

Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435
American Legion News

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Poppy Card Day
April 19
Poppy Day
May 17



POST 435 AUXILIARY
CRAFT FAIR
and
BAKE SALE

MAY 5



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27
Service at
Oak Hill Cemetery
Lunch at the Post

MEAT RAFFLE Fridays 5-7pm Saturdays 3-5pm. The last one for the summer is May 18.

5TH DISTRICT TESTIMONIAL
SUNDAY, APRIL 28
3PM SOCIAL, 4PM DINNER
\$15.00 PER PERSON

**Omelet
Breakfast**

April 21

LAST ONE UNTIL OCTOBER



Election of Officers Membership Mtg. April 30

BURGER BASH Nights!

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
5 – 7 p.m.

Burgers, fries,
onion rings



BARGO

Monday nights
Thursday nights
5pm-7pm



Commander's Column



We recently experienced a couple of big events here at the Club. Our National Commander was here for dinner in February. In March we had the pleasure of receiving our National President here for a brunch. This was a first as we are the only Post in Minnesota to ever entertain both the National Commander and National President. I must say, both were impressed with the meals. Chef Mark King did a marvelous job.

Our membership is at 1,585 and we still have a way to go to meet our goal. Membership is the life blood of the organization; it is the power behind legislation regarding veteran's benefits.

In April we hold election of new officers. So far the following individuals are running for office: Commander - Merv Becker; First Vice Commander - Tom Eckhoff; Second Vice Commander is open; Finance Officer - Dennis DeLong. On the Property & Finance Committee three members are needed, and Jim Nowell and Mark Sullivan are running for a two year term. Bob Newcomb is the third member serving one more year on the committee. There are three members on the Executive Committee and Jim West is serving his second year, so two members are still needed.

It saddens me to report that our Post Chaplain, Don Swanson, has passed away after a long illness. He also served as Chaplain of the VFW 5555 in Richfield and the Civil Air Patrol.

Memorial Day Services will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery beginning at 10:00 a.m. After the service there will be a flag raising ceremony at the Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post at 12:00 noon. After the ceremony we will serve hot dogs and beans. The *Beyond the Yellow Ribbon* group will hold a memorial service at the Veterans Memorial in Veterans Park. Please check in our lobby for time.

Rumor has it around the Post that Roger has a sign on his door saying "Gone Fishing." Roger will be leaving at the end of March after 15 years of dedicated service to our Post. He is planning to spend time fishing with his grandchildren and attending their sporting events. We wish him well on the new chapter in his life.

Our new Club Manager is John Wortman, and he started on March 18. He comes to us with management experience in a veteran's organization. Please warmly welcome him with kindness and support.

For God and Country,
Merv Becker, Commander

President's Column



SPRING IS COMING
SOON, WE HOPE!

Our slate of officers for 2013-2014 is as follows: President – Joy DeLong; First Vice – Patricia Swanson; Second Vice – Becky LeFebvre; Treasurer – Juanita Krueger; Executive Board – LaVon Whalen, Carol Larson.

We are sponsoring Bingo at the Vets Home on May 14. Our Craft Fair will be on May 5th in the auditorium. Please help us with baked goods for the Bake Sale; you could bring them in on May 4th.

We had a wonderful turnout for the National Commander Dinner on February 6th, and Chef Mark and his staff made us proud with the great dinner and service. We received many compliments!

On Memorial Day we will have our usual picnic fare after the service at Oak Hill Cemetery to honor our military.

We hope to see you at one of our events. Don't forget the Auxiliary meat raffles on Fridays 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays 3-5 p.m.

Please remember our deployed and their families in your prayers. God bless the United States of America and all who serve to protect us.




Joy DeLong, Auxiliary President



"ONE OF A KIND"
Ron Lund on the keyboard

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Anniversaries, Birthdays, Retirement parties
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Lounge specials all day. April 2013	Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm.	Lunch 11:00am-1:45pm.	Lunch 11:00am-1:45pm. Karaoke 8:30pm.	Lunch 11:00am-1:45pm. Dinner 4:30-7:30pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5-7pm.	Lunch 11:00am-1:45pm. Meat raffle 5-7pm. Dinner 5-8:30pm.	Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Meat raffle 3-5pm. Dinner 5-8:30pm.
	1	2 5TH District Mtg @ Richfield, 7:30pm.	3	4	5 SUGAR BUZZ	6 SUGAR BUZZ
7 VAMC Hospital Visitation, 2pm.	8	9 Gun Club mtg 7:30 pm	10 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	11	12 WAY BACK WHENS	13 WAY BACK WHENS
14	15 SAL mtg 7:30	16	17	18	19  POPPY CARD DAY. ROADHOUSE	20 ROADHOUSE
21 OMELET BREAKFAST 8-12:30	22	23 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	24 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	25	26 HIT N RUN	27 HIT N RUN
28 5TH District Testimonial @ Richfield, 3pm.	29	30 Post mtg 7pm. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.	1	2	3 SUB LEVEL 6	4 SUB LEVEL 6
5 CRAFT FAIR. VAMC hospital visitation, 2pm.	6	7 5th District mtg @ NE Armory, 7:30pm.	8 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	9	10 WILDFIRE	11 WILDFIRE
12 MOTHER'S DAY	13	14 Bingo party, MN Vets Home Mpls, 7pm. Gun Club mtg 7:30pm.	15	16	17  POPPY DAY VICIOUS FISH <i>Last meat raffle weekend</i>	18 VICIOUS FISH
19 Omelet Breakfast 8-12:30	20 SAL mtg 7:30	21 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	22 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	23	24 SUGAR BUZZ	25 SUGAR BUZZ
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY 	28 Post mtg 7pm.	29	30	31 <i>District Convention, Holiday Inn Bloomington</i> HIP BONE	
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					CROSSFIRE	CROSSFIRE
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Gun Club mtg 7:30pm.	Burger Nite 5-7pm.		FLAG DAY	
					ROADHOUSE	ROADHOUSE
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
FATHER'S DAY	SAL mtg. 7:30	P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.			WAY BACK WHENS	WAY BACK WHENS
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Post mtg 7pm.	Burger Nite 5-7pm.		CROSSTOWN	CROSSTOWN
30						



As many of you have heard, I retired from the Post 435 Club Manager position at the end of March. I've enjoyed the opportunity given to me by Post 435 for the last 15 years. I'm grateful to the Post for the kindness and generosity afforded to me and my family.

Best wishes to John Wortman, the new Club Manager. I urge you to warmly welcome and support John as he starts a new chapter in Post 435 history. The Post

Manager Search Committee should be commended for conducting an extensive, diligent, and thorough search since I gave my notice in September.

Retiring is bittersweet. While I look forward to a new chapter in my life, I'm going to miss the daily interactions with our wonderful Post 435 staff, my second family. Some have been with me since day one; most have been here many years; all have my admiration for their loyalty, commitment, and sense of team play.

Special thanks go out to Merv Becker, Jim Munson, George Karnas, and Dennis DeLong, the Finance Officers under whom I served during my tenure. We accomplished many things together.

To the membership, I would like to convey my appreciation for your support and patronage of the Club these past 15 years. However, we have a membership numbers problem. We are shrinking. We all can help change this trend. We all know people in our daily lives that are eligible to become Post 435 family members in some shape or form. If each of us would get just one member to join every year, we will continue to be a vibrant organization. Sound easy? Please try! Remember, it's not about the price you pay to be a member; it's about the price someone in your family or neighborhood paid to be eligible.

God bless you all.

Thanks for the memories.

Roger Wysong

Post 435 Officers

Commander
Merv Becker

1st Vice Commander
Tom Eckhoff

2nd Vice Commander
Tom Eckhoff

Adjutant

Dennis DeLong

Finance Officer

Dennis DeLong

Immediate Past Commander

Craig Deneen

Chaplain

Rev. Don Swanson

Service Officer

TBD

Sgt.-At-Arms

Tom Eckhoff

Club Manager

Roger Wysong

Unit 435 Officers

President

Joy DeLong

1st Vice President

Patricia Swanson

2nd Vice President

Becky LeFebvre

Sgt.-At-Arms

Jill Davis

Secretary

Penny Becker

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Juanita Krueger

Executive Board

Carol Larson

LaVon Whalen

Jr. Past President

Penny Becker

Chaplain / Memorial

Jill Davis

Gambling Manager

Cindy Cierzen

Membership Chairman

Patricia Swanson

Membership Secretary

Joy DeLong

SAL 435 Officers

Commander

James Hanchett

Direct all questions or comments to Post 435 during business hours at (612) 866-3647

Toastmasters

Since the last quarter we have added two new members and lost two. The two we lost will be missed greatly. I am happy to report the Toastmastering received from our group prompted the transfer of one of our members. She became quite comfortable giving speeches, functioning in various areas—to a point where she was promoted at her company and transferred to Chicago. We miss her. Another member attended the inaugural functions in Washington in January. She is preparing a speech to present to our group in which she will tell us about her experiences at the Inauguration. Something new for our group as we wait patiently for that speech. Other members in the past year are progressing beyond your imaginations. They are giving wonderful and sometimes animated speeches. One member has earned the “Competent Communicator” certificate from International Headquarters. We are proud of each and every one of you.

You are always welcome any Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. If you should decide to have dinner first, simply arrive earlier. The Club has some fine food at specials prices. And check us out at 232.toastmasterclubs.org or richfieldlegiontoastmasters.org.

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Lounge Specials

**Twins, NASCAR
TV Specials**

20 oz. tap \$3.00

Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Phillips Bloody Mary's or Screwdrivers \$3.00

Sundays, open - 2 p.m.

Phillips Bloody Mary's or Screwdrivers \$3.00

Dining Room Lunch Specials

Tues. – Wed. – Thurs.

Miller Hi-Life tap, Heileman's Old Style cans,
Rail Martini's, Manhattans, Gimlets



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UNIT 435



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SAL 435



The Sons of the American Legion general membership meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.



I am John Wortman, the new General Manager of your Post 435. I have been working in a similar operation for the past 8.5 years.

This business is challenging and ever-changing, and with your support and help, we will continue the great tradition of this Post and move it forward to new heights.

My wife, Nina, and I look forward to meeting you. Please take time to stop by, grab a beer, and say hi.

John Wortman

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