

# Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435 News



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## Commanders Column

If you haven't been to the Legion lately you have missed some meaningful and worthwhile events. We are also planning many more events that will take us well into the Summer. Let's see where do I start?

The National Commander for the American Legion, Charles E Schmidt (he prefers Charlie), accepted my invitation to visit the Post and was here for lunch on February 9th. It was well attended with well over one hundred Legionnaires attending and everyone had a great time.

There was a very nice program conducted by the Department Membership Director Mark Dvorak. The National Commander along with Department Commander Denise Milton and various other Department Officers spent two and a half hours with the attendees at the Post. This gave all of us that attended an opportunity to ask questions, get to know what's going on in Washington and chance to get to know the officers a little better.

Jeff Husaby, the Post's Club Manager, and the Staff did such an excellent job making an excellent lunch and with all the needed preparations for the visits which helped immensely in making it such a great day.

We have also moved into the 21st Century with the help and direction of Shawn Davis. The Post telecasted the event so that the residents at the Minnesota Veterans Home could watch the Ceremony live. If you would like to see the event, it has been preserved and you can do so on our Facebook page.

For a Community Project the Post partnered with the City of Richfield to make a positive difference in our City. On the First and Fourth Mondays of every month at  
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## Junior Shooting Sports by Lizzy Carlson

Many of you may or may not know, there is a competitive youth Air Rifle team that meets in the basement of the American Legion Post 435. We are called the X-Men. Currently, there are approximately 15 members on our air rifle team, about 12 girls and 3 boys. The X-Men practice two nights per week, currently on Monday and Thursday. We use Air Rifles which are rifles which use pressurized air or other gases to propel the pellets. When we practice each week, we shoot in the three positions, prone, standing, and kneeling. We also participate in matches where we shoot 20 shots in each of the three positions. The scoring is based on accuracy on each of the 60 bulls that are worth 10 points each, with a perfect score being 600 points. These matches take place in different places across the state.

This past winter has been especially successful for our team. On February 18, most of us attended a match hosted in Forest Lake that was a qualifier for the NRA National Air Rifle Championships. In order to qualify for  
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Top: Cmdr Tom greeting  
National Commander  
Charles Schmidt. Cmdr  
Bottom: Tom and Pres  
Sherry listening to the  
speech

**Presidents Column**

Happy Spring! We have a couple of red tailed hawks making a nest by the Legion and I have seen a couple of bald eagles near my house.

Wow, how fast everything is going. We are up and running on the emailing newsletters. It seems like it is going well. Things are staying busy. Keep watching and see what is happening. The National Commanders visit was enjoyable. We had a good turnout and he asked for questions from members and visitors.

The blood drive we had went well, please see the pictures below. But we need the younger folks to come in. As some of us get older, on different meds or traveling, it is limiting the donors available. There are a lot of us out there that can donate and it saves lives. The next one is Monday, June 5th from 11 to 5.

First the Meat Raffles are going strong. We have them every Wednesday from 5-7 and for a little while Sundays. The Sunday ones will change with the season. In May we will switch days. Keep an eye out for the change. Up to now we have been using boards, but, we will be going back to the wheel soon.

The Omlette Breakfast is done for the season. The next one would have been Easter and was decided that volunteers should be with families. We will start again next October.

There will be a Bingo Party at the Vets Home April 11th. Check with Cathy Ritter for volunteering. She has an ad in the newsletter. We are only doing this once a year now. For the most part they are now during the day. They have other activities going on in the evenings. Cathy is also collecting magazines and other things for the Vets Hospital. There is another ad elsewhere in the newsletter, but we will have a box for donations. Poppy Cards will start in Mid-April. Remember, all proceeds go our Veterans Programs. Things at the VA Hospital, Home and rehab. A part of our mission is to not forget those who have "signed on the dotted line and swore to put their lives on the line," or those who have gone before.

Commander Tom H. is trying out ideas for bringing things back to the Post. Going back to being a family again and trying to bring the community in.

May 6th is the Legion Birthday Party. It is open to all with Hot Dish and cake. Come on down. May is also Poppy Month. Poppy day is May 9th. On May 18th we will have a Membership and Appreciation Dinner. Getting more info on that.

Let's not forget Memorial Day. It's May 29th this year. We will be at the Cemetery at 10 am for a brief ceremony as usual with a flag raising at noon at the Post and we will have hot dogs and beans after.

The 5th District Convention will be held Sat. June 3rd at the Holiday Inn in West Bloomington. Fri. June 2nd there is a very nice Memorial Service that recognizes those members who passed away in the in the last year. Following the ceremony there is a social and live music. The Auxiliary meeting start at 9am on Saturday. It is a wonderful  
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Pictures of the last blood drive.



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Greetings from Sons of the American Legion Squad 435. It is membership time. If you have not paid your 2017 dues, you are no longer a member. You no longer have insurance coverage, or access with the MN American Legion Family Hospital Association funds. You lose your continuous year count. You have lost the reason you joined, to honor the veteran in your family of their service. BUT it is not too late. **PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES TODAY AND RENEW!** We are nearly at 100% of our membership goal, and you might just take us to the goal of 206 members.

We have some upcoming events to remember.

- Squadron meetings on April 19th and May 17
- Memorial Day Service at Oak Hill Cemetery on May 29th
- 5th District Memorial service and Convention June 2nd & 3rd
- SAL State Convention (Campout) at Legionville June 23rd, 24th, & 25th

That last date is important. Our own Shawn Davis, long time Adjutant at the squadron, is running unopposed to become the Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander for the Detachment of MN. All Post Family members are invited to attend. Registration information will be shared once it is received. Registration is required to attend, especially if you will be staying for dinner after the ceremony.

You may have noticed the new display TV's added around the entrance doors. Thanks to Shawn Davis from that idea, and then running with it. Thanks as well go to the other members of the American Legion Family (The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and the American Legion Riders) for agreeing with the vision and contributing to it. A HUGE Thank You goes to the anonymous donors who also contributed to this project. Without you we would not have it done. But Shawn had a vision. This was only Phase 1. Phase 2 is to add audio and visual capabilities to the Turner Room, and then Phase 3 in the Auditorium. I need to ask each of you reading this, can you make a donation to help us make our Post the meeting place of our community? If so, send your donation payable to SAL Squad 435 and in the memo line add Technology Project to my attention at the Post address. With your help we can make a difference and be the place to be in our community.

Hello from Post 435 American Legion Riders! Riding season is almost upon us, and with the weather teasing us with how nice it will get, be sure to keep an eye out for motorcycles that are out there already.

We continue to do our Hot Dish Dinner on the first Wednesday of the month. Our last one will be May 3rd, and then we will be taking the riding season off.

We will be working the Cub Food Wagon at France and Old Shakopee Road as a fundraiser for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship on the weekend of June 16th, 17th, and 18th. Come on down, have a bit to eat and support the cause.

The State Legacy Run will have a kick off party on July 27th at the Walker American Legion and that is the starting point the next day. The run itself will be held on the weekends of July 28th, 29th, and 30th, and August 4th, 5th, and 6th. The final stop will be Delano American Legion, so feel free to stop by on the 6th and see how we do as a family fundraising. Last year we helped raise \$148,000 for the Legacy Scholarship.

Just a reminder as well, that the eligibility for the Legacy Scholarship has changed. The American NEC has decided that not only kids who lost a serving parent are eligible, but any child of a veteran who has been rated with a disability of 50% or greater is now eligible as well.

We are planning some fun rides this summer, so how about stopping in on one of our meetings held on the 2nd Wed of the month in the Flag room. Love to see you there!



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# National Commander Charles Schmidt Visit



this national championship match an individual needs to shoot at least 500/600 points or 500/600 as an average for a team of four. Many of us met our goals and some of us qualified both as individuals and as a team.







The next match we participated in was on February 25 where we also qualified for the Three-Position Air Rifle Junior Olympic Championships to be held at Camp Perry in Port Clinton, Ohio. To qualify for this match we had to score 525 as an individual or 2025 as an average for a team of four people. Once again we reached the level they were looking for in order to qualify. Here we will compete against other youth from all across the nation. We are so very excited to have these wonderful opportunities.

The American Legion Post 435 X-Men team is important to each of us for a variety of different reasons. But for many of us it has taught us how to treat guns with respect, how to care for guns properly, leadership, and most importantly brought unity from our passion for air rifle. We would like to give a special thank you to Tim Cagney, the best coach we could ever ask for, all of our parents, and to the American Legion Family, who continues to support our passion for competitive shooting.

Pictures from top left going clockwise: Pres Sherry Morris, Nat Cmdr Schmidt, and 1st Vice Jill Davis, Nat Cmdr Giving his talk, POW/MIA table and picture set up, Live streaming the Nat Cmdr on Facebook, Members of the 5th District listen, Members of Post 435 listen as well, SAL Adj Shawn Davis, Adjutant Jim Munson, Cmdr Tom Hendrickson, Nat Cmdr, Past Cmdr Tom Eckhoff, and Past Cmdr Merv Becker, Nat Cmdr Kevin before the arrayed flags of the Post Family, Nat Cmdr saluting the Honor Guard

Cathy Ritter VA&R Chair is requesting volunteers to participate with running and assisting the Veterans while playing bingo. The games will start with the Veterans on April 11, 2017 7 PM. 6 to 7 volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Cathy Ritter at [catrosesam@aol.com](mailto:catrosesam@aol.com) if you can volunteer.

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						<b>April 1</b> <b>April Fools Day</b> Band: The Express Band Aud: GB Leighton
<b>April 2</b> VA Visitation at 2	<b>April 3</b> Band - Willie Murphy Heart Safe Class	<b>April 4</b> Band - Rock Rangers  5th District Meeting	<b>April 5</b> AUSA Meeting Noon Post 435 ALR Hot Dish Dinner 5-7 Band - Johnny Holiday (7pm)	<b>April 6</b> ToastMasters 6:30 Band - The Fabulous Del Counts	<b>April 7</b> Band - Hip Bone Aud: Rought House with Kiss Me (Kiss Tribute)	<b>April 8</b> Band - Hip Bone Aud: SD Wrestling
<b>April 9</b>	<b>April 10</b> Band - Jack and Tail Spins	<b>April 11</b> Band - Rock Rangers Ft Snelling Lions 6pm CMP Meeting 6:30 Gun Club 7:30	<b>April 12</b> Post 435 ALR Meeting 7pm Band - Nayman Brothers	<b>April 13</b> ToastMasters 6:30 Band - The Fabulous Del Counts	<b>April 14</b> Band - Sub Level 6 Aud: Teen King and the Princesses	<b>April 15</b> Band - Sub Level 6 Aud: The Dweebs
<b>April 16</b> Easter Post Closed	<b>April 17</b> Band - Potluck String Band	<b>April 18</b> Band - Rock Rangers P&F - 6:30 AL Executive when done ALA Executive 7 pm	<b>April 19</b> Band - Nayman Brothers SAL Meeting 7pm	<b>April 20</b> ToastMasters 6:30 Band - The Fabulous Del Counts	<b>April 21</b> Band - Low Profile Aud: Free Fallin (Tom Petty Tribute)	<b>April 22</b> Band - Team King
<b>April 23/30</b> Band (23) Auburn Moon (30) Big Fat Groove	<b>April 24</b> Band - Dark Hoarse Heart Safe Class	<b>April 25</b> Band - Rock Rangers American Legion Meeting -7pm ALA Meeing 7 pm	<b>April 26</b> Band - Nayman Brothers	<b>April 27</b> ToastMasters 6:30 Band - The Fabulous Del Counts	<b>April 28</b> Band - Afterburner	<b>April 29</b> Band - Afterburner

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May 14 Band: Mock Star	May 15 Band - The Potluck String Band	May 16 Band - Rock Rangers	May 17 Band - SAL Meeting 7pm	May 18 ToastMasters 6:30 Band - The Fabulous Del Counts	May 19 Band - Night Shift	May 20 Band - Night Shift
May 21 Band - Big Fat Groove	May 22 Band - Heart Safe Class	May 23 Band - Rock Rangers P&F - 6:30 AL Executive when done ALA Executive 7 pm	May 24 Band -	May 25 ToastMasters 6:30 Band - The Fabulous Del Counts	May 26 Band - Cross Fire	May 27 Band - Cross Fire
May 28 Band - Pockets	May 29 <b>Memorial Day</b> Oak Hill Cemetary 10 am, Post Noon Band -	May 30 Band - Rock Rangers American Legion Meeting -7pm ALA Meeing 7 pm	May 31 Band -		Come join us for the Auxiliary Meat Raffle.  Wednesday 5 - 7  Sunday from 11 - 1	

time to meet other members of the Auxiliary from different units and learn more about our great organization. There is a very nice banquet Saturday evening with a cash bar. Money raised for the 5th district project of purchasing a Clavinova piano for the Veteran Home will be presented to a representative of the Veterans Home. If you would like more information please contact Sherry Morris 612861-2589 or Jill Davis (5th District Sargent-At-Arms) at 612-968-1172.

In case you might be interested there is a regular card group every Wednesday in the morning. Some women get together in the dining room. Then they have lunch. It's a lively group that enjoys playing 500.

We have a lot of things going on and I want to thank those who have given up their time to help out. From the Omlette Breakfast, blood drives, visiting the VA home and hospital, donating to food drives, the meat raffles and other things. We couldn't survive without YOU, the volunteers. And, yes, if you want to help out somewhere, let us know. You don't have to spend much of your time. We know life is busy, but, maybe an hour or two even once or twice a year???



### "In Flanders Fields"

by Col. John McCrae,

In Flanders Fields The poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the dead, short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you, from failing hands, we throw  
The torch, be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us, who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields.

The poppy season is coming upon us. It's an important time. It's remembering and respecting those who have gone before. Poppy cards will be starting in mid April. Poppy day is May 19th. When you get a poppy, please wear it proudly and be ready to explain to those who don't know about them so they have an understanding and remember their own fallen. Poppy donations can only be used for veterans programs to help our vets.

7:00pm we are teaching CPR classes at the Post including the use of an A.E.D. This coordinated effort is called Minnesota Heart Safe. This class won't make you an expert, but it will teach you what to do until the First Responders arrive. These skills will save some one's life plain and simple. The one you save maybe the one you love. Come join us for this 90-minute class.

Speaking of saving lives, the Blood Drives continue at the Post. Our talented Axillary President, Sherry Morris, is coordinating this event for 2017. I encourage you to take some time from your day and give the gift of life. If you are unable to participate please encourage people you know who can make that difference. I saw firsthand how valuable blood is to saving countless people in so many ways that I have given three gallons.

Our Veterans Hospital Visitation continues on the first Sunday of every month at 2:00 PM. Gary Anderson continues to coordinate this great act of kindness. He and many others bring smiles, humor and kindness to our hospitalized Veterans.

May 4, 1927 is the day our Post received its Charter and we are planning a Birthday Party for May 6, 2017 (time to be announced). The party will be an open house which will be open to the public. There will be cake, coffee and a little hot dish so come and help us celebrate.

May 18th will be our Membership Appreciation and Awards Dinner and more detail will be available in the next newsletter. On Memorial Day the Post will continue our traditional observance and activities. For the Fourth of July we will be exploring various ways to expand our public image in the community. If you would like to help us out please call the post or send an e mail and I will let you know when our first organizing meeting is scheduled.

We have been making improvements at the Post. Shawn Davis has installed two TV monitors in the front foyer. The funds for these monitors were provided by two very generous anonymous donors who wanted to make a positive change for the Post. The lady's bathroom near the bar has a new counter top. This too was made possible thru an anonymous donor who wanted to help.

If you would like to help to do something positive to change our building or to give to one of the many American Legion programs that helps our Veterans, please contact me. We can talk and take some action to make a positive change.

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**Manager** Post #435 members we have turned the corner and bring on Spring and Hope all Post  
**Jeff Husaby** #435 members Survived another winter in Minnesota. Happy Easter to all members and families. Just want to thank the ladies Auxiliary for the great job on the Omelet Breakfast this past year.

Thanks to the Post#435 ALR American Legion Riders for the Tatortot hot dish Fund Raiser the 1st Wednesday of the month. We have 2 of those left before they shut down for the summer month. Don't forget we have the meat raffles on Sundays at 11am and Wednesday's at 5pm. Don't forget to check the website for upcoming 7 days a week with a few special attractions for the back Auditorium.

- Sat April 1, 2017 GB Leighton
- Friday April 7 Roughhouse and Kissing time a kiss tribute band
- Sat April 8 SDW wrestling
- Sat April 15 The Dweebs
- April 21 Free fallin Tom Petty Tribute Band
- Fish Fry Friday Nights all you can eat 10.99 + tax

Post 435 has been giving some money away for bargo these past few months and if you have time on Monday Or Thursday stop in and get your free bargo card and try to win the 600.00 which is paid as 300.00 cash with 300.00 on a gift card.

Just want to add that we have a new karaoke Person in LJ that is here on Tuesday nights from about 8;15 till 11;30. Don't forget taco Tuesdays along with Tuesday Boozday with .75 cents off all drinks from 8am till 1am. Also we have Crab leg Wednesday's 19.99 for a Pound of crab baked potato and salad.