



# Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435

**Oct-Nov 2016**  
**6501 Portland Ave S, Richfield MN, 55432**

**Membership: 612-915-0435**  
**Club: 612-866-3647**

Last week I was standing in a trout stream in Northern Minnesota. I noticed that the tree leaves were changing to the fall colors and I said to myself, "where did the summer go?" What did I do? Well it was starting to get dark by the time I finished my list. I will share just some of the items from my list.

**Commander**  
**Tom**  
**Hendrickson**

The 4th of July parade went well and the celebration was fun. I attended both the State and National American Legion Conventions. I was present from gavel to gavel for the proceedings. I learned quite lot of information, met many great people, and have gained even more respect and pride in our organization for what we do for our communities and for veterans.

It was an emotional moment when the MN Legion Riders came onto the National Stage and they presented the largest check for \$148,367 to the Legacy Fund. Our little states Legionnaire's do great work. Post 435 Riders played a huge role in that fundraising and I am proud of our Riders. Their hot dish nights will be starting soon and I hope you can come out to support them.

We closed out the Summer with a local home town community event. We started the day with a Flag Retirement Ceremony where we burned around 35 to 40 American Flags that were tattered and no longer serviceable. It was a very fitting and most respectful service. The rest of the beautiful afternoon was spent having a roasted pulled pork lunch and relaxing while listening to the Blue Grass music of the Potluck String Band.

This Fall will be packed with activities as well. October 9th is our Chili Cook Off. If you are interested in joining the competition, please contact Past Commander Jim Morris. Come down and enjoy the fun and taste some great chili.

November 5th will be the Fall clean-up day. Again this year we will be coordinating assistance for our community members that need help with raking and bagging their leaves. The Sea Cadets will be assisting with this effort. If you or someone you know needs a hand, please leave a message at the Post and Bob Newcomb will be calling to follow up.

Also November 9th the Post will be hosting a Defensive Driving Class. All Legion members can attend the class at a reduced price and you may be able to save hundreds of dollars on your car insurance.

The Post now has 2 Medtronic Lifepack Automatic External Defibrillators. I was able to obtain them free of charge as they were donated by an area businessman who wished to do something for Veterans. They will be located in the Club as soon as the staff members can be trained on their operation which should happen this month. Being a first responder myself, I fully understand that the first minute or two is the most important to save a life.

There is so much more to tell you but not enough space. I do keep regular office hours and you will usually find me at the Post between 1:00 to 3:00pm each weekday. Feel free to stop by and chat. I also encourage you to join our Facebook page. You will find the page full of news concerning Veterans, events that are happening at the Club and articles that I write about what we are up to.

In closing remember to vote on November 8th. For our Country was born in blood and our freedom is maintained by our Armed Forces. It is our freedom to select our elected officials.

God Bless of America



**Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion**  
**Chili Cook-off!**

**Sunday October 9th**

**\$10 per entry. Cooking starts at 8:00 am. Eat and vote at the halftime of the Viking game.**

**See rules at the Post for more details.**

**The American Legion  
Centennial is coming!**

The American Legion Centennial is coming and it is not only about celebrating our 100 years of history, but to continue the legacy of service.

We are preparing our own posts Centennial and need your help. We are looking for any sort of newsletter, photos, or other memorabilia that the Post has used. If you have any items you would like to share or donate, please contact Shawn Davis. 612-991-0286.



## CAN YOU HELP US?????

We are looking for someone to help us with the Omlette breakfast.

The breakfast is a fundraiser and We need someone to run it. You would be ordering supplies, Saturday prep for a couple of hours, and Sunday.

If you are interested please contact Sherry Morris

612-861-2589, morris.sherry40@gmail.com

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## Post 435 ALR Monthly Hotdish Dinner

First Wednesday of the month

October through May

From 5 pm until 7 (or we run out of food!)

All profits benefit the

American Legion Legacy Scholarship

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**Being a member of the American Legion has meant helping our Veterans and their families.**

**Have you considered adding Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion to your estate plan, so that the mission can continue that legacy?**

Call Commander Tom with any questions you may have or review

[Legion.org/plannedgiving](http://Legion.org/plannedgiving)

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**Want to save money on car insurance?** Post 435 will be sponsoring a Roadwise Driver refresher course in partnership with AAA. This 4 hours refresher will be on **November 9 from 1 until 5**. Cost is \$20 for the public, \$17 for Post family members. It is required that participants have taken the original 8 hour course. Questions? **Call 952-927-2602**

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With the National Convention coming to town in 2 years, we will be looking to upgrade our post in preparation. One project will be to add audio and visual abilities to the meeting rooms. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please contact Shawn Davis at 612-991-0286 or [salshawndavis@gmail.com](mailto:salshawndavis@gmail.com)

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Pictures from the Flag Retirement Ceremony



## President Sherry Morris

Wow, what a start we are having for the year.

The Legion had a Pig Roast and it went well. We are gearing up for the Omlette Breakfast on

October 16th and November 20th from 8 until noon. Come and join us. If you volunteer to help us out for half a day you'll get a free meal. I want to thank Kenny (Runway) for helping us by running it for the last few years. Unfortunately, he's unable to continue. SO, we are desperately looking for someone to take over. If you are interested please contact me at 612-861-2589 or [morris.sherry40@gmail.com](mailto:morris.sherry40@gmail.com). There are a couple of volunteers helping out for a couple of months, but they can't help beyond that. We don't want to lose this after so many fun years.

We are having a food drive from November 13th thru the end of the year. There will be a drop off inside the Legion door by the sign in book. Last year so many people helped it was great.

There is going to be a chili cook-off Oct 9th . Come and enjoy the different chilies and vote for the winner. Eating will be haltime of the Viking game. It will be \$6 for a bowl (and eat as much as you want-after tasting and voting on the best one).

Coming up will be a Children's Christmas Party Sunday December 11th. See the ad about it in the newsletter.

There will be a blood drive Monday, December 19th from 12-6. You can either schedule a visit or just walk in. We have already had one and we met our goal. We could use your help, especially around the holidays.

We have meetings the last Tuesday of the month at 7 o'clock and welcome you. We are in the Flag room. Come and see what the Auxiliary does.

Don't forget Veterans Day coming up November 11th. Thank a Vet, not just the one in your home, but try to thank someone you know (or don't know if you have an opportunity).

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Post 435 was given a certificate of appreciation from the Midwest All Airborne Alliance.



**Sunday**

Happy Hour 3-6  
Bands start at 3:30

**Monday**

Happy Hour 3-6  
Kitchen open  
3-7  
Food: Chef's choice  
BARGO 5-7:30  
Willie Murphy 7:30

**Tuesday**

Kitchen open  
11 - 1:45, 5-7  
Happy hour all day  
Food: Taco Tues  
Rock Rangers 5-7:30

**Wednesday**

Happy Hour 3-6  
Kitchen open  
11 - 1:45, 5-7  
Food: Broasted Chix  
(Except 1st  
Wednesday)

**Thursday**

Happy Hour 3-6  
Kitchen open  
11 - 1:45, 5-7  
Food: Chef's choice  
BARGO 5-7  
Del Counts 7 -10:30

**Friday**

Happy Hour 3-6  
Kitchen open  
11 - 1:45, 5-8:30  
Food: Chef's choice,  
Prime Rib, All you  
can eat Fish Fry

**Saturday**

Happy Hour 3-6  
Kitchen open  
3-8:30  
Food: Chef's choice  
Prime Rib

**October 2**

Visitation at VA  
Medical Center 2-4  
Vikings Brunch and  
BARGO 9:30  
Band: Rockin Woody

**October 3****October 4****October 5**

ALR Hotdish Dinner  
Fundraiser 5-7 (Kitchen  
closed)

Band: Potluck String  
Band 7PM

**October 6****October 7**

Band: Sugar Buzz  
8:30 - 12:30

**October 8**

Band: Sugar Buzz  
8:30 - 12:30

**October 9**

Vikings Brunch and  
BARGO 9:30  
Band: Rockin Woody

**October 10****October 11**

CMP Meeting 6:30  
Gun Club 7:30

**October 12**

ALR meeting 7

Band: Naymen Bros 5-8  
Karaoke 8:30 -12

**October 13  
US Navy Birthday****October 14**

Bands: Roadhouse  
8:30 - 12:30  
Inside Straight  
8:30 - 12

**October 15**

Band: Roadhouse  
8:30 - 12:30

**October 16**

Unit 435 Omelet  
Breakfast 8 - 12  
BARGO 9:30  
Band: Mock Star

**October 17****October 18**

P&F meeting 6P  
AL & ALA Executive  
committee meetings 7

**October 19**

SAL Meeting 7

Band: Johnny Holiday  
7PM

**October 20****October 21**

Band: Sub Level 6  
8:30 - 12:30

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8:30 - 12:30

**October 22**

Steel Domain Wrestling  
6 - 11

Band: Sub Level 6  
8:30 - 12:30

**October 23**

Vikings Brunch and  
BARGO 9:30  
Band: Hans & the  
Percolators

**October 24****October 25**

AL & ALA General  
Membership Meetings  
7

**October 26**

Band: Naymen Bros 5-8  
Karaoke 8:30 -12

**October 27****October 28**

American Legion Family  
Fall Conference -  
Marshall, MN  
Bands: City Lights  
8:30 - 12:30  
Vintage Rags 8:30-12

**October 29**

American Legion Family  
Fall Conference -  
Marshall, MN  
Bands: City Lights  
8:30 - 12:30  
Rock Gods 8:30 - 12

**October 30**

Vikings Brunch and  
BARGO 9:30  
Band: Rockin Woody

**October 31****Halloween**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
Happy Hour 3-6 Bands start at 3:30	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 3-7 Food: Chef's choice BARGO 5-7:30 Willie Murphy 7:30	Kitchen open 11 - 1:45, 5-7 Happy hour all day Food: Taco Tues Rock Rangers 5-7:30	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11 - 1:45, 5-7 Food: Broasted Chix (Except 1st Wednesday)	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11 - 1:45, 5-7 Food: Chef's choice BARGO 5-7 Del Counts 7 -10:30	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 11 - 1:45, 5-8:30 Food: Chef's choice, Prime Rib, All you can eat Fish Fry	Happy Hour 3-6 Kitchen open 3-8:30 Food: Chef's choice Prime Rib
		<b>November 1</b> 5th District Meetings 6:30 & 7:30	<b>November 2</b> ALR Hotdish Dinner Fundraiser 5-7 (Kitchen closed)  Band: Potluck String Band 7PM	<b>November 3</b>	<b>November 4</b> Band: Mid life Crisis 8:30 - 12:30	<b>November 5</b> Band: Mid life Crisis 8:30 - 12:30
<b>November 6</b> Daylight Savings Ends Vikings Brunch and BARGO 9:30 Visitation at VA Hospital 2-4 Band: Rockin Woody	<b>November 7</b>	<b>November 8</b> <b>Election Day</b>  CMP Meeting 6:30 Gun Club 7:30	<b>November 9</b> Post 435 Roadwise Class 1 - 5 ALR meeting 7P  Band: Naymen Bros 5-8 Karaoke 8:30 -12	<b>November 10</b> <b>US Marine Corps Birthday</b>	<b>November 11</b> <b>Veterans Day/ Armistice Day</b>  Band: Night Shift 8:30 - 12:30	<b>November 12</b> Gypsy with special guest The Fabulous Del Counts 8:30 - 12 Band: Night Shift 8:30 - 12:30
<b>November 13</b> Vikings Brunch and BARGO 9:30 Band: Rockin Woody	<b>November 14</b>	<b>November 15</b>	<b>November 16</b> SAL Meeting 7P  Band: The Worlds Most Dangerous Polka Band 7PM	<b>November 17</b>	<b>November 18</b> Band: Way Back Whens 8:30 - 12:30	<b>November 19</b> Steel Domain Wrestling 6P  Band: Way BAcK Whens 8:30 - 12:30
<b>November 20</b> Unit 435 Omelet Breakfast 8 - 12 Mini BARGO Band: Mock Star	<b>November 21</b>	<b>November 22</b> P&F Meeting at 6 American Legion & ALA Exec Committee at 7	<b>November 23</b>  Band: Naymen Bros 5-8 Karaoke 8:30 -12	<b>November 24</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving! Post Closed</b>	<b>November 25</b> Band: Roadhouse 8:30 - 12:30	<b>November 26</b> Band: Roadhouse 8:30 - 12:30
<b>November 27</b> Vikings Brunch and BARGO 9:30 Band: Rockin Woody	<b>November 28</b>	<b>November 29</b> American Legion & ALA General Membership meetings at 7	<b>November 30</b>			

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**Newsletter American Legion Post 435  
6501 Portland Ave S  
Richfield MN 55423**

Or call: **612-915-0435** and let us know by voicemail

Or email us at: **mnlegion435@gmail.com**

The riding season is winding down. It is nearly time to put the bike away for the season, and dream of open roads come spring.

**ALR Director  
Shawn Davis.**

The Post 435 American Legion Riders did well this year. Our fundraising efforts allowed us to donate \$500 to the American Legion Legacy

Scholarship Fund.

Members of our Chapter road in the MN ALR Legacy Run from August 4th Kick off party in Austin MN, through the first weekend of August 5-7 where we ended in Buffalo with a first weekend fundraising total of \$62,000. After the second weekend run Aug 12-14, and with what was turned into Department, The Department of MN family was able to donate over \$148,000 to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship.

So now the fundraising begins anew. Our Hotdish dinner runs October through May on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 5 until 7 (unless we sell out). Come enjoy a bowl of hotdish, salad and roll for \$6. Refills are \$3. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 in the Flag Room. Come join us and help make an impact for the kids!



Post 435 leadership welcoming members of Post 435 ALR at the end of the MN ALR Legacy Scholarship Run.

It is time for membership renewal!

**SAL Commander  
Nils Hudyma**

If you have not paid your 2016 membership, now is the time to get that done. On December 31, your 2016 membership expires.

We have begun to process the 2017 memberships. The goal is to have 50% of our membership target completed by then, but I know we can do better than that. In fact it would be great to have all 220 members renewed by December 31!

Thank you to Tim Swickard being elected to First Vice and learning how to process the membership. Also thanks to Craig Sorum who is our 2nd Vice, Shawn Davis as Adjutant, Jim Munson as Finance, and Pat Kiehl as Chaplain. We have not had a full officer list in some time, and we are getting closer to filling the ranks.

The Sons will be working on some projects around the post in the winter months (once my work schedule slows down). Do if you want to help out, or find out what are plans are, come to a meeting. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Flag Room. Look forward to seeing you!

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### **Legion Family**

#### **Childrens Christmas Party**

Saturday December 10th from 1 until 3

for kids ages 10 and under. Ballons, caricatures, and magic. Reservations required, please call Penny at 612-866-2847 by **November 30th**. Please leave a name, number, how many adults, and children will be attending.

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**Club Manager**  
Jeff Husaby

Dear post 435 members, I don't know about you but where did the summer go. So now that it is fall on Sunday October 9th it will be the Post 435 annual chili contest during the halftime of the MN Viking game. So for \$6 Come up and enjoy some of the member's famous chili and watch the Vikings win. Then it is the start of the American Legion Auxiliary famous omelet breakfast every 3rd Sunday of the month starting at 8am.

Saturday night October 29, we will be having 2 bands, in the main bar we have City Lights with a Halloween costume contest. In the Auditorium for those who miss the 80s Music we have the band Rock godz with an 80s Halloween costume contest.

Skol Viking fans with Viking Bargo and Brunch on Sundays. For 9.99 every Sunday it's all you can eat eggs, potatoes, biscuits and sausage gravy, ham, bacon, fresh fruit and cinnamon rolls. Come in and try to win a Bargo cover all for \$100.00. Remember happy hour Sunday through Saturday from 3-6 with \$5 appetizers and Taco Tuesday Boozday with .75 cents off beer, wine and spirits. We do have some good bands coming to the American Legion Post 435 so please check the newsletter calendar for your favorite band.

Want to give a big shout to Commander Tom Hendrickson for the September 17 flag ceremony and BBQ held at the post 435. Also want to thank these people Mark Wright, Bob Newcomb and Craig Olson for volunteering.

Have a safe Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving to all Post 435 members and families.

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**Thanks for the help, but we need more!** A lot of you have contacted us, and we love it. But a lot of you have not. If you have not contacted us about your newsletter selection, please contact us ASAP. We are setting up an on-line newsletter for those who want to use the digital medium, and paper those who wish otherwise. But you need to let us know what you want.

We have set up a few ways to let us know. 1) You can call us at 612-915-0435 and leave a message giving us your name, and email address (if you want it by email) or mailing address if you want it mailed to you. You can also call that number and leave a message if you have any other concerns or questions. We will get back to you in 24 to 48 hours. 2) You can send in the coupon on page 5 in this newsletter telling us what option you would like. 3) Email us at [mnlegion435@gmail.com](mailto:mnlegion435@gmail.com).

**We have one more newsletter that will be sent by regular mail.** After that we will eliminate the mailing for all who have indicated email, or did not get in touch with us. If you do not let us know, then we will take you off the list. We are excited about things this year and do not want to leave you out. Please let us know ASAP.