

# Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435 News

2017 December  
2018 January



**Commander**  
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**Sargent at Arms**  
Gary Anderson

**Executive Board**  
2nd to the Last  
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**Membership  
meeting**  
Last Tuesday of the  
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**Commander Tom Hendrickson** Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

## Casey Ludewig Awarded the 2017 American Legion Military Achievement Award!



L-R: National Security /Foreign Relations Committee Chair Jim Kellogg, SSG Casey L. Ludewig, and Seventh District Commander and Committee member Richard Wog, present Casey with his award. Casey is a member and 2nd Vice Commander of the Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435.



Minneapolis-Richfield Post 435 is working with the Richfield Historical Society to catalog and preserve our history as part of the upcoming Centennial of The American Legion.



If you have anything of a historical nature you would like to share or donate to the Post, please contact Casey Ludewig (651-769-4701), or Shawn Davis (612-991-0286).

President Happy Holidays. I hope your holiday is jolly and the New  
 Sherry Morris Year is good for all of you. Let's remember to count our

blessings, friends and families. If you have questions about the Auxiliary, my  
 phone number is 612-861-2589, my email address is  
 "morris.sherry40@gmail.com"

An important issue. One of our executive board members had to drop out  
 because of health issues. She will be missed. I don't know what most of you  
 know about what the Auxiliary does. We help with purchasing things for schools,  
 food shelves, police, the Veterans Home and Hospital, the Fisher House. We  
 donate our time to those places too. We provide scholarships. We do blood  
 drives. Where I'm going here is we need another Executive Board member. It  
 doesn't require much time, but if you can help us out, it is needed. The donating  
 of time is not going to be on your head. That is done by all kinds of other  
 volunteers. But, the meetings help to decide where we can help. If you can't  
 help there, please stop in at a meeting. The General Membership meetings are  
 the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm during the winter. We take the summer  
 off. The Executive Board meets on the Tuesday BEFORE that at 7pm. We  
 need your help, Please.....

We have the Vicki Jo Springer Scholarship coming up. This scholarship is for  
 children of the Legion family. For more information contact Penny Becker at  
 612-866-847. Call and leave a message and she will contact you about  
 requirements and will mail out applications. The Department (State) have other  
 scholarships available. You can look them up by going online to  
 www.mnala.org.

Reminding you also about our Omelet Breakfasts that are the 3rd Sundays of the  
 month. The next 2 are Dec 17th and January 21st...It is a fundraiser. We can  
 also use help with that too. You can contact Jill at 612-968-1172 if you can  
 spare a couple of hours. We also have donation jars that go to different causes.  
 In October we donated to CRRC that helps homeless veterans. November was  
 the American Legion Legacy scholarship. In December it will be Sharing and  
 Caring Hands. January the National Emergency Fund. February The 5th  
 District Presidents project which is purchasing art work for the new wing at the  
 VA Hospital. March will be Post 435 Building Fund for the Legion Birthday party.  
 April (the last of the season) will be Harriet Tubman.

If you can't help out, stop by anyway. The fee is \$9 for a lot of food. It's from 8-  
 noon.

Our next blood drive is December 18th from noon to 6. You can contact me to  
 help or donate your blood.

Remember what we are blessed with and remember our Veterans.



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Dec 10  Band - Mockstar	Dec 11  Band - Willie Murphy	Dec 12 Lions meeting Band - Rock Rangers	Dec 13 <b>Hanukkah National Guard Birthday</b> Members Early Bird Dinner Band - Nayman	Dec 14 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	Dec 15  Band - The Express Band	Dec 16  Band - The Express Band
Dec 19 ALA Omelet Breakfast 8 - Noon Charity: Sharing and Caring Hands Band -	Dec 18 ALA Blood Drive Noon - 6 pm  Band - Potluck String Band	Dec 19 P&F 6 pm Exec 7 pm Lions meeting Band - Rock Rangers	Dec 20 SAL Meeting 7 pm Members Early Bird Dinner Band -	Dec 21 <b>December Solstice</b> Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	Dec 22  Band - Crossfire	Dec 23  Band - Crossfire
Dec 24/Dec 31 <b>Christmas Eve</b> Post closes early/ New Years Eve	Dec 25 <b>Closed for Christmas</b>	Dec 26 Lions Meeting Legion 7 pm ALA 7 pm Band - Rock Rangers	Dec 27 Members Early Bird Dinner Band -	Dec 28 Richfield Toastmasters  Band - Del Counts	Dec 29  Band - Blitz	Dec 30  Band - Blitz

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<b>Jan 7</b> <b>Orthodox Christmas Day</b> VA Hospital Visitation  Band -	<b>Jan 8</b>  Band - Willie Murphy	<b>Jan 9</b> Lions Meeting CMP 6:30 Gun Club 7:30 Band - Rock Rangers Karaoke	<b>Jan 10</b> ALR meeting 7 pm  Band - Nayman Brothers	<b>Jan 11</b> Richfield Toastmasters  Band - Del Counts	<b>Jan 12</b>  Band - Way Back Whens	<b>Jan 13</b>  Band - Way Back Whens
<b>Jan 14</b> <b>Orthodox New Year</b>  Band -	<b>Jan 15</b> <b>Martin Luther King Jr Day</b> Band - Willie Murphy	<b>Jan 16</b>  Band - Rock Rangers Karaoke	<b>Jan 17</b> SAL Meeting 7 pm  Band -	<b>Jan 18</b> Richfield Toastmasters  Band - Del Counts	<b>Jan 19</b>  Band - Sub Level 6	<b>Jan 20</b>  Band - Sub Level 6
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Membership is coming along nicely but if you have not paid your dues yet, now is the time to get your membership in since it is overdue as of January 1st. Joining the SAL is one way of honoring the veteran in your life. Why stop honoring them now? Keep up being a Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage. Pay your dues today. And a reminder that we will be at the Membership Tom and Jerry Party on January 1st for anyone who likes to renew at the last minute.

And do you know someone eligible to join? Get them to join now as we approach the Centennial of the American Legion. Have them honor the veteran in their life.

And do you know that membership has it's privileges? Among other things you are eligible to receive the State Newsletter of The American Legion Family, **The Legionnaire** by email monthly at no cost! More information will soon be found on the Department website soon.

We continue to look at how we can improve the building and it's technology, but we need your help. Donations or skills, either helps us prepare the building for the 100th Convention coming in August 2018. Thousands of members of the Legion family will be in town, and we want to make sure the facility is ready for them.

Additionally, if you have any memorabilia from our past, please contact us. Even if you would be willing to share it long enough to make a copy, that would be a great way of capturing our history. Note that we are starting to work with the Richfield Historical Society to capture/recreate our history.

Speaking of history, we still need help reconstructing who has been a squadron Commander in the past, and if we can get any photographs of them. Please contact us to help out.

Look forward to seeing you at our meetings. Make it a great year!

Merry Christamas and Happy New Year!

With winter here, the bikes are put away, and we quietly dream of when we can pull them out. We have some donation cans out for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship, so please drop what spare change you have into the cans and support the kids.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Flag Room. Stop in and check us out.

(**Centennial from Page 6**) which was turned over to the MN Highway Patrol, who turned to the American Legion to help with the program. The American Legion provided a permanent location for this camp at Legionville, a 610 acre wood camp with 1,500 foot shoreline along North Long Lake near Brainard.

- SPAM American Legion Post 570 is an all female veteran post, formed by WWII veterans.
- The American Legion Family Hospitalization Fund can trace its roots to August 1922 when veterans from around the country came to Rochester to be treated.
- Drs. Charles and William Mayo are charter members of the William T. McCoy American Legion Post 92 in Rochester.
- Post 435 sponsored the first American Legion Baseball team from MN who won the national Championship. It was in 1943 and the teams picture is on the front page. Only 5 teams from MN have won the national championship.



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**Manager**  
**Rich Hervieux** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

# American Legion Centennial

Did you know?

- Minnesota is the home of the First American Legion Convention held in 1919? The next National convention will be held in Minneapolis in August 2018.
- In the first five years after its founding in MN, The American Legion helped build and dedicate nearly 50 memorials to the Great War (WWI) statewide.
- The first American Legion Junior Baseball Tournament was played in 1926 in Mankato, and Crosby takes the championship.
- The Fort Snelling Chapel is dedicated in 1928 after MN Legionnaires raise \$28,000 to build it.
- In 1929, the Legion promotes a statewide campaign to put signs in every community warning drivers to watch out for children. The signs are created at a disabled veterans workshop, run by The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary in Minneapolis.
- The School Patrol Safety Camp was begun in 1921 in St. Paul, **(Continued on Page 5)**