



Commander's Column

by Dick Juhl

It's the 76th day of March as I write this and we're coming up on the end of our Legion year. While Post activities are winding down, there are still some major events coming up over the course of the summer, starting with the 10th District convention at Fridley May 20-22, Department convention in Mahanomen July 14-16 and the biggest event, the National convention in Minneapolis August 26 through September 1. These are all great opportunities for any Legionnaire, Auxiliary member or SAL member to learn about the American Legion and to find out what goes on beyond the Post level. If you wish to be considered as a voting delegate, please contact your Commander or President, as we have delegate space available.

Our new officers will be assuming their roles upon completion of the Department convention on July 16. I wish them a good year in service to The American Legion. It's important that we learn who these new officers are and what their roles are. In addition, I would like to thank all of my officers and volunteers for their support and great work this past year.

The Legion is more than just a place for us to hang our hats and tell old war stories. It was founded on four principles, known as The Four Pillars of The American Legion: Veterans' Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children & Youth. These core principles have sustained us since 1919 and will continue to do so into the future. Always remember that the more you learn about the Legion, the more successful the Legion will be. The American Legion is not here to serve us; we are here to serve veterans, our community, our state and our nation.

On to another topic. As we were preparing for Memorial Day, something crossed my mind. We have spent literally thousands of dollars on uniforms and equipment for our Honor Guard. It seems that every year we have to spend more. This suggests to me that some of us have uniforms at home and it is important that we know where those uniforms are. More importantly, if you're not participating in events, please, please bring the uniforms back. We can't afford to keep buying uniforms every year. If you have a uniform at home and you are currently participating in the Honor Guard, we need a list of what items you have and what sizes. It's not a problem for active participants to keep a uniform at home, but we need to know where they are. Remember – they belong to the Legion, not to any individual. It is my sincere hope that if you are no longer participating in the Honor Guard, you will bring your uniform back. That way, we can have uniforms available for those who are participating and an accounting of those that are being kept at home. Please help us with this.

In closing, I would like to remind people about the upcoming patriotic holidays and the fact that they're not just about picnics and barbecues; they're about our history. I would like to wish everyone a great summer and if we don't see you during the summer, we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Thursday, June 2nd

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.



In Remembrance

Robert E. Lee



Auxiliary News

by Dawne Juhl, President

First of all, the news you've been sitting on the edge of your chair for:

Officers for 2011-12 are

- President – Dawne Juhl
- First Vice President – Diane Sullivan
- Second Vice President – Daiva Kulas
- Treasurer – Robin Day
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Suzie Sanborn
- Executive Committee at-large – Cheryl Pfeifer and Sue Davis
- Housing Committee representative – Dawne Juhl

Appointments:

- Secretary – Sally Bergman
- Chaplain – Joani Aspholm

I look forward to working with these dedicated members next year and thank everyone for their support. Installations are on Thursday, June 2.

We are going to have our first Auxiliary fund-raiser dinner on Saturday, September 24. Our plan at this time is to serve ribs and all the appropriate side goodies.

Filly Shoes tournament is Saturday, August 13. Please join us. Even if you can't or don't want to play, it's a lot of fun and definitely for a good cause.

I hope everyone has a great summer and remembers the sun block. We hope to hit the ground running in August and not breathe again until June.

Thank you to all who helped with fundraisers, mailings, and every other project that kept us busy last year. We have a good team in place—not just officers, but every active member. I'm honored by your support and proud to be your President.

For God and Country - Dawne



4th Annual Ladies Day



for Susan G. Kohmen
and The Hope Chest

August 13th

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 2011 sticker!), lunch, tournament play if you wish, door prizes and lots more! All profits will be split with The Susan G. Komen For The Cure and The Hope Chest. The Auxiliary will also hold a fantastic Silent Auction, Farmers Market and Bake Sale, during the event—this one is going to be blast 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 Robin at 952-474-7246 or Dawne at 952-955-3665



VETERANS *On the Lake*

Saturday, June 18th

The Sportsman's 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 contact the club at 952-474-3982 and we will have someone get back to you.

14th Annual DAS Horseshoe Tournament

June 11th
(11:30 Sign-up)
Starting @ Noon

Hot Dogs & Brats available, stay for Poker at 7:00pm

**Check Out our new,
improved website at:
www.legionpost259.com**

Congratulations

to the Minnetonka High School
Class of 2011 and our scholarship
winners:

**Margaret McGonigle
&
Hoang Yen Pham**

Attention
GOLFERS

When: June 17th, 11 a.m., Lakeview
Why: To benefit "Veterans on the Lake" and Minnetonka School Trap & Skeet Team
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

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JUNE 14TH - FLAG DAY!
JULY 4TH - INDEPENDANCE DAY!

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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.

SAL
SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

Mission Statement of The SAL Sportsman's Club

The SAL (Sons of The American Legion) Sportsman's Club was formed in 2009 to promote outdoor activities for Veterans, Youth, Young Adults, Boy Scouts and All Members interested in fostering healthy sports and companionship within The American Legion Family.

We shoot trap, fish, golf, and much more, and then return to the Post for fun! Please consider attending our 6:00 p.m. meetings the first Thursday of the month. Membership is FREE with paid Post, Auxiliary or SAL dues.