

Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435 American Legion News

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Greetings from the 2014-2015 Officers of the Post 435 American Legion Family; The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders.

In the past year, Post 435's Charitable Gambling Operation has experienced a serious audit and investigation by the State of Minnesota Gambling Control Board, which has uncovered various inconsistencies.

This investigation uncovered information that has thus far led to one former Gambling Employee facing a number of felony criminal charges in Hennepin County Court.

Reminder, these are criminal charges that will ultimately be resolved by the Court.

In addition to the criminal matter, Post 435's Charitable Gambling License has been revoked by the Gambling Control Board for a period of one year. After one year the Post may be eligible to reapply for a new Charitable Gambling license.

Thankfully our members and guests will still be able to enjoy Charitable Gambling at Post 435 during this time, as VFW Post 5555 will operate Charitable Gambling at Post 435 for at least the next 12 months.

First off, let's state how much it saddens us, to make the charitable work that we do so much more difficult. We need to also stress that this investigation and resulting action by the State of Minnesota, in no way reflects on the membership, remaining staff and charitable work at Post 435.

We ARE the American Legion Family. WE are here for those serving, those who have served, the families, and our community. Our mission has not changed. While this may slow us down, it will not stop us. We will continue our charitable work.

This next year will have many challenges however. We are not the first or last Post to deal with challenge and adversity. Actions will be taken to ensure this can never happen again. With hard work, cooperation of our membership, staff, and guests, we will endeavor to rise out of this time of difficulty, a stronger more resilient organization.

Suffice it to say, this is a very critical event in our Post's history. At this time we need ALL Legion Family members' help and support to ensure Post 435 survives and thrives into the future.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any one of us.

The American Legion


Tom Eckhoff
Commander

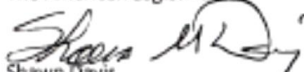
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Commander's column

Greetings all!

My, how time flies! It is time again for another Post 435 Newsletter. The Newsletter will now be published every two months to provide more current schedule information. It may take a little while to get up to speed, thank you for your patience.

I remind everyone, my goals for this year include enhancing communication, increasing member volunteer participation, recruiting and retention of new and younger membership, utilizing skill sets of our membership to help our Post face the many challenges ahead, openly, and in a good way. I believe we can ALL offer something, and together as a team, we can continue forward as a vibrant, successful entity.

I am very pleased with the support Members are providing the Post Officers so far in this 2014-2015 Legion year.

Please, feel free to submit written suggestions regarding any ideas about the Post, to the Commander's mail box in the Post's business office. I will read all comments and suggestions, and do my best to get positive resolutions.

Members, this is YOUR Post, and your active participation is needed to insure OUR success in this coming year.

I would like to acknowledge the current Post Officers and ALL of the Legion Family, Auxiliary, SAL, and ALR for their continued dedication and tremendous support.

Come in for dinner, and check out the exceptional variety of live musical entertainment, available every evening of the week.

Thomas R. Eckhoff, Commander

President's Column

September brings the unofficial end of summer and back to more of a routine with kids back in school and the days getting shorter. September also marks the beginning of activities with the Auxiliary.

Our next general membership meeting is Tuesday September 30th at 7pm. We encourage everyone who is able to attend. We will be going through the budget for the year and discussing the events that are planned for the coming months. The October general membership meeting is Tuesday October 28th at 7pm.

The monthly Omelet breakfasts start up again on Sunday October 19th. We will be serve from 8am until noon. The Omelet dates for the next few months are Sunday November 16th and Sunday December 21st. Come out and enjoy a filling breakfast and support the Auxiliary!

The Fall Craft Fair and Bake Sale will be held on Sunday October 26th from 9am to 4pm. This will be a great opportunity to get a head start on Christmas shopping. We already have a number of vendors confirmed. We will once again be asking for donations of baked goods. Those baked goods can be dropped off at the post on Saturday October 25th. We are also in need of some volunteers to help with running the Bake Sale and Food booth. Please contact Carol Larson at 612-481-2148 if interested.

If you are interested in learning more about any of the activities or are interesting in volunteering for events, please feel free to contact me or any other Auxiliary officer. Remember, you can also use the Auxiliary e-mail address to communicate with the Unit.

It is aux.richfieldamericanlegion@comcast.net.

God Bless America, Our Troops and Our Veterans!!

Jill Davis

Unit 435 President



Fall Craft Fair and Bake Sale

Richfield American Legion
Auxiliary Unit 435

**Bake Sale, Craft and Food Booths,
Merchant Vendors**

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Sunday October 26, 2014

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8am to noon

October 19

November 16



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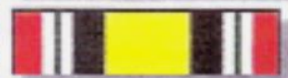
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The Infantry Creed

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Queen of Battle!

For two centuries I have
kept our Nation safe, pur-
chasing freedom with my
blood.

To tyrants, I am the day
of reckoning.

To the oppressed, the
hope for the future.

Where the fighting is
thick, there am I...
I am the Infantry!

FOLLOW ME!

THE BADGE OF GLORY

—Jim Dollar

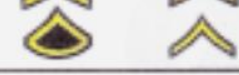
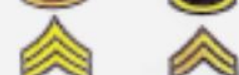
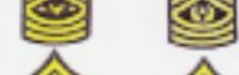
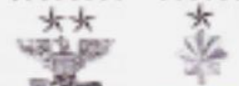
Of all the medals upon our chest
From the battles and wars we knew
The one admired as the very best
is the one of Infantry Blue.

It is only a rifle upon a wreath
So why should it mean so much?
It is what it took to earn it
That gives it that magic touch.

To earn this special accolade
You faced the enemy's fire.
Whether you survived or not
God dialed that one desire.

For those of us who served the cause
And brought this nation glory
It is the Combat Infantryman's Badge
That really tells the story.

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Greetings from Post 435 American Legion Riders!

First off, I wish to thank all who turned out for the 5th Annual MN ALR Legacy Run Kick Off party on July 31st. It was a great day full of BARGO, food, and entertainment. The silent auction raised \$1,500.00 in donations to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship, and overall we had a turn-in to the scholarship of \$12,000. It is due to you that we were so successful.

So how much did we raise of the two weekends we rode through the state? Well from the Not-so-North run we raised \$25,865, and on the North run we raised \$31,337. We had set a goal of \$55,000 in honor of our fifth year of doing this, and we surpassed it by a wide margin. The final total will be announced on the floor of the National Convention; I hope you get to see it. Otherwise check out the social media and we will be announcing it there.

Friday September 12th through Sunday September 14th from 11 until 6 we will be running the Cub Food Wagon at France Ave and Old Shakopee Road as a fundraiser for the MN ALR Legacy Scholarship. So come on down, buy something to eat and support a worthy charity!

The MN ALR Romp will be held at Legionville in Brainerd on Thursday September 25th through Sunday September 28th. Food, music, charitable gambling, and some fun area rides are planned. Camping and dorms are available. If you have a hotel receipt from the 2014 Legacy run, your registration will be discounted.

Post 435 will be starting up the First Wednesday Hotdish dinner on Wednesday Oct 1st. This will run on the first Wednesday of each month through May and is another fundraiser for us.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. Look forward to seeing you there.

Shawn Davis

Oktoberfest is a two week festival, held in Munich, Bavaria, Germany. While it is a giant world festival in Germany, Oktoberfest celebrations are held around the world during this time. So, if you can't get to the fair in Germany, you can participate in a local event.

It's time to eat, drink, and be merry! Each year, the Oktoberfest is opened, as the mayor of Munich taps a keg of beer. There is even a special brew made, aptly called *Oktoberfest beer*.

Oktoberfest is not just a celebration of beer. It is a huge festival with lots of food, music, dancing, rides, and carnival booths. Each year millions of people from all over the world come to the fair. Oktoberfest celebrations and festivals are held around the world during this time. These festivals also celebrate the rich heritage of the German people.

Membership

Guess what? The Auxiliary's favorite time of the year has arrived. National is sending out our dues notices by September 15th. Our Senior dues are \$25 and Junior dues are \$5.

We would appreciate that you would mail your dues in as soon as possible.

If you know of anyone who would like to become a member, please let me know. We always have applications at the Post.

Thank you for your membership. Come down and enjoy your club.

Patricia Swanson

Unit #435 Membership Chairman

Calendar Notes

- September 6 – Camp-O-Rama @ Legionville, Membership/Harvest Rally
- September 2 – District Meeting @ Minneapolis Post #1 @ 7:30 p.m.
- October 5 – Sunday Visitation @ VA Medical Center @ 2:00 p.m.
- October 14 – Bingo @ MN Veterans Home Mpls @ 6:30 p.m.
- October 16-18 – Fall Conference @ Mahnommen



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-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.
	SAL LABOR DAY STEAK FRY, 2-6PM.	District Mtg. Post 1, 7:30pm.	September 2014		TAMARAK	TAMARAK
VAMC hospital visitation, 2pm.		CMP mtg 6:30pm. Gun Club gen'l membership mtg 7:30pm.	A.L.R. mtg 7pm.		BRIAN NAUGHTON	BRIAN NAUGHTON
ALR @ the Cub food wagon!	SAL mtg 7:30	Gun Owners Rally 5-10pm.			WILDFIRE	WILDFIRE
NO OMELET BREAKFAST		P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.			ROADHOUSE	ROADHOUSE
		Post mtg 7pm. Aux mtg 7pm.			WAY BACK WHENS	WAY BACK WHENS
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Fall Craft Fair and Bake Sale, 9am-4pm.		Post mtg 7pm. Aux mtg 7pm.			Halloween JAMES ZACHARY	



Lounge Specials

Twins, NASCAR 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.

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 CUTOFF IS THE 5TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTHS: MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, DECEMBER.

Post 435 Gun Club

Post 435 Gun Club has about 450 members currently. Our upcoming monthly membership meeting will be September 9, October, 14th and December 9th. This month we are finishing our summer DNR Hunter/ Firearms Safety Class. This summer's class had 40% female students and has run very smoothly. For the record, some of these gals are the parents of current and past students. It just shows it's never too late to learn new skills. Our instructors are certified volunteer DNR instructors. The skills we are teaching are lifetime skills. How many remember taking the same class years ago and can still hear the instructor barking the rules of gun safety: "(A) Treat every gun as if it's loaded. (B) Control the muzzle and (C) Know your target and what is beyond." These are life lessons and teach not only safety but a healthy respect for firearms. Our next class is April 2015. The sign-up will be some time in March, 2015.

The gun Club is taking applications for membership. All gun club members must be members of Post 435--either Legion, SAL or Auxiliary. Gun Club membership is about \$100.00. The range is private, so only members and their guests are allowed on premises.

If you are looking for a little stress relief, why not join up and come shoot some Trap. There is no relief for stress better than pulverizing clay pigeons!

<http://www.post435gunclub.org/>

Michael Kielty
 Chairman, Post 435 Gun Club

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