

Commander's Column

Greetings all!

I wish to thank all our members and guests for their tremendous support these past months. I hope to continue to meet and exceed your expectations.

With that said...

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country." That quote sums up my thoughts for our Post membership; relevant now because Post 435 is in dire need of membership assistance. Willing and able members and volunteers are needed to step up, to help our Post survive. Active fund raising is a very important piece for us right now. Any and all ideas are welcome.

We do have some fund raising activities to look forward to.

The Post is planning to host a Silent Auction during September-October. Members should step up and donate silent auction items.

This year, the Membership has decided to present the Labor Day Steak Fry. Prices will be kept as reasonable as possible, to allow members on fixed incomes to get the most bang for their buck. Prices will be \$9.00 presale, \$10.00 on the day of the event. (Steak, baked potato, coleslaw, corn on cob, roll.)

Also in September, Thrivent Financial will have a Burger and Brat fundraiser in our parking lot to raise money for the Minneapolis Veteran's Home. Let's ALL try to give them support for a great cause. Thanks.

The annual Chili Cook off event will be held at the Post on October 25, 2015. The cost is only \$5.00 for an unending bowl of chili. Sample all of the wonderful entries and fill out the ballot for the winners. Chili is served starting at halftime of the Vikings game, and continues until it's gone. Watch for Chef's sign-up sheet

The Post has accumulated a very large number of retired American flags. We are hoping to have a proper ceremony, based on U.S. Flag Code. A date and time for this event will be announced and posted very soon.

The final audit of the old Gambling operation has been completed, and we are now able to move forward to acquire a license, and start a new organization. All of the necessary required steps to comply with the State's Termination Plan are being completed. The final checks are clearing from the Gambling account.

Three Post members—Tom Hendrickson, Craig
(cont. on pg. 2)

President's Column

Hello again.

We just had our first blood drive in a while. It's so recent, I don't have a lot of info yet. Thanks to Carol for organizing it.

Upcoming events!

The omelet breakfast is back again, starting October 18th, from 8 a.m. until noon. We are also going to have a craft fair, bake sale and book fair on the same day. A discount will be offered for Legion, Auxiliary, & SAL members. See Carol Larson for info on that. The next breakfast is November 15th. Remember, we need your help, volunteering or just coming and eating. Bring friends and family. Let's have some fun.

Sherry Morris

Omelet Breakfast
October 18th
8am-12noon

Labor Day Steak Fry
September 7th
3pm-7pm

Silent Auction
See website for
additional info

Chili Cook-off
October 25th

Labor Day Steak Fry

September 7, 2015

3pm – 7pm

\$9.00 Presale, \$10.00 Day of event

Filet of sirloin, baked potato, coleslaw, corn on the cob, roll



No other
discounts apply

(Commander, from pg. 1)

Deneen, and myself—successfully completed the two day State of Minnesota Gambling Manager course at the Minnesota Gambling Control Board headquarters in Maplewood. The class was a very informative, eye opening experience, and another big step in allowing our Post to receive a Gambling license.

Tom Hendrickson has agreed to be the new Gambling Manager, and brings extensive valuable experience to the role. He has great ideas, and I am looking forward to working with him.

A Special Election will be coming up in September as required in the Post by-Laws. (Art IV, Sec.3. Nominations) 2nd Vice Commander, Tom Hendrickson. P&F Committee, Craig Olsen. Executive Committee, Mark Barthel.

I hope to display more American Legion and Military artifacts around the Post. One interesting example is a souvenir wooden walking cane from the 1933 American Legion National Convention, donated to the Post by family members of the original owner. There are some beautifully framed, original, WWII Recruitment Posters, as well.

Let us not give up.

“For God and Country”

Thomas Eckhoff, Commander Post 435



Craft Fair/Bake Sale/Book Sale October 18, 2015

We are in need of help to guarantee a successful event.

Please offer your time and talent for this fall event.

We need homemade goodies for our bake sale – you can deliver to the Post on Saturday, October 17th, 2-6 p.m. or the morning of the event.

Help with the book sale. Bring your books for sale – NO magazines or condensed books. We also need volunteers to help with the sale on the day of the event.

Help with coordinating the event.

Please contact Carol Larson 612-481-2148 upward@wwdb.org

The Chaplain’s Corner

To our fellow service comrades and families; I would like to remind all of you how much your fellow legionnaires appreciate your commitment to God and Country! You answered the call and gave what it took to get the job done.

I am sure all of you are aware of the financial trouble Post 435 is going through. There is a need to answer the call once again, to volunteer your time and skills where ever they may be needed at the post to help out. You can contact any board or office personnel, leave your name, phone number and what you are willing to help with!

A reminder: on the first Sunday of each month the District has a Vet’s Hospital Visitation. This helps lift the spirits of those there, and I believe it does as much or more for those making the visit!

May the wind be at your back, the sun shine on your face and the love of God guide your path.

Chaplain Mark

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- 1st Vice Commander**
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- 2nd Vice Commander**
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- Post Membership**
Jerry Martin
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Jeff Husaby

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Patricia Swanson

SAL 435 Officers

- Commander**
Nils Hudyma

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

News from Membership Director
If you already have your 2016 membership card, disregard any and all notices from National or the MN Department. You've already paid.

The Minneapolis/Richfield American Legion Post 435 is proud to recognize our members with 60-70+ continuous years' membership listed below. This means they joined the American legion as early as 1942-1956! Thank you all for your service to our nation AND your support of our Post!

Jerry Martin, Membership Director

Kenneth R. Anderson.....	60
Joseph F. Barankiewicz	63
Odell L. Bratland	70
Wm L. Bray	74
Leslie W. Cochrane.....	70
Duane M. Ditch.....	63
Alevin J Gilletzer.....	60
John Joosten Jr.	70
Leslie A. Lorentson.....	70
Ronald G. Melquist.....	71
John R. Mitchell.....	62
Marcella M. Otten.....	65
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Robert J. Pronzinski	60
Floyd Roman.....	61
Robert J. Rutt	60
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Duane J. Solem	62



Toastmasters

The previous Richfield Legion Toastmasters article has been geared to visitors and membership. I think it is time we mention something about the success of a member, namely me, to prove that Toastmasters has been instrumental in my success. I was the first female in the Richfield Legion Toastmasters in 1970 when Ed Larson and Bill Tolle suggested that as President of the Legion Auxiliary I would make a great member. I absorbed every bit of knowledge about speaking in public from the group. I went on to earn many plaques including the honor of becoming the Area Governor, Central Division, in 1985. John Caldwell and I represented our club as mentors of the Richfield High School Deca program for five semesters, working with the Juniors and Seniors in Speech and Communication. I have a wall covered with Plaques.

Personally, any fear I may have had about speaking or presenting was gone. I went on to become the International Credit Administrator for a large publishing company. This meant traveling to new accounts, meeting with owners and managers. I had confidence to spare. I then went on to start my own company, Katale Business Services, Inc. until I had to step down after the horrible accident. My confidence and Toastmaster skills went with me to Arizona where I eventually opened my company again. I joined a Toastmaster group in Arizona, met a Minister who was a member also. He convinced me to join him on Sunday mornings to be a part of the service. Little did I ever realize that I could ever be in front of a congregation doing Missionary Moments every Sunday, enjoying every bit of it. To look out at the Congregation who were watching and absorbing my every word, was my reward for being a Toastmaster.

There is no doubt that my comfort and confidence is the result of my Toastmaster Training.

I challenge you to visit us Thursdays at 6:30 at the club. See for yourself how you too can become successful.

Dee Fiedler, DTM/CL Richfield Legion Toastmasters

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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. Rib special!	Lunch 11am-2pm. Taco special! MUSIC by Wasted Rock Rangers. TOOZDAY BOOZDAY.	Lunch 11am-2pm.	Lunch 11am-2pm. Dinner 5-8pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5-7pm. MUSIC by the house band.	Lunch 11am-2pm. Dinner 5-8pm.	Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Dinner 5-8pm.
September 2015						
		1	2	3 Bargo 5-7pm.	4 WILDFIRE	5 WILDFIRE
6 VAMC hospital visitation, 2pm.	7 Labor Day Steak Fry, 3-7pm. Bargo 5-7pm.	8 CMP mtg 6:30pm. Gun Club mtg 7:30pm.	9 ALR mtg, 7pm.	10 Bargo 5-7pm. DEL COUNTS	11 TAMARAK	12 TAMARAK
13	14 Bargo 5-7pm.	15	16	17 Bargo 5-7pm. DEL COUNTS	18 ROADHOUSE	19 ROADHOUSE
20	21 Bargo 5-7pm. SAL mtg 7:30	22 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm. Aux Exec Brd mtg 6:30pm.	23	24 Bargo 5-7pm. DEL COUNTS	25 LEGENDS	26 LEGENDS
27	28 Bargo 5-7pm.	29 Post mtg 7pm. Aux mtg.	30			

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Lounge Specials

**Twins, Vikings,
 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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11	12 Bargo 5-7pm.	13 CMP mtg 6:30pm. Gun Club mtg 7:30pm.	14 A.L.R. mtg 7pm.	15 Bargo 5-7pm. DEL COUNTS	16 DENNY & THE DAWGS	17 WAY BACK WHENS
18 OMELET BREAKFAST 8-12. Craft Fair, Bake Sale, Book Sale.	19 Bargo 5-7pm. SAL mtg 7:30pm.	20 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm. Aux Exec mtg 6:30pm.	21	22 Bargo 5-7pm. DEL COUNTS	23 DOWN THE ROAD	24 DOWN THE ROAD
25 CHILI COOK-OFF	26 Bargo 5-7pm.	27 Post mtg 7pm. Aux mtg 7pm.	28	29 Bargo 5-7pm. DEL COUNTS	30 CITY LIGHTS	31 HALLOWEEN CITY LIGHTS

SKOL, VIKINGS FANS!

Starting September 13th

at 9:30 a.m., our Viking Sundays (except Omelet Breakfast Sundays) will include:

Viking Bargo Bingo

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Please stop by the Post and get ready for another Viking season!



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Post 435 Special Election

A Special Election is being held for the office of 2nd Vice Commander; one for Property & Finance and one for Executive Committee. Interested parties should bring DD214 and current membership card to Election Committee for interview on Sept. 16, 2015 between 6:00 and 7:00 PM. The Special Election will be held on Sept. 29, 2015 between 6:00 and 7:00 before the General Membership meeting.

Merv Becker, Election Committee Chair



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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

A lot has happened in the past couple of weeks. John, the manager, is no longer with us, and Matt, the Chef, is also gone.

The board has asked me to serve as manager, and we were fortunate to rehire Mark King, who was our chef in the recent past.

I have been employed by the Legion since 1997 and have worked in the food and beverage business for 35 years.

Legions around the country and in our own area are facing hardships with dwindling memberships and competition for the business. With our dining facilities, auditorium and parking, I am confident that we can continue to grow and survive. Please check our web page for future specials and events. Please stop in for lunch or dinner or a beverage and show support for our club.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Jeff Husaby

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