



## Commander's Column

by Dick Juhl

Well, here we are, back to Winter again. For those of you who were able to attend, our Veterans Day Luncheon was a good time. We had a great lunch, provided by The Legion and prepared and served by a great bunch of volunteers. I want to thank all of you who donated your time and energy to make it a success.

Our guest speaker, Lynn Lyons, from the Hennepin County Veterans Service Office, provided a lot of good information about benefits available to veterans and I encourage all of you to get in touch with them. There are benefits available through the VA as well as the county and state that you probably are not aware of. The number of questions she was asked told me that many of you were surprised at the many services and benefits that you earned.

While we are on the subject of Veterans Day, I would like to take a few moments to talk about that. While the government has set aside November 11th as a day to remember veterans and their sacrifice, it is but one day among many. Let's look at a few others just during the months of December and January.

### December

7th, 1941 - Japan attacks Pearl Harbor  
 8th, 1941 - US declares war on Japan  
 10th, 1898 - Treaty of Paris - Spanish American War  
 10th, 1775 - Marine Corps established  
 16th, 1865 - 13th Amendment ratified - Slavery abolished  
 16th, 1773 - Boston Tea Party prior to Revolutionary War  
 16th, 1944 - Battle of the Bulge - WWII  
 20th, 1860 - South Carolina is 1st state to secede from Union  
 24th, 1814 - Signing Peace of Ghent - War of 1812  
 24th, 1950 - Hungnan evacuation - Korean War  
 31st, 1946 - Official end of WWII

### January

1st, 1951 - Chinese push UN forces south of 38th parallel  
 1st, 1863 - Emancipation Proclamation  
 8th, 1967 - Operation Cedar Falls - Vietnam  
 14th, 1972 - 173rd Airborne Brigade deactivated  
 17th, 1991 - Operation Desert Storm - Gulf War  
 20th, 1968 - Battle of Khe Sanh - Vietnam War  
 22nd, 1944 - Anzio Invasion - WWII  
 25th, 1951 - Operation Thunderbolt - Korean War  
 25th, 2002 - 173rd 2/503 Battalion reactivated  
 27th, 1973 - Treaty of Paris signed - Vietnam War  
 30th, 1968 - Battle of Hue began - Vietnam War  
 31st, 1865 - amendment approved to abolish slavery

As the list shows, their experiences are not limited to a certain day. So let us make a pledge to honor them every day and thank them every chance we get. There are hundreds of things written about soldiers but one thing stands above all. They stood up for us so let us stand beside them.

God bless America

*Breakfast With Frosty*  
 Children's Holiday Party

*Saturday December 18th*  
**9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**  
 Games! Prizes! Food! and Fun!

*Tom and Jerry*  
**PARTY**

**Friday, December 10th**  
**Starting at 6:00 pm**  
 Free Tom & Jerry's  
 and hors d'oeuvres  
 while they last.

*In Remembrance*  
 Frank Blake & Rachel Pivec



## Auxiliary News

by Dawne Juhl, President

From our house to your house, have a joyous holiday season! Please take a moment every now and then to say a prayer for the safe return of our men and women serving overseas.

As you know, there will be no Auxiliary dinner in December. But we will be having a bake sale and I hope you will bake an extra couple of dozen holiday cookies to donate. Our bake sales have actually been our biggest fund raisers lately and your help is appreciated. We're also including pies (hint, hint).

The club is having a "pajama party" on New Year's Day. We will have a Bloody Mary bar, Mimosas and a light buffet. The bar will be open in case vodka and champagne aren't your thing. Pajamas are optional, especially since we're talking prime snow weather, but it could be fun in sweats or jeans and sweatshirts. Who wants to dress up on New Year's Day?

I'm still clipping coupons like crazy—thank you to everyone who drops them off at the Club for me. I have a routine, which I'm sure I've told you about. My contact for care packages will be coming home by Christmas (Iraq via Kuwait) and we can hardly wait to see and hold her. So I am looking for another address. Someone, somewhere knows or knows of someone serving away from home. Let me know. I am accumulating goodies all the time.

As soon as I send this "article" off to Robin for the newsletter I will think of something I should have included. If you have a question

about something I should have included, please call me. In the meantime, I found an interesting piece of information to share with you. In 1917 there was a nationwide contest for writing an American Creed to exemplify the best summary of the political faith in America. The winner was a page in the U.S. House of Representatives named, coincidentally, William Page:

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

Our Armed Forces are putting on the uniform and taking the pledge because they have been raised to believe in this Creed. We need to be proud of them, support them and pray for them. We need to do what we can for the families they leave behind when they are sent off to war. Why else are we members of the greatest organization in the greatest country?

God bless our troops and hold them close.

# BBQ RIBS

W/ BAKED POTATO, BEANS, COLESLAW AND A ROLL.

**SATURDAY JANUARY 22ND**

**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

**1/2 RACK \$12.00**

**FULL RACK \$17.00**

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# SUPER BOWL PARTY

## FEBRUARY 6TH

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

Pick your team for quarterly touchdown drinks!

# NEW YEARS DAY

## *Pajama Party!*

No need to dress up! Come as you are, relax and enjoy!!

### SATURDAY

JANUARY 1ST, 2011

### *Buffet Brunch*

Mimosas, Top Shelf Screwdrivers & an Extended Bloody Mary Bar.

We Are Open Early! 10:00 am

Brunch Served Until 3:00 pm

Brunch Buffet + Two Cocktails: \$18

Mimosas, Screwdrivers, or Bloody Mary Bar: \$6 ea.

Special Time! MEAT RAFFLE: 1:00 pm

# *Auxiliary* BAKE SALE

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

*Noon-4:00pm*

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

*During Breakfast*

# S.A.L. FAMOUS Omelet Breakfast



## Saturdays, December 12th & January 9th

Omelets made your way with all the fixin's

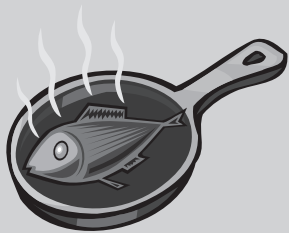
8:30 am - Noon • \$9.00

# S.A.L. Fish Fry

(all you can eat - \$12.00)

## Saturday, December 4th

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



## \$ Charitable Gaming \$ Pull Tabs

## \$ Minnesota Lottery \$ Scratch Offs



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**TOM & JERRY PARTY DECEMBER 10TH!**  
**PAJAMA PARTY - NEW YEARS DAY!**

*For Sick  
Call or Taps*

- Service Officer •  
Charlie Thompson  
612-210-5342
- President •  
Dawne Juhl  
952-955-3665
- SAL •  
Arden Krueger  
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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!**  
**SELECT SATURDAY NIGHTS!**



NO LIMIT

**Texas Hold'em Tournament**

Join us Saturday Nights  
in December 11th & January 8th & 29th  
Registration 7:30 p.m. Start Time 8:00 p.m.  
Dinner nights may be later.