



Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435

Feb - Mar 2017

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Commander
Tom
Hendrickson

We are honored and privileged to have the 2017 National Commander Charles F. Schmidt visit our Post on Thursday February 9th for lunch. He will be swinging thru Minnesota visiting 12 Legion Posts. He will be on his final leg of his journey. Commander Schmidt accepted my invitation I guess because he wanted to see Minnesota's Largest Post. Joining him will be our Department Commander Denise Milton, various Department Officers, and District Commanders. It all starts with a Social hour at and lunch to follow at 11:45 A.M.

**American Legion
Commander**
Tom Hendrickson

A ticket is required for luncheon. The cost is \$8 in advance, \$10 day of the luncheon. You may make purchase a ticket by calling 612-915-0435 and leave a message with your name, telephone number and the number of tickets you wish to reserve. Many of us are waiting to hear our Commanders Comments on Veterans Issues and programs, and other updates on what's going on in Washington and across our Nation.

1st Vice
Open

2nd Vice
Mark Barthel

Our last such visit was February 6, 2013 when National Commander Jim Koutz came for dinner. This is an opportunity that doesn't happen very often. This is an event you don't want to miss.

Finance
Bob Newcomb

The New Year's Day Tom and Jerry get together was a wonderful afternoon. It was a chance to meet old friends, a hot dish lunch was enjoyed, many members renewed their 2017 memberships, and we raffled off two ugly Christmas sweaters. The Tom and Jerrys were the best in town.

Adjutant
Jim Munson

SAA
Gary Anderson

Hey! Ya got to check out the new digital TV Monitor in the Lobby on the right side of the door! There you will find information of the most current activities of the Post, Photos of events, and the names of our Legionnaires who have passed away this year. It was made possible from a generous anonymous Member who wanted to help make an improvement in our Post. Shawn Davis provided all the sweat equity, and technical know-how to install it and maintain the most up to date information.

Chaplain
Mark Wright

Membership
Terry Hansen

Our Auxiliary is hosting every Wednesday from 5-7 pm a Meat Raffle. All the profits goes directly back into our Veterans Programs. The meat is from the Fedors Meat market. Last week I posted a photo of two of the most beautiful steaks I have ever saw, and I have heard nothing but fabulous reviews of the quality of the meats. The cost for each ticket is just one American Dollar. (and Ill let you in on a secret on how to win....ya gotta buy a ticket)

Service Officer
Lynn Lyons

**SAL
Commander**
Nils Hudyma
1st Vice

Our Legion Riders host a Hot Dish Dinner on the First Wednesday of every month from 5-7 pm. All funds go to support the American Legion Legacy Fund. The Legacy Fund is for the children of our Service Members who were killed or severely disabled in combat. Lee and Joann Davis create this Minnesota Hot dish dinner. It's a great night to have a little or a lot of home style cooking, and support a great cause.

Tim Swickard
2nd Vice
Craig Sorum

Our next Blood Drive is March 20th. Last year we raised 125 pints of Blood. It's the gift of life.

Finance
Jim Munson
Adjutant
Shawn Davis
Chaplain
Pat Kiehl

Richfield Heart Safe Community is moving our Instruction classes to the Second and Fourth Mondays at 7:00pm. Come learn on how to do CPR and use a AED. The classes are free, yes free! I am one of the Instructors and it takes one to one and a half hours.

Theres more new, but I ran out of room. So if you haven't been down to the Legion ya better stop by.

President
Sherry Morris

I hope your holidays were good. We were busy. We started the meat raffles on Wednesdays from 5-7 and it's going good. In December we had a blood drive and it went well. The next one is Saturday March 4th from 11 am to 4 pm.

Unit 435
President
Sherry Morriss

1st Vice President
Jill Davis

We had a Children's Christmas Party, but there was a glitch, the days were confused. So, we only had 5 children. We contacted Harriet Tubman and they had 30 children so we sent what we had to them. Thanks Cathy and Sharon for delivering them. They got bubbles, crayons, color books and candies. They were happy to

2nd Vice President
Carol Larson

Treasurer
Joanne Davis

accept them.

The Tom and Jerry Party on January 1st was fun. I saw a lot of faces I haven't seen in a few years.

The Omelet Breakfast is continuing. Jill, Shawn and Cleo have taken over for the rest of the year. Thanks guys!! The next ones will be February 19th and March 19th. (Hey, look at that, how often does it appear on the same date!)

We had a food drive from November thru the First of January. We donated \$100 to VEAP and \$100 to St. Augustus. Plus food was donated to St Augustus Food Shelf.

This newsletter will be the first of the reduced mailings (and emailings). We have over2000 members of the Legion Family and most didn't contact us. The cost of mailings is high and we wanted the members who read them to let us know if they wanted to continue receiving them. Thank you for notifying us. If you hear of a member that didn't receive one and wants one, have them contact us. We will be happy to include them again.

Come in for lunch with the National Commander Feb 9th. See the Commanders column for more info. It's the only twin cities visit he will have, so, come on down. He's going to update us on the current national veterans' projects. Also March 25th will be the Dept. President's Carols Testimonial in Buffalo. The info and mailing is on the "mnala.org" website.

Have you helped a neighbor this year? Veteran? Food Shelf? Donated blood? Volunteered on the Fourth of July, Memorial Day? Handed out poppies or helped serve food? Were you a secret Santa? Annual reports are going to be due soon, so those things you may make as second nature can count for Veterans Affairs, Community

Service, Americanism or some other program. Start counting your hours and let me know. I'll need the info by the end of March. Call me at 612861-2589 or email me at morris.sherry40@gmail.com .It's incredible how much we help our community and our veterans. Last year the Auxiliary nationally had 2,170,797 of volunteer hours. What you do may not seem like much, but, it all adds up.

As my husband says, "I hope the New Year will be the best year you have ever had". Until we meet again.



Cmdr Tom at the Sea Cadet Ball.



The American Legion Centennial is coming!

The American Legion Centennial is coming and it is not only about celebrating our 100 years of history, but to continue the legacy of service.

We are preparing our own posts Centennial and need your help. We are looking for any sort of newsletter, photos, or other memorabilia that the Post has used. If you have any items you would like to share or donate, please contact Shawn Davis. 612-991-0286.

With the National Convention coming to town in 2 years, we will be looking to upgrade our post in preparation. One project will be to add audio and visual abilities to the meeting rooms. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please contact Shawn Davis at 612-991-0286 or salshawndavis@gmail.com

Being a member of the American Legion has meant helping our Veterans and their families. Have you considered adding Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion to your estate plan, so that the mission can continue that legacy?

Call Commander Tom with any questions you may have or review
Legion.org/plannedgiving

Sunday
Happy Hour 3-6
Bands start at 3:30

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: Crab Legs
(Except 1st
Wednesday)

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
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Dinner Fundraiser for the
American Legion Legacy
Scholarship First Wed of the
month!

February 1
Meat Raffle 5 - 7
ALR Hotdish Dinner 5 -
7:30

Band: Naymen Bros 5-8
Karaoke 8:30 -12

February 2
Groundhog Day
Toastmasters 6:30

February 3
Band:

February 4
Sweetheart
Membership Rally 3 - 8
New Prague

Band:

February 5
Visitation at VA
Medical Center 2-4
Band: Rockin Woody

February 6

February 7
Toastmasters 6:30
5th District Meeting
6:30
CMP Meeting 6:30
Gun Club 7:30

February 8
Meat Raffle 5 - 7
ALR meeting 7

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Karaoke 8:30 -12

February 9
National Coimmander
Luncheon 11:30
Toastmasters 6:30

February 10
Band:

February 11
Band:

Steel Domain Wrestling
6 pm

February 12

February 13

February 14
Valentine's Day
Toastmasters 6:30

February 15
Meat Raffle 5 - 7
SAL Meeting 7

Band: Johnny Holiday
7PM

February 16
Toastmasters 6:30

February 17
Band:

February 18
5th Dist Oratorical
Contest 9 A - 2 P
Band:

February 19
Unit 435 Omelet
Breakfast 8 - 12
MN ALR Legacy Run
Meeting 1 pm

February 20
Presidents Day

February 21
P&F meeting 6P
Toastmasters 6:30
AL & ALA Executive
committee meetings 7

February 22
Meat Raffle 5 - 7
Band: Naymen Bros 5-8
Karaoke 8:30 -12

February 23
Toastmasters 6:30

February 24
Band:

February 25
Band:

February 26

February 27

February 28
Toastmasters 6:30
AL & ALA General
Membership Meetings
7PM



Come join us for the Auxiliary Meat Raffle.
Every Wednesday from 5 until 7. For a \$1 a
chance you can win 2 packs of meat for a value of
\$20.

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Karaoke 8:30 -12

March 2

Toastmasters 6:30

March 3

Band:

March 4

Appreciation Rally
Legionville 3 - 8
Band:

March 5

Visitation at VA
Medical Center 2-4
Band: Rockin Woody

March 6**March 7**

Toastmasters 6:30
5th District Meeting
6:30
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Gun Club 7:30

March 8

Meat Raffle 5 - 7
ALR meeting 7

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March 9

Toastmasters 6:30

March 10

Band:

March 11

Band:

March 12

**Daylight Savings
Starts**

March 13**March 14**

Toastmasters 6:30

March 15

Meat Raffle 5 - 7
SAL Meeting 7

Band: Johnny Holiday
7PM

March 16

Toastmasters 6:30

March 17

St. Patricks Day
Food specials
Band:

March 18

Band:

March 19

Unit 435 Omelet
Breakfast 8 - 12

March 20

**March Equinox
Blood Drive 12 - 6**

March 21

P&F meeting 6P
Toastmasters 6:30
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7PM

March 29

Meat Raffle 5 - 7

March 30

Toastmasters 6:30

March 31

Band:



Tom & Jerry Party



SAL Commander Nils Hudyma

The Sons of the American Legion continue to work to develop a plan to improve the marketability and use of the Post home. Thanks

to Adjutant Shawn Davis working with Legion Chaplain Mark Wright, we are replacing static announcement boards with digital screens.

We are also working on plans to add audio and visual capabilities to the Turner Room and the Auditorium. But to do that we will need your help in raising funds for this. If you are interested in contributing to this endeavor, please contact the squadron to discuss your donation or idea.

With the coming of the New Year, it is time to renew your membership. If you have not gotten it in yet, do so now, before you lose eligibility and your continuous years.

It is also time to consider volunteering with the squadron. Shawn Davis (our LONG time adjutant) is the leading candidate to be the Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Minnesota, so will be unable to perform his duties with the squadron. We need members to step up into the leadership role, especially as we prepare for the National Convention in 2018 here in Minneapolis.

So come to the meeting, see what is going on, and participate. It is more fun than you realize.



Pictures of Past SAL Commanders. We are looking for more pictures of Past Commanders. Can you help?

ALR Director Shawn Davis.

The riding season is long done, but we look forward to the spring when we can get out on the road.

We continue to do our Hotdish Dinner fundraiser on the First

Wednesday of the month. Come help support the family.

Planning for the MN ALR Legacy Run has begun. Kick off party will be July 27, with the runs on July 28 - 30 and August 4-6. Stops are being determined.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Look forward to seeing you there.

Help A Vet?

Mpls Veterans Home and the Veterans Hospital need donations of sewn items such as lap robes, pajamas, pillows etc. If you are interested in a project call Cathy Ritter at 612-825-0910 and I can supply patterns and a list of needs. Also I have information if you are interested in volunteering time at the Vets Home.

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Club Manager

Jeff Husaby

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