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Commander's Column

by Dick Juhl

Where has the summer gone? Here we are, looking at Thanksgiving and Christmas already. We've had some great events this summer; things like the golf tournament, the fishing tournament, the Filly Shoes fund raiser, fish fries, dinners and other events honoring veterans. I can't say enough good things about volunteers.

We are an organization that draws our strength from our relationship as a Legion family and our devotion to veterans, their families, our community, our children and youth and our devotion to God and Country.

There are so many events that mark our history and our reason to exist as the American Legion. There are too many to name. Here are just a few that happened in December and January:

- December 7, 1941 – Pearl Harbor
- December 16, 1944 – Battle of the Bulge
- January 1, 1951 – Chinese push UN forces south of the 38th parallel in Korea
- January 7, 1967 – Operation Cedar Falls – Vietnam
- January 17, 1991 – Operation Desert Storm
- January 30, 1968 – Battle of Hue began in Vietnam
- Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Afghanistan

There are so many more going back to the 1700s but I chose these for a reason. These are wars that still have veterans living among us. They raised their hands and said "I Will Defend My Country." They did this for us and our neighbors. If not for them, where would our country be?

Now it is our job to make sure that they are taken care of. There are too many veterans out there who don't know that they have rights for themselves and their families. They don't know about their rights in the VA system and they don't know about all of the other programs that the Legion offers. It is our job to find them and help them. It is too easy to say, "Oh, of course they know." THEY DON'T. Trust me. We need to look around our sphere of influence and ask ourselves, have we really reached out to our neighbors, our friends and the people we work with to find these veterans and, if necessary, take them by the hand and show them that there is a system, a support group that will help them.

It's not just about signing them up for VA health care. Our organization was founded to assist veterans and their families in any way we can. If you don't know what programs are available, it's time you learned. Remember the last line of the preamble to our constitution; "to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Let us all make a pledge to find and help a veteran this year. Wouldn't that be a great New Year's resolution?

Breakfast With Frosty
 Children's Holiday Party



Saturday December 17th
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
 Games! Prizes! Food! and Fun!

Tom and Jerry
PARTY

Friday, December 9th
Starting at 6:00 pm
 Free Tom & Jerry's
 and horsd'oeuvres
 while they last.

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In Remembrance

★ Don Burns ★

★ Georgianna Knapp ★

★ Charles Mykleby ★

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**POST 259
 MEMBERS**

Bring a Friend

Noon Lunches
 (Monday-Friday)

11 am-1:00 pm
 Daily Specials
 and Regular Grill

**Lucky
 Strike
 Drawing**

Sign up every Monday
 2:00 p.m. – Close

Drawings held
 every Wednesday
 between 7 - 8 p.m.
 Must be
 present to win.

**POKER IS BACK!
 IN JANUARY!**

**NO LIMIT
 Texas Hold'em Tournament**

**Join us Saturday Nights
 January 14th & 28th**

Registration 6:30 p.m. Start Time 7:00 p.m.
 Dinner nights may be later.



Auxiliary News by Dawne Juhl, President

This month's article is a conglomeration of notes I've been collecting. Rather than put it in story style, I'm just going to throw it all out there!

First, thank you to Boone for spearheading the Veterans Day program at the Community Center. Thank you, also, to Jan, Dana, Bubba, Pete and Michael for all of your hard work in helping to make it happen. If I missed anyone, I apologize.

The 10th District joint project (Post, Auxiliary and SAL) is Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV). Their mission is "to provide assistance throughout Minnesota to positively motivated veterans and their families who are homeless or experiencing other life crises." In addition to cash donations, their wish list includes phone cards; Target, Walmart and gas-only gift cards (Holiday, SA, Super One, BP, Kwik Trip); coffee; DVD movies; oil changes; hair cuts (Great Clips or local options); greeting cards/postage; basic hygiene items such as shampoo, toothbrushes & toothpaste, combs, deodorant, soap, shaving cream, razors, small Kleenex packages; winter hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks.

- Other things you can do to contribute to issues near and dear to your hearts:
- When you buy specially marked packages of Freschetta pizza, a donation of \$1 will be made to Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center to support breast cancer research up to \$50,000.
 - Any yogurt lids promoting donations for cancer research must be received by December 31, 2011. That means I'll need them by mid-December to be counted and mailed.

- Buy Duracell batteries and Duracell will donate batteries to local volunteers (such as volunteer firefighters).
- Hills Brothers Homefront Heroes. When you use a manufacturer's coupon to buy Hills Brothers coffee, the company will donate up to \$150,000 for 50 scholarships to military families. For every 100,000 supporters, Hills Brothers will donate 10 scholarships to military families. Web site for more information is www.HillsHomefrontHeroes.com.

We talked to our son-in-law earlier this month. Afghanistan wants fishing/hunting/car magazines; books; individual serving fruit cocktail. And home-made goodies. Tomorrow I'm sending nine dozen Snickerdoodles with some other stuff. I'll be a star mother-in-law.

Do you have a winter emergency kit in your car? A blanket, extra boots, a bag of cat litter, some candy bars and a bright piece of cloth to tie to your antenna in case you land in a ditch are good for starters.

Please look at the calendar for upcoming events. This month is only for December so we can get on a more logical schedule in the future.

I feel like this has been an overload of information, and maybe not in logical order, but sometimes you just have to get it all in writing. Any questions, please e-mail me at djuhl@msn.com or call me at (952) 955-3665. I'm always happy to hear from you.

Hug a veteran every chance you get!

SUPER BOWL PARTY

SAVE THE DATE!

FEBRUARY 5TH

**Join us for
fun, food & prizes**

Pick your team for quarterly touchdown drinks!

Auxiliary BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
2:00pm - 5:00pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
During Breakfast

S.A.L. Fish Fry

(all you can eat - \$12.00)

Saturday, December 3rd
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



There's no time for fussin'
**BENEFIT FOR
TOM SANKO**



**Come participate in our silent auction
featuring amazing items!**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH 2011
6:00PM TO 9:00PM

American Legion Post 377, Delano MN.
\$6 per adult, \$3 per child, ages 2 and under free

S.A.L. FAMOUS Omelet Breakfast



Sunday, December 11th


Omelets made your way with all the fixin's
8:30 am - Noon • \$9.00

POST 259 PORK CHOP DINNER

ONE CHOP OR TWO, W/ BAKED POTATO, COLESLAW AND ROLL

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

1 CHOP \$9.00
2 CHOPS \$12.00



Charitable Gaming

**Pull Tabs
Minnesota Lottery
Scratch Offs**



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DECEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Meeting Night 7:30 p.m. Post, Auxiliary & SAL	2	3 Meat Raffle 3:00 SAL Fish Fry 5 - 8:00 pm
				8	9 Tom & Jerry Party starting at 6 p.m.	10 Aux. Bake Sale Noon-4:00pm Meat Raffle 3:00 Pork Chop Dinner 5:30-7:30pm
				15	16	17 Breakfast with Frosty Children's Party 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Meat Raffle 3:00 Club Closed Private Party last Call 5:00pm
				22	23	24 Christmas Eve Club Open 11:00am-3:00pm No Kitchen Vikings Game @ Noon
				29	30	31 New Years Eve Meat Raffle 3:00
				5 Lucky Strike Sign-up 2 p.m.-Close	6	
				12	13	
				19 Lucky Strike Sign-up 2 p.m.-Close Housing Meeting 6:00 p.m.	20	
				26 Lucky Strike Sign-up 2 p.m.-Close	27	
				3 Vikings Game @ 3:00	4	
				11 SAL Omelette Breakfast and Auxiliary Bake Sale 8 - noon Vikings Game @ noon	12	
				18 Vikings Game @ Noon	19	
				25 Merry Christmas Club Closed	26	
Jan. 1 Happy New Year! Vikings Game @ Noon						

NO POKER IN DECEMBER

American Legion Eligibility Dates

WWI: April 6, 1917–Nov. 11, 1918
WWII: Dec. 7, 1941–Dec. 31, 1946
Korea: June 25, 1950–Jan. 31, 1955
Vietnam: Feb. 28, 1961–May 7, 1975
Granada: Aug. 24, 1982–July 31, 1984
Lebanon: Aug. 24, 1982–July 31, 1984
Panama: Dec. 20, 1989–Jan. 31, 1990
Desert Storm: Aug. 12, 1990–Present

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\$1.00 Off

One Menu Meal

Good for the month of
December, 2011
Present coupon when ordering.
Limit 1 per family.

FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR STATES!

ALABAMA: Was the first state to have 9-1-1, started in 1968.

ALASKA: One out of every 64 people has a pilot's license.

ARIZONA: Is the only state in the continental U.S. that doesn't follow Daylight Savings Time.

ARKANSAS: Has the only active diamond mine in the U.S.

CALIFORNIA: Its economy is so large that if it were a country, it would rank seventh in the entire world.

COLORADO: In 1976 it became the only state to turn down the Olympics.

CONNECTICUT: The Frisbee was invented at Yale University .

DELAWARE: Has more scientists and engineers than any other state.

FLORIDA: At 874.3 square miles, Jacksonville is the U.S. 's largest city in the contiguous 48 states.

GEORGIA: It was here, in 1886, that pharmacist John Pemberton made the first vat of Coca-Cola.

HAWAII: Hawaiians live, on average, five years longer than residents of any other state.

IDAHO: TV was invented in Rigby , Idaho in 1922.

ILLINOIS: Has a Governor in jail, one pending jail and is the most corrupt state in the union!

INDIANA: Home to Santa Claus, Indiana which gets a half million letters to Santa every year.

IOWA: Winnebagoes get their name from Winnebago County.& it is the only state name that begins with two vowels.

KANSAS: Liberal, Kansas has an exact replica of the house in The Wizard of Oz.

KENTUCKY: Has more than \$6 billion in gold underneath Fort Knox ..

LOUISIANA: Has parishes instead of counties because they were originally Spanish church units.

MAINE: It's so big, it covers as many square miles as the other five New England states combined.

MARYLAND: The Ouija board was created in Baltimore in 1892.

MASSACHUSETTS: The Fig Newton is named after Newton , Massachusetts .

MICHIGAN: Fremont , home to Gerber, is the baby food capital of the world.

MINNESOTA: Bloomington 's Mall of America is so big, that if you spent 10 min. in each store, you'd be there nearly four days

MISSISSIPPI: President Teddy Roosevelt refused to shoot a bear here ... that's how the teddy bear got its name

MISSOURI: Is the birthplace of the ice cream cone.

MONTANA: A sapphire from Montana is in the Crown Jewels of England.

NEBRASKA: More triplets are born here than in any other state.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Birthplace of Tupperware, invented in 1938 by Earl Tupper.

NEW JERSEY: Has the most shopping malls in one area in the world.

NEW MEXICO: Smokey the Bear was rescued from a 1950 forest fire here.

NEW YORK: Is home to the nation's oldest cattle ranch, started in 1747 in Montauk.

NORTH CAROLINA: Home of the first Krispy Kreme doughnut.

NORTH DAKOTA: Rigby , North Dakota is the exact geographic center of North America .

OHIO: The hot dog was invented here in 1900.

OKLAHOMA: The grounds of the state capital are covered by operating oil wells.

OREGON: Has the most ghost towns in the country.

PENNSYLVANIA: The smiley :) was first used in 1980 by computer scientists at Carnegie Mellon University .

RHODE ISLAND: The nation's oldest bar, the White Horse Tavern, opened here in 1673.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Sumter County is home to the world's largest gingko farm.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Is the only state that's never had an earthquake.

TENNESSEE: Nashville 's Grand Ole Opry is the longest running live radio show in the world.

TEXAS: Dr. Pepper was invented in Waco in 1885. The hamburger was invented in Arlington in 1906

UTAH: The first Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant opened here in 1952.

VERMONT: Montpelier is the only state capital without a McDonald's.

VIRGINIA: Home of the world's largest office building, The Pentagon.

WASHINGTON: Seattle has twice as many college graduates as any other state.

WASHINGTON D.C.: Is the first planned capital in the world.

WEST VIRGINIA: Had the world's first brick paved street, Summers Street, laid in Charleston in 1870.

WISCONSIN: The ice cream sundae was invented here in 1881 to get around Blue Laws prohibiting ice cream from being sold on Sundays.

WYOMING: Was the first state to allow women to vote