

Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435 American Legion News

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Auxiliary Omelet Breakfast



8am to noon

January 18 & February 15
\$9 per person, children 10 and under \$5

Post 435 Gun Club, 2014 year in review

2014 was a great year the gun club. We made numerous improvements to the range, bought equipment and added several new firearms instructors, many of whom were female. We taught hunter/firearms safety to 100 students of all ages and genders. We saw our beloved Chief Firearms safety instructor, Hank, retire (photo below). We lost some old friends and gained a few new ones.

Our Firearms Safety program has several people stepping forward to keep the program going. We are always looking for new instructors, (if you have any interest contact Tom Steele through the Post).

Currently we have 430+ members and are taking applications; however, no new member orientations will be held until April 2015. The range is open to club members and their guests only.

The next firearms/hunter safety class will be held in April 2015. This class will fill up quickly so get on the list early in March. If you also want to shoot service rifles join our CMP (Civilian Marksmanship program). They shoot Tuesday evenings May through October.

Happy Holidays from Post 435 Gun Club.
Keep your powder dry!

Best Regards,
Michael Kielty
612-382-6296

Commander's Column

Greetings all!

Time has been moving quickly this year, and it is now time for another Post 435 newsletter.

I sincerely hope everyone has had a wonderful Holiday Season.

I wish to thank the Post Auxiliary, SAL, and ALR for their continued support.

Reminding everyone; my goals for the year include enhancing communication, increasing member volunteer participation, recruiting younger membership, utilizing skill sets of our membership to help our Post face the many challenges of this year, 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.

While we struggle with stressful and difficult financial decisions stemming from the tremendous losses we have suffered from the charitable gambling situation, the challenge to focus on service to veterans, their families and the community in which we reside has been difficult.

The true voice of our membership can be heard only by active participation in Post meetings. These challenges WE face together, ALL of us, as members of this Post. Every member has his or her role to play, and working together, our Post will be able to meet our full potential and successfully serve our community.

Thomas R. Eckhoff, Commander



President's Column

Happy New Year Everyone! I hope that 2015 finds you well.

The Unit sponsors Bingo Parties at the VA Home and we are always looking for volunteers to help the veterans play. The next Bingo party is Tuesday January 13th. Volunteers should arrive at 6:30pm and the games start at 7pm. There will also be Bingo on Tuesday March 10th and Tuesday May 12th. The 5th District sponsors visitation at the VA Home the first Sunday of the month at 2pm. This is a chance to visit with the veterans who might not receive visitors very often. Upcoming dates are Sunday January 4th, Sunday February 1st and Sunday March 1st.

The Department of Minnesota has a number of scholarships available. If you know someone who is need of scholarship money, we encourage you check it out. More information can be obtained by going onto the Department website www.mnala.org. Information about the Unit-sponsored scholarships can be obtained from Terri Munson.

We continue to try to make improvements to the Craft Fair and Bake sale and have changed the date. The next one will be held in conjunction with the April Auxiliary omelet breakfast in hopes that we generate more foot traffic for both events. The date of the events is Sunday April 19th. In addition to the Bake Sale we are also having a Book Sale. More information about how to donate baked goods and books will be in the March newsletter.

The Omelet Breakfast will be held on Sunday January 18th and Sunday February 15th. Come out and have a made-to-order omelet cooked by members of the Auxiliary. You won't leave hungry!

If you would like to find out more ways to become involved with the American Legion Auxiliary, please feel free to call me at 612-968-1172.

God Bless our great country and our troops!
Jill Davis
Unit 435 President



**Hotdish Dinner Fundraiser
Hosted by American Legion Riders
Wednesday, January 7 & February 4
5-7 p.m.**

Toastmasters

Time flies. Your Richfield Legion Toastmaster group #232, is celebrating its 55th birthday. Our Toastmaster club was organized December 1, 1959. I have been a member for over 40 years. It has been my pleasure to belong to this club with many of your past commanders. Many have passed away; however we still have a few with us that I wish would consider visiting us at a meeting. One of our members, Fritz Herring, was a member of the original group in 1959. We meet at the club at 6:30 each Thursday evening. Our meetings are usually over by 8pm. A few of us meet at the club at 5:00 or 5:15 and have a light dinner along with some camaraderie prior to the meeting. Visitors are always welcome. A visitor does not have to be a member of the Legion or the Auxiliary. If you wish, you can bring along a friend or spouse. They are welcome also.

Dee Fiedler, DTM/CL
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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.
<h1>January 2015</h1>				1 Tom & Jerry Party 1pm. Bargo 5-7pm.	2 CROSSFIRE	3 CROSSFIRE
4 VAMC hospital visitation, 2pm.	5 Bargo 5-7pm.	6	7 A.L. Riders Hotdish Feed 5pm.	8 Bargo 5-7pm.	9 SECOND GENERATION	10 SECOND GENERATION
11	12 Bargo 5-7pm.	13 CMP mtg 6:30pm. Gun Club gen'l membership mtg 7:30pm.	14 A.L.R. mtg 7pm.	15 Bargo 5-7pm.	16 LEGENDS	17 LEGENDS
18 OMELET BREAKFAST 8am-12pm.	19 Bargo 5-7pm. SAL mtg 7:30	20 Gun Owners Rally 5-10pm. P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	21	22 Bargo 5-7pm.	23 TAMARAK	24 TAMARAK
25	26 Bargo 5-7pm.	27 Post mtg 7pm. Aux mtg 7pm.	28	29 Bargo 5-7pm.	30 WAY BACK WHENS	31 WAY BACK WHENS
1 Hospital Visitation, 2pm.	2 Bargo 5-7pm.	3 5th District Mtg.	4 A.L. Riders Hotdish Feed 5pm.	5 Bargo 5-7pm.	6 RICH & THE RESISTORS	7 RICH & THE RESISTORS
8 SAL Valentine's Day Steak Fry 3-6pm	9 Bargo 5-7pm.	10 CMP mtg 6:30pm. Gun Club gen'l membership mtg 7:30pm.	11 A.L.R. mtg 7pm.	12 Bargo 5-7pm.	13 WILDFIRE	14 Valentine's Day WILDFIRE
15 Omelet Breakfast, 8am-12pm.	16 Bargo 5-7pm. SAL mtg 7:30pm	17 Gun Owners Rally 5-10pm. P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	18	19 Bargo 5-7pm.	20 ROADHOUSE	21 ROADHOUSE
22	23 Bargo 5-7pm.	24 Post mtg 7pm. Aux mtg 7pm.	25	26 Bargo 5-7pm.	27 WAX TONES	28 WAX TONES
<h1>February 2015</h1>						

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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.

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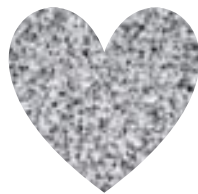


The Executive Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. prior to the General Membership meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Post.

SAL 435



The Sons of the American Legion general membership meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.



SAL Valentine's Day Steak Fry Sunday, February 8th, 3-6pm

Lounge Specials



Wild, 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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