

Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435 News

June July 2017



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It's been an eventful time down at the Legion, and the next few months looks like it's going to be just as busy. Everything that we do is focused in making a difference in our Veterans and our community.

I was contacted and informed that a WWII Veteran was going to be buried at our National Cemetery with no relatives nor friends at his graveside. I was able to gather eleven Legionnaires and our District Commander, and Chaplain conducted a graveside service. It's a cool windy day but bitter sweet experience. We were able to send our Comrade off with a proper funeral. The proper words and prayers were said, the 21-gun salute, and the flag was so neatly folded and placed on his coffin. It was sad to think that there was no one to accept and embrace the flag and to reflect on their memories of his life. My message is that life is for the living and that we need to look out for each other as we live. Sometimes just a smile, a greeting, or a pat on the back can make the difference in that person life. So let's make the most of life while we are living and remember our Veterans before they make that final trip to Fort Snelling.

We are venturing on a fund-raising project that hasn't been seen around the Post for some time. We are going to conduct an old fashion Raffle. Craig Olson is spearheading this project. All the monies raised will go to the Minneapolis Veterans Hospital Art Rehabilitation project. I was very excited to hear this as one of the many worthy causes that we discussed. I know several returning Veterans from WWI and Two who said that the Art rehab made a dramatic difference in their lives. One was able to overcome his wounds and eventually became a Minnesota Supreme Court Justice. So, stay tuned for more information. If you are willing to help in any way please contact Craig Olson.

We have formed a 4th of July Committee to examine on how the Post can gain more exposer and expand our presence during the City of Richfield 4th of July Celebration. We are looking for ideas, and volunteers.

Well by the time you get this we had many events: The Post celebrated its 90th Birthday and we had a cake and coffee and we had a nice time just talking and getting caught. The Memorial Day events at Oak Hill Cemetery and Richfield Veterans Memorial. We invited and held a Awards dinner. Where we honored a number of Legionnaires for their years of membership in the Legion. (We had certificates for 70,60,50,40 etc. years !) We also honored a number of folks for their hard work and service. The Fifth District Convention was held at the Bloomington Holiday Inn. I ran for the office of Third Vice and I would like to thank all at the Post for their support. More to come in the next newsletter.

Gary Anderson continues to Chair our Hospital Visitation Visit. He gathers anyone wishing to participate at the V.A. Hospital on the first Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm.

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**Pictures
from Post
435
Birthday
Celebration**



**President
Sherry Morris**

Hi all, I hope you are having a good summer. By now we have had Memorial Day. It's a very busy and important day and I hope you remembered to say a prayer for those who have left us. I also hope that if you had a poppy that you wore it.

Upcoming Events: The District Convention in Bloomington will be held June 2nd for the Memorial and the 3rd, if any one would like to come. We will also have Installation June 22nd at 7 pm. You will be most welcome. You got me for another year... Department convention will be in Mahanomen again this year July 13-15th.

Have a happy 4th of July!!!!

There will also be a blood drive Aug 22nd.

The Meat Raffles are picking up. Come on down and have some fun. They are Sundays from 3-5 and Mondays from 5-7 (with Bargo).

The Legion family has a lot of things going on different times of the day/week/month. Stop in, eat, attend a meeting, chat. If you have questions please ask. We will try to find answers for you.

The Legion family and Veterans need you. Realizing travel or health might have an impact on what you can do, whatever you can do to help is fantastic. Remember, we are a family. We support our veterans, serving now or in the past. And that is our primary goal. "Lest we forget".

I want to thank again ALL the volunteers that help us throughout the year.

They wander the halls of the hospital meeting and sharing a smile or a joke to our Veterans.

Operation Heart Safe continues at the Post every First and Third Monday at 7:00 Pm We teach CPR and how to use the AED. This knowledge can save someone's life. You say it won't happen to you. Well Last week one of my Buddies was on Central Ave and University and gave CPR and saved a man's life. He said that by-standers didn't know what to do to help him. One even said "Stop wait for the Para-medics" SO just 90 minutes in this class of your time can save someone else's.

The National American Legion Convention is going to be in Minneapolis next year to celebrate our 100th Anniversary. Tens of thousands of Legionnaires, Spouse's and friends will be descending upon the city for this great celebration. The Executive Committee has made a motion and voted by the General membership. Our Post is going to solicit various American Legion Departments, and Posts to come to Post #435 to host their parties and Gatherings. There is a great potential for our Post to make and excellent profit in two ways: To be able to a place where Legionnaires can gather and be fraternal, and for us to make money. There is much to do on the Club side to prepare for this major event.

There was an election of Officers and we have a full slate this year. We have had many approach and become involved in the committees. I am looking forward to another year in making a difference for our Veterans and Community. I will say that getting the Post moving has been a challenge this past year, but positive progress has been made, but much work is needed. I encourage you to attend events, make suggestions, volunteer for many hands make light work.

Have a great safe Sumer and remember: "Buckle up the life you save may be your own", and if you're going to drink don't drive, if you're going to drive don't drink.



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<p>July 4th Outside Rockin Woody Noon The Del Count 7:30 Gypsy 8:30 Fireworks 10 PM</p> <p>Inside Brian Naughton 8:30 - 12:30 No Tabs!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Due to city road closures, NO departures from the parking lot will be allowed from 8 PM until the Richfield PD gives the all clear. (11 or 11:30ish).</p>						July 1 Band:
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Minneapolis-Richfield Sons of The American Legion Squadron 435 would like to invite all members of the Post 435 family to join us up at Legionville on Saturday June 24 to see our own Shawn Davis be installed as Commander, Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Minnesota. Registration is \$20 prior to June 24; on June 24 the cost will be \$25. If you have any questions, please contact us.

We have received additional donations for the next phase of the technology implementation. However we are looking for volunteers to help us do some fundraisers so that we can move the project forward so that we are ready for when the National Convention is here in Minneapolis in 2018. The time will fly fast and we want to have the technology in place for meetings and rentals, and have the building improved as well.

Speaking of that the Post will be having a Raffle on July 4th. Come on down and help the fundraising at the Post. There will be food, drink, music, and of course, FIREWORKS.

It is also that time of year when we must prepare our Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR). This report, filed in conjunction with the Post, and Unit reports, helps us show the impact we have on veterans, their families', and our community. It allows the National Commander to speak to Congress with some authority to show what we do, how many of us are involved, and how many hours and dollars are involved. This makes us a more powerful organization than many of the others out there. Do you have hours of service that should be added, or donations that could be recorded? Please let us know.

Come to our meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, at 7 PM in the Flag Room, and see how you can make a difference.

It is riding season! But it is also fundraising season! Chapter 435 will be fundraising at the Cub Food Wagon at Old Shakopee Road and France Ave on June 16, 17, and 18 from 11 until 6. Come on down and have a brat or hot dog and help us raise money for the American Legion Legacy Scholarship.

If you would like to make a personal donation of ANY amount, make it out to The American Legion Foundation and place Fund 84 in the memo line. Mail the check to the Post 435 American Legion Riders care of this Post, and we will be sure to read off who donated and how much during the MN ALR Legacy Run.

The MN ALR Legacy Run is scheduled for July 28, 29, 30, August 4, 5, and 6. The Kick Off Party will be at the Walker American Legion on July 27. We ride out that Friday and will visit the following tentative stops.

First Weekend: Park Rapids, Detroit Lakes, Moorhead, Fergus Falls Veterans Home, Long Prairie, Sauk Center, Willmar, Spicer New London (for American Legion Baseball tournament), Glencoe, Silver Lake, Arlington, New Ulm, Springfield, St. James, Mankato (For the SAL Veterans Car and Motorcycle show), Cleveland, Montgomery, and Owatonna.

Second Weekend: Onamia, Brainerd, Bovey, Virginia, Two Harbors, West Duluth, Cloquet, Pine City, Chisago City, Foley, Monticello, Chaska, Apple Valley, Hastings Veterans Home, Chanhassen, and Delano. That is the location of the ending party.

The goal this year is to raise \$200,000.00. So every bit of help you provide will make a difference in a child's life. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month in the Flag room, so stop in, sign up, find out about our monthly runs, and help out!



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**Manager
Jeff Husaby**

Hi Post 435 members and welcome to summer. Let me start by saying welcome aboard to all new office members of Post 435 and look forward working with you. I want to wish all Fathers a Happy Father's day and have a great day whatever you may do. We have some pretty good entertainment in June, you can visit the Post 435 newsletter and see what band is playing. Don't forget Bargo Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays. Great food specials on Bargo days, so please join us for dinner. Don't forget about the meat raffles on Sunday's and Mondays. Still offering crab legs on

Wednesday nights for 19.99 +tax for 1lb of Crab, baked potato and salad. Post 435 will be celebrating July 4th with food, music outside and inside. Featuring Rockin with Woody outside at noon. At 7:30 pm we will be having The Delcounts and at 8:30 Gypsy will take the stage. Also, Brain Naughton will be playing inside starting at 8:30pm. Jeff Husaby does need volunteers for that day and if you could spare American Legion Post 435 a couple hours of your time I would appreciate it, thanks 612 866 3647. Check out the bands for July in our American Legion Post 435 newsletter. Saturday bring the Family Down for LegionMania #2 outside in the parking lot for food and drinks, with a little luck maybe we can have another steel cage match for the final event. I want to take this time to wish Robi Eckoff good luck on her retirement. Robi was an employee at the American Legion Post 435 for 10+ years and has helped me out a lot since I took over as Club Manager at Post 435. Good luck Robi!

Thanks, and see you at Post 435