

# Minneapolis/Richfield Post 435 American Legion News

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## Commander's Column

Greetings all!

...as I sit typing, I realize that 2015 has certainly been moving along fast.

Post 435 held an election. I am proud to announce a new slate of Officers: Commander-Thomas Eckhoff; First Vice Commander-John Gallas; Second Vice Commander-TBD; Finance Officer-Bob Newcomb. Thank you for your support. We are currently planning new activities for our members, our veterans, and our community.

## Memorial Day

Memorial Day was a busy day for Post 435. I would like to thank all the volunteers for their dedication and time given to the activities of the day. The ceremony at the cemetery was very well attended, and the cemetery was adorned with many red, white, and blue decorations. Indeed, a very patriotic setting for a traditional Memorial Day program. The "Airborne" Firing Party fired three volleys, three times during the day. This year, U.S. Navy Veteran, Gary Anderson, stepped up to fire the M1 Garand Rifle, and stood proudly as the Band played "Anchors Aweigh." (see photo)

I was also honored to present a donation from Post 435 to the All Veterans Memorial during their afternoon program. Post 435 donated \$5,000.00. It was very well received and much appreciated.



## Gambling

The Minnesota State Gambling Control Board requires the Post to liquidate the funds in the Gambling Account. Post 435 began to give out donations in March, and at this time has given away nearly \$190,000.00 in donations to a long list of Charitable Organizations.

The Minneapolis, Minnesota Veterans Home received donations for unfunded projects. A Pergola, Rec Therapy Department, Adult Day Care, and a Yamaha Clavinova keyboard.

The Minneapolis V.A. Medical Center also received donations for unfunded projects, to include: Craft Kits, Healing Gallery, and Healing Environment Project.

Donations to American Legion Projects and Funds include; Boys and Girls State, Legionville, Brain Science Center, Baseball, Veterans on the Lake, Hospital Association, Legacy Scholarship Fund, CWF, and NEF.

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## President's Column

Hi ladies.

I am Sherry Morris, the upcoming president, a retread. For the new members, I am a mix of the old and new. For those who knew me back then, I hope I wasn't too bad.

The old Auxiliary/Legion/SAL had a lot of members and there was lots of family activities. From camping to special events, parents and children were involved. If there was a project, the "family" was involved. Times have changed. Now, frequently, both parents are working outside the home or there may be only one parent. School activities, from sports to educational, are happening before and after school hours. That keeps the family running.

Let's think about this. Our organization is about our community, state and nation. That means supporting our veterans and families, our food shelves, blood donations, etc... Visiting our Veterans Hospital or Home. There are school drives. These could be done at omelet breakfast. There are things we can do together. Volunteerism (helping each other out) is essential for keeping in touch with each other. Even for school activities and credits a requirement is community service.

What can we do as a family?? Guys, that includes you too. SAL members and Legionnaire members. (Our female veterans are definitely included.) If you have ideas, please let me know, AND REMEMBER, I have to research and get OK's from other members before anything can be approved.

The Auxiliary is on vacation for the summer as usual. We will be

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## Post 435 Gun Club

The Gun Club held its annual elections in May. Re-elected for three year terms were Vice Chairman Jeff Kingsley and Chairman Michael Kielty. Scott Garrett was elected treasurer replacing Heidi Schafer. Dan Meyer was elected as secretary to finish the last year of John Erickson's term.

Post 435 Gun Club owes a debt of gratitude to Heidi Schafer and John Erickson for their years of service to the Gun Club. Heidi, who works full time as an accountant, has a toddler and another one on the way had to step aside with all the family commitments. John Erickson has moved to Phoenix.

Scott Garrett, our new treasurer, is a Navy Veteran and also served in the MN Air National Guard. Scott is employed as an accountant at Cargill. Dan Meyer is a Navy Veteran (retired). The Gun Club board welcomes its newest members.

Those elected will be installed for three year terms at the July General Membership Meeting, 7:30pm on July 14, 2015. The exception is Dan Meyer, who will finish out the secretary's remaining one year. The membership meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month except November.

The Gun Club would like to congratulate Thomas R. Eckhoff on his recent re-election to Commander of Post 435. Keep up the good work Tom!

Post 435 Gun Club recently completed its spring Firearms safety classes. Just less than 50 people completed training. The next class will be held in late July; check the Gun Club Website for more information:

<http://www.post435gunclub.org/firearmssafety.htm>

Best Regards,  
Michael Kielty  
Chairman Post 435 Gun Club

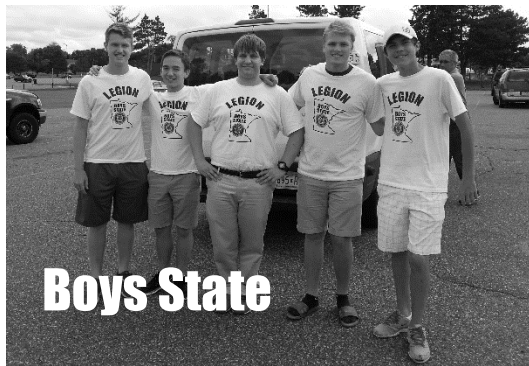
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starting again in August. The first Executive board will be 8/18 @ 6:30. If you have financial requests, please let me know and plan to come visit there first. General Membership will be 8/25 @ 7:00 as usual. Please keep an eye out for upcoming activities. Hopefully you will find something you will enjoy being a part of.

I am looking forward to working with all of you.

Sherry Morris

(Commander, from pg. 1)



These 501(c)3 organizations also received donations: Robotics Lab-Cottage Grove HS, Mission Project, US NAVY Sea Cadets, Pets Loyal 2 Vets, BSA-X Men Shooters, Armed Forces Service Center at MSP, Honor All Veterans Memorial-Richfield, Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association, and Ft. Snelling National Cemetery Veterans Monument Fund. Our Post is making a big difference for a lot of people with these donations.

Upon completion of the last audit of the Gambling Operation, all remaining funds will be liquidated and that chapter of our history will be closed. The Post will then be allowed to apply for a new Gambling License. Post 435 is currently preparing to offer a new and exciting "Little Vegas" experience for our members and guests. I ask everyone to please be patient during this time of reorganization.

Special thanks to VFW Post 5555 for helping us after the revocation of our gambling license.

Thomas R. Eckhoff  
Commander, Post 435

## Post 435 Officers

**Commander**

Tom Eckhoff

**1st Vice Commander**

John Gallas

**2nd Vice Commander**

Bob Newcomb

**Adjutant**

Craig Deneen

**Finance Officer**

Jim Munson

**Immediate Past Commander**

Merv Becker

**Chaplain**

Mark Wright

**Service Officer**

**Sgt.-At-Arms**

Jerry Martin

**Post Membership**

Jerry Martin

**Club Manager**

John Wortman

## Unit 435 Officers

**President**

**1st Vice President**

Patricia Swanson

**2nd Vice President**

Carol Larson

**Sgt-At-Arms**

**Secretary**

Carol Larson

**Treasurer**

Penny Becker

**Executive Board**

JoAnn Davis

Sandy Klier

**Jr. Past President**

**Chaplain / Memorial**

Patricia Swanson

**Membership Chairman**

Patricia Swanson

## SAL 435 Officers

**Commander**

Nils Hudyma

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- Learning to listen
- Helping with job interviews if you need help
- Job promotions
- Improving your relationships

If you take two hours on a Thursday evening, you can check out your program here at the Legion. Please be here by 18:00 (6:00 pm) for your adventure to start. We meet in the Gray room or the Turner room, depending on availability. Your meeting will last until 20:00 (8:00 pm). You can order meals and also have a drink if you like.

Do not miss this opportunity. We have been here since 1959 serving the members of the Richfield Legion!

Have a fun evening, hear new stories or maybe a good joke. Look me up.

JOHN CALDWELL, DTM  
President Richfield Legion Toastmasters

**Lounge  
Specials**



**Twins, NASCAR TV Specials**  
20 oz. tap \$3.00

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

## Mpls/Richfield American Legion Post 435

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Lounge specials all day.	Lounge specials. Bargo 5-7pm. <b>BLUE MONDAY</b> with Willie Murphy. Rib special!	Lunch 11am-2pm. Taco special! <b>MUSIC</b> by Wasted Rock Rangers. Happy hour 9pm-12am. <b>TOOZDAY BOOZDAY.</b>	Lunch 11am-2pm. Karaoke 8:30pm. Happy hour 9pm-12am.	Lunch 11am-2pm. Dinner 5-8pm. Dining Room Specials. Bargo 5-7pm. <b>MUSIC</b> by the house band. Happy hour 9pm-12am.	Lunch 11am-2pm. Dinner 5-8pm.	Lounge specials 8am-2pm. Dinner 5-8pm.
<b>July 2015</b>						
			1	2 Bargo 5-7pm.	3 CROSSFIRE	4 <b>4th of July Celebration.</b> <b>Music, food, fun!</b> FUGITIVES (OUT) CROSSFIRE (IN)
5 VAMC hospital visitation, 2pm.	6 Bargo 5-7pm.	7	8 ALR mtg, 7pm.	9 Bargo 5-7pm.	10 TAMARAK	11 TAMARAK
12	13 Bargo 5-7pm.	14 CMP mtg 6:30pm. Gun Club mtg 7:30pm.	15	16 Bargo 5-7pm.	17 WILDFIRE	18 WILDFIRE
19	20 Bargo 5-7pm. SAL mtg 7:30	21 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	22	23 Bargo 5-7pm.	24 LEGENDS	25 LEGENDS
26	27 Bargo 5-7pm.	28 Post mtg 7pm.	29	30 Bargo 5-7pm.	31 WAY BACK WHENS	

### Celebration of Life

*The family of Michael McWhite (Whitey) wish to invite anyone who would like to attend a celebration of his life on Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thank you to everyone who attended the get-together on Sunday, April 19th. Your thoughts and kind words were appreciated.*

*The McWhite Family  
(Place: American Legion Post 435)*

### Auxiliary Officers 2015-2016

President ..... Sherry Morris  
 1st Vice President ..... Patricia Swanson  
 2nd Vice President ..... Carol Larson  
 Exec Committee ..... Sandra Klier, Joann Davis  
 Secretary ..... Carol Larson  
 Treasurer ..... Penny Becker  
 Jr. Past President ..... Annette Bray  
 Chaplain ..... Sonja Dauphin  
 Membership ..... Patricia Swanson

### Legion Officers 2015-2016

Commander ..... Thomas Eckhoff  
 1st Vice ..... John Gallas  
 2nd Vice ..... Open  
 Finance Officer ..... Bob Newcomb



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9	10 Bargo 5-7pm.	11 CMP mtg 6:30pm. Gun Club mtg 7:30pm.	12 A.L.R. mtg 7pm.	13 Bargo 5-7pm.	14 DOWN THE ROAD	15 DOWN THE ROAD
16 FATHER'S DAY	17 Bargo 5-7pm. SAL mtg 7:30pm.	18 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	19	20 Bargo 5-7pm.	21 NIGHT SHIFT	22 NIGHT SHIFT
23	24 Bargo 5-7pm.	25 Post mtg 7pm.	26	27 Bargo 5-7pm.	28 CITY LIGHTS	29 CITY LIGHTS
30	31 Bargo 5-7pm.		<h1 style="font-size: 4em;">August 2015</h1>			

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General membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Post. All members are encouraged to attend.

UNIT 435



The Executive Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. prior to the General Membership meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Post.

SAL 435



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

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## Manager's Notes

Hello everyone and I hope you're enjoying the summer.

I would like to thank a few people for their volunteer work outside with the new plants under our logo on the east side of the building: Nina Wortman, Mike Keehn and Scott Bauer.

More updates on the club. As of July we will serve prime rib on Saturday night only, not Friday. The kitchen has done very well with Matt at the helm; I would strongly suggest stopping in.

On to the 4th of July. It is a crazy fun day, with something for everybody. We will have music starting at 11:30 with Rockin' Woody, who plays here on Sundays during the winter. At 1 p.m. we will have the Fugitives outside and then at 8:30 we have Crossfire inside to finish your night and get you through the fireworks. Outside for beer and drinks we will have the beer wagon, featuring all MN beer from Schells and Grain Belt, and the margarita stand with an array of margarita flavors, hurricanes and pina coladas. Like that wasn't enough, we will have adult root beer floats. I know they'll bring back 4th of July memories from your past.

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