



JUNE - JULY, 2010 **The**
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News from The Post #259 Floor

Welcome to Summer at Post #259!

June and July bring with them several events that are important to The American Legion and The American Legion Family. Here are just a few:

- Thursday, June 3rd – Installation of new Officers, this is for everyone so I do hope you plan on attending. We will serve dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the ceremonies preformed by the 40 & 8 Ritual Team will begin around 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 14th- Flag Day, this is a holiday I hope you all observe. Fly those colors proudly!
- Thursday, July 1st- The Post will meet at 7:30 p.m. for a quick (required) meeting. The Auxiliary and SAL do not need to meet unless they so choose. The Club normally will stay open so we will meet in the Blueroom.
- Sunday, July 4th- Happy Independence Day! Thank a veteran for your freedom and the freedom of our country. The Club will be closed in observance of the Holiday.
- Late July- The Department of Minnesota State convention will be held in Rochester. This is where we will find out who our next State officers will be and we also will find out about the success of the last year. This is open to all members, if you are interested in attending; please contact, Dick Juhl, Boone Day or Ken Dallman.

August 5th- Excelsior's new officers for the entire American Legion Family officially take over for the start of the 2010-2011 year. Congratulations!! Let's all show them our support.

There are other functions through-out the summer, hosted by the SAL, Auxiliary, Club and Sportsman Group so watch the calendar or stop in at the Club for the most current up to date information on the events and happenings around your Post Home.

Last but certainly not least. THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make Memorial Day and all our other functions such a memorable and wonderful success for our Veterans, their families and the community to enjoy. Without our volunteers this simply would not happen. It is with your help that the work of The American Legion will prevail.

We should all look forward to a New Legion Year and all the successes that comes with it.

**Check out our new improved
website at:**

www.legionpost259.org

In Remembrance

Wayne Aspholm, Gordon E. Cole,
Bernadine Feller, Fred Labernick





Auxiliary News

By Dawne Juhl, President

The first thing I want to say is if you have a question, comment or criticism about something, please go to the SAL Commander, the Post Commander or the Auxiliary President (my phone number is 952 955-3665). There used to be open lines of communication and we need to get back to why we belong to the American Legion. There is no "I" or "me" in Team and we need to get back to our roots. If we can't work together for why we're here, why bother?

On a lighter note, installations are Thursday, June 3. Dinner is at 6:30 and installations are at 7:30. Whether you're being installed or not, please bring your pin, so whether you're being installed or not, the incoming officer can come away with the proper pin. It should be a matter of pride.

We are still collecting canned goods. The volume has dropped down, but the need has not. We're also collecting socks—men's and women's white socks. I'm sure I have written about this before, but veterans get underwear, shirts, pants and boots, but not socks until The American Legion stepped in and donated hundreds of pairs of socks at Minnesota Stand Down a couple of years ago. There are now a lot of female veterans in need of help. The last time I bought socks it was about \$8 for a six-pack. My intention is not to pressure anyone. If you can, you can, if you can't, you can't.

I have been clipping coupons like a stupid maniac. I also read the advertising that comes with the coupons. Proctor & Gamble is contributing funds toward clean water in under-developed countries when you use a coupon. I have looked at the difference between store brands and money-off store brands. Sometimes it's only a few cents. Think about it. I haven't seen anything about if it's only for coupon purchases.

If you haven't heard yet, I'm the Prez again. Every year I'm learning more about the job and more about The American Legion. I won't say I'm crazy in love with the job, because it's not as easy as it looks. But I sincerely believe it's an important job and I am very proud to be asked to serve again.

I look forward to seeing all of you, whenever and wherever. May the wind be always at your back.

For God and Country.

Congratulations to the Minnetonka High School Class of 2010 and our Scholarship winners:

Nathaniel Irvin & Leah Urdahl

 **3rd Annual Ladies Day** 
“Filly Shoes”
for Susan G. Komen
August 14th
11:30 Sign-up • Shoes @ Noon

Limited Number Available!! Tournament play limited to first 32 who sign up.

A \$20.00 donation will get you a pink hard hat (or if you already have one bring it along and get your 2010 sticker!), lunch, tournament play if you wish, door prizes and lots more! All profits will go to The Susan G. Komen For The Cure.

The Auxiliary will also hold a fantastic Silent Auction, Farmers Market and Bake Sale, during the event—this one is going to be HUGE so don't miss out!

Lunch will also be available for everyone who wishes to join in the fun.
Everyone is welcome

Please note that we are starting to collect our auction items and if you have anything you would like to donate, especially those prize veggies, flowers, jams & jellies, we would love to have them for our Farmers Market. If you have any questions, please contact Daiva or Robin at the club.



S.A.L. News

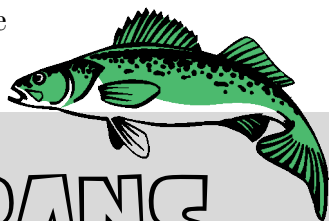
By Patrick Rutledge, SAL Commander

HOWDY FOR THE LAST TIME!!!

It has been a good couple of years. I would like to thank all the people that have been so helpful to me and the S.A.L, and hope all of you will help Chris the same. Keep in mind all of the summer events that we are doing, see flyers and our boards at the club.

I'll still be around the club to help anyone if they need me, and thanks for all the help again with all my events, see you around the club.

Past Commander Pat Rutledge
Thank You and God Bless



VETERANS ON THE LAKE

Saturday, June 12th

The Sportsman Club, in combination with our own Excelsior Legion, Wayzata, Chaska and Mound are sponsoring

FREE of charge for Veterans a fishing outing on Lake Minnetonka!

We will be leaving from Howards Point marina at 8:30am and returned to dock at 1:00pm

Then we are off to the Excelsior Post Home for lunch starting at 1:30 p.m.

There is a sign-up sheet at each Post and if there are any special accommodations needed there is a place for that to be noted.

For more information or to arrange for a ride please call Patrick at 952-334-5488 or Boone at 952-474-3982 (Club Phone)

GOLFERS

When: June 18th, 11 a.m., Timbercreek Watertown

Why: To benefit "Veterans on the Lake" and Veterans hunting camps

Cost: \$60 per person includes golf, cart, steak dinner and donated door prizes!

Format: Scramble with rules TBD

Please sign up at the club
2-some or 4-some

Contact John Lodge @ 952-217-0827

Congratulations to our DAS Horseshoe Winners:

Gary Kulas & Mark Morford

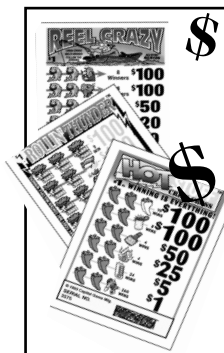
& Runners-up:

Tim Kincade & Pat Rutledge

JOIN US FOR THE FUN!

Meat Raffles!

Saturdays this Summer
at 3:00pm



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Installation of New Officers Thurs., June 3rd

Texas Hold'em Tournament Saturday Nights

All of April and
May 8th & 22nd
Registration 7:30 P.M.
Start Time 8:00 P.M.

For Sick Call or Taps

- Service Officer •
Charlie Thompson
612-210-5342
- President •
Dawne Juhl
952-955-3665
- SAL •
Arden Krueger
952-474-7958

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.

Thursday, June 3rd Installation of New Officers

6:30 Dinner • 7:30 Installation

All Officers should be present to take part in this important American Legion tradition
Our Special guests are the members of The Voiture 1281 Ritual Team

JUNE 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	3 Installation of Officers 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Program	4	5 Meat Raffle 3:00 Grill Open Texas Hold'em 8:00
6	7 Lucky Strike Sign-up 2 p.m.-Close	8	9 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	10	11	12 Veterans on the Lake Fishing 8:30 a.m. Meat Raffle 3:00 No Poker
13	14 Flag Day Lucky Strike Sign-up 2 p.m.-Close	15	16 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	17	18 Sportsmen's Golf Tourney Details at the Club	19 Meat Raffle 3:00 Grill Open Music: Milfoil Blues 9 - Close No Poker
20	21 Lucky Strike Sign-up 2 p.m.-Close Housing Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22 Club Closed 6-10 p.m. Meeting of Voiture 40+8	23 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	24	25	26 Meat Raffle 3:00 Grill Open Texas Hold'em 8:00
27	28 Lucky Strike Sign-up 2 p.m.-Close	29	30 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	July 1 Meeting Night 7:30 p.m. Post Only	2	3
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