

THE

CLOVER LEAF



JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2012

Commander's Column

by Dick Juhl

It's hard to believe that 2011 is over already. Where has the time gone? We have had some good times this past year and the Post has been stepping up to the plate with some good events. I want to thank the members of the Post, Auxiliary, the SAL, the Legion Riders and the Sportsman's Club for all they have done to support our veterans and our organization. We are a family and it's important to remember that.

On to my next subject; as our calendar year closes, our membership status changes. As of January 31st, if your dues aren't paid, you are no longer an active member of the American Legion. Please do not let that happen to you. Aside from the benefits you enjoy as a member of our post, the thing to remember is that the majority of our dues goes to support our lobbying effort in Washington, DC to fight for veterans benefits that they so dearly earned. And don't forget all of the Legion programs that would not be possible without our membership. The list is too long to name, but if you want to learn more, contact any one our officers; Post, Auxiliary, SAL, whoever, and they will be happy to tell you about them.

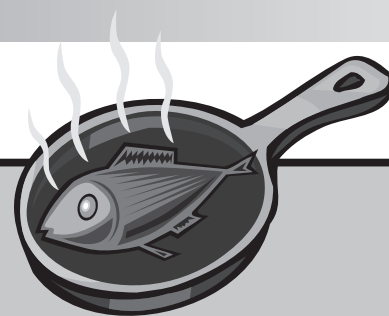
Finally, I want to talk about the VA hospital system. There has been a lot of publicity about the VA in the last couple of years; some negative and some positive. First of all, I want to state emphatically that this is one benefit that was earned (and well deserved) that way too many veterans don't know about or understand. As a veteran, you are entitled to doctor and medical care at a VA hospital. There are no monthly premiums (there are means tests, meaning if you have the ability to take care of your own medical needs or some of them, there may be deductibles or co-pays), but overall, this is the best thing going, and you already paid for it.

I have spent many years helping veterans get into the VA system. There are stories about how long it takes, how difficult it is.... B. S.... It takes an average of two to six months to get into the system and once you're in you're in for life.

My wife finally convinced me five or six ago to apply myself. It was the best thing I ever did. I can personally say that the VA hospital system has changed my life. I recently went through a surgery that cured a problem that I have been dealing with for years. I MEAN CURED. And the people I dealt with (doctors, nurses and staff) were the most wonderful, caring people I have ever met.

Last, I urge you; if you know a veteran (no matter what their age) who has medical issues (physical or emotional), have them contact their nearest American Legion or their county Veterans Service Officer. It could change their life. Even if you don't need it now, get into the system because with the budget cuts, Congress is going to make it increasingly difficult to qualify and once you're in they can't kick you out.

On that note, I will close with the following. May the new year bring you everything you hope for and remember, every day is veterans day.



S.A.L. Fish Fry

**Saturday, January 7th
& February 4th
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

ALL YOU CAN EAT \$13.00

**FRIDAY NIGHT
LENTEN FISH FRY**

**Starting
Feb 24th - Easter**

SUPER BOWL PARTY

JOIN US FEBRUARY 5TH

for fun, food & prizes
Pick your team for quarterly
touchdown drinks!

Auxiliary News

by Dawne Juhl, President

Did you ever think smiling would be the hardest thing you would do today? There are actually many small things we can do that will cheer someone else's day and bring happiness to us. What about gently used coats to Warm Coats/Warm Hearts at Burlington Coat Factory? What about the hats and mittens tree at Wayzata American Legion? What about donations to the food shelf? A donation of a coat you don't wear anymore or a can of soup probably won't ruin your budget, but it could make a big difference for a family in need.

Dick and I flew to San Francisco recently for a life-changing surgery. He had a pacemaker implanted in his brain to control what is called Essential Tremor. Essential Tremor is similar to Parkinson's, but without the underlying physical problems. It has been a true miracle and we bless the researchers who explored the idea of putting a pacemaker in the brain. We go back in three months to have the left side done and expect the same miraculous results.

As I mentioned in my last article, 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." Because of Santa Baby at the Tom & Jerry night, we were able to buy phone cards in the amount of \$150 to send to troops in Kuwait. The phone cards are on the way to Kuwait. There will be calls to loved ones over the holidays. We have also donated \$150 to Toys for Tots this year!

While we were in San Francisco our daughter stopped at the house to check on Mr. Trouble, aka Damien (our cat). She caught a message on the answering machine from someone who read my article and finally found a home for his gently read car magazines. I'm glad he read my article and really appreciate the fact that he followed up on the request. Thank you, Stan.

The children's Christmas party was a lot of fun. The children were adorable as usual and had a great time with Frosty and Santa. Thank you to everyone who put in the time to make it a good morning for the kids (and the parents/grandparents).

There will be an Auxiliary chicken dinner on January 28th, and on February 18th we will be hosting an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast.

Please don't forget to save pop/beer tabs, box tops, labels and milk caps. I personally know it's a hassle to save these things, but if you collect them in a zip bag or a coffee can, just drop them off at the Post and I will sort and count them. Every little bit helps the children.

Please look at the calendar for other upcoming events. If you have questions or concerns, 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! You might be pleasantly surprised by the response.

AUXILIARY CHICKEN DINNER "PICNIC IN JANUARY!"

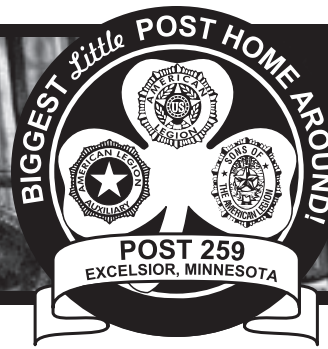
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

\$8.00

CHICKEN, POTATO SALAD, BAKED BEANS AND A ROLL





S.A.L. News by Chris Hogle, Squadron Commander

Greetings! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and here is wishing you a safe and Happy New Year!!

Our Fish Fry's and Omelet Breakfasts are going very well. We could use some volunteers to help with these functions. The crew always has a rip roaring good time, so please join us, the more the merrier! This is also your chance to find out what we do and help us to raise funds for our programs and projects.

With the start of the New Year, and our Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry's just around the corner, this is a perfect time to come on up and volunteer, to show your support to the Squadron, The Club and The American Legion Family.

Wishing everyone good luck on your New Years Resolutions!

See you at the next meetings on January 5th and February 2nd.

**Pancake
BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
9:00am - Noon

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES
\$5.00
SERVED W/SAUSAGE & O.J.

In Remembrance
Arthur Nicol

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.

S.A.L. FAMOUS
Omelet Breakfast



Sunday, January 8th
& February 12th

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



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CHICKEN DINNER JANUARY 28TH
SUPERBOWL PARTY FEBRUARY 5TH

Sportsmen Club

by Joani Aspholm, Secretary

The Sportsmen Club is honored to announce that they and members of the American Legion family will be a proud sponsor of the Arctic Fever event in January 2012, hosted by the City of Excelsior, Shorewood and Tonka Bay.

The Sportsmen Club will host an ice fishing contest in conjunction with the Arctic Fever event on January 14, 2012 at Big Island, location to be determined. The event is contingent upon weather and ice conditions with an alternate date set for February 11, 2012. All registration and fees will be collected by the City of Shorewood. The cost will be \$10.00 per adult featuring 1 child free of charge with a paid licensed adult. The contest will be held from 10:00am to 2:00pm with prizes being awarded at 2:00pm. We will have ice bowling and golf games for the families. We will also be serving hot dogs, brats with chips and hot coffee and hot cocoa.

The Sportsmen Club is 100% committed to making this a kid friendly event and guarantee that every child will get a prize for their participation.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help in the following areas: Box office/ticket sales, ice and snow removal, food preparation and service, tent and structure development, set-up and tear down, prize pick up, hospitality and game coordination. There is a sign-up sheet hanging up in the club. Please stop in at the club and sign up soon. We need all the help we can get to make this event a success! Please contact Rick Fyhrlund at 612-366-1846 for further details.

Stay tuned for details on future events sponsored by the Sportsmen Club. Please remember a prayer for our troops during the holidays. Happy holidays to you and your family.

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JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR Club Open	2	3	4 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	5 Post, AUX, SAL, Meeting Night 7:30 pm	6	7 Meat Raffle 3:00 pm SAL Fish Fry 5:00 - 8:30
8 SAL Omelette Breakfast 8:00 - Noon	9 Lucky Strike Sign-up 11a.m.-Close	10	11 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	12	13 Music DB Cooper at 9:00pm	14 Meat Raffle 3:00 Sportsmen Ice Fishing Contest 10am-2pm
15	16 Lucky Strike Sign-up 11a.m.-Close House Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	19	20	21 Meat Raffle 3:00
22	23 Lucky Strike Sign-up 11a.m.-Close	24	25 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	26	27	28 Meat Raffle 3:00 Auxiliary Chicken Dinner 5:30 - 7:30
29	30 Lucky Strike Sign-up 11a.m.-Close	31	Feb 1 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	2 Post, AUX, SAL, Meeting Night 7:30 pm	3	4 Meat Raffle 3:00 SAL Fish Fry 5:00 - 8:30
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			1 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	2 Post, AUX, SAL, Meeting Night 7:30 pm	3	4 Meat Raffle 3:00 SAL Fish Fry 5:00 - 8:00
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19	20 Lucky Strike Sign-up 11a.m.-Close Housing Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	23	24 Lenten Fish Fry 5:00pm - 8:30pm	25 Meat Raffle 3:00
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