



Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435

The Post 435 Newsletter is back!

“WE ARE BACK!” The Post 435 Newsletter is coming back, but we need your help. We need to hear from you to let us know how you want the newsletter delivered to you. We are setting up an on-line newsletter for those who want to use their computer, and paper ones will still go out for those without internet access. But you need to let us know what you want. The online newsletter will be interactive with longer calendars and availability to ask questions and give us your ideas. It will have more information because there will be more room than a paper one. So, please, let us know if we can subscribe you to the online newsletter.

We are setting up a couple of ways to let us know. You can call us at 612-915-0435 and leave a message giving us your name, and email address (if you want it by email) or mailing address if you want it mailed to you. You can also call and leave a message if you have any other concerns or questions. We will get back to you in 24 to 48 hours. Next you can send in the coupon on page 5 in this newsletter telling us what option you would like. The third option is to email us at Mnlegion435@gmail.com.

“Here’s the thing”. We will send you a paper newsletter for 2 times (over 4 months) to give you time to let us know your desires. If you don’t let us know then we will take you off the list. We keep getting things returned and it gets expensive when we can use the monies for more needed projects. We are excited about things this year and DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE YOU OUT. Let us know so we don’t lose you.

**Commander
Tom
Hendrickson**

I grew up in Richfield, my Mom and Dad bought a house using the GI Bill in 1955. I was nine months old.

There isn’t a square inch of this city I haven’t walked, biked, or ran over. I graduated Richfield High School class of 1973. I enlisted in the Army while I was a Senior in High school, at a very unpopular time in America.

I got out of the Army on a Friday in 1977, I enrolled in college on Monday..... One year later in August of 1978, I was walking at the Minnesota State Fair with my Mom and Dad. We saw a booth for the American Legion, and Dad said “Isn’t it time that you joined? We’ve got to look out for the Veterans”. As we got to the table Dad said “Those guys before us, made sure that you and I would be looked out for, Now it’s our turn”.

WELL.... enough said I joined. I proudly wear Dad’s Legion pin on my hat today.

I promised Dad that when I retired I would get active in our Post. Immediately following my retirement, I had some very serious health issues. When I was clear of those, one day I hobbled into the Post, went to the office, and asked Cindy “how can I get active, and I need a hat”.

I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence to be the Commander of Post 435 in my home town. It’s a great honor for me, and I’m looking forward to guiding us to a prosperous year.

For the next 12 months my efforts will be to help our Post create a plan to continue to to what we do well, try new things, and to overcome some obstacles.

I have worked with the leaders of the Legion family and already developed a combined one year tentative calendar that is one and a half pages long. The calendar is filled with activities that we are planning for the next twelve months and it’s in writing for everyone to see. (Continued on Page 2)

We will no longer throw things together and hope for the best. If we don't have a plan, we wander aimlessly with no direction or purpose. Sherry, Nils, Shawn, and I are planning for success for our Post.

You will notice that most events are directed towards programs designed for the enjoyment of the members and to open our doors to the public to share our activities.

We are returning to publishing the Newsletter to improve communications with our members but using technology as well to reduce costs. The old reliable mixed with new thinking. We will be sending out a printed version for two issues but then if you wish to continue receive the newsletter you will have to opt in.

I am going to request and challenge our Property and Finance committee to develop a three to five-year plan for the maintenance repairs and physical improvements to our building. We are no different than most service and fraternal organizations, we try to make our money stretch, we defer maintenance, use more duct tape and wire to make the repairs last a little longer. Now is the time to create a vision and a path to a better situation. The members of our Property and Finance Board are a group of dedicated, hardworking individuals and I know that they are extremely capable to lead us.

I will work with the Executive Committee to develop a plan for Membership development as well as recruiting.

There is much more to talk about, but without action it is meaningless. If you are interested in helping there are many ways to get involved and have some fun as well as some rewarding experiences knowing, you are helping the lives of our Veterans and the community. Pick up the phone and give us a call. If you wish to donate to one of our many credited projects I encourage you to contact us at:
(612) 866-3647
richfieldamericanlegion@comcast.net



Members of Post 435 at Dept Convention

President Sherry Morris

We are looking forward to a busy year.

Welcome Tom Hendrickson as the new Commander and welcome back Nils as SAL Commander. The goal for the year goals is working together and communicating.

As always, we need your help. If we have a project (Legion/Aux/SAL/Riders) anyone can assist. And since we are a volunteer organization we need volunteers. If you have an interest, get in touch. We hope to be easier to be reached.

There is a blood drive scheduled for 8/23 from 11 to 5. Which just so happens is the first executive board at 7 for the season. First general membership is 8/30 at 7 also. The Omlette breakfast will return October 16th. We are still looking at getting the Meat Raffle back in the fall. Will keep you updated.

Sherry Morris, President

SAL Commander Nils Hudyma

Greetings from Squadron 435 Sons of the American Legion! Change is upon us. And we look to you, our membership, to give guidance and help support the organization.

First off, the newsletter is back. Please review the information, select, and notify us how you would like the newsletter in the future. If you do not respond at all, you will not be getting anything.

The membership has voted to change the meeting from the 3rd Monday of the month, to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00, effective immediately. I would like to stress to all members that while attending our regular meetings is not required, it does help keep the organization alive and active doing good for veterans, their families, and our community. For a while, meeting attendance was down so impacting our ability to even have a meeting. Additionally, without new faces to join the organization, to participate, and be active, we run the risk of losing the organization. And that is not the sort of impact we want.

We have relinquished doing the food booth on July 4th, and the Valentines and Labor Day Steak dinners due to a lack of interest in volunteers. If you would be interested in helping organize these, or (Continued on page 5)

Sunday Happy Hour 3-6 Rockin Woody 3:30 - 6:30	Monday Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 3-7 Food: Chef's choice BARGO 5-7:30 Willie Murphy 7:30	Tuesday Kitchen open 11 - 1:45, 5-7 Happy hour all day Food: Taco Tues Rock Rangers 5-7:30	Wednesday Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11 - 1:45, 5-7 Food: Broasted Chix Naymen Bros 5-8 Karaoke 8:30 -12	Thursday Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11 - 1:45, 5-7 Food: Chef's choice BARGO 5-7 Del Counts 7 -10:30	Friday Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11 - 1:45, 5-8:30 Food: Chef's choice, Prime Rib, All you can eat Fish Fry	Saturday Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 3-8:30 Food: Chef's choice Prime Rib
	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4 US Coast Guard Birthday MN ALR Legacy Run Kick Off Party Austin, MN	August 5 MN ALR Legacy Run Not So North Run Band: Roadhouse 8:30 - 12:30	August 6 MN ALR Legacy Run Not So North Run Band: Roadhouse 8:30 - 12:30
August 7 Purple Heart Day MN ALR Legacy Run Not So North Run	August 8	August 9	August 10 Post 435 ALR meeting at 7	August 11	August 12 MN ALR Legacy Run North Run Band: Sub Level 6 8:30 - 12:30	August 13 MN ALR Legacy Run North Run Band: Sub Level 6 8:30 - 12:30
August 14 MN ALR Legacy Run North Run ending in Fridley	August 15	August 16	August 17 SAL Squad 435 meeting at 7	August 18	August 19 Band: Night Shift 8:30 - 12:30	August 20 Band: Night Shift 8:30 - 12:30
August 21	August 22	August 23 Property & Finance Meeting at 6 American Legion & ALA Exec board at 7	August 24	August 25	August 26 Band: Tamarak 8:30 - 12:30	August 27 Band: Tamarak 8:30 - 12:30
August 28	August 29	August 30 American Legion & ALA General Membership meetings at 7	August 31			

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September 11 Patriot Day Camporee Mini BARGO Viking Brunch 9:30 Give aways	September 12	September 13	September 14 SAL Squad 435 meeting at 7	September 15	September 16 POW/MIA Day ALR ROMP Beatles Tribute Band 8 - Mid Band: Sub Level 6t 8:30 - 12:30	September 17 ALR ROMP Flag Retirement & Pig Roast 4-6 Band: Sub Level 6 8:30 - 12:30
September 18 Air Force Birthday Mini BARGO Viking Brunch 9:30 Give aways	September 19	September 20 P&F Meeting at 6 American Legion & ALA Exec board at 7	September 21	September 22	September 23 Johna & the Whales 8 - Mid Band: Wayback Whens 8:30 - 12:30	September 24 SD Wrestling Band: Wayback Whens 8:30 - 12:30
September 25 Gold Star Mothers Day Mini BARGO Viking Brunch 9:30 Give aways	September 26	September 27 American Legion & ALA General Membership meetings at 7	September 28	September 29	September 30 Rockin' Hollywoods 8 - Mid Band: Mid Life Crisis 8:30 - 12:30	October 1 Band: Mid Life Crisis 8:30 - 12:30

have another idea and desire to coordinate another fundraiser, please contact me, my staff, or come to a meeting.

The money we raise makes to difference. We have donated the the Junior Shooting Sports, Legionville School Patrol Camp, Girls and Boys State, The Minneapolis Veterans Home, Youth Hockey and Baseball, The American Legion Legacy Scholarship, just to name a few. And there is always a need for more.

So it is time to step up to the plate, get active, and make a difference. I did.

Nils Hudyma
Commander
Squad 435

Picture to the R is of Post 435 ALR members visiting the Royal Canadian Legion while on the Ride Lake Superior Run.



Director
Shawn Davis.

The riding season is here, and members of Post 435 ALR just got back from the Ride Lake Superior tour. It was a bit wet, but a lot of fun. We were able to stop by and visit some Royal Canadian Legions on the way and had some good comraderie with them.

We are preparing for our biggest fundraiser for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship, the MN ALR Legacy Run. Two weekend in August where members of the the American Legion family tour the state, visiting Posts, Veterans Homes, Nursing Homes, and any other location that wants some publicity and will help raise funds for the scholarship. Our goal this year is \$100,000, we raised more than that last year, can we do it again?

We welcome anyone interested to stop by on the second Wednesday of the month and join us for our meeting at 7:00 at the Post. Come down early and have the excellent broasted chicken as well, and enjoy the family time.

Shawn Davis
Director
Post 435 ALR

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Or email us at: **mnlegion435@gmail.com**

Club Manager
Jeff Husaby

I just want to thank Commander Tom Eckhoff for the last 2 years of service and helping us turn our Post 435 around. I want to welcome Tom Hendrickson as our new Commander and I look forward working with him and his ideas for our club. I would like to thank Mark Wright for taking care of the lawn and Joanie the Landscaper on making our flower presentation around the Post look tremendous.

Take the heat out of your kitchen and let us do the cooking. We have great daily and nightly specials that will tantalize anyones taste buds. Who wants to do dishes in this summer heat?

We are always looking for new members so tell your fellow veterans or current servicemen/women about our great post and all of the fun happenings here.

Please let me know if you Post 435 members have any requests, suggestions or comments. Thank you for your continued support and I hope to see you soon at the club.

Tuesday through Friday - lunch specials 11-1:45

Happy Hour 3-6 Sunday through Saturday.

Food Specials from 3-7 Monday through Saturday

Monday: Bargo 5-7, Willie Murphy Open Jam Every Monday Night, Cook's Choice

Tuesday: Tuesday Boozday: Happy Hour all day Plus Rock Rangers from 5-7:30, Taco Special

Wednesday: Nayman Brothers 5-8, Karaoke 8:30-12, Legion Chicken Special

Thursday: Bargo 5-7, Delcounts 7:30-10:30, Chef's Choice

Friday: All you can eat Fish Fry, Prime Rib, Chef Special, Music from 8:30 on

Saturday: Prime Rib, Chef Special, Music from 8:30 on

Sunday: Mini Bargo, Viking Brunch starting September 11, 9:30 Vikings gear giveaway every Viking Game, Rockin' Woody 3:30-6:30

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