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Celebrate The American Legion's Birthday!
Saturday, March 13th

Texas Hold'em Tournament

**Every
Saturday
Night**

Registration 7:30 P.M.
Start Time 8:00 P.M.
Dinner nights may be later.

*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.

**SAL
Sportsman Club**
*Upcoming
Events:*

Saturday, February 6th
Ice Fishing on Lake Minnetonka
11:00am-4:00pm
Details at the Club. After our fishing trip
Stay for the SAL Fish Fry

Saturday, February 27th
Polar Bear Horseshoe Tournament
Starting at 11:00am

Complete list of events available at the Club later in February Lots of fun and food available.
Stay for the Auxiliary Pork Chop dinner starting at 5:30p.m



FEBRUARY - MARCH **The**
2010
Clofer Leaf

Commander's Column

by Todd White

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday and the New Year has brought you renewed hope and joy. The New Year has many opportunities for The American Legion Family as well. I want to thank all of our Volunteers for making the December and January events such a success. With many local Veterans returning home this month and next, I express my pride in their service and want send out best wishes to their families and loved ones.

As for our Post, it has been business as usual. I hope in the New Year that our membership gets more involved to make positive change and that we all truly make an effort to work together as an American Legion Family. The Membership Committee and the attendants of our regular meeting have expressed the importance of gaining new members as well as current members getting involved. If you know any Veterans that might be interested, please have them contact me. And I ask you each to get involved in some way, shape, or form.

It has also come to my attention, by our members, how important getting some Post sponsored events rolling again. The S.A.L. has been having great success with their events and activities and it really helps our Club. Speaking of the S.A.L., I want to commend Pat Rutledge and his committee for starting the Sportsman's Club. If the kick-off event is any indication, the club will only grow and prosper. If interested in becoming a member, please contact Pat.

Please see the enclosed calendar for activities and meetings to attend and by all means bring someone with you. Lastly, I think it is important to say "This Post as well as all of the American Legion family need to pull together if we are going to continue to do the great things in the community and with The American Legion programs."

COME CELEBRATE!
The American Legion's 91st Birthday!



Saturday, March 13th
Social: 10:00 am
Brunch / Program 11:00 am

FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS

**"Anything is possible with members,
nothing is possible without them."**

- Robert Dedmen

Charitable Gaming
Pull Tabs \$
Minnesota Lottery
Scratch Offs



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Auxiliary News

By Dawne Juhl, President

I'm writing this in mid-January and we are still in the grip of a cold winter. If you haven't been vaccinated, please do. Health experts don't believe we're in the clear yet. Be sure to heed the advice we're getting about washing, staying hydrated and getting our rest.

Speaking of rest, I read something that actually makes a lot of sense. When you're having trouble falling asleep, don't count sheep; count your blessings. Blessings have a calming effect, whereas going over the negatives of the day can be agitating and therefore interfere with falling asleep. Try it. A good night's sleep may be just one benefit.

If your kids want to get in the spirit of giving, encourage them to pass on sports equipment they no longer use to Sports Gift (sportsgift.org), which will distribute it to kids in need. Or they can send DVDs and CDs to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan through AMVETS Task Force (amvets.org/taskforcedvd) or you can drop them at the Post and I'll put them in one of our boxes. Children's movies go to the families of soldiers through AMVETS.

So far, we estimate that we have dropped off approximately 75 pounds of canned and box foods. Just because the holidays are past, that doesn't mean the need has gone away. Now more than ever a small bit of generosity goes a long way. Of course, the first thing would be plain old cash. There is also a need canned meats such as tuna, chicken or fish that are high in protein and low in saturated fat. Other items are canned soups and stews, rice and pasta, cereal including oatmeal, canned fruits and vegetables. Do not donate anything that has been opened or in rusty or unlabeled cans. It will get tossed.

More items to send to the troops: breakfast and granola bars, Pop Tarts, hard candy, coffee and tea bags or mixes, chocolate syrup, chapstick, eye drops, knee high socks (to keep mites out of their boots), disposable cameras, prepaid phone cards. Remember, if you think it might burst, put it in a Ziplock.

Auxiliary dinners are in the calendar and featured in the newsletter. Please join us for The American Legion Birthday on March 13.

Please call (952 955-2665) or e-mail (dmuhl@msn.com) if there is a fund raiser you think would be fun and/or profitable or if you want more information on what and how to send things to the troops or the food shelf.

Annual report time is coming up and some of you have been putting in time at the Servicemen's Center or a food shelf, or visiting veterans in nursing homes or even their own homes. It would certainly plump up our reports if we could talk about the time our members are putting in to helping our veterans and the community. You can write it down and drop it off at the Post or call/e-mail me. I would really appreciate your help.

Keep warm, safe and healthy until we meet again. God bless America & all who serve her.

S.A.L. News

Patrick Rutledge, SAL Commander

If you have not been to the club lately you are missing out! We are having lots of fun at our dinners, and we kicked off the new sportsman club early in January. We need more participation with our events. Tell one.. tell all about the great food and fun they will have at The Excelsior American Legion. If you have not heard about the sportsman club you can inquire at the club or contact me directly, we are planning several events for the upcoming months and I would love to hear your ideas. Detail and flyer's are also located at the club. Or give me a call at 952-334-5488

PS... Don't forget that Lent is coming! That means Friday night fish fry!

SUPER BOWL PARTY

February 7th

**Pick your team for Quarterly
touchdown Drinks!**

Join us!

*Saturday, February 27th
for a Pork Chop Dinner!*

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Sponsored by The Auxiliary.

Choice of 1 or 2 - 8oz bone-in chops,
applesauce, baked potato, coleslaw and roll.

\$9.00 for 1 chop • \$12.00 for 2 chops



Congratulations to our "Early" Bird winners!

Because you were so prompt with your 2009/2010 dues you have won the drawing and your 2010/2011 dues will be paid by the Unit next year!

**Helen Schimmelphining, Randi Moore,
Jarah Sullivan and Maria Lunning**

Now, for the "not so good" news...

FYI to ALL POST, AUXILIARY and SAL MEMEBERS
Any member who does not pay their dues by January 31st is considered by the National, Department and Local organization as delinquent. All privileges of membership will cease. You can not vote, hold office, or apply for assistance from the organization. However, with your payment it will automatically restore your privileges. PLEASE, look at your membership card. Does it say "2010"? if it does not contact Boone for the Post, Diane for the Auxiliary or Tiny for the SAL or call the Club and someone will get back to you.

If you are in a hardship please let us know, we *can* and *will* help so you do not loose your privileges or your continuous years.

Student Community Service Credits through Volunteering.

Volunteering has a meaningful, positive impact on your community. It can help you give back to society, explore personal issues, and even have fun. Some schools offer academic credit for volunteer work through service-learning. This is a teaching method that integrates hands-on learning (through service to the community) into the school curriculum. It's available in high schools and colleges, as well as in earlier grades. Please contact us for volunteer opportunities for all ages to fulfill community service credits.



Celebrate St. Patty's Day
Wednesday, March 17th
Drink Specials: 6:00 pm - Close
SAL Grill will be open!

Bring Your Sweetheart!



S.A.L. FAMOUS
Omelet Breakfast



Sundays, February 14th & March 14th
Omelets made your way with all the fixin's!
8:30 - Noon • \$9.00

**S.A.L.
Fish Fry**



(all you can eat - \$12.00)
**Saturday February 6th
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**
**Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry
February 19th - April 2nd**

BBQ RIBS!

w/ Baked Potato, Beans, Coleslaw & Roll

SATURDAY MARCH 27th
5:30pm - 7:00pm
1/2 Rack \$9.00
Whole Rack \$12.00

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MARCH 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Lucky Strike Sign-up 2 p.m.-Close	2	3 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	4 Meeting Night 7:30 p.m. Post, Auxiliary & SAL	5 Lenten Fish Fry 5:00 - 8:00 pm	6 Meat Raffle 3:00 Texas Hold'em 8:00pm
7	8 Lucky Strike Sign-up 2 p.m.-Close	9	10 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	11	12 Lenten Fish Fry 5:00 - 8:00 pm Music 9:00-Close	13 Birthday Brunch 11:00 am All members welcome Meat Raffle 3:00 Texas Hold'em 8:00pm
14 SAL Omelette Breakfast 8:00 am	15 Lucky Strike Sign-up 2 p.m.-Close Housing Meeting 6:00 p.m.	16	17 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	18	19 Lenten Fish Fry 5:00 - 8:00 pm	20 Meat Raffle 3:00 Texas Hold'em 8:00 p.m.
21	22 Lucky Strike Sign-up 2 p.m.-Close	23	24 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	25	26 Lenten Fish Fry 5:00 - 8:00 pm DB Cooper 8:00-Close	27 Meat Raffle 3:00 Auxiliary BBQ Rib Dinner 5:30 - 7:30pm Texas Hold'em after dinner
28	29 Lucky Strike Sign-up 2 p.m.-Close	30	31 Grill Open 5:30-8:00 Lucky Strike Drawing 7-8 p.m.	April 1 Meeting Night 7:30 p.m. Post, Auxiliary & SAL	2 Lenten Fish Fry 5:00 - 8:00 pm	3 Meat Raffle 3:00pm Texas Hold'em 8:00 pm
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