 13   | 14   | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18   |
|   |  | Bingo party @ MN Vets home 6:30pm. Gun Club mtg 7:30 pm                                    |   |   | BRIAN NAUGHTON  | BRIAN NAUGHTON   |
| 19  | 20   | 21   | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25   |
| Omelet Breakfast 8:00-12:30   | SAL mtg 7:30   | P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.   | Burger Nite 5-7pm.                                      |   | SUITE A   | SUITE A  |
| 26  | 27   | 28   | 29  | 30  | 31  | 1  |
|   |  | Auxiliary Unit mgt 6:30pm. Post mtg 7pm.   |   |   | WAY BACK WHENS  | WAY BACK WHENS   |
| 2   | 3  | 4  | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8  |
| GROUNDHOG DAY. VAMC hospital visitation, 2pm.   |  |  |   |   | CLAIMSTAKERS  | 5th District Luncheon @ Post #1, 11am. CLAIMSTAKERS          |
| 9   | 10   | 11   | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15   |
| SAL Valentine's Day Steak Fry, 2-6pm.  |  | Gun Club mtg 7:30pm.   | Burger Nite 5-7pm.                                      |   |  JAMES ZACHARY | JAMES ZACHARY  |
| 16  | 17   | 18   | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22   |
| Omelet Breakfast 8:00-12:30   | SAL mtg 7:30   | P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.   |   |   | SUGAR TREE  | SUGAR TREE   |
| 23  | 24   | 25   | 26  | 27  | 28  |  |
| <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">February 2014</h1>   |  |  |   |   |   |  |
|   |  | Post mtg 7pm.  | Burger Nite 5-7pm.                                      |   | ROADHOUSE   |  |

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| <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">March 2014</h1> |  |   |  |  |   | 1<br>ROADHOUSE   |
| 2<br>Hospital Visitation, 2pm.                         | 3  | 4   | 5  | 6  | 7<br>CITY LIGHTS  | 8<br>CITY LIGHTS   |
| 9  | 10   | 11<br>Bingo Party @ MN Vets Home 6:30pm. Gun Club mtg 7:30pm.                                 | 12<br>Burger Nite 5-7pm.                                   | 13   | 14<br>SUB LEVEL 6   | 15<br>SUB LEVEL 6  |
| 16<br>Omelet Breakfast 8:00-12:30                      | 17<br><b>ST PATRICK'S DAY. Special menu 12-7. SAL mtg. 7:30</b>            | 18  | 19   | 20   | 21<br>WAY BACK WHENS  | 22<br>WAY BACK WHENS   |
| 23   | 24<br>P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.                                     | 25  | 26<br>Burger Nite 5-7pm.                                   | 27   | 28<br>TAMARAK   | 29<br>TAMARAK  |
| 30   | 31<br>Post mtg 7pm.  |            |  |  |   |  |

### Important Notice for all Post 435 Members

The IRS is requiring all American Legion posts to provide proof of membership eligibility. The IRS can demand that our post provide it with DD214 forms, which is the certificate of release of discharge from active duty, for every member.

Posts that can't or won't comply face heave fines.

Post 435 has some DD214 forms on file. Several years ago our cabinet was broken into and the old files were stolen. The ones we have were recently handed to us.

We need your help in this project. Could you resubmit a COPY of your DD214 to the Membership Director, Jerry Martin? This will protect our post from any fines that may arise.



# Lounge Specials

### Wild, Wolves 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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Nils Hudyma

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

**Scholarships**

**Scholarships are available through the Department of MN. American Legion Auxiliary**

**Department of MN Scholarship:** This is given to a son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a veteran in the amount of \$1,000

A candidate must be:

- A. A resident of the State of MN or a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the American Legion or SAL Department of MN.
- B. A high school senior or graduate, with a good scholastic record and average of at least "C".
- C. In need of and deserving of financial assistance.
- D. Of good character, with ambition to continue his/her education.

Applications must be submitted to the Unit President by March 5th and forwarded by the Unit to Department by March 15th.

**American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members:**

Candidates for this award shall be/shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary; said member to have held Junior membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three years and must hold a membership; card for the current (2011) year. Applicant must continue her membership during the four-year scholarship period. Applicants must present the completed application packet to the Unit President on or before March 1, 2011, and must be to the Department no later than April 1, 2011.

**American Legion Auxiliary National President's Scholarship;**

Candidates for this award shall be daughters, stepdaughters, sons, stepsons, grandsons, step-grandsons, granddaughters, step-granddaughters, great-granddaughters, step-great-daughters, great-grandsons, step-great-grandsons of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during eligibility for membership in the American Legion. Applicants must present the completed application to the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit Presidents on or before March 1, 2011 and to the Department no later than March 15, 2011.

**Past Presidents Parley Health Care Scholarship:**

The applicant must be a member of an American Legion Auxiliary Unit in the Department of MN, for a minimum of three (3) years and maintain a "C" or better average in school if a student. Application must be received in the Department Office of the American Legion Auxiliary by March 15th.

**American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students:**

Applicant must be a member of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or the Sons if the American Legion and shall have paid dues for the two preceding years and for the calendar year in which application is made. Applicant must be a non-traditions student returning to the classroom after some period of time in which his/her formal education was interrupted.

Contact Penny Becker, 612-866-2847, for applications or further information.

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POST 435



The Executive Committee meets at 7 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 p.m. at the Post. All members are encouraged to attend.

UNIT 435



The Executive Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. prior to the General Membership meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 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.

## Manager's Message

Hello,

John here. It's been a busy fall at the Club. We hosted our first Mystery Dinner Theatre, and then in early December we had stand-up comic Jeff Gerbino. Both were a lot of fun, but I learned from the Dinner Theatre that we need a new sound system in the auditorium. That is one thing I've learned—we have a very old building in need of a bit of love and care.

In the near future, I will be asking for help painting. If you can spare an hour or two, your club sure would appreciate the help.

I will be setting some fun things up for the springtime, so please keep an eye on our Web site, stop in, or give me a call and I will let you know what will be happening.



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