

Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435 American Legion News

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Auxiliary Unit 435
cordially invites you to our

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 14
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Richfield, Minnesota

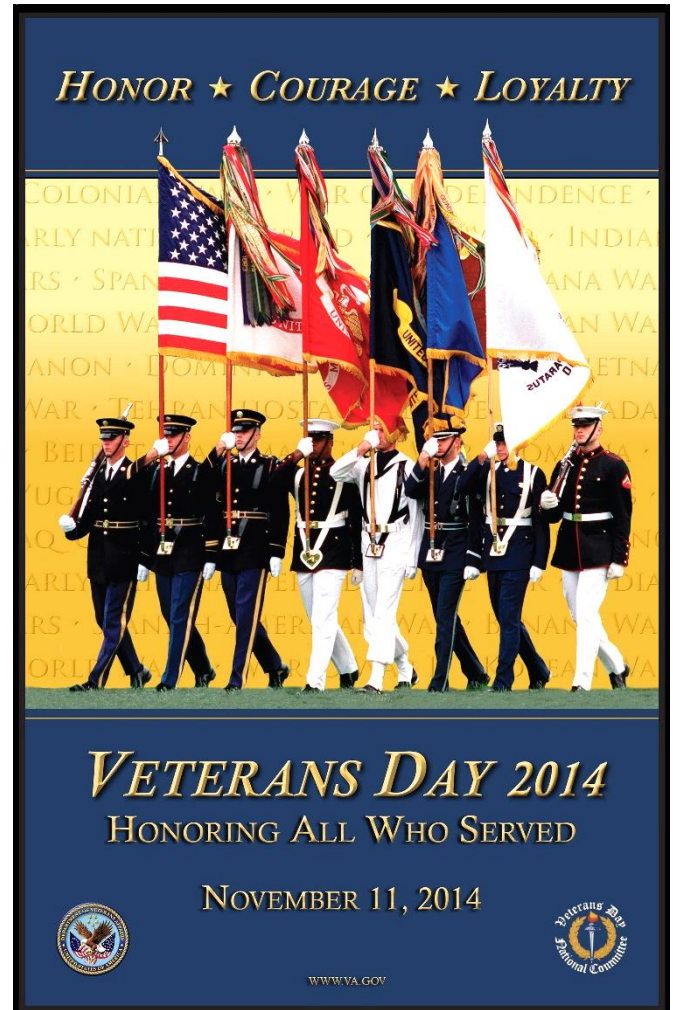
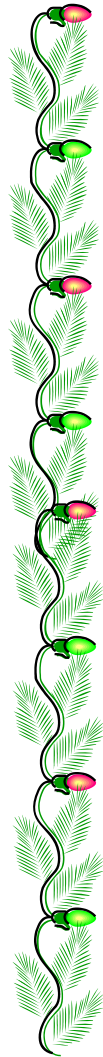
Please R.S.V.P. by Dec. 10
to Penny Becker
(612) 866-2847

Meat Raffle and Bingo Saturdays 2 p.m.

Tom & Jerry Party, Thursday Jan. 1, 2015



Hotdish Dinner Fundraiser
Hosted by American Legion Riders
Wednesday, November 5
Wednesday, December 3
5-7 p.m.



Omelet Breakfast

8am to noon

November 16 & December 21

\$9 per person, children 10 and under \$5



Commander's Column

Here we go again, time for another newsletter. Let's give this a shot.

There are so many things going on at Post 435 it is hard to keep them all straight. We have a variety of live music and entertainment each night of the week in the lounge; great new menu items; food now available for more hours in both the dining room and the lounge; as well as a tremendous offering of great tap beers and other libations. We also have Charitable Gambling in the form of pull tabs, Bar Bingo, and meat raffles. Charitable Gambling is just that—Charitable. This means that the money raised is given to qualified charities and organizations; organizations with programs that help improve veterans' lives, as well as helping people in our own community.

Without a current gambling license of our own, the City of Richfield has allowed the Richfield VFW Post 5555 to operate pull tabs, meat raffles, and Bar Bingo at our location. Post 5555 pays rent to Post 435, and donates money to those same charitable organizations we wish to support. One example; each time Post 5555 hosts Bar Bingo, they donate money specifically to "Common Bond," one of the great organizations rehabbing buildings at Fort Snelling, creating 54 apartments for homeless veterans and their families.

Thankfully, at this time, Post 435 has satisfied all of the State of Minnesota Gambling Control Board's requirements regarding our past problems, and we will be allowed to reapply for a new gambling license after the one year revocation is complete. Post 5555 will continue to offer charitable gambling for our members and guests. Come in and support them.

Tom Eckhoff

President's Column

I hope this article finds you well and enjoying the changing of the season and getting ready for the next couple of months which are always busy.

Thank you to those who attended the first Omelet breakfast of the year. We hope to see you at the upcoming Omelet Breakfasts: Sunday November 16th and Sunday December 21st.

We also had another successful Craft and Bake sale. Thank you to the Auxiliary members who donated baked goods. Thank you to all who came and supported the vendors to make it success. The Spring Craft and Bake Sale will be on Sunday April 26th, 2015.

We will once again have the Children's Christmas party for children 10 and under. It will be on Sunday December 14, 2014 from 1pm to 3pm in the auditorium. There will be a clown and other activities available for the children. Please RSVP Penny Becker at 612-866-2847 by Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

The Auxiliary will once again create baskets for deployed families in need. This year we have decided to scale things back a bit and work with only families in need in the local area. In past years we have been able to provide baskets to those in need in the outstate area as well as the local area. As of this writing, the details are still being finalized. Donations of toys will be accepted. Look for signage for drop-off location at the post.

The 5th District Legion is trying to become more active in the community. This year the Richfield Post will be a drop-off location for Toys for Tots. Any toys that are donated to the Deployed Family Basket project that are not used will be given to this worthy cause.

The next general membership meeting is scheduled on Tuesday November 25th at 7pm. We will be finalizing plans for the Children's Christmas Party and the Deployed Family baskets. There will be no meeting in December.

Have a happy, safe, thankful and joyful holiday season!

God Bless America, our service members and our veterans!!

Jill Davis

Unit 435 President



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Glen Hjalmer Rasmusson

was born December 22, 1951 to Helen and Hjalmer Rasmusson. He passed away Saturday, October 4, 2014 at the age of 62.

Growing up in south Minneapolis, Glen participated in Boy Scouts, youth groups at Calvary Lutheran Church and Park Board sports. He looked forward to family camping trips and going to Grandma's in the summer. Winters were spent speed skating at Powderhorn Park. Glen graduated from Central High School in 1969 where he played trumpet in the school band and varsity basketball.

He attended the University of Minnesota before entering the Armed Forces in 1973. Shortly after his term in the service, he married Darcy Erickson of Minneapolis and began a career in the roofing industry, which he retired from in 2009. Glen was an active member of Roofers Local 96 Union. He and Darcy remained in south Minneapolis where they raised three wonderful children His wife and family were the light of his life.

Also, during that time, Glen was a two term Post Commander at the Richfield American Legion and had continued his involvement there in several other capacities up to the time of his death. He was an avid sportsman who truly enjoyed all types of hunting and fishing, and loved to share these experiences with family and friends.

Most recently he especially looked forward to the nights his two grandchildren, Landon and Lauren, came to sleep over. Besides his grandchildren, Glen is survived by his mother, Helen; wife of 38 years, Darcy; sons, Joshua (Sarah) and David; daughter, Katie (Ross); sisters, Bonnie (Dan) and Nancy (Randy); brother, Paul (Sandy); five nieces; one nephew; two grandnieces; one grandnephew; many cousins, in-laws and friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents and father, Hjalmer. He will be greatly missed by all who were fortunate to know him – YaDo!

Toastmasters

"Toastmasters was organized October, 1924. They are celebrating their 90th year of success this year. The current Toastmaster membership is 313,000 members in 126 countries!! The Richfield Legion Toastmasters group was chartered December 1, 1959. We will be celebrating our 55th year this December.

About 40 years ago this group braved the odds by asking me to become the first female member of the Richfield Legion Toastmasters. It has been, and is, an excellent experience. Toastmasters has taken away all fear of public speaking, making presentations before large groups, starting a new business, etc. etc.

Toastmasters is the one organization that will help you conquer any fear of appearing before individuals or groups. We help members in a relaxed atmosphere on a one to one basis rather than a large classroom setting. The Richfield Legion Toastmasters meet at the Legion Club every Thursday from 6:00 to approximately 7:30. Visitors are always welcome. Bring along a spouse, co-worker or friend - they are welcome as well."

Dee Fiedler, DTM/CL, Mentor e-mail - foxygrams1@gmail.com



Greetings from Post 435 American Legion Riders!

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Our ride season may be ending, but we were able to go out and do the Grand Rounds with the Twin Cities Victory Riders (TCVR) on Sunday October 12th. It was a fun ride and there was great weather for it.

We have started our Hot Dish Dinner Fundraiser. On the first Wednesday of the month, we will have various hot dishes available. Cost is \$6 for a bowl of hot dish, salad, and roll. Refills of hot dish are \$3.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, come on out and see what we are planning for next year.

Thanks, and see you around the Post!
Shawn Davis
Director



“ONE OF A KIND”
Ron Lund on the keyboard

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Sons of the American Legion

Squadron 435 held its annual Labor Day Steak Dinner on Monday September 1. We had help and support from volunteers from the Post 435 Junior Shooting Program, the X-Men. It was a success, and thanks to all who came out.

Out next events include supporting Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of the month (running through April), the Christmas Party for Kids, and Christmas Gift Baskets for Deployed Service members' families.

In other news, a resolution coming out of Squad 435 last year called for the a line of communication be set up to the MN Vikings and the Metropolitan Sports Authority, asking for them to include a POW/MIA Chair/display in the new stadium. In the last few weeks, the District Leadership met with representatives of the Vikings and they indicated that they will include a POW/MIA/Service Member memorial in the new stadium development, but were unable to state at this time what or where it would be located. As more information is received about this project, it will be shared with you.

We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 (right after BARGO). Look forward to seeing you there.

Nils Hudyma
SAL Commander



Photo #: 80-G-266626 USS Utah (AG-16)

Capsizing off Ford Island, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941, after being torpedoed by Japanese aircraft.



Photographed from USS *Tangier* (AV-8), which was moored astern of *Utah*.

Note colors half-raised over fantail, boats nearby, and sheds covering *Utah's* after guns.

Official U.S. Navy Photograph, National Archives collection www.history.navy.mil

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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-2pm. Taco special! MUSIC by Paul Metsa & Willie Walker. Happy hour 9pm-12am.	Lunch 11am-2pm. Karaoke 8:30pm. Happy hour 9pm-12am.	Lunch 11am-2pm. Dinner 5-8pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5-7pm. MUSIC by the Del Counts. Happy hour 9pm-12am.	Lunch 11am-2pm. Dinner 5-8pm.	Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Dinner 5-8pm.
November 2014						1 JAMES ZACKARY
2 VAMC hospital visitation, 2pm.	3 Bargo 5-7pm.	4	5 A.L. Riders Hotdish Feed 5pm.	6 Bargo 5-7pm.	7 TAMARAK	8 TAMARAK
9	10 Bargo 5-7pm.	11 CMP mtg 6:30pm. Gun Club gen'l membership mtg 7:30pm.	12 A.L.R. mtg 7pm.	13 Bargo 5-7pm.	14 ROADHOUSE	15 ROADHOUSE
16 OMELET BREAKFAST 8am-12pm.	17 Bargo 5-7pm. SAL mtg 7:30	18 Gun Owners Rally 5-10pm. P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	19	20	21 SUGAR BUZZ	22 SUGAR BUZZ
23	24 Bargo 5-7pm.	25 Post mtg 7pm. Aux mtg 7pm.	26	27 THANKSGIVING DAY. POST CLOSED.	28 WILDFIRE	29 WILDFIRE
30	1 Bargo 5-7pm.	2	3 A.L. Riders Hotdish Feed 5pm.	4 Bargo 5-7pm.	5 WAYBACK WHENS	6 WAYBACK WHENS
7 Hospital Visitation, 2pm.	8 Bargo 5-7pm.	9 CMP mtg 6:30pm. Gun Club gen'l membership mtg 7:30pm.	10	11 Bargo 5-7pm.	12 CROSSFIRE	13 CROSSFIRE
14 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, 1-3pm	15 Bargo 5-7pm. SAL mtg 7:30pm	16 Gun Owners Rally 5-10pm.	17	18 Bargo 5-7pm.	19 SUGAR TREE	20 SUGAR TREE
21 Omelet Breakfast, 8am-12pm.	22 Bargo 5-7pm.	23 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	24 POST CLOSED @ 4PM.	25 CHRISTMAS DAY. POST CLOSED.	26 ROADHOUSE	27 ROADHOUSE
28	29 Bargo 5-7pm.	30 Post mtg 7pm.	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	December 2014		



Lounge Specials

Vikings, Wolves TV Specials - 20 oz. tap \$3.00

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

Hello everybody. Seems like yesterday I was saying hello to the spring season. It's that time again to drag out the winter wear and start preparing for winter.

"Elvis" was here in October. He was a big hit, and we'll most likely have him back in the late winter or early spring. I'm sorry about not getting the word out, but he sold out very quickly. I will be setting up a comedy show in December, so check the website for that info.

We'll host a beanbag toss game before the Vikings/Packers game on November 23rd. Call me if you need more information.

And also, please plan your New Year's Eve party here. We will have the Teen Kings rockin' all night, and Chef Jermaine will prepare dinner specials that night that will be out of this world. We hope to have two seatings for the New Year's Eve dinner--one at 6pm and then a second seating at 8pm. So please include us in your New Year's Eve celebrations and call for a dinner reservation.

Our kitchen has really turned around. If you haven't had a chance to experience what our new Chef has done, you're missing out. I'm seeing a lot of new faces, so please come down and give us a try.

Remember our veterans on November 11th. Happy Thanksgiving to all.
John Wortman

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