

# Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435 News



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Gary Anderson

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## **Commander Tom Hendrickson**

Well the State Fair is over, the Halloween candy is displayed in the stores, the kids are back in school, so Fall must be approaching fast? I don't know where the Summer went. I didn't get to everything on my list that I wanted to do during this past beautiful Summer.

On Labor Day, the Post held a Raffle and raised \$2,311.26 for the Minneapolis V.A. Music Rehab project. Craig Olson did an outstanding job in putting it all together. He did all the paperwork, got the needed approvals, and enlisted a great team of ticket sellers who took their job very seriously. A big Thank you to everyone involved. Thru your efforts, and hard work you are making a positive impact in the many lives of our Veterans.

Our First Vice Mark Bartell is leading an effort to revive an old American Legion tradition. He is working on bringing an APPLE FOR A TEACHER for every teacher in Richfield. With the apple, the teacher will also receive a note from us thanking them for their hard work and dedication is educating our youth.

Our Second Vice Casey Ludewig is working on a very different approach to finding a way to obtain funds to help repair, and update our Building. We are approaching Non-profit organizations that provide funds or services to groups just like us. It's a process that involves a lot of letter writing, and talking about who we are and what we do for our community, and our Veterans. I can tell you that so far, we have had a very nice reception, but time will tell. More information as we get deeper into the process.

Sgt. of Arms Gary Anderson continues promoting our Minneapolis V.A. Hospital visitation on the First Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm. This is a great thing of visiting our Vets who are hospitalized. Gary is always looking for a few more volunteers who want to walk and talk. It takes about only an hour of time.

Our Auxilarly President and one of my heroes Sherry Morris has just started the first Blood Drive of the year with 19 pints of whole blood collected. Giving blood is the gift of life. That is a gift that takes just takes alittle of your time that saves a life. If you just think of the people in your life that would not be here today if they did not receive a blood transfusion, or needed plasma or platelets. So, won't you just roll up your sleeve and help?

Again, this Fall we have the Minneapolis Squadron of Sea Cadets willing to help our Veterans and members of the community with raking and removal of the fall leaves from their yards. Last year we raked over 40 yards in the Richfield Area. So, if you know of someone who is physically can't do it, and needs a hand please let us know. The date has not been set yet, but the target is towards the last part of October. We are collecting names, addresses and telephone numbers. So, if you know of anyone give us a call or drop off a note, and we will put them on a list and coordinate this great effort.

I would like to welcome our new Club Manager Rich Hervieux. He is a U.S. Army Vietnam Combat Veteran. Rich has a very lengthy business background including food and beverage service. He has strong management skills, and business practices. In his spare time, he is an accomplished Italian cook.

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I hope everyone had a good summer, we're gearing up for a busy fall and winter. First off though, I have had no feedback on the question of male spouses joining the Auxiliary. No opinions???? Come on ladies, I know there are some.....my email address is morris.sherry40@gmail.com. My phone number is 612-861-2589.

You can regular mail me at the legion, Sherry Morris ALA435, 6501 Portland Ave S, Richfield, Mn 55423.

- Fall Conference is at Best Western in Wilmer this year, Oct 27th and 28th.
- Omlette Breakfasts will be October 15th and November 19th from 8 to noon.
- Meat Raffle will be Saturdays from 2-5, and Mondays from 5 to 7
- VA Home Bingo will be October 18th and November 30th at 6:30. For more info on that contact Cathy at 612-825-0910 (call or text)
- I will have another blood drive in December.

Congratulations to Sunny, our new District President. Her project is new art for the new wing at the VA Home.

I'll keep this brief as things come up I will keep you in the picture. Our meetings are the last Tuesday of the month. Come on down! We need your input, ideas and you learn what all we do.


Commander Tom's Colum Continued:

I would like to congratulate our very own Sons of the American Legion Shawn Davis who was elected to Commander of the Detachment of Minnesota. His hard work and dedication to the Legion and the family is very appreciated. We are blessed to have his leadership, talent and friendship. Thank you, Shawn, and we are here to help at any time.

Remember Freedom isn't free, and remember our Veterans

Clockwise from below: Craig Olson picking up the musical Equipment. Craig presenting it to the VA Rep, Presenting the instruments to the VA. Some of the raffle sellers.



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Greetings from Squadron 435!

Membership is coming along nicely thanks to the work of Tim Swickert. If you have not paid your dues yet, now is the time to get your membership card, and help keep is leading the state in membership.

We are preparing to help out with Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast. If you cannot volunteer with the preparation on the Saturday before, or the day of the breakfast, consider stopping in and have a great meal all while supporting a great cause.

We continue to look at how we can improve the building and technology, but we need your help. Donations or skills, either helps us prepare the building for the 100th Convention coming next year. 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.

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 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.

R: Members of the Dept of Minnesota doante \$200,000 to The American Legion Legacy Scholarship. Below: SAL Detachment Commander Shawn Davis joined Past Honorary Junior Auxilairy President Kiema Coleman-Woods in leading the Department at the National Convention parade. Bottom: All the Department leaders were together for part of the MN ALR Legacy Run.



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Happy Fall everyone!

Members of your American Legion Riders participated in the MN ALR Legacy Scholarship run this year. We had a lot f fun, the weather was nice, the crowds were great, and we raised a lot of money for the schoalrship.

How much?

We turned in \$200,000 for the scholarship, once again leading the nation in donations for this cause. Thank you all for your support and donations!

There will be no ALR Hotdish dinner on the first Wednesday of the month this winter. But come down and check out the Membership specials.

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



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**Manager  
Rich Hervieux**

Greetings !!!

We are currently looking at some new, fresh ideas to better enable us to take better care of the Members and their guests. Among the ideas we are closely looking at are;

- Seniors Dinner Menu and pricing
- Sunday brunch
- Possibility of serving a full breakfast on certain days
- Expanding our advertising on the website and facebook page
- Frequent diners program. After one dines so many times, they receive a free dinner.

We have also made a few improvements to the physical building:

- We replaced the parking lot light timer. The new timer does not ever have to be set.
- Retrofit the Flag Room lighting to LED lights
- Temporarily disabled the large light over the garage.
- Had the outlet for the smoker checked by our electrician to assure that it is ready to use.

Our goals are

1. To make our Legion a place where people WANT to be
2. To take excellent care of our Members and their guests.
3. To make the Legion profitable

Remember, this is YOUR Legion. If you have any ideas that you would like to see happen, please do not hesitate to contact me.