

Commander's Column

Children are back in school and we are about to begin working on the programs of the American Legion for the coming year.

We are going to a three-month newsletter. For updated information you can go to our website which is www.mnlegion435.org.

I continue to hear that we should do this or that to promote business at the Post and I welcome the suggestions. We need the people making those suggestions to step up and volunteer. We have Burger Night every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, and we can always use help with that. A couple of things that we have done with the monies earned from the Burger Nights have been new chairs in the lounge and new tables for Veterans Hall.

Fifth District Commander Dennis DeLong is planning a Membership Welcome Ceremony on October 13th at Post 435, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. I am encouraging all new members to attend.

Get out and vote. As citizens it is our responsibility to vote. If you have a neighbor or friend that needs help getting to the polls, please offer them help.

Thank a veteran. On Sunday, November 11th at 3:30 p.m. there will be a memorial service held at the Honoring All Veterans Memorial. We will have the Post 435 Color Guard there, and plan to read all the names of the veterans that have been killed in action since 9/11. Because of the time of year, the service length depends on the weather. We are also planning to have a speaker. This service is being sponsored by the Richfield Beyond The Yellow Ribbon Community.

The Beyond The Yellow Ribbon group is having a fund raiser for "Wreaths Across America." There is information on this at the Post. The cost of the wreath is \$15 and it will be put out at the Ft. Snelling Cemetery. Wreaths Across America national office is unable to place wreaths on specific graves. Wreaths will be placed at the cemetery on December 15th and anyone is welcome to come out and lay a wreath. Closing date for orders is November 28th.

During July of 2012 we lost Past Post and District Commander and Dept. Vice Commander Bill Tolle. You could always see him behind the bar with nutmeg and stir sticks in hand during the Tom & Jerry party.

We have wheelchairs, walkers and other medical equipment available for our members. Ask a bartender and they will get help for you.

Remember to keep the kids safe during Halloween and thank the educators and staff during American Education Week.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very wonderful and special holiday season with friends and family.

Thanks to all our veterans.
Merv Becker, Commander



NOTES

BARGO

Monday and Thursday nights! 5-7pm

Meat Raffle
Fridays 5-7pm
Saturdays 2-4pm

Chili Cook-off
October 7th

Membership Welcome Ceremony
October 13th

Parade of Tables Luncheon
October 14th

Omelet Breakfast
October 21

Fall Festival
October 28th

Veterans Day
November 11

Thanksgiving
November 22
Post closed.

Christmas Basket Assembly
December 15th

Children's Christmas Party
December 9th

Christmas Eve
Post closes at 4 pm.

Christmas Day
Post closed.

New Year's Eve Special Dinner Menu
Call for reservations.

President's Column

Fall is here and our 2012-2013 year is kicking into gear. The Auxiliary Meat Raffle began again on September 7th and will run on Fridays from 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 2-4 p.m. Our Omelet Breakfast will be on the third Sunday of each month starting October 21st. Ken "Runway" DiMieri is the Coordinator of the breakfasts and he can use volunteers. The Parade of Tables Luncheon to raise money for our deployed family Christmas project will be Sunday, October 14th. Please call me at (612) 298-0485 or Patty at (952) 885-0623 for tickets or info. Our Fall Craft Festival will be on Sunday, October 28th. We will have crafts and baked goods for sale.

Our Post 435 Legion Family 7th Annual Deployed Family Christmas project is gearing up. We will have a box in the Vegas Room to collect children's toys for the project, and all of our profit from the Parade of Tables Luncheon will go to purchasing groceries and gifts for the families. As soon as we know the ages of the children for whom we need to collect gifts, we will post them in the Vegas Room. The assembly of the Christmas baskets will be on Saturday, December 15th at 7 a.m. The Children's Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 9th from 1-3 p.m. Reservations for children 10 and under can be made at (612) 861-7229 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Tom & Jerry party will be on New Year's Day from 1-3 p.m. Hope to see you there to renew your membership.

Please honor and remember our veterans on Sunday, November 11th, Veterans Day! May God bless our veterans, our members, our children and grandchildren.

Have a safe Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Joy DeLong, President



Toastmasters

The Legion Toastmasters meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the club facilities at 6501 Portland Avenue, Richfield, MN. We are a growing and strong club ready to help anyone who feels the need to be comfortable speaking to people, or preparing for a job or organization advancement. We suggest you visit our group a time or two and see for yourself if we can help in any way. We welcome visitors. The club has special menus available if you should desire to have dinner before the meeting. I would suggest you arrive a half hour early to allow yourself time to enjoy a meal before the meeting. We will post details with visitor passes on the wall as you enter the club. Please feel welcome to ask any questions.

Dee Fiedler, DTM/CL
(612) 869-0264

Gambling News ●●

Due to a marked decrease in pulltab sales over the last six months, I have had to decrease the hours of the Vegas Room, effective September 1, 2012. Loss of sales means loss of charitable money available to our veterans, youth and the community.

Hopefully, this trend will reverse itself and we can go back to normal hours in the future. My thanks to all of you who do patronize the Vegas Room. Without you, we would have to close the Room!

Jim Nowell, Gambling Manager

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

BURGER BASH Nights!

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 5–7 p.m.

Burgers, Fries, Onion Rings



Parade of Tables FUNDRAISER



Sunday, October 14
11:30 a.m. setup, 1:00 p.m. lunch
\$14 per person
Beef stroganoff, salad, roll, coffee, punch, dessert.
Plan a table of 8 and decorate it, or buy an individual ticket and sit at a pre-decorated table.
Contact Joy (612) 298-0485

CHILI COOK-OFF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Watch the Vikings game with us.

Get your bottomless bowl of chili for only \$5.

Cast your vote for the best chili of the 2012 Cook-Off!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Lounge specials all day.	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 2-4pm. Dinner 5-8:30pm.
	1	2	3	4	5 SUB LEVEL SIX	6 SUB LEVEL SIX
7 CHILI COOK-OFF	8 Columbus Day	9	10 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	11	12 WAY BACK WHENS	13 Membership Welcome 9-11am. WAY BACK WHENS
14 AUXILIARY PARADE OF TABLES	15	16	17	18	19 ROADHOUSE	20 ROADHOUSE
21 OMELET BREAKFAST	22	23 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	24 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	25	26 CROSSFIRE	27 CROSSFIRE
28 FALL FESTIVAL 9am-4pm	29	30 Post mtg 7pm.	31 Halloween	1	2 HANGING CURVE	3 HANGING CURVE
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9 SUGAR BUZZ	10 SUGAR BUZZ
11 VETERANS DAY. Service @ Veterans Memorial.	12	13	14 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	15	16 TBA	17 TBA
18 OMELET BREAKFAST	19	20 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	21	22 THANKSGIVING. Post closed.	23 TBA	24 TBA
25	26	27 Post mtg 7pm.	28 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	29	30 SUB LEVEL SIX	

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2	3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day TBA	8 TBA
9 CHILDRENS XMAS PARTY 1-3pm.	10	11	12 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	13	14 WAY BACK WHENS	15 XMAS BASKET ASSEMBLY 7am. WAY BACK WHENS
16 OMELET BREAKFAST	17	18 P&F mtg 6pm. Exec Board mtg 7pm.	19	20	21 Winter Begins. ROADHOUSE	22 ROADHOUSE
23	24 XMAS EVE. LOUNGE OPEN 8-4.	25 XMAS DAY. POST CLOSED.	26 Burger Nite 5-7pm.	27	28 D.B.COOPER	29 D.B.COOPER
30	31 NEW YEARS EVE D.B.COOPER	JOIN US FOR GREAT FOOD AND MUSIC! ←				



Fall Festival

October 28, 9am-4pm

Bake sale, crafts, food, and merchants' door prize drawings every half hour.
Must be present to win.

Sponsored by Fort Snelling Lions and American Legion Post 435 Auxiliary



Children's Christmas Party

December 9th, 1-3pm

Fun & games, food, presents, more fun, SANTA!

Reservations for kids 10 and under, Call 612.861.7229 between 11am and 7pm.





New Year's Eve Celebration

Special Dinner Menu
 Champagne and
 party favors
 at midnight!

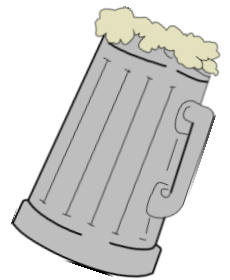
Call for reservations.



Definition of a Veteran

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including my life."

Lounge Specials



Vikings, Wolves, 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

DO YOU SURF?

To get Post 435 news, would you rather (check one)

- wait for your newsletter to arrive in the mail, or
- go to our website?

In the interest of saving some trees and postage money, we'd like to find out how many of our members would opt out of getting their newsletter by mail and instead access it on our website. (Did you know that you can ALREADY DO THAT?)

If you haven't visited the website lately, it's getting better and better, including current and back issues of the newsletter. Go to www.mnlegion435.org, then let us know via email at richfieldamericanlegion@comcast.net or by checking the box of your choice above and sending this little piece back to us with along your name and address. Thank you!

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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.

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Manager's Notes

We are busy gearing up for an event-filled fall and winter season.

Join us in the lounge for Vikings gameday food and beverage specials.

Auxiliary Omelet Breakfasts are scheduled for the third Sunday of each month, commencing October 21st. Burger Nights are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. These two events are staffed solely by our wonderful volunteers, which enables you and your family to enjoy some fantastic food at prices that our kitchen staff is unable to compete with. Your continued support for these events is imperative in order to meet our commitments to our veterans programs and

special projects.

The Annual Chili Cook-off is on Sunday, October 7th during the Vikings game. Meat raffles are offered on Friday 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays 2-4 p.m.

Veterans Day is Sunday, November 11th. Please take some time to honor and remember our veterans and our service men and women who may be in harm's way.

New Year's Eve is on Monday, December 31st. Join us in the dining room for Chef Mark's special dinner menu and ring in the new year in the lounge with the d.b. Cooper band, party favors, and a champagne toast at midnight.

The Commander's Tom & Jerry party is on Monday, January 1st from 1-3 p.m. Join your Legion Family for fellowship, fun and good eats.

On behalf of the entire Post 435 staff, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, a blessed and Merry Holiday Season, and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Roger Wysong, Manager

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