

Minneapolis-Richfield

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American Legion Post 435 News



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Post #435, Thank you for putting "Family First" and caring for Veterans, their families and your community.
Denise H Rohan, National Commander 2017-2018

**Commander
Tom
Hendrickson**

It has been a brutal Winter! If your anything like me, you can't wait for Spring. With Spring comes change and it's an exciting time of the year.

I went to the doctor's office the other day, and as I walked in and I saw a group of people standing in front of the window looking outside. In the crowd I saw my doctor and his staff. At first, I thought that they may have been watching a traffic accident, a fire, or a major disturbance. Then I heard the Receptionist say "I can't wait till I can get in my garden". A man said, "I can only polish my bike so much, I wanna go ride" and my doctor said, "I can't wait to grill and sit out on my patio".

Winter changing into Spring is an exciting time that is full of anticipation of the changes that occur. The satisfaction of finally putting away our long underwear, winter coats and hats. The surprise when we have our cars washed and find out what color it is underneath all that road salt. The joy of putting the snow blower away and bringing out the lawn mower.

At the Post, we are busy preparing for Spring and Summer as well. We are putting plans together for Memorial Day, 4th of July, and the 100th Centennial American Legion Celebration.

In August, up to 100,000 Legionnaires from Posts across the world will be coming to Minneapolis to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. Our Post has been actively working to make it a successful time. I have met with and been on the telephone with those soliciting the use of our Club to be the location for other Departments parties. We have commitments for five large celebrations at the Post, so our Post will be a busy place. Our Club has offered them a wonderful location with food and drink at a reasonable price but enough cost where we will make a profit. It has been a personally rewarding experience to be able to help and to meet my fellow Legionnaires but keeping my Fiduciary responsibility as my mantra during this process.

There are plans in the progress to make physical improvements to our building that will freshen up our appearance as well as make some functional changes. Solicitations to major corporations have been made to ask them to help us in this venture. Our Second Vice Commander, Casey Ludwig, has plans to involve the use of qualified volunteers for a few of the projects.

Our Memorial Day Observance will continue with our traditional service at Oak Hill Cemetery. Usually we return to the Post and have a meal of hotdogs and beans. This year I am making solicitations to corporations for donations to enable us to offer a better menu than our traditional fare for our Veterans.

While reviewing our invoices and financial records along with signing the checks every week, I found an area where we would increase our profit margins. The Post's Manager has been moving us very effectively towards building the food side of our business. If you haven't met our Club Manager Rich I encourage you to stop by and talk with him.

Rich is a pleasure to work with for he is a Manager that can make things happen. When Rich first started at the Post I told him about our under-utilized auditorium and the potential to make it a profit center. Rich has been working hard by adding banquets of one to three hundred people and working on the menu exploring better food selections while developing profitability. So far this year the Post we have sold 700 pounds of fish, and 1720 pounds of Broasted Chicken. Also, there will be a new menu very soon.

Working with Rich we have been able to identify ways for the Post to cut our costs

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while maintaining the same level of service. Rich contacted several garbage companies and received bids to remove our garbage, so we were able to cut our bill in half resulting in savings of \$3,700. Rich contacted Excel Energy, and we have now received about \$1,900 in rebates thru an energy audit that was done.

There are more areas that we need to explore to look for additional savings.

Our First Vice Mark Barthel has been the coordinator of our Boys State program at the Post. He has located ten top notch candidates who wish to attend this year's session.

The Post continues to support Richfield Baseball and Legion Baseball. We are currently organizing a dinner and ceremony to kick off their season. More to come on that.

We now have a college Intern assisting us with our Social Media presence so you should soon be seeing an increase in our traffic in this media.

Winter into Spring brings positive change, and we are making positive changes at the Richfield Legion.

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Broasted Chicken. Since the middle of January, we have sold more than 3500 pieces of chicken. We are in the process of coming out with a new menu. From what I can tell, we are using old pricing (over three years old at least) so pricing is going to be adjusted but not so much as to price us out of the market. We are putting an emphasis on Legion Food (comfort food) and some new healthier items. Removing selections that do not move well but we have to stock since they are on the menu. For instance, instead of having to stock 3-4 different steaks, we will be serving the same steak 4 different ways and price points. We have been working in our suppliers (Sysco) test kitchen to assure that additions are something that will be popular, easy to prepare and cost effective. Watch for the new menu soon!!

It has been great working with Commander Tom. He has great business savvy and a working knowledge of facilities, bar, and restaurant cost and procedures. He can analyze things and decide in a timely manner and has been great to work with. He also has had the best interest of the Legion at heart 100% of the time and I hope he has a place after his term ends. We are lucky to have someone who "gets it" and really truly cares about the Post. And one last thing...I was impressed that even through several illnesses the past few months, Tom was never too sick to help and advise me when I had questions about the Post and past practices etc. Looking forward, this Memorial Day, we are going to feed ALL of our Veterans and their guest a proper meal. Sometimes in the heat of the battle, I can't help but think that we lose sight of the purpose of our very existence. To take care of the Vets!! The Commander and I are asking our food suppliers to donate a lot of food for the luncheon. Spread to word to any Veteran you know and tell them that they are welcome to dine after the flag ceremony on Memorial Day.

To all, lets stay focused on the Mission, to help our Veterans. To not empire build but keep the best interests of the Post forefront and take care of each other.

**President
Sherry Morris**

Winter is finally over. Spring is coming, yay!!!! Hoping you got through this winter all right. I know that the flu was a major problem this year. A few I knew even went to the hospital. I am looking forward to nice sleeveless weather.

Things coming up.

Saturday, April 14th we have the Fifth District Testimonial at Post 1, for our Sunny Dauphin, Walt Lindsay, and Bill Peters (SAL). It starts with social hour at 5 and dinner at 6. It's \$15 for Roast Beef with fixings and dessert. You can call Becky Nelson at 612-722-8861 or 612-968-6179 for reservations. Checks can be made payable to "5th Dist. ALA".

The April 15th (8 until noon) is the last Omelet Breakfast for the season. Come on down and share with us the beginning of summer. (Yes, I know, not officially, but, who cares.)

The Department President's Testimonial will be in Wilmer April 28th.

The meat raffle will be done for the weekends the end of April also. Keep an ear open for when we will be continuing. By the way, if you are interested in volunteering for it, let us know. Terri Munson is the one you should contact at 952-884-7032.

May is poppy month, so, keep an eye out. June 1st and 2nd will be the District Convention in Bloomington.

Elections are coming up. I will be stepping down. Taking a little break, but won't be far away. And, our meetings will be shutting down for the summer.



**Help us!!!!
Would you like to work the Meat
Raffle?
We need a hand for a couple of
hours once a week????
Call Terri Munson at 952-884-7032**



**American Legion
Auxiliary**

**National Poppy Day
is the Friday
Before Memorial Day!**

www.ALForVeterans.org/Poppy

**Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser!
Sunday April 15th from 8 AM until Noon!
Supporting the Tubman Domestic Abuse
Resource Center and Shelter
\$9.00 for a made to order omelet, potatoes,
biscuits and gravy, toast, fruit, roll, and
drink (water, juice, milk, coffee).**



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**Sargent at Arms
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Celebrate with

5th District American Legion Commander –Walt Lindsay

5th District American Legion Auxiliary President – Sunny Dauphin

5th District Sons of the American Legion Commander – Bill Peters



At the 5th District Testimonial for wonderful year
and a job well done for the Fighting Fifth District!!

Saturday April 14th, 2018

Social is at 5pm; Dinner at 6pm



\$15 - Roast Beef dinner with the fixings and dessert

Location: Post 1 – 2507 East 25th Street Minneapolis

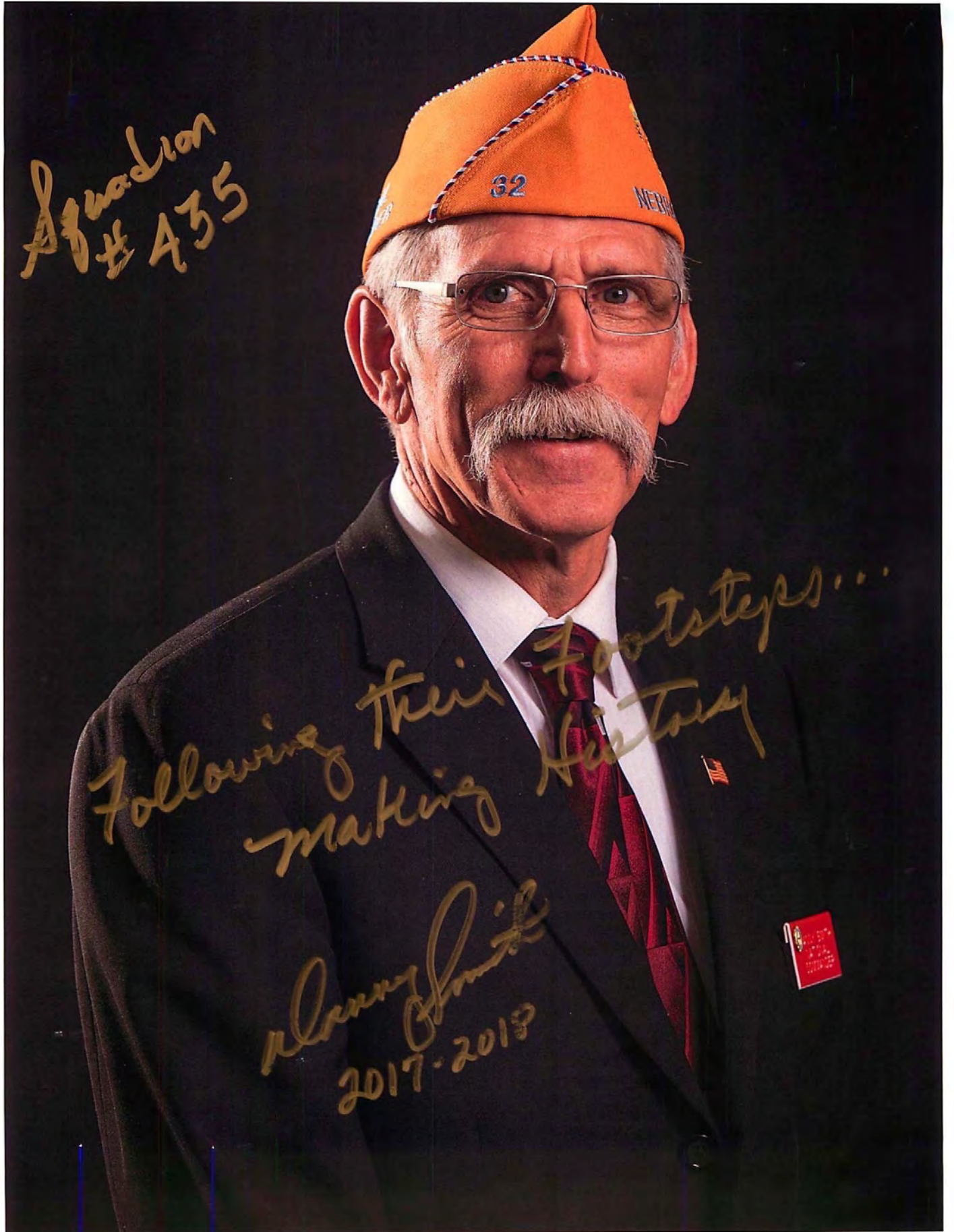
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RSVP by April 9th

Please make checks payable to: 5th District American Legion Auxiliary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BARGO at 10 Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11 - 5 Music at 3	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 3-7 Meat Raffle 5-7 BARGO 5-7:30 Music 7:30	Happy Hour All Day Kitchen open 11-1:45, 5-7 Taco Tues Music at 5, Kaoraoke at 8	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11-1:45, 5-7 Music at 5	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11-1:45, 5-7 BARGO 5-7 Music at 7	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11-1:45, 5-8:30 Music at 8:30 AYCE Fish Fry Prime Rib	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 3-8:30 Music at 8:30 Prime Rib Meat Raffle 2-5
Apr 1 Post closed, No VA visitation Happy Easter	Apr 2 Band - Willie Murphy	Apr 3 Band - Rock Rangers, Karaoke	Apr 4 Noon - BOB Total Country Lunch Band - Karaoke	Apr 5 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	Apr 6 Band - Low Profile	Apr 7 Last Day of Passover Band - Low Profile
Apr 8 Orthodox Easter Band - Rockin Woody	Apr 9 Band - Willie Murphy	Apr 10 CMP 6:30 Gun Club 7:30 Lions meeting Band - Rock Rangers, Karaoke	Apr 11 ALR Meeting 7 pm Band - Nayman Brothers	Apr 12 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	Apr 13 Band - Sub Level 6	Apr 14 5th District Testimonial Band - Sub Level 6
Apr 15 ALA Omelet Breakfast 8 - Noon Band - Rockin Woody	Apr 16 Band - Nazmo King	Apr 17 Tax Day P&F 6 pm Exec 7 pm Band - Rock Rangers, Karaoke	Apr 18 Noon - BOB Total Country Lunch SAL Meeting 7 pm Band - Karaoke	Apr 19 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	Apr 20 Band - Sugar Buzz	Apr 21 Dept Cmdrs Testimonial Band - Sugar Buzz
Apr 22 Band - Rockin Woody	Apr 23 Band -	Apr 24 Gen Membership 7 pm Lions meeting Band - Rock Rangers, Karaoke	Apr 25 Band - Nayman Bros, Karaoke	Apr 26 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	Apr 27 Arbor Day Post 435 Cub Food Wagon Band - Express Band	Apr 28 Dept Pres Testimonial Post 435 Cub Food Wagon Band - Express Band
Apr 29 Post 435 Cub Food Wagon Band - Rockin Woody	Apr 30 Band -					

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		May 1 Law Day Band - Rock Rangers, Karaoke	May 2 Noon - BOB Total Country Lunch Assoc Of US ARMY Band - Karaoke	May 3 National Day of Prayer Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	May 4 Spring NEC Band - Tailspin	May 5 Spring NEC Cinco de Mayo National EOD Day Band - Tailspin
May 6 National Nurses Day VA Hospital Visitation Band - Rockin Woody	May 7 Band - Willie Murphy	May 8 CMP 6:30 pm Gun Club 7:30 pm Band - Rock Rangers, Karaoke	May 9 ALR meeting 7 pm Band - Nayman Brothers, Karaoke	May 10 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	May 11 Military Spouse Appreciation Day Band -	May 12 Band -
May 13 Mothers Day Band - Rockin Woody	May 14 Band - Willie Murphy	May 15 Peace Officer Memorial Day Band - Rock Rangers, Karaoke	May 16 Ramadan Starts Noon - BOB Total Country Lunch SAL Meeting 7 pm Band - Karaoke	May 17 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	May 18 National Defense Transportation Day Band - Nightshift	May 19 Band - Low Profile
May 20 Band - Rockin Woody	May 21 Band -	May 22 P&F meeting 6 pm Exec 7 pm Band - Rock Rangers, Karaoke	May 23 Band - Nayman Bros	May 24 Band - Del Counts	May 25 Band - Brian Naughton	May 26 Band - Brian Naughton
May 27 Band -	May 28 Memorial Day Oak Hill Cem 10A Flag Raising Noon	May 29 Legion meeting 7 ALA meeting 7 Band - Rock Rangers, Karaoke	May 30 Noon - BOB Total Country Lunch Band -	May 31 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts		



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Following their
making history
footsteps...

Larry Smith
2017-2018



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SAL Commander Nils Hudyma

Greetings from Squad 435! Hope you are doing well this spring!

As you can see from before this page, we were blessed with a visit from the SAL National Commander Danny Smith. He was here in Minnesota visiting the Detachment for Spring Conference, which was held in Chaska. He then stopped by our post home on his way to the airport during Unit 435's Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser. He was shown around, fed a great meal, took some pictures, and enjoyed himself.

We continue to help support Unit 435 with their Omelet Breakfasts every month, along with the Junior Shooters from Post 435. It is nice seeing such a great turnout every month.

The next two months we will have nominations for officers and elections. We have some officers stepping down and need some of our membership to step up and volunteer to help. Our next meeting is Wednesday April 18th at 7 pm. Then again on Wednesday May 16th at 7 pm. Meetings are held in the Flag Room just off of the bar, by the restrooms on the way to the Auditorium. I look forward to seeing more of you there.

Saturday April 14th will be the 5th District Testimonial for officers. It will be held at Post 1, with a social at 5 and dinner at 6. Cost is \$15 and contact Becky Nelson if interested in going.

Memorial Day is coming up on Monday May 28th. We will be at Oak Hill Cemetery for our Memorial Day service at 10 am. Then at the post we will have the flag raising and membership meal at noon. Later in the afternoon, The City of Richfield will have their

June 1-2 will be the 5th District Convention. Friday June 1st there will be a memorial service at 7 pm, and a social gathering to follow. The SAL will meet at 10 am on Saturday June 2nd. New officer installation will follow. A dinner banquet will be that evening with a social preceding it starting at 5. If you are interested in going as a delegate, or a guest, stop by our squadron meeting and let us know. If you cannot make a meeting, drop us a note, and how to contact you to discuss further.

The Detachment of Minnesota will have their annual convention (also known as Campout) on Friday June 22nd through Sunday June 24th. This is held at Legionville School Patrol Camp near Brainerd MN and North Long Lake. Dormitories, RV hook ups, and camping spaces are available. Our own Shawn Davis is expected to be elected to a 2nd term in office as the State Commander for the Detachment of Minnesota SAL, so come on up and watch, participate and have fun. More information can be received at the squadron meetings, or drop us a message.

Lastly we will be trying out some new tools for communication. We are going to try a text service to remind everyone of meetings, and other events. Check the newsletter for more information and give us your feedback if this helps promote communication. Thank you for your membership and your support.

**Director
Shawn Davis**

Greetings from ALR Chapter 435! Welcome to Spring (it cannot come soon enough)! Some of us would like to get our bikes out, cleaned up and on the road.

Speaking of getting on the road, The MN ALR Legacy Scholarship Run will have its kick off party on Thursday August 2nd at the Forrest Lake American Legion. The next day at 8 am, the south route will be ridden, which should end on Sunday near the St. Cloud VA. The next weekend will begin on Friday August 10th, the North Route will be ridden, ending on Sunday at the Anoka American Legion. The goal this year is to raise \$250,000.00 for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship. We plan on being the biggest donor again this year at the national convention, and we can only do it with your help. If you would like to donate, or know of a business that might be interested in donating, please contact us and we can work with you on this donation. And if we go over our goal, we might be able to reach a lifetime donation amount from the Department of Minnesota American Legion Family to \$1,000,000.00. Would not that be a great goal and announcement to make at the National Convention here in Minneapolis?

Towards this fundraising goal, we will be manning the Cub Food wagon to raise funds for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship on April 27th, 28th, and 29th from 11 am until 6 pm. The Cub Food Wagon is located at 10520 France Ave S. in the Valley West Shopping Center. Come join us, buy a hot dog and support the Legacy Scholarship. We meet on the 2nd

Wednesday of the month in the Flag room. Come stop in and see what we are up to, and where we are thinking of riding to!



Jill Davis from ALA Unit 435 presenting a check to Junior Shooting Sport Coach and SAL member Tim Cagney, Competitor Katrina Hendricksone, and Lizzy Carson



Members of the Post 435 Junior Shooting Sports (The X-men) program will be attending the Junior Olympics 3-Position Air Rifle Competition in Camp Perry Ohio and The NRA National Junior Air Gun Championship in Bloomington IL this June. Qualifiers include: Paige Roskop (Team & Individual), Ruby Pozorski (Team & Individual), Lizzy Carson (Team & Individual), Katrina Hendrickson (Team), and Taylor Crane as an alternate. They are currently practicing and in preparation for this competition.

When asked why she enjoys Junior Shooting Sports, Katrina responded, that this is her second year competing and that this “is a sport shat she can compete in but it is not super competitive.” Lizzy responded that she has “been shooting for 4 years now and enjoys it. I initially took the Firearms Safety class at the post, and tried out for the team after that.”

As for advice for anyone interested in this sport, Katrina stated to try it out. You never know until you try it. She is always nervous trying new things, but regrets not trying it sooner. Step out of your comfort zone. Lizzy added to be persistent and a good listener. Coaches have lots of good advice, and be prepared to be uncomfortable.

If anyone would like to donate to their travel expenses, please contact the Junior Shooting program through www.post435gunclub.org, or contact them through Post 435.



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**Vice
Joanne Davis**

**Ride Capt
Russ Jobe**

**Secretary
Jill Davis**

**Finance
Lee Davis**

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The Fifth District American Legion Family will hold its Annual District Convention at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington off of I-35W, 1201 West 94th Street, Bloomington, MN 55431. All are welcome to attend. Registration is \$15.00 before or on Friday, May 25th, 2017 and \$18.00 after Friday, May 25th 2017 or at the Convention. Check with your organization to find out more information about registering for the convention.

A joint Memorial Service will be held on Friday June 1st, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. Social will follow.

The Convention Sessions for the Legion and Auxiliary will begin Saturday, June 2nd, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. The Session for the SAL will begin Saturday, June 2nd, at 10:00 AM. The session for the District ALR session will begin Saturday June 2nd, at 12 Noon. The convention meeting room assignment will be in your convention book. The Convention Banquet will be Saturday, June 2nd, Social at 5 PM, Banquet at 6 PM, program to follow. Dinner choices are Ham (\$28), Chicken (\$31) or Walleye (\$36).

We are asking everyone in the 5th District to try to sell ads, which is how the convention is funded. Convention Book Ads must be in by Wednesday May 9th, 2018. Send print ready ads, and checks (payable to the 5th District American Legion) to: Shawn Davis C/O 5th District, 6501 Portland Ave S., Richfield, MN 55423 – or – email salshawndavis@gmail.com

The Centennial Convention needs your help!

Volunteers are needed to help with the Centennial Convention. From bag stuffers, to helping with the parade and everything inbetween. If you are interested in volunteering, drop you name, phone number, and email address to mnlegion435@gmail.com or send us a us a letter with stating your interest.

If you know of a business who would be interested in supporting the convention, please contact Shawn Davis (See above) for more information.

Thank you for 100 years of service!



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**Manager
Rich Hervieux**

Its been a long cold winter and Spring is approaching!!! So just a little recap of things.

The building needed some repairs that could not be deferred. There has been very little if any preventive maintenance done on the HVAC and plumbing systems. As a result, two of the rooftop heaters needed repairs. The filters were almost completely clogged, one of them needed a PC board and the other a drive belt and over limit switch. The chemistry in the boiler unit had apparently not been checked since the new boilers were installed and as a result the heat exchanger in the south vestibule rotted through. Speaking of vestibules, the one in the main entrance was wired incorrectly. That was corrected, and it works fine. Additionally, a jockey pump for the heat exchanger in the rear of the building seized up do to corrosion in the boiler system. All of the heaters are now functional, and the boiler water monitored and corrected every 90 days. The waste water drains coming from the bar and kitchen had debris and other gunk in them. They have been cleaned out and drains working properly.

We upped the speed on our internet connection from 25 MPS to 75 and have a updated WiFi system. The new system will transfer routers when walking from the auditorium to the front seamlessly. The system is partitioned so that many multiple users will not slow down the bandwidth needed to operate our business.

Bar operations are going well. Our cost of liquor is in the low 20% range. We still have an overpouring issue but well on the way to correcting that.

Restaurant is headed in the right direction. The largest one selling item on the menu is

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