

Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435 American Legion News

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Commander's Column



Thank you for electing me as your Commander for the next year. We had a very nice installation and the food was excellent. I want to thank our Chef Mark and his staff for a wonderful job.

Our July 4th was a very hot one as you all know. I do want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers. I also want to say that we have a great staff here at the Legion. They are always willing to help everyone. Thank you to the manager and the staff.

The new officers for 2012-2013 are: First Vice Commander - John Gallas; Second Vice Commander and Sgt-at-Arms - Tom Eckhoff; Adjutant and Finance Officer - Dennis DeLong. Also members of the Post are 4th and 5th District Department Vice Commander - Jim Munson; the Fifth District Commander - Dennis DeLong; Historian and Executive Committee - Merv Becker; Sgt-at-Arms Jerry Martin and Tom Eckhoff.

We will continue having our Burger Bash "Fun Raiser" every second and fourth Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. Funds raised have gone to improvements around the Post.

We are starting a new membership year and we would like to see the renewals start to come in. Jerry Martin is our Membership Chairman, and if you have any questions, please give Jerry a call at the Post.

The Ft. Snelling Lions Club meets here, and there is a box for eyeglasses inside the door on top of the glass case.

Scheduled for completion this fall is the Veterans Memorial, located on the north side of the Post in Veterans Park.

Two Past Commanders have passed away this year—E. E. Dejarlis and Andy Constans. Our thoughts go out to their families.

For God and Country, Merv Becker, Commander

2012-2013 5th District Leadership Team

(l-r) Bruce Kuiper,
Sons of the
American Legion;
Dennis DeLong, 5th
District
Commander;
Patricia Swanson,
5th District
President



NOTES

BARGO

Monday and Thursday
nights! 5-7pm

Meat Raffle
Fridays 5-7pm
Saturdays 2-4pm
starting September 7th

Omelet Breakfasts start
again in October

President's Column



I would like to thank Past President Penny for her last two years of service. Our incoming officers are: Patricia Swanson – 1st Vice President; Becky LeFebvre – 2nd Vice President; Penny Becker – Secretary; and Juanita Krueger – Treasurer. Jill Davis is our Chaplain and Sgt-at-Arms; and LaVon Whalen and Carol Larson are on the Executive Board. Misty is our Omelet Breakfast Coordinator. Cindy Cierzan is our Gambling Manager. With the help of our officers and active unit members, I look forward to a great year of volunteerism serving our community, children and youth, and especially our military families.

Our planned fundraisers are the Omelet Breakfast on the third Sunday of the month from October to April; our 2nd Annual Craft Fair with the Ft. Snelling Lions on October 28th; and a Parade of Tables Fundraiser Luncheon to raise money for our deployed families Christmas project on Sunday, October 14th. Our meat raffles are on Fridays from 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. starting September 7th. We also have the Burger Nites on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, with great burgers, fries and rings from 5-7 p.m. Please come and join us for these great activities, and the Omelet Breakfast and Burger Nites can always use more volunteers.

Our Unit will be represented at the National Convention in Indianapolis in late August by Patty Swanson, who is also our 5th District President this year.

Dates to keep in mind are:

October 14 – Parade of Tables Luncheon
October 28 – Craft Fair
December 11 – Gift Wrapping
December 15 – Deployed Family
Christmas Basket Assembly
December 16 – Children's Christmas Party

God bless America, and please keep all of our troops in your prayers.

Joy DeLong, President

Air Rifle Team Wins Silver!

“Post 435 X-Men” Junior Air Rifle team was again on the podium at the Jr. Olympics Air Rifle National Championships on June 25th. The competition was held at the state of the art CMP facility in Aniston, Alabama. After winning the Bronze in 2010 and 2011, the Sporter Air Rifle Team earned Silver this year with a score of 4246, just 11 points from first place in the club category. The 2012 team was comprised of the same four members as last year—Courtney L’Heureux (2012 State Champion), Nick Skrogstad (2012 Silver Medalist), Elizabeth Ewert (2012 State Sub-Jr. Champion), and Connor Dupey. Josie Johnson excelled in her first year in both air rifle and pistol, to earn a spot as alternate.

Some team members earned individual awards as well. Elizabeth won gold in the Sub-Jr. age class and Josie finished 4th. This was Nick Skrogstad’s fourth trip to the National Championships. This year he was honored to be awarded the Jr. Air Rifle Distinguished badge. This award is earned by finishing at the top of major competitions. Nick is the third Post 435 member since 2000 to achieve this prestigious award in air rifle.

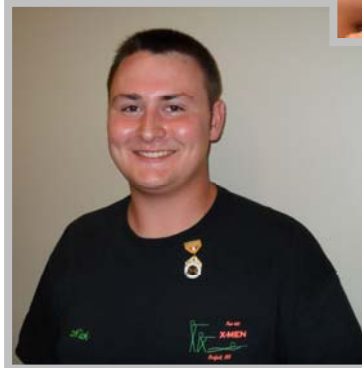
Some of our marksmen were able to stay for the NRA match which followed. Elizabeth Ewert won silver and Josie Johnson won bronze in the Sub-Jr. age class for Sporter Air Rifle. Sam Ewert, who was competing in the Precision category, won gold in the prone position with a perfect score of 400.

Congratulations “X-Men” on another “x-ceptional” season. You do Post 435 proud!

Tim Cagney, Coach



Sam Ewert with his NRA award.



Nick Skrogstad with his distinguished badge



The Jr. Olympic team. (l-r) Nick, Connor, Josie (front), Elizabeth, Courtney



Elizabeth and Josie with their NRA awards



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SAL 435 Officers

Commander – James Hanchett

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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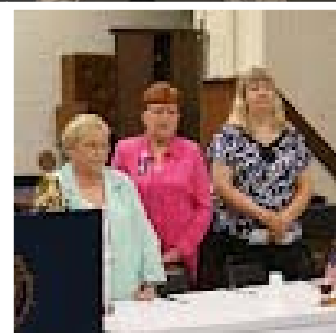
On behalf of Squad 435, I wish to thank all the people who turned out to help with the July 4th food booth. If it were not for you, we would not be able to support the charities and organizations that we do.

This year's focus was the Junior Shooters from the Post Gun Club who represented us and Minnesota at the Junior Olympics. The cost of going to this event is great, and not all the families can afford the cost of sending their child to the Junior Olympics. The Squad is proud to donate to support this worthy cause and help them attend so that they could place 2nd in the nation. Congratulation to the team on a job well done!

Shawn Davis, Adjutant



Installation of Officers June 21, 2012



Gambling News

After the Post flag-raising ceremony on Memorial Day, over 120 guests enjoyed the usual lunch of hot dogs, beans, chips, soda and coffee. This annual event is sponsored by Post Gambling. I owe a huge thank you to Jon Smith, who prepared the food, "Whitey" McWhite, our runner, servers LaVon Whelan, George Picciano, Joy DeLong, Nancy Nowell and Riley Krenz, who was in charge of hot dog buns. We are proud to be able to provide this treat on such a special day.

Jim Nowell, Gambling Manager



Greetings from Post 435 American Legion Riders

We are in the middle of the riding season and look forward to seeing you all on the road. The Minnesota ALR Legacy run will be August 3rd-5th on a route along western Minnesota starting in Nicollet, and August 10th-12th along eastern Minnesota ending in Austin. We will be going as far north as Thief River Falls, and our final destination in Austin will be as far south that we go. We are trying to raise \$50,000 for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship, and thank you all who contribute to this cause.

Post 435 ALR meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 and hold a monthly fun run. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting or our fun runs. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Shawn Davis
Post 435
ALR Director



Sons of the American Legion Squad 435

STEAK FRY

Monday, September 3, 2012

2pm - 6pm

Meal includes: 8 oz. steak, baked potato, vegetable, coleslaw, roll and coffee. \$5 kids meal of hamburger or hot dog, vegetable & fries

Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door

Proceeds go to veterans and community charities

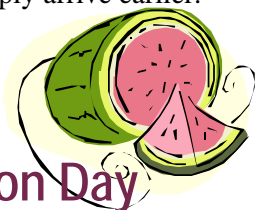
Toastmasters

Each article I write gets more and more exciting. Since my first article in the February/March issue, we have had the privilege of many guests and are enjoying the nine new members. They are progressing wonderfully, giving speeches, taking part in the meetings in various areas of making them comfortable at presentations. I have seen great improvements in their ability to speak louder, with less fear and more comfort.

We encourage anyone to visit us, watch as we go through the functions of overcoming fears, speaking up, using our group to give them feedback on a presentation they will give to a group. If you are going up the ranks at work, an organization, or just have a problem communicating, please consider visiting us.

We are a small but strong group that is eager to help. We meet at the Legion every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The club has a special menu each Thursday; if you care to have dinner first, simply arrive earlier.

Dee Fiedler, DTM/CL
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National Watermelon Day

Always on August 3rd

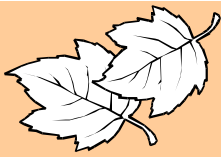





Please don't limit your consumption of watermelon to just this month. Stores carry watermelon twelve months of the year.

- In ancient times, travelers used them as a source of transportable water.
- They probably originated in Africa, but are now grown around the world.
- They are part of the gourd family.
- Most people consider them to be a fruit, but horticulturists consider them a vegetable.
- They vary in size and shape. The Japanese recently even developed a SQUARE watermelon!
- Watermelons can be different colors inside and out, as well as the amount of seeds that they contain.
- Most watermelons weigh from 5 - 40 pounds, but some get as large as 100 pounds.
- The 1996 Guinness Book of Records lists the largest watermelon as being 262 pounds!
- The seeds (like the pumpkin's seeds) can also be roasted and eaten.
- Some people use the watermelon rind for making preserves, pickles, or relish. That makes the whole watermelon edible!

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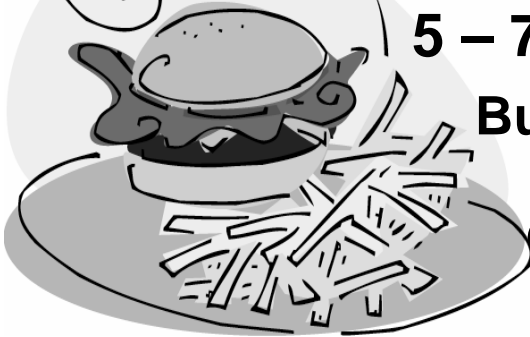
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BURGER BASH Nights! 2nd & 4th Wednesdays

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General membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Post. All members are encouraged to attend.

UNIT 435



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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: JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER.

Manager's Notes

Attendance at our annual 4th of July Community Celebration was low this year. The temperature was reported to be 101 degrees at 3 p.m.—a record for the 4th of July. Despite the heat, the food was great, the beer was cold, the band was excellent, and a good time was had by all.

I can't say enough good things about our wonderful volunteers and Legion staff. It takes a huge combined effort to put on an event of this size. Our thanks go out to all the volunteers who gave so much under oppressive conditions. To those who helped with set-up, clean-up, gate and lot security, food prep, food service, ticket sales, beer sales, and accounting, we appreciate your extraordinary efforts.

Auxiliary meat raffles start up on Friday nights 5-7 p.m., and Saturday afternoons 2-4

p.m., beginning September 7th and 8th. Join us in the lounge on Sundays for Viking food & drink specials. We also have purchased the NFL Sunday ticket package again this season. This allows us to pick up any NFL game being played.

Thank you for your continued support of your club. We appreciate your patronage.

Keep cool, and I hope to see you around the Post.

Roger Wysong, Manager

Auxiliary Membership Dues Notice

The National office will send out the first dues notice for the 2013 membership year on September 15, 2012. Our dues are \$20 again this year. You do not need a dues notice to pay your dues. Send your dues to:

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Attn: Patricia Swanson, Membership
Chairman

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