

Minneapolis-Richfield American Legion Post 435 News

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I sincerely hope that you are enjoying this Summer as we are up at the Legion. The eagles, and wild turkeys can be seen at the Post Parking lot and over by the Pool in the morning hours.

Memorial Day we provided our annual service at Oak Hill Cemetery. The turnout was very good with over 85 in attendance. It was so good the past two years next year we will order more chairs, the rain held off until we were heading back to our cars. I call that good. Then later in the day we assisted with the service at the Honoring All Veterans Memorial. The Red Bull Band played very nicely, and it was a nice service. The crowd was nice, but it rained off and on and I did get a little wet.

The Awards dinner was a wonderful time had by all. Over 60 people came for a great dinner and after we passed out awards recognizing a lot of people for their years of membership and their service to the Post. Its been a long time since we held such a dinner and I hope that we are back on track.

The Gun Club sent out its annual notices for membership. It's so unfortunate that it contained inaccurate information. Hopefully they will make all the needed corrections. If you have any questions call your Gun Club Leadership.

The 4th of July was another great time. A lot of people worked hard to provide a very worthwhile experience. We had four vehicles in the parade filled with our Veterans. We passed out American Flags, and Flag tattoos to the crowds along the parade route. It was great to see so many people with our nations flag celebrating. We had the Sea Cadets provide the Color Guard and they gave us all a very sharp presentation for all the City to see.

Richfield American Legion Baseball is back! We have re-connected our ties with the team so stay tuned for more information to come.

August is a slow summer month, so we will not be having a General Membership Meeting. Now the Officers are going to be busy in August for we will be planning the Labor Day get together and other activities for fall.

I'm off to the Department Convention next week and will return with a lot of information to share when I get back.

So enjoy the rest of the Summer, and remember "Every Day is Veterans Day"



President
Sherry Morris

Hi again everyone. Interesting summer, up and down on the temps, but, its Minnesota. It's been fun so far. Memorial Day was a nice gathering day with beautiful weather. As usual thanks to the commander, the Airborne Color Guard and the various Auxiliary members with the rest of the Legion family volunteers. Sorry to say, I couldn't make it because of illness.

Kudos to Cathy Ritter about the Poppy Program. She worked hard to find volunteers and found them. She brought in over \$7,500 in donations. Thanks to the volunteers and the folks who donated to Poppy Cards and Poppies. Cathy has a blurb elsewhere in the newsletter. Please look for it.

We have another blood drive August 22, 2017 from 11-5.. If you donate you can get a coupon for 20% off the bar menu. You can go online at redcrossblood.org (Sponser Code ALP435) or call me at 612-861-2589 to schedule. If you go online you can do a RapidPass to make your visit speedier.

By the way, new 2018 memberships are coming out now. Hint, hint.....

I have something for you to think about. We have a lot of women veterans whose spouses do not qualify to be a member of the family. The closest might be the SAL (SONS OF the American Legion). The Websters' dictionary definition of the term or verb Auxiliary is:

Offering or providing help or functioning in a subsidiary capacity

There is no inclusion of male or female. We have a growing number of male spouses that stay at home and take care of the family. Why should they be excluded? Back when the Auxiliary started there were some women in the branches of the Armed Services in different capacities. But, they were a minority. As we know are some are still just being accepted from the past. But, for those men who are staying home and supporting their wives (just like the women supported their husbands) why should the men be excluded from the Auxiliary? I know several years ago a resolution was presented at the Department Convention, but, sorry, I don't remember the result, other than it didn't go thru. Please email me (morris40@gmail.com) or send me a letter Sherry Morris, 6501 Portland Ave S, Richfield, MN. 55423. And voice your opinion. I will research it and keep you updated, but if you feel strongly about it, either way, please let me know. And remember, membership is down across the country, can we afford to be an exclusive club? We are one of the strongest supporters of the military and their families and in that way we are already exclusive.

The Omlette Breakfast will be back in October. There will not be a craft fair at this point.

Do you shop using Amazon???? If you do you can help the ALA Foundation by simply using AmazonSmile. Go to the link and select the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation and every purchase you make generates a .5 percent donation to the ALA Foundation. No extra costs, no added fee, no catch. Just log in thru the link, and you are supporting the ALA. If you want to see what the Foundation does go to "alafoundation.org". If you want to link into the Amazon website go to "smile.amazon.com".

I hope the rest of your summer is good, and remember,

THANK A VET.



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		Aug 1 Band: Rock Rangers	Aug 2 ALUSA Meeting Noon Band: TBA	Aug 3 Toastmasters 6:30 Band: Del Counts	Aug 4 MN ALR Legacy Run Band: Way Back Whens	Aug 5 MN ALR Legacy Run Band: Way Back Whens
Aug 6 MN ALR Legacy Run VA Visitation Band: T Bone Express	Aug 7 Band: Willie Murphy	Aug 8 CMP 6:30 Gun Club 7:30 Band: Rock Rangers	Aug 9 Post 435 ALR 7pm Band: TBA	Aug 10 Toastmasters 6:30 Band: Del Counts	Aug 11 Band: Tail Spin	Aug 12 Firearms Field Safety Day Band: Tail Spin
Aug 13 Band: MOCKSTAR	Aug 14 Band: Willie Murphy	Aug 15 Band: Rock Rangers	Aug 16 NO SAL meeting Band: TBA	Aug 17 Toastmasters 6:30 Band: Del Counts	Aug 18 National Convention Band: Night Shift	Aug 19 National Convention Band: Night Shift
Aug 20 National Convention Band: Blues Driver	Aug 21 National Convention Band: Pot Luck String Band	Aug 22 National Convention P&F 6 Exec 7 Band: Rock Rangers	Aug 23 National Convention Band: TBA	Aug 24 National Convention Toastmasters 6:30 Band: Del Counts	Aug 25 Band: Cross Fire	Aug 26 Band: Cross Fire
Aug 27 Band: BIG FAT GROOVE	Aug 28 Band: Pot Luck String Band	Aug 29 No ALA meeting No Legion Meeting Band: Rock Rangers	Aug 30 Band: TBA	Aug 31 Toastmasters 6:30 Band: Del Counts		

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 <p>THE AMERICAN LEGION <i>Centennial celebration</i></p>					Sep 1 Band: TBA	Sep 2 Band: TBA
Sep 3 VA Visitation Band: Jim Kessler	Sep 4 Labor Day Band: Willie Murphy	Sep 5 5th District Meeting Band: Rock Rangers	Sep 6 Band: Woody	Sep 7 Camporee Toastmasters 6:30 Band: Del Counts	Sep 8 Camporee Band: Sugar Buzz	Sep 9 Camporee Band: Sugar Buzz
Sep 10 Band: Tommy Hunter	Sep 11 Patriot Day Band: Willie Murphy	Sep 12 CMP 6:30 Gun Club 7:30 Band: Rock Rangers	Sep 13 ALR Meeting 7pm Band: TBA	Sep 14 Toastmasters 6:30 Band: Del Counts	Sep 15 MN ALR Romp Band: Hip Bone	Sep 16 MN ALR Romp Band: Hip Bone
Sep 17 Citizenship Day Band: Hip Bone	Sep 18 Band: Pot Luck String Band	Sep 19 P&F 6pm Exec 7 pm Band: Rock Rangers	Sep 20 SAL Meeting 7pm Band: TBA	Sep 21 Toastmasters 6:30 Band: Del Counts	Sep 22 Native American Day Band: Low Profile	Sep 22 Band: Low Profile
Sep 24 Band: Woody	Sep 25 Band: Woody	Sep 26 Membership Meeting 7 pm Band: Rock Rangers	Sep 27 Band: TBA	Sep 28 Toastmasters 6:30 Band: Del Counts	Sep 29 Disabled Veteran Deer Hunt Band: Sub Level 6	Sep 30 Disabled Veteran Deer Hunt Meat Raffle 2-5 GB Leighton 8:30pm Band: Sub Level 6



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Greetings from Squad 435!

As you can see, we have no change in our officers this past election. This is troubling since we need members to step up and take on roles if we want to keep this organization going.

Just think if the Squadron shut down. How would that impact you? Where would you go to honor your priceless heritage? You took the initiative to join, consider stepping up and helping make an impact as well.

Congratulation to our own Shawn Davis, who was installed as the State Commander of the Sons of the American Legion for 2017 - 2018. We know you will do a great job. And if anyone would like to step up and take over his role as adjutant, I think he would appreciate it as busy as he will be working with the SAL at the State Level.

We have received our membership packets for 2018. If you have not paid your 2017 dues, now is the time to pay to prevent your membership from lapsing and continuing your benefits and eligibility. The 2018 cards will start to go out in August. The goal is to have everyone renewed for 2018 by Decemeber 31. That would make us stand out at the state level, so get your membership in ASAP so Tim can process it.

We are stil working on fundraising to bring the Post technology into the 21st century. If you are willing to help, or donate to that cause, please contact us. If you have any ideas or energy to do a fundraiser, that would be great too. We are only as strong as are members are active, so thank you in advance for your help.

We are on the countdow to the National Convention being in Minneapolis in August 2018. That will also be the American Legion Centennial. More to come, but this will be a big party.

Director
Shawn Davis

Greetings from your American Legion Riders!

The Minnesota American Legion Riders Legacy Run is upon us. Two weekend of traveling the state, visiting American Legion Posts, MN Veterans Homes, nursing homes, and the surrounding community to raise awareness of and to collect funds for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship. What is that scholarship, you might ask?

Well it is to ensure that the children of a service member who has:

1. died while on active duty since 9-11 or
2. been rated with a disability greater than 50%

will not have to pay for their secondary education. College, VoTech, whatever they want to go to.

Hlstorically we have always exceeded our Fundraising goal, and the goal for this year is \$200,000. If you would to contribute to this goal, please make a check out to the The American Legion Foundation, and in the memo line, add Fund 84. Send that check to the post care of The American Legion Riders.

We will then turn in all the proceeds we have collected at the national convention of The American Legion on Tuesday August 22. The exact time is to be determined, but it will be streamed live on the web. Check Legion.org or legiontv.org for schedule and links.

The MN ALR ROMP (think Campree but with motorcycles) will be Friday September 15th through Sunday September 17th at Legionville. We regularly meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Flag Room. Come join us and see what we are all about.



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Dear Post 435 members:

Thank you so much for your kind contributions to our Veterans programs by answering my call for help. It was an honor and a privilege to stand by the Legionnaires to give poppies and to receive from those who kindly choose to offer a donation for our Veterans programs.

All my requests were graciously filled. Poppy letters were sent and generous donations were returned from our members. Poppy Cards were displayed and donations taken. Last, but not least, during Poppy week the distribution of poppies took place. I want to thank the Richfield Liquor Store for allowing us access to their customers. I called on many to help in this endeavor. I was richly blessed when the call to the Legion Family went out and you answered, everything from opening mailings, deposits, distribution, etc.

This year's poppy giving couldn't have happened without the time and money donated from the Richfield community, Richfield Liquor Stores, and the Post 435 family members.

My heart was touched. This was my first year as Poppy Chair. I saw a real family, full of love, caring and commitment to all Veterans that will benefit from your hard work.

God Bless You All.

Cathy Ann Ritter
Auxiliary Poppy Chair



Memorial Day 2017





Awards Dinner







Tim Cagney awarded Honorary Lifetime Membership in the SAL for his Volunteer activities



Gary Anderson Recipient of the Leslie Schaffer Memorial Award



Terry Hanson Recipient of the Virgil Greenhagen Memorial Award



John Gallas Legionnaire of the Year

Casey Ludewig was awarded the Earl Beaver Award for Americanism

Installation of Shawn Davis as State Commander of the SAL



Members of Post 435 Family who attended the ceremony

July 4th Independence Day Celebration



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**Manager
Jeff Husaby**

Happy summer 435 peeps.

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer in town or at the cabin. Just want to thank everybody that came to The American Legion Post 435 July 4th celebration and hope everybody had a great time. Also, I want to thank all the volunteers and the staff at Post 435 with all the help as we could not do it without you.

Our new lunch and dinner menus are in so please come and dine with us and give us your feedback. Wednesdays are members night out with members only dinner specials. These include:

1/3 rack of ribs and french fries	Members \$9.99	Non-members \$11.99
8 oz Steak and french fries	Members \$9.99	Non-members \$11.99
1# of crab legs with baked potato and alaed	\$19.99	

Don't forget that the MN Vikings start the season in September and that means the 3rd annual MN Vikings and BARGO brunch begins on September 17 at 9:30 am. Stop in, have a bite to eat, drink, lpay ome BARGO, and watch the MN Vikings make a run for the Super Bowl. Don't forget that we will be giving awat a Viking jerseys after every Viking home game. Also with Labor Day approaching, keep an eye out on our social media/website for possible dinner specials.

G.B. Leighton will be in the Auditorium on September 30th for an 8:30 show. Hope to see you there. We have entertainment 7 days a week, so check out our schedule online for your favorite band. Stop in on Mondays for BARGO and check out Rau's cooking as he s been putting out some really good South of the Border authentic Mexican food. It is great! You have to try it!