

Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435 News

December 2018
January 2019



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Finance

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Service Officer
Lynn Lyons

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Terry Hansen

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Gary Anderson

Executive Board
2nd to the Last
Tuesday of the
month at 7PM

**Membership
meeting**
Last Tuesday of the
month at 7 PM

Commander Mark Barthel

Greetings to members of American Legion Post #435 and others in the Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion family! Here it is already November and the year-end is fast approaching. I hope this newsletter finds you well and safe.

First off, let me pay my condolences to those members that have passed on from this world to their final resting place. May their presence with family & friends been of great fulfillment and their service to our great country, a proud moment in their legacy. It was reported at our October general membership meeting that John Gallas had passed on due to ongoing health issues. He was a very pleasant man to talk to on just about anything and would help out whenever possible. Their families and friends will dearly miss them all.

Membership for the 2019 year continues to come in and thank you to all that have already renewed for 2019. The dues collected remained at \$50 and what our local Post keeps out of that is extremely helpful in the functioning of Post #435. If you have already received your 2019 membership card and receive a RENEWAL letter in the mail, please disregard them. They're generated automatically from the National organization and there is lag time between the Department forwarding current data to Indianapolis. Great job by Terry Hansen again this year as the membership director!

At the October meeting we had a chance to meet two of the five Boys State students that we sent to the annual session, in June, at Colledgeville, MN. Jack Hendrickson and Christopher Montgomery shared with the members, their experiences at Boys State. They and the others represented Post #435 well!

On another topic, a big thank you to Levi Johnson, Boy Scout Troop #196 who has delivered his Eagle Scout project to our post building. The US flag retirement box now sits in the entry way to our Post building. Please use this if you have American flags that are in need of retirement & disposal. Thank you Levi, from all at Post #435!

Upcoming events at the Post #435 building:

Monthly Mpls VA Hospital visitation is always the 1st Sunday of the month, at 2:00 pm. Meet with the others attending at the hospital.

December 7, 2018 - Pearl Harbor Day remembrance

December 18, 2018 – Post #435 Executive Board meeting

December 24, 2018 – Christmas Eve

December 25, 2018 – Christmas Day / No December General membership meeting

January 1, 2019 – New Years Day – Membership Tom & Jerry party 1-3

January 2019 – Oratorical competitions. If you know of a student that would like to compete for scholarships, in this great American Legion program, please contact me for information.

January 26, 2018 – Winter Carnival Parade. Members of the American Legion Family are invited to march at this event, gather at Arcade-Phalen American Legion Post prior to this event.

Please support the Post and all of the programs that taken place within the American Legion family. We need your involvement to help things proceed and be successful.

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**President
Jill Davis**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As you are reading this article I anticipate you are preparing for the wonderful holiday season that is upon us. Please remember our service members who are on active duty and away from their families during this holiday season.

At the Fall Conference that was held at Marshall MN and Unit 435 received Certificate of Merit for work from the 2017-2018 membership year. Congratulations to: Penny Becker for her work on the History program; Cathy Ritter for her work the Service to Veterans program and for her work on the Poppy program. Thank you ladies for your hard work and dedication to this organization.

The Auxiliary Omelet Breakfast is back in full swing. Last year we started designated specific projects that tips will go to each month. Here are the designated charities that have been determined for the rest of the year. December – 5th District Auxiliary President’s Project – purchasing a Player Piano for the Minneapolis Veteran Home; January – SAL Detachment Commander’s project; February – Eagles Healing Nest; March – Post 435 Building fund. There will be no Omelet Breakfast in April due to the 3rd Sunday in April falling on Easter Sunday.

The Auxiliary will be hosting Bingo at the Minneapolis Veterans Home on Wednesday December 12th. Please arrive at the Veteran’s Home at 6:45 to help.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a Blood Drive at the Post on Monday December 17th from noon to 6pm in the Auditorium. This is the time of year when blood supplies tend to get tight. If you are able donate, please come out and donate.

There will be no General Membership meeting in December due the meeting day falling on Christmas Day. Our next General Membership meeting will be Tuesday January 29 at 7pm.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Jill Davis
Unit 435 President

Where does the Money go?

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 435 makes donations to many programs each year. Here are just some of the programs that the Auxiliary donated money to in 2018.

- Post 435 Building Fund - \$2500
- American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund –over \$1500
- American Legion Auxiliary Girls State - \$1450
- Scholarships to graduating high school seniors - \$1,000
- Bingo at the Minneapolis Veterans Home - \$850
- Brain Sciences Fund - \$500

We donated \$250 or less to more than 15 other programs

Many scholarships are available through the National and Department organization. For information on National Scholarships go to www.ALAforVeterans.org, on Department Scholarships go www.mnala.org and look under scholarships. Most of these scholarships are due by March 15, but verify the rules to be safe.

Our Unit has the Vikki Jo Springer Scholarship in the amount of \$500. This scholarship is due April 15th. If you are interested in this scholarship contact me at 612-866-2847. Penny Becker, Education and Scholarship Chairman



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Jill Davis

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Penny Becker

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Sherry Morris

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Cathy Ritter

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BINGO at the Mpls Veterans Home on Wednesday Dec 12th. Please arrive at Vets Home no later than 6:45 PM. We will be done about 8 PM.

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 11 - 8 Meat Raffle 5-7 BARGO 5-7:30 Music 7:30	Happy Hour All Day Kitchen open 11-8 Taco Tues Music at 5	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11-8 Music at 5 Kaoraoke at 8:30	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11-8 BARGO 5-7 Meat Raffle 5-7 Music at 7	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11-8:30 Music at 8:30 AYCE Fish Fry Prime Rib	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11-8:30 Music at 8:30 Prime Rib
						Dec 1 Shop, Ship, & Share - Maplewood Mall Band - Nightshift
Dec 2 VA Hospital Visitation Band - Rockin Woody	Dec 3 Hanukkah for next 7 days Band - Willie Murphy	Dec 4 Band - Rock Rangers	Dec 5 Band - Naymon Brothers	Dec 6 St. Nicholas Day Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Band - Brian Naughton Band	Dec 8 Pearl Harbor Membership Rally Band - Brian Naughton Band
Dec 9 Band - Rockin Woody	Dec 10 Band - Willie Murphy	Dec 11 Band - Rock Rangers	Dec 12 Noon - BOB Total Country Lunch BINGO at Vets Home - 6:45 Band -	Dec 13 National Guard Birthday Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	Dec 14 Band - Express Band	Dec 15 Band - Express Band
Dec 16 ALA Omelet Breakfast 8 - Noon Band - Rockin Woody	Dec 17 Blood Drive 12 - 6 Band - Bird Dogs	Dec 18 Exec 7 pm Lions meeting Band - Rock Rangers	Dec 19 Noon - BOB Total Country Christmas Lunch SAL Meeting 7 pm Band - Naymon Brothers	Dec 20 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	Dec 21 Band - Way Back Whens	Dec 22 Band - Way Back Whens
Dec 23 Band - Rockin Woody	Dec 24 Post Closes early for Christmas Eve.	Dec 25 Merry Christmas Post closed No Legion or Auxiliary Meetings tonight	Dec 26 Kwanzaa	Dec 27 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	Dec 28 Band -	Dec 29 Band -

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Jan 6 VA Hospital Visitation Band -	Jan 7 Band -	Jan 8 Band - Rock Rangers	Jan 9 ALR meeting 7 pm Band -	Jan 10 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	Jan 11 Band -	Jan 12 Band -
Jan 13 Band -	Jan 14 Band -	Jan 15 CMP 6:30 pm Gun Club 7:30 pm Band - Rock Rangers	Jan 16 SAL Meeting 7 pm Band - Naymon Brothers	Jan 17 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts	Jan 18 Band -	Jan 19 Band -
Jan 20 ALA Omelet Breakfast 8 - Noon Band -	Jan 21 Band -	Jan 22 Exec 7 pm Band - Rock Rangers	Jan 23 Band -	Jan 24 Richfield Toastmaster Band - Del Counts	Jan 25 Band -	Jan 26 Winter Carnival Parade and Rally Band -
Jan 27 Band -	Jan 28 Band -	Jan 29 Legion meeting 7 ALA meeting 7 Band - Rock Rangers	Jan 30 Band -	Jan 31 Richfield Toastmasters Band - Del Counts		



Commander
Nils Hudyma

Happy Holidays from Squadron 435. I hope all of you have an enjoyable time this holiday season.

It is with regret that I must report on the passing of our 1st Vice Commander and Immediate Past Squadron Commander Jim Hanchett. He will be missed. Please keep his family in your thoughts this season.

Commander
Nils Hudyma

This leaves an opening in our officers. Jim's responsibility was membership, and due to his passing Finance Officer Shawn is attempting to catch things up. If you have paid your 2019 membership, you are good, and we will process your membership as soon as we can.

First Vice

Membership is slowly being processed, but we really do need someone to step up and help out the squadron process membership. Please contact myself or any of the officers through the Post if you would like to help. We can set up time to train and make sure you feel comfortable with the process and the software.

Second Vice

Adjutant
Criag Sorum

By the time you read this Shop, Ship, and Share will be done. This is a great event organized by our sister District the 4th. During this event, we collect goods, package them up, and send them to deployed service members. The thank you letters we receive makes one proud to be a member of an organization that helps our service members, especially over the holidays.

Finance
Shawn Davis

January 1st we will hold our annual Tom and Jerry Membership Party from 1 until 3. All paid members are invited to attend, and if you have not already paid, you can pay at the door. Remember as of January 1st the clock starts ticking on your membership to be renewed. If you have not paid by January 31st you lose eligibility. So pay your 2019 dues of \$30 now.

Chaplain
Pat Kiehl

Meeting on
3rd Wed of
the month at
7PM

January 26th, The American Legion Family will be marching in the King Boreas Grand Day Parade. We will meet at Arcade-Phalen prior to being bussed to the organization point, and then will be picked up at the end and taken back to Arcade-Phalen for food, social, and a

membership rally. This is always a fun event, gives us some good publicity. Feel free to join us in the parade, or celebrate on the route.

Thank you for joining, supporting the American Legion family, and I look forward to seeing you at our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.



Participate in the King Boreas Grand Day Parade.
Arcade-Phalen American Legion Post 577
1129 Arcade Street St. Paul, MN 55106
Gather between 11 and 12 to collect your flag and board the bus to the starting point.

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coming Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years periods. If you have time, always keep in mind our club's restaurant and lounge. There may be some shorter hours or closures so that our staff can be with their families at the holidays too.

See you at the American Legion!

Mark Barthel
Post #435 Commander



Director
Shawn Davis

Vice
Joanne Davis

Ride Capt
Russ Jobe

Secretary
Jill Davis

Finance
Lee Davis

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**Omelet Breakfast
Sunday Dec 16
Sunday Jan 20
8 until Noon
\$9 per person
Children 10 and under \$5**

Charities that will benefit
December - Player Piano for the Minneapolis Veterans Home
January - Detachment Commanders Project: Child Welfare, Brain Science, and Legionville.

**GIVE
BLOOD**

**Blood Drive
Monday December 17th
Noon to 6 pm.**

NEW TEXT SERVICE FOR MINNEAPOLIS-RICHFIELD POST 435

American Legion Post 435 Family is trying a new tool to communicate with members. A text service. Simply sign up for the text topics you want to follow. Message and data rates may apply. Text Help for help. Text Stop to cancel at any time.

Text OMELET435 to 84483 to receive Omelet Breakfast information
Text LEGION435 to 84483 to receive information about American Legion Post 435
Text AUX435 to 84483 to receive information about American Legion Auxiliary Unit 435
Text SAL435 to 84483 to receive information about the Sons of the American Legion Squad 435
Text ALR435 to 84483 to receive Chapter 435 American Legion Riders information